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NEW ZEALAND



Manapouri Expedition

A Beginner-Friendly Journey
Through Pristine Waters

Ready for a challenge?

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Self guided expedition - 3 days

Embark on the Manapouri Expedition, a 3-day odyssey that offers a perfect blend of river and lake paddling. Whether you're a beginner eager to learn or a seasoned packrafter seeking solitude, this journey from Te Anau to Manapouri is tailored just for you. With professional training provided, you'll navigate the picturesque Waiau River and the tranquil Lake Manapouri, exploring hidden beaches and untouched isthmuses. Add an optional high point (literally) to the trip by tackling the iconic Monument—not for the faint-hearted! After days filled with adventure, spend each night unwinding in cozy kiwi huts or under the stars on sandy shores. Flexible start dates allow for more optimal weather conditions and help ensure your experience is truly unforgettable. This self-guided tour includes all the specialized packrafting gear you need to dive headfirst into the packrafting lifestyle and discover the wild beauty of some of New Zealand's most incredible country.

NOTE: *This product has a flexible and personal start date which allows you to customize it based on your own situation and the predicted weather. Optional accommodation before and after your trip at Packrafting HQ can be arranged for a nominal extra charge. Please contact us before making a booking so we can confirm the availability of your dates and make sure this trip is a good fit for your group.*



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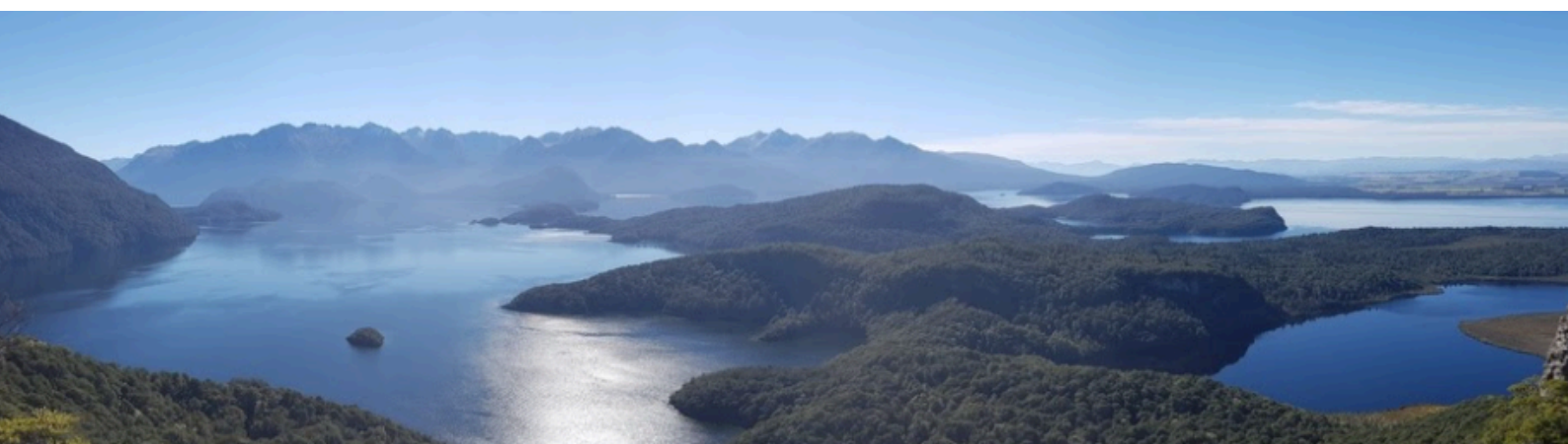
Why do I need to apply?

We've been in the industry for a while and we've noticed that sometimes there is a disconnect between what we're offering and what people think they are getting. The idea of 'adventure', especially in the tourism space, has been pretty watered down. Our trips—at least those that require a short face-to-face catchup, are actual adventures. Whether guided or unguided, they demand a certain level of fitness and resilience from participants to be both enjoyable and safe. While we can (and do) simply outline this in our written material, trip descriptions, etc, we've found that unfortunately this often fails to land as it needs to. In some cases, people don't even seem to be aware of what they've signed up and paid for!

In an effort to make sure that our trips are a good fit—to give us (and you!) confidence that at the end of the trip, you'll be not just exhausted, but smiling too—we reckoned a quick face-to-face does wonders.

So there you go—that's why we put faces to names. You're a person, a partner in these trips—not just a client. We like to know who we're dealing with, and want you to feel comfortable with who you're dealing with too! We look forward to meeting you!

—The Packrafting NZ team.



Key Points

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What 's included

- Expedition cost: \$399 per person
- This is a self-guided expedition
- It includes a minimum of half a day of prep and instruction from qualified guides
- Maximum 4 people per expedition departure date
- Flexible departure dates
- Suitable for confident outdoors-people, with limited paddling experience
- 3 day, 2 night trip
- Includes both river and lake paddling
- Overnight options are tents or huts
- Transport from Packrafting HQ (just outside of Te Anau) is included
- All specialized packrafting gear (boats, paddles, PFDs, etc) is included
- Accommodation before and after your trip is optional (extra cost)



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What's not included

- Food
- Camping gear
- Personal clothing, etc
- Dry bags, cooking kit, etc (these can be hired as needed)
- You need to bring all your usual camping gear



Accommodation and transport (optional)

- You can book yourself into our Eco Tent Village before and after your adventure (extra cost)
- If you're staying with us, you will need all your own kit, including:
 - Sleeping bags, toiletries, towels, etc
- Anything else you need for the length of your stay before and after the expedition
- Any gear not needed on the expedition can be stored with us during your time in the bush
- Transport from town (Te Anau) to our base can be arranged (complimentary)

Fitness Requirments

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Fitness level requirements and mental capacity

- Because this is a self-guided trip and conditions in Fiordland can change rapidly, even when forecasts are favourable, you will need to be reasonably fit and possess moderate to high water confidence in order to safely enjoy this experience.



