

# landsborough river rafting



## trip highlights

Two nights camping in a wilderness setting while dining out on amazing meals

Exciting whitewater rafting surrounded by towering peaks

An adrenaline rush from day one with a flight by fixed wing aircraft or a helicopter

Learn to control a rubber raft and navigate through the cauldron of Hellfire Rapid

Chill out in the late afternoon sun over a cup of coffee and relive to-days excitement



<b>Trip Duration</b>	3 days
<b>Grade</b>	Moderate level
<b>Activities</b>	2 days rafting
<b>Accommodation</b>	2 nights 3 days

## Kia Ora from Adventure South

Thank you for your interest in our Landsborough River Rafting adventure. It's a superb adventure and we hope you can join us. We have been operating guided tours for a really long time! Thanks to our experience we're confident to say that we offer the very best itineraries available in New Zealand today. There's simply no other collection of New Zealand itineraries that can match the geographic coverage, originality and overall quality of our active New Zealand adventure holidays. One of our holidays aims to take you beyond the more popular and busy trails to provide you with a truly unique New Zealand wilderness experience. We're here to show you that there are many, many more trails in our great country that are the new frontiers in adventure tourism - beautiful, scenic, and without the crowds. We aim to explore these delicate environments in a sustainable manner to ensure we leave as little impact as possible from our visit. We'd be honoured to introduce you to the wide variety of natural wonders that New Zealand is famous for. Go forth, go south - join us on this amazing small group, value packed adventure!

## why travel with Adventure South?

We are a renowned guided tour company. Our philosophy of only operating with small guided groups provides a more personalised service. This minimises environmental impact and continues to have a proven advantage in our success rates, superior to any other expedition operator. We have a range of tours - all with highly qualified guides.

On one of our tours you can expect the right, proven equipment is provided for your tour; the food is delicious, plentiful and can be catered to your dietary requests; your guides are all First Aid trained; that the itinerary you have chosen has been carefully crafted from decades of personal experience in the New Zealand wilderness, not from a guide book recommendation.

Whether you are taking your first steps into the realm of the outdoors, or are a seasoned adventurer, you will find the quality of the experience offered on one of our expeditions second to none, and I invite you to contact us to discuss your next adventure.

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## trip dates

**2011** 18 Nov - 20 Nov  
25 Nov - 27 Nov  
02 Dec - 04 Dec  
09 Dec - 11 Dec  
16 Dec - 18 Dec

**2012** 06 Jan - 08 Jan  
13 Jan - 15 Jan  
20 Jan - 22 Jan  
27 Jan - 29 Jan  
03 Feb - 05 Feb  
10 Feb - 12 Feb  
17 Feb - 19 Feb  
24 Feb - 26 Feb  
02 Mar - 04 Mar  
09 Mar - 11 Mar  
16 Mar - 18 Mar  
23 Mar - 25 Mar  
30 Mar - 01 Apr  
13 Apr - 15 Apr  
20 Apr - 22 Apr  
27 Apr - 29 Apr

## the trip

Raft one of New Zealand's remote multi-day river systems as it parallels the Southern Alps on its way to the West Coast and an escape to the Tasman Ocean.

Few people get to experience the grandeur and the wilderness of the Landsborough River which is protected by rugged gorges and native forests. Starting from Queenstown, this is more than a raft trip, but a journey across several river catchments as well as an escape from the day to day. From an exciting mountain flight, to dining haute cuisine under a tarp, this is three days that will remain in your memory for ever.

## about your leader

An excellent guide can make the difference between a trip of a lifetime and just an ordinary trip. That is why we work hard to make sure we hire the best guides. Our handpicked professionals come from a range of backgrounds. Each has extensive outdoor and hiking experience and a passion for New Zealand's wild and beautiful backcountry. All our raft guides hold New Zealand guiding qualifications. They are First Aid and Swift Water Rescue trained and are registered with the New Zealand Rafting Association.

## at a glance

DAY 1	QUEENSTOWN TO CLARKE BLUFF
DAY 2	CLARKE BLUFF TO HARPERS BLUFF
DAY 3	HARPERS BLUFF TO QUEENSTOWN

## what's included

- Transfers from Queenstown downtown to rafting base
- Transfer to Burkes Flat via Makarora
- Scenic flight by either fixed wing or helicopter to Landsborough 'put-in'
- Experienced guides and safety kayaker
- Dry bag to store all your gear when you are rafting
- Full wetsuit rafting clothing and safety equipment (including life jacket)
- Tent and comfortable camping bed
- Four course meals and beverages (beer and wine included)
- Insect repellent and sunscreen
- NZ Goods and Services Tax (GST)

## detailed itinerary

### DAY 1 Queenstown to Clarke Bluff

We will collect you from your accommodation before travelling to Cavells Rafting Lodge where you will meet your guides, pack your gear into dry bags and be sized for your rafting clothing. Our bus will depart Cavells and begin a 3 hour drive to Clarke Bluff via Wanaka and Makarora. Upon arrival to Clarke Bluff, board your helicopter or fixed wing plane for a flight up the scenic Landsborough Valley to our first night's camp. Settle in, unpack and explore the magnificent surroundings or relax in this peaceful environment and enjoy a delicious three course meal prepared for you.

**meals: L,D**



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## DAY 2 Clarke Bluff to Harpers Bluff

Begin with a leisurely breakfast then prepare to leave camp for your rafting adventure. A full safety briefing and information on river protocol will be given before you depart.

Today you have a five hour river trip catering from action to the sedate, stopping to enjoy a deli-style picnic lunch above Hellfire Rapid then continue down river arriving at Harpers Bluff, our second camp. There will be time to try out a spot of fishing or go for a walk before dinner. After dinner explore the surrounds and maybe even discover a glow worm or two.

