



# **Immersive Wilderness Alpine Experience**

# 3 days / 2 nights



The South Island is home to some of the most awe-inspiring and varied landscapes in the country with the most impressive contained within the neighbouring **Fiordland & Mt Aspiring National Parks**. Ancient rainforests cling impossibly to the mountains; waterfalls tumble hundreds of meters into massive fiords; shimmering lakes and granite peaks look the same today as they did a thousand years ago.

Image: Glacier Encounter, Mt Aspiring National Park



# Wilderness Expedition | Mt Aspiring & Fiordland National Park

It's time to challenge your spirit and your senses like never before. Meet Paul, your private wilderness guide who, over the next three days will showcase remote wilderness areas of outstanding character by helicopter that permit only a few visitors a year.

#### Day 1

With your chartered helicopter, engage with some of New Zealand's most spectacular wilderness environments. Exploring the remote and dramatic Fiords deep in the South Western corner of Fiordland National Park you'll have the option to also partake in some optional activities (your guide will have discussed prior to departure which of these would be your preference).

- Hiking and Alpine Trekking
- Glacier encounter explore awe-inspiring glaciers and crevasses using an ice axe and crampons
- Stand-up paddle boarding navigate untouched, high-altitude alpine lakes using a stand-up board (or inflatable kayak)

During the day you'll have the opportunity for multiple landings to make the very most of breath-taking stillness and quiet of these spectacular and contrasting wilderness environments. You'll end the day landing at your remote escape for this evening, Whare Kea Mountain Chalet. Relax and absorb this location with expansive and uninterrupted views out to Mount Aspiring and beyond. Your evening meal will be prepared by your private chef using fresh local ingredients and be complemented by the region's finest wines and craft beers. Watch the sun sink behind the glaciers, study the stars of our southern constellations with pure dark and zero light pollution.





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### Day 2

After a restful sleep, wake with peerless views directly out to Mount Aspiring and enjoy a hearty breakfast in readiness to continue your wilderness experience. Today continues with a **guided hike along the Hester Pinney Ridge**, down to the incredibly beautiful Avalanche Valley, at the base of the ridge, location for tonight's overnight camp. Ready and waiting for you, your camp includes tipis with inflatable double beds, sheepskin liners, goose down duvets and plush towels. Dining will be in the 'Mess tipi' and you'll have access to a private bathroom tipi inclusive of basic porta flush loo and gas fired hot shower. Dinner will be prepared by your private chef, served around an open fire — an awesome wilderness-based evening.

#### Day 3

For the final day of your wilderness experience you'll take to the water, rafting the East Matukituki River, flowing through some of New Zealand's most spectacular wilderness environments. Your guide will teach you how to control your stable raft before commencing the rewarding downstream journey. The East Matukituki is a beautiful and largely unexplored river system, with epic mountain views, deep blue pools with the purest of water and exhilarating white water rapids (which can be walked around if you wish). After journeying down the river you'll get back onto Terra Firma for a 4WD journey back to Queenstown and onto your accommodation.





## **Inclusions**

### Accommodation (exclusive use)

- Whare Kea Alpine Chalet, one (1) night (with private chef)
- Glamping one (1) night

#### Meals

All meals, snacks, beverages and refreshments

#### **Activities**

- Private guide for the duration of the program
- All activities + equipment
  - $\circ$  Day 1 choice of 2 activities from options of Glacier Hiking, Remote Paddle Boarding, Rafting, Kayaking, Hiking
  - o Day 2 Guided Hiking
  - o Day 3 Rafting

## Transfers

- Day 1 Road transfer from accommodation to helicopter base + full day helicopter charter
- Day 3 4WD transfer from end of rafting to accommodation

Your private guide (depending on the number in your party there may be more than 1 guide) will accompany you at all times for your comfort and safety whilst ensuring you are able to enjoy this incredible experience to the maximum.

