

Hump Ridge Track Challenge 2023



Trip Highlights

- A spectacular short helicopter flight across Te Waewae Bay
- Heli-lift of luggage (to Okaka Lodge only)
- Diverse and stunning scenery, from sub-alpine to sea-level environments
- Spot rare Hector's dolphins playing in the surf
- Walk across the largest wooden viaducts in New Zealand
- Superbly located lodges with hot showers
- Delicious home-cooked evening meals



Trip Duration	4 days	Trip Code: SOG7629
Grade	Moderate	
Activities	Guided Hiking	
Summary	3 nights simple lodge	

Supporting Your Cause

The GI Cancer Institute and Gut Cancer Foundation are partnering to bring you this new Gutsy Challenge in New Zealand. All funds raised will support innovative research into GI/gut cancers in both Australia and New Zealand, to improve treatment options and quality of life for GI/gut cancer patients.

Your Huma Challenge

Thank you for your interest in our Hump Ridge Track Challenge 2023. Huma Charity Challenge is a division of the worldwide adventure travel company World Expeditions. When joining a Huma Charity Challenge you embark on a remarkable journey to discover your inner philanthropist as you raise money for a Charity that is important to you. At the same time you take on the challenge of fundraising and partake in an adventure to discover new worlds, new landscapes and new cultures ... perhaps you'll even discover how far your personal boundaries stretch as you take on a physical challenge like a cycling, trekking or a mountaineering adventure. We are passionate about off-the-beaten track travel experiences as they provide travellers with the thrill of coming face to face with untouched cultures as well as wilderness regions of great natural beauty. Our itineraries are well researched, affordable and tailored for the enjoyment of small groups. Our itineraries provide the very best travel experience, designed by people with vast local knowledge who share our vision of authentic exchange and real exploration with a responsible travel approach at the core.

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Charity Challenge Payments

Joining Queenstown from: \$2490
All prices are per person

Trip Dates

2023 08 Nov - 11 Nov

important notes

BP - Base Price (twin share - in NZD),

Your Adventure

The Tuatapere Hump Ridge Track offers an amazing wilderness walking experience. Located in the south-west corner of New Zealand's South Island the track runs through 62km of pristine and unspoiled wilderness. In the company of experienced guides you'll walk through a diverse range of World Heritage landscapes from sub-alpine wilderness to sea-level, including coastal terraces in the unique Waitutu Forest, once visited by Dr David Bellamy. There is also a chance you may spot some of the rare Hector's dolphins offshore or in a sheltered bay. On top of the Hump Ridge itself delight in panoramic views of Stewart Island, Lake Poteriteri, Lake Hauroko and mountain ranges deep in Fiordland National Park. On the first day of walking a helicopter will transfer your luggage to your simple lodge accommodation high on a ridge and also provide you with a spectacular flight across Te Waewae Bay before you commence walking. (You do need to carry all your own luggage on the remaining days.) At the end of each day, relax after a hot shower in the superbly located lodges and enjoy delicious three-course meals.

About Your Escort

Your guides are trained outdoor enthusiasts who will explain the natural and human history of the area you are walking through. They pride themselves on their safe, efficient and friendly service. All guides are trained in first aid and are in radio contact with each other, the lodges and the office at all times. Your safety is of paramount importance and your guides may have to adapt the day's walk depending on your fitness and weather or track conditions. While they will make every effort to meet your needs, please adhere to their professional decisions if circumstances demand this.

Itinerary at a Glance

DAY 1	TRANSFER TO TUATAPERE
DAY 2	HELICOPTER TO TRACK, HIKE TO OKAKA LODGE (12KM, 5-6HRS)
DAY 3	WALK TO PORT CRAIG LODGE (21KM, 7-9 HRS)
DAY 4	COASTAL HIKE TO RARAKAU (20KM, 5 - 7 HRS)

Additional Deposits Required

Due to the nature of this group tour and us needing to pre-book all group arrangements, a non-refundable deposit of \$700.00 is required to confirm your space on this tour. We recommend taking out travel insurance to protect you against any unforeseen circumstances.

What's Included

- 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners
- Fruit and snacks while walking
- One night accommodation in Tuatapere, twin share with linen and shared bathrooms
- Two nights simple lodge accommodation on a twin share basis with linen and shared hot showers
- Return transfers from Queenstown, Te Anau (on request) or Invercargill to Tuatapere
- Transfers to and from Tuatapere to the Rarakau trailhead
- Helicopter transfer across Te Waewae Bay to commence walking from Flat Creek instead of Rarakau
- Transfer of pack by helicopter (15kg maximum) to Okaka Lodge on first day of walk
- Professional qualified guides
- New Zealand Goods and Services Tax (GST)



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Fast Facts

Group Size Min:

12

Group Size Max:

18

Leader:

Expert local leader

Advice for people with limited mobility

This trip is not suitable for people with limited mobility.

*Ask our staff for more information

What's Not Included

- International or domestic flights and taxes
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- All beverages, other than at breakfast
- Water bottle (help us save the environment by bringing your own drink bottle or hydration system)
- Personal expenses (e.g. phone calls, internet, laundry, shopping etc)
- Hiking pack plus small daypack to use on first day of walking while your main pack is flown into Okaka Lodge
- Personal equipment such as rainwear, gaiters, walking boots, walking poles etc
- Travel Insurance
- Visa (if required)
- Tips

Detailed Itinerary

DAY 1 Transfer to Tuatapere

You will be transferred from either Invercargill (4:35pm), Te Anau (4:30pm, on request) or Queenstown (2:00pm) to Tuatapere (timetable subject to change). On arrival you will complete some formalities at the Hump Ridge Track office before meeting your guide and fellow hikers for a tour briefing in the evening. Your accommodation for the night is close by and includes a tasty home-cooked dinner plus a hearty breakfast next morning.

meals: D

DAY 2 Helicopter to track, hike to Okaka Lodge (12km, 5-6hrs)

After breakfast you will be collected from your accommodation and driven to the trailhead at Rarakau, a drive of approx 30 minutes. A scenic helicopter ride over Te Waewae Bay delivers you to Flat Creek from where you will start walking. (You will walk the section of track that you fly over on the way back.) You will gradually climb up to the top of the Hump Ridge (approx 1000m), passing through beautiful native forest, the stunning diversity of which changes dramatically with elevation. Ascending straight up the ridge you will reach Stag Point, where the trees part and you are welcomed by views of the beautiful Te Waewae Bay once more - this time from a different perspective. From here it's only an hour or so to the lodge, and on clear days you will be able to see Stewart Island and of course the Fiordland mountains and lakes nearby. When you arrive at Okaka, the lodge 'on top of the world,' all you have to do is unwind as you admire the views. You'll feel instantly at home with our lodge manager's delicious cooking and hospitality.

meals: B,L,D

DAY 3 Walk to Port Craig Lodge (21km, 7-9 hrs)

After breakfast you wander down the Hump Ridge, with 360 degree views of Te Waewae Bay, Stewart Island, the South Coast, Waitutu terraces and Fiordland mountain ranges. While you are walking over several mighty wooden viaducts on the way to Port Craig Village, consider the men who built them almost a century ago. Your guide will share many stories from the days when Port Craig was a bustling sawmill town in the 1920s.

If you are interested in the history and relics that surround Port Craig, choose to take the interpretive trail or just meander down to the beach and spot some of the resident Hector's dolphins that live in the bay. On arrival at the lodge, your friendly lodge manager will welcome you. After a brief orientation the time is yours to explore or simply relax and put your feet up, enjoying the coastal ambience.

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