**meals: B,L,D**

## DAY 3 Harpers Bluff to Queenstown

Another filling breakfast will set you up for the day's activities. Board your raft and head down river to Purple Creek for lunch and a side hike to explore the waterfalls. After lunch a leisurely float to our take out point at Clarke Bluff. Approximate arrival in Queenstown 7.00pm.

**meals: B,L**

This itinerary is subject to change with any change in Community regulations as well as Governmental changes and natural circumstances beyond our control.

## country information

Stretching North to South for over 2000 km, and split into two main islands - the North and the South Islands - New Zealand is a country of diverse landforms. From the Pacific Island beaches and rolling farmlands in the north, to the volcanic plateau and then onto the soaring mountains within view of the sea in the south, and the sub-Antarctic islands that dot the South Island coastline, the contrasts are many.

The South Island is the 12th largest island in the world. The west coast is dominated by the Southern Alps, which contain more mountains than the European Alps altogether, and home to New Zealand's highest peak, Aoraki Mount Cook (3754m / 12,316 ft). The Main Divide, the chain of peaks that forms the backbone of the Alps from Arthur's Pass to Fiordland, splits the South Island into east and west. Several ice ages, and the fact that two continental plates are sliding past each other forming the Southern Alps, means that the scenery is as rugged as the New Zealand fauna and flora is unique. The largest city in the South Island is Christchurch.

The North Island is the smaller of the two main islands of New Zealand. Its northern location means it enjoys a warmer, more temperate climate than much of the South Island, and is much more vastly populated. The centre of the island is primarily a volcanic landscape with vast forests, volcanic peaks, and picturesque lakes. The eastern side of the island is covered with vineyards. Auckland, also known as the 'City of Sails', is the largest city of New Zealand and found on the North Island.

With a population of 4.0 million people, the wilderness areas of New Zealand are many as most 'Kiwis' now live in an urban situation near the coast. The Maori are the indigenous people of the land and they named it Aotearoa 'Land of the Long White Cloud' upon their arrival 1000 years ago. Europeans settled in the early 1800s and the country is alive today with a market driven economy and a blend of European and Asia/Pacific influences to create a buoyant South Pacific culture.

## climate

As a general rule, November to April are the most ideal months for travelling in New Zealand's stunning outdoors. One of the most important things travellers need to know about the New Zealand climate is that it's a maritime climate, as opposed to the continental climate typical of larger landmasses.

Thanks to its position in the path of the 'Roaring 40s' and mountainous terrain, New Zealand's weather can frequently change with amazing rapidity. Because the weather can change so unexpectedly you should be prepared for sudden changes in temperature and weather



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conditions. This basically means having a good waterproof jacket and some warm clothing. You don't need to bring your winter wardrobe but a good fleece/jumper and good thermals are a must.

The temperature during the South Island summers range from 10-30 °C, with a pleasant 40-50% humidity. Higher altitudes are always considerably cooler and snowfall is not uncommon even in summer. The Southern Alps act as a barrier to the moisture laden winds coming west across the Tasman Sea, creating a wet climate on the west side of the mountains and a drier climate on the east side. The geography also creates a wind pattern, which can in summer be very hot, dry and fierce. Maximum temperatures we may encounter range up to 30°C. Minimum temperatures expected in the Southern Alps in Summer time are around -5°C. Weather is an integral facet of any mountain range and getting to understand and work with this major environmental factor is what will make you more prepared for your tour – any questions about what to expect on your tour talk to one of our sales team.

## non exclusive trips

Please note that this trip is not exclusive to Adventure South clients and is operated by our partners in Queenstown. You will be joining a group of 4 – 12 adventurers from around the world.

## responsible travel

We continually look at ways to reduce our environmental footprint. Eco friendly detergent is used for cleaning wetsuits, vehicles and equipment. Recycling is encouraged and conservation initiatives around the rafting base are ongoing. In addition key staff frequently volunteer their services to conservation projects.

In March 2010 we were awarded the Qualmark “green” Enviro bronz award and is a gold sponsor for trialing bio-fuel in the vehicles.

The company works very closely with the New Zealand Department of Conservation (DOC), and over recent years has contributed substantially to conservation in the Landsborough Valley.

By participating in the Landsborough 3 Day Wilderness Experience, clients can actively help in a predator trapping programme funded us. The Landsborough Valley is home to a number of New Zealand's endangered bird species including the Whio (Blue Duck) and the Mohua (Yellowhead) and since operating in this area, numbers have increased and the trapping program is showing signs of success.

## adventure travel

By its very nature adventure travel involves an element of the unexpected. In remote areas and other countries do not expect the standards you are used to at home. Remote areas are sometimes unpredictable and itineraries may need to be altered as a result. To get the most out of your adventure it is important that you are mentally flexible, positive and eager to take on all the challenges that arise. If you are uncertain about your suitability for this trip we recommend that you speak with your consultant or travel agent.

## important note

These trip notes represent the most current information for this itinerary, and may supersede any information in the current brochure, including but not limited to the itinerary and price. The itinerary should be seen as a guide only. This itinerary may change at any time due to inclement

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## private groups

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## trip availability

If this trip seems right for you then we encourage you to call us now to check availability. A popular reason to travel with Adventure South is because of our small group sizes. These can fill quickly so it is important to check your availability well in advance. We always need to ensure other services, like train tickets or accommodations, are also available before we can confirm your place on our tours. To ensure we can assist you onto your New Zealand adventure of a lifetime we ask that you check your trip availability with our team at your earliest convenience.

## how to book

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