Aotearoa

Paddling New Zealand!

Lodging and Camping Mixed

Date	**February 13 – March 6, 2011 (22 days)**
Tour Cost	**$5,350 CAD**
Difficulty	**Intermediate** (see pg. 4)
Max Participants	**10**

General Description:

Harbourfront Adventures is going back to New Zealand! This time around, our focus will be to explore the beauty of New Zealand the best way we know how – through paddling. The predominant activity will be kayaking which will allow us to see all the best this country has to offer from the perspective of its majestic waters that surround and inhabit the country. We will also exercise our legs by venturing on what some consider the single best day-hikes in this world. Not to be outdone – we'll also spend a morning swimming with dusky dolphins in their natural environment. Lodging will be a mix of cabins and camping depending on our location. Typically, participants will share a room with another participant and have their own bed. A typical paddling day will be 5-6 hours with a lunch break and rest stops along the way.

How this trip is set-up:

The following is an itinerary of activities that we reserve the right to alter to ensure the most enjoyable experience for all participants. We might switch things around because of weather or unforeseen circumstances. Please note that more details will be provided at our standard Pre-Trip meeting – Held **December 2010** (TBD) at the **Harbourfront Canoe and Kayak Centre**. If you are unable to attend – a phone call will be arranged to discuss the items of the meeting. As a note to all interested – New Zealand is a large country spanning two Islands and the distance between spots is significant. This itinerary is designed to take in all the best spots while minimizing time and days required for travel. All accommodations and most meals are included.

All the best to you always ... The Harbourfront Adventures Crew!

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General Itinerary – New Zealand

Day 1: Arrivals - Dunedin International Airport (Sun. February 13th, 2011)

Pickup group at Airport! The goal here is to keep everyone awake as the jet lag will hit quick but is best tackled by trying to stay up as late as possible the first night. We will take a scenic train ride toward the Taieri River Gorge.

Lodging: Motel/Cabin *(Meals: D)*

Day 2 – 5: Fjordlands – Doubtful and Milford Sound

We will make our way to the west coast to the gateway town of Te Anau. This small town is at the centre of some of the best multi-day hikes in the country. We'll start our paddling on Day 3 in probably my favourite area in New Zealand – both Doubtful and Milford Sound offers a spectacular view of the fjords in the Southwest Coast of the Southern Island. We will overnight in Doubtful Sound and then follow it with a kayaking day trip in Milford Sound.

Lodging: Cabins, Camping *(Meals: 3 B; 3 L; 3 D)*

Day 6: Queenstown

Some call this the adrenaline capital of the world. We will do the beautiful drive to Queenstown where you'll have the afternoon to explore and potentially get yourself in some trouble. You're on your own for dinner tonight – for the Pizza lovers, I recommend the Cow.

Lodging: Motel *(Meals: 1 B; 1 L)*

Day 7 – 8: Franz Josef and Okarito Lagoon

We have a long drive to our next paddling destination – the Okarito Lagoon, the largest unmodified wetland in New Zealand where we hope to catch site of the Kotuku (Great Egret extinct everywhere else in New Zealand). We will stop just before Okarito to take a peek at Franz Josef glacier – a glacier that sits amongst a rainforest.

Lodging: House/Motel *(Meals: 2 B; 2 L; 2 D)*

Day 9 - 11: Abel Tasman

We continue north to the town of Motueka where we prep for 2 days of kayaking in Abel Tasman National Park. We will take a water taxi out to our starting point and make our way to our evenings accommodation – the beautiful Awaroa Lodge, an eco-lodge located right inside the park. We will then paddle out of the park the next day and drive to our evening's rest spot in the coastal town of Picton.

Lodging: Cabin, Eco-Lodge, Motel *(Meals: 3 B; 3 L; 2 D)*

Day 12 - 13: Marlborough Sounds and Dusky Dolphins

We're right back into the boats where we will do a day paddle in Marlborough Sounds. Aside from the wonderful scenery, we hope to see an abundance of sea life. The sound is the backdrop to the Queen Charlotte Track – one of New Zealand's Great Walks. EARLY next morning, we will drive to Kaikoura to go on a snorkel with Dusky Dolphins in their natural environment. This isn't Sea World – we are out there to entertain the dolphins! We'll be back in Picton in the evening.

Lodging: Motel/Cabins/Motel *(Meals: 2 B; 1 L; 2 D)*

Day 14 - 16: Onto the North Island – Whanganui River

Enjoy the scenery as we take the trip to the North Island on the Ferry. We will make our way to our take off point of the Whanganui River (the only Great Walk designation that is actually a paddle). We will do an overnight two-day paddle in this serene and peaceful river.

Lodging: 2 Motel/ 1 Camping *(Meals: 3 B; 2 L; 2 D)*

Day 17 - 18: Rest Day and the Tongariro Crossing

We will be based in Taupo for a couple of days – we will have a two-day window to try and do one of the best day hikes in all the world. The Tongariro Crossing is a long full day hike which offers spectacular views – this was the backdrop to Mordor in the Lord of the Rings movies. The weather here is often cloudy so we will need to have good timing to get this hike in. The other day will be free for you to do whatever the heck you like! Wine tours to Hawkes Bay are quite popular. On the day of the hike – we will finish at some Hot Spring Pools.

Lodging: Motel *(Meals: 2 B; 1 L; 1 D)*

Day 19 - 20: Rotorua and Waitomo

On our way to Rotorua, we will visit a Geothermal Park where you can see Geysers, Mudpools and test to see how long you can hold your breath! We will then have the afternoon to take in some local sights before we gather again for a cultural evening dinner and show. As we make our way to Auckland – we'll stop in Waitomo to visit the glowworms and explore some cave formations. We will then make our way to our downtown Auckland hotel.

