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21 DAY BUSH CRAFT & SURVIVAL SKILLS EXPEDITION



SOUTH ISLAND OF NEW ZEALAND

21 day New Zealand Expedition

A 21 day itinerary starting and ending in Christchurch New Zealand, with a sole focus and opportunity to practice bushcraft, open fires, free camping, stalking, game preparation, fishing, trapping, shooting, bow hunting, rainforest navigation, foraging, traditional Maori survival and so much more.

The South Island of New Zealand offers unique, stunning and diverse scenery that is famous worldwide. You'll experience everything from high alpine country to remote coastline and deserted beaches, spending 10 days isolated in the largest pristine temperate rainforest in the country. Fiordland National Park a World Heritage Area.

Here we chopper into the middle of 1.2 million hectares of untouched, 100% pure New Zealand wilderness where the water is pure enough to drink straight from the streams, and the National Park the size of Wales is virtually uninhabited. Here there is no light pollution and the stars literally glisten in the vast skies and where the trees are unique and related to the ancient podocarp forests when the continents were still joined.

The decisions are yours to ensure your survival, it will be up to you to move along game trails, set up camps, build open fires, track, hunt, forage and navigate your way back to civilisation. You will be under supervision for the first few days but will also have the opportunity to spend time by yourself.



FIORDLAND NATIONAL PARK, A WORLD HERITAGE AREA

“New Zealand offers the unique experience to become the ultimate bush man in some of the most stunning scenery in the world”

- Andy Pedley

Highlights

- 10 day wilderness bushcraft survival exercise
- Hunting & Fishing
- Glacier hiking
- Doubtful Sound fishing and cruise
- High Country Station
- Forge your own knife



Detailed Itinerary

B = Breakfast, L=Lunch D=Dinner

Day 1 Christchurch

Your “Adventure Walks” Guide will meet you at Christchurch airport to begin your New Zealand expedition. We head down towards Mount Cook stopping enroute at the famous Swazi shop. Our first nights accommodation is at a high country sheep station that supplied Merino for the Icebreaker brand clothing. The station is situated overlooking Mount Cook and the turquoise waters of Lake Pukaki. The farm area was used extensively in the recent Hobbit movie. It’s also an area famous for Himalayan Tahr and monster sized salmon.

After dinner there may be a chance to star gaze, this area is a night reserve with the highest rating on the Doppler scale. There is no light pollution and the Milky Way and constellations are almost close enough to touch. Accommodation is in the old farm house.

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Day 2 Mount Cook, Lake Pukeki, Queenstown

Relax with some fresh water salmon fishing on the shores of Lake Pukeki, or explore the station and surrounding areas. There’s a chance to see Himalayan Thar, an introduced mountain goat now prized by hunters. Weather permitting there is a chance to take a scenic flight over the Tasman Glacier and Mount Cook which at 3754m is New Zealand’s highest mountain. Late afternoon we drive to Queenstown

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Survival Scenario 1

HELICOPTER CRASH

Helicopter crashes with you and your gear, radio is out and the pilot is dead:

- First Aid - Using Native Remedies- Plant identification.
- Gear Check - Axe (helicopters have one) Everything is useful.
- Camp-Shelters, Tarpology, Fire Lighting, Camp Craft and Bush Craft.
- SOS-Search and rescue procedures—Signal signs and devices.
- Explore local hunting and tracking. Best time to hunt are morning s and evening we should get a chance to hunt most days along with fishing, foraging and navigation.
- Day 4 You are now told it's 2 weeks after your crash. Search has been called off. Stay put or time to move? Time to move - Rainforest Navigation.
- Find Hunters Hut -You made stage 1
- Day 5 At the hut we will have a free day. Go fly fishing, hunting , deer butchery, eeling, trapping possums and yabbies .



QUEENSTOWN

Day 3 Queenstown

Free day in the Adventure Capital of New Zealand: **Queenstown**. Free day to explore, enjoy an adventure activity like bungy jumping, mountain biking, jet-boating, rafting or hike up one of the mountains for stunning views over the Wakatipu basin and beyond. In the evening we watch a Maori show and feast on your last restaurant dining for a while. Last minute chance for a gear check before departing in the morning.