Lodging: Motel *(Meals: 2 B; 2 L; 1 D)*

Day 21 - 22: Auckland and Home!

You will be given the next day or so before we fly home to check out the largest city in New Zealand. For those who haven't had enough paddling – there are some local paddling options here. The Aquarium is also a nice visit. Hopefully, we will all gather on our last night for a farewell to New Zealand meal.

Great Times Await!

Additional Information

TOUR COST INCLUDES

All Accommodation * Transportation * Entrance Fees to all organized activities * Kayak Trips & Equipment * Guided Tours * Guides * Ferry Fare * Most Meals – as indicated in *italics* in the itinerary: B (Breakfast), L (Lunch), D (Dinner)

TOUR COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

Flight to Dunedin * Select Meals * Personal Snacks * Rest Day Optional Activities

* Intermediate: This trip is best enjoyed by participants with reasonable fitness as the trip is quite active – Day hikes may involve long distances and climbs. This trip is ideal for the active paddler who has intermediate paddling skills. A typical paddling day will be 5-6 hours with a lunch break and rest stops along the way. Every effort will be made to accommodate the varying fitness levels of participants to maximize enjoyment. A comfort level in snorkeling is recommended.

** Maximum participants are related to vehicle capacity. Depending on popularity – the trip capacity may be extended.

*** You will need to bring your sleeping bag. A detailed list of things to pack will be provided at the pre-trip meeting in December, 2010.

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TRIP REGISTRATION FORM
NEW ZEALAND
FEB. 13 – MAR. 6, 2011 (22 DAYS)

Full Name _____ Date of Birth: _____/_____/_____
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Address _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Contact # (_____)_____ Email _____

Ontario Health Insurance # (if traveling within Ontario): _____

Out-of-Province Health Insurance is strongly recommended. Trip Cancellation Insurance should be purchased at your discretion.
To purchase Out-of-Province Health and/or Trip Cancellation Insurance, contact CAA Travel at 1-866-740-6422 or CAA.ca

I have purchased ❑ or decline ❑ **Trip Cancellation Insurance**. I have purchased ❑ or decline ❑ **Out-of-Province Health Insurance**

Out-of-Province Health Insurance Info: Company Name: _____

Policy #: _____ Phone #: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Contact #1 _____
Relationship _____
Contact # _____
Alt. Contact # _____

Contact # 2 _____
Relationship _____
Contact # _____
Alt. Contact # _____

Please list any physical, emotional and/or medical conditions we should be aware of (use back for more space):

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Please list any and all allergies to Food and/or Medications (use back for more space):

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Trip Name: New Zealand Feb 13-Mar 6, 2011 (22 days) **Total Trip Cost:** $5,350 CAD

Deposit Due with Registration: $500 **Balance of** $4,850 **due Dec. 15, 2010**

Please charge my: **VISA** ❑ **MC** ❑ #_____ Expiry: _____/_____

Name on Card: _____ Signature: _____

OR: **My Cheque is Enclosed** ❑ *(Please make Cheque payable to 'Harbourfront Canoe & Kayak Centre')*

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Canceling 60-20 days prior to departure: Full Refund less 20%. Canceling less than 20 days prior to departure: Full Refund less 30%.

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AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE AND RELEASE

NEW ZEALAND 2011

1. In consideration of The Harbourfront Canoe and Kayak Centre and Harbourfront Adventures (divisions of Water Travel Inc.), Dave Corrigan, and the other leaders accepting my registration, I hereby release and forever discharge Water Travel Inc, their officers, directors, servants and employees for any liability whatsoever arising as a result of my or my children's participation in these programs and I declare that this release is binding upon me, my heirs, executors, administrators as assigned.

2. I also realize that the aforementioned are not liable for any theft from vehicles or otherwise and may alter a trip due to interruptions in government services, weather conditions, abilities, or other uncontrollable events without penalty to the organizers. Alterations to plans can and do occur but reasonable attempts to complete an adventure as described will be made.

3. I am aware that certain activities can be physically demanding and that I must be in adequate health and reasonably fit. If at any time I question my ability or my physical comfort I will let the group leader know and may withdraw from any activity before participating. By participating in new activities in new surroundings I realize I must be extra cautious of slippery conditions, leaving the group leaders' company, etc.

4. Furthermore, I am aware most activities will be conducted in the outdoors in all kinds of weather and there will be dangers and hazards which cannot be foreseen; as well as complications due to inaccessibility of medical facilities. I acknowledge they may result in loss or damage to personal property and injury or fatality to the person. I take full responsibility of my health and leaders and fellow participants may give the diagnosis and treatment for any ailments that may arise no matter what advise.

5. I also acknowledge that Travel/Health and Cancellation Insurance are recommended and confirm that I have this or willfully decline coverage.

6. I confirm that I have had sufficient time to read and understand the items in this waiver in its entirety, and have agreed to the terms freely and voluntarily. I understand that this waiver is binding on my Legal Representatives and myself

7. I consent to allowing any photos and/or video taken of me during this trip to be used for any and all advertising and promotional purposes; which includes but is not limited to the Harbourfront Adventures website.

REMINDER: THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT, PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY, COMPLETE IN FULL AND RETURN WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FORM	
Participant Name (please print)	
Participant Signature	*Signed this _____ day of _____ 20_____*

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