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Day 4 Tuatapare and into the wild

We drive along the glistening shoreline of Lake Wakatipu down to Riverton to the Maori Museum (**Te Hikoi**) then along the coast to Tuatapere. It's from here we catch our helicopter into Fiordland and start our wilderness experience

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Day 5 -15 Wilderness Experience

Awaking to the sounds of native bellbirds and tui, your bushcraft expedition starts here. With a New Zealand instructor, you get the chance to learn about the native flora and fauna, hunting, trapping, tracking, navigating in a rain forest, search and rescue procedures, etc. You'll have the chance to go fishing, hunting, practice skinning, eeling, trapping and perfect your bush craft skills. The options are endless. Full scenario itinerary [available online](#) B, L, D

Survival in the bush

We will run through a number of survival scenarios and have the opportunity to practice your navigation and bush craft skills. Refer to the scenarios on the side panels or [website](#) for more photos

The final part will be an exercise where you are on your own overnight and have the chance to set up your own camp and hunt and fish for yourself.



Hunting and Fishing

Deer and possums (and most mammals) were introduced into New Zealand and are considered pests by the NZ Department of Conservation. These can be caught all year round, permits will be required but will be organized in advance. All animals captured are to be consumed, excess meat or antlers can be flown out. We can even have it vacuum packed or made into salami and taken home. Nothing will be wasted, we count them as a resource rather than a pest.

Before the course commences, all participants will be shown how to handle a firearm at the range and have a bow shooting lesson. If you have a UK firearms license this is transferable at the airport on arrival and you are welcome to bring your own weapon. If no license, it's not a problem as you will be accompanied by your own hunting guide. Bow hunters do not need to be accompanied after some initial training.

Day 16 Doubtful Sound Cruise and Fishing

Feeling showered and refreshed our next adventure awaits. Depending on weather, we either helicopter or jetboat out and head to the coast to join an overnight fishing boat in the Fiords of Doubtful Sound. The area has a seal colony and resident dolphins and penguins and whales also frequent the fiord. We get the chance to do some sea fishing and pull up the odd cray pot for Crayfish (Lobster).

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Day 17 West Coast Experience

After relaxing aboard and enjoying a hearty breakfast we fly up the coast to visit "Beansprout" who has raised his family in one of the remotest places in New Zealand. Living in a small hut which is a 3 day walk to the nearest road and outside world contact, the family have lived there for decades and will be able to recount some interesting stories about living "off the grid" full time. (* Subject to weather and his availability) We continue on to our overnight accommodation on the West Coast.

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Day 18 Mountains and Beaches

The West Coast is renowned for its remote, stunning beaches, whitebait, gold, hikes and hunting areas. So depending on weather and the time of year for our visit, we will choose the most appropriate activity and stopping at Lake Mattheson before arriving in the small township of Franz Josef.

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Survival Scenario 2

SHIP-WRECKED

Ship wrecked – This follows on from the Heli crash scenario as we have the use of zodiacs to access the coast from the hunters hut.

- Free diving for crayfish, paua (abalone) and kina (sea urchin)
- Spear fishing - Making a Hawaiian sling
- Fishing - fish hooks line and nets
- Making cordage, bags etc. from flax
- Coastal Foraging
- Cave Shelter accommodation as used by the Maoris
- Walk out along coast 2 days hunt and fish. Visit a hut in cave.
- River Crossings, River Hydrology and Pack Swims. This is NZ biggest killer in the outdoors.
- Last day arrive at Maori Wilderness Lodge for survival party and BBQ

NEED TO KNOW & SAFETY

More detail and packing list available before departure

- You must be fit enough to carry a pack for 2 days and hike up and down 400m in elevation.
- Beginners to advanced all are welcome, we can cater for all.
- Everybody will have personal radio and EPIRB & GPS. Check in time on every hour or with sound of gun shot.
- We encourage everyone to bring their own first aid kit, fire extinguisher will be supplied (from Helicopter)
- We suggest participants do a fundamental survival/bush craft course first as a minimum requirement
- All Department of Conservation (DOC) concessions and public liability insurances are covered by Adventure Walks
- Should we encounter severe weather conditions, we reserve the right to amend itineraries as required to ensure total safety of the group



FRANZ JOSEF

Day 19 Franz Josef Glacier

There is an opportunity to **heli-hike** on Franz Josef Glacier, before heading off to the **Bushmans Centre** in Pukekua, New Zealand's smallest town with a population of 2. This is home of the legendary possum pie and bambi burger
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Day 20 Barrytown

We spend a day in **Barrytown** where you get to forge your own blade from red hot steel and complete your knife with a native timber handle.
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Day 21 Greymouth and Tranz Alpine Train

We board the **Tranz Alpine Train** from Greymouth and travel across the Southern Alps through gorges and over viaducts crossing snow fed rivers. Arriving in Christchurch we end our trip. Transfers to the Airport or city available, B

Notes on Itinerary

This itinerary is just an example of what is possible, we can be as flexible as required to fit round local festivals and events and may need to amend or adjust according to weather and the level of experience of the group.

If the group requires more (or less) time; we can adjust and focus on the top