Optional - Accommodation Details

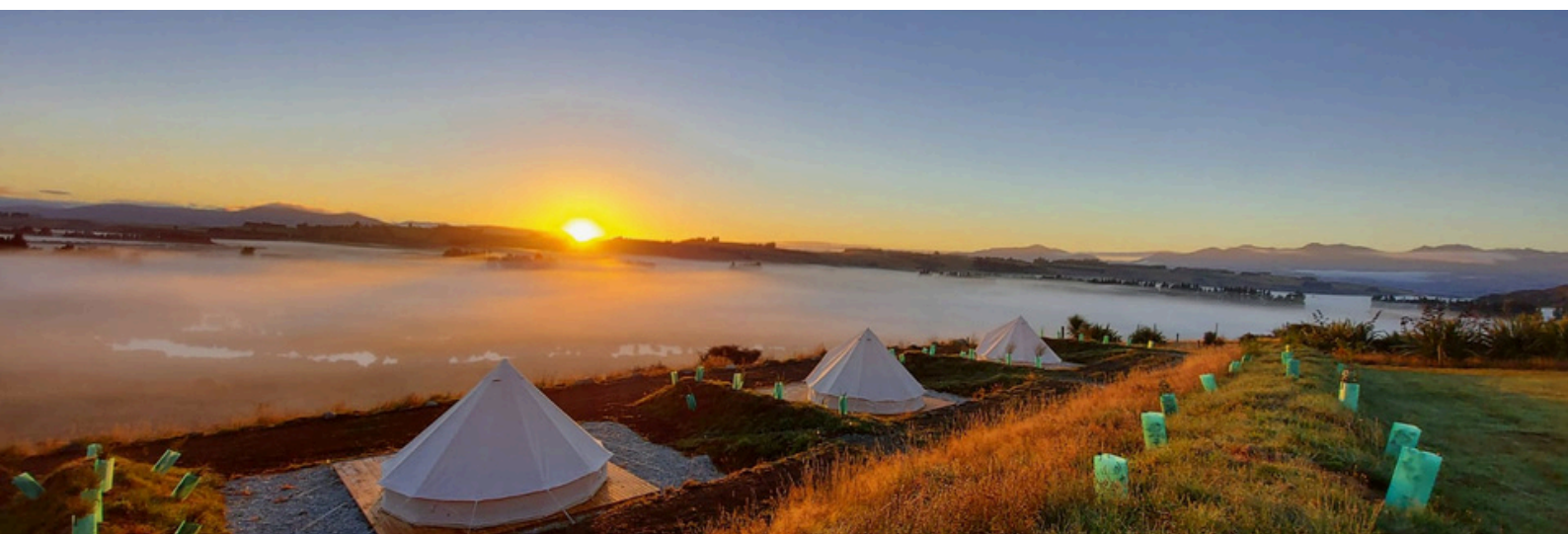
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For the night before and after your Expedition

Your accommodation with Packrafting NZ Eco Village offers a unique blend of comfort and eco-consciousness:

Eco Village Stay:

Enjoy glamping-style accommodations with shared facilities and breathtaking views as part of your expedition package. You can stay here both the night(s) before your training and after your expedition. Basic Cooking Facilities: Our Eco Tent site provides basic cooking facilities, ensuring you can prepare meals conveniently. Additionally, USB charging stations are available for your mobile devices. Shared Bell Tents: Typically, you'll share a 4-meter bell tent with another guest, creating a social and communal experience. Eco-Friendly Amenities: Embrace eco-conscious living with a composting toilet and basic shower. Our entire facility operates on solar power, prioritizing sustainability. Orientation: Upon your arrival, we'll provide you with a comprehensive orientation, ensuring you're well-acquainted with our eco-friendly amenities and the workings of our village. Your stay at Packrafting NZ Eco Village promises both comfort and a commitment to environmental responsibility.



Sample Itinerary

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- **Day 1:** After coffee in town we'll head to the start of the Waiau River, a few short minutes from Te Anau. We'll spend the morning learning about the packrafts and doing some training in the calmer upper sections of the Waiau, to make sure everyone is comfortable in the packrafts and capable enough to enjoy what's ahead.. Once everybody is happy, we will release you into the wilderness to spend the next few hours running easy but fun rapids on your way to secluded Shallow Bay where you can either camp on the sand or stay in the quaint hut of the same name. Beach-combing, bonfires, and swimming are all evening possibilities!
- **Day 2:** Across the lake! A mix of walking and paddling are on tap for today as you make your way from one side of the lake to the other, exploring islands and isthmuses and white sandy beaches as you go. You'll get a good chance to see what the boats are all about today as you'll be utilizing them fully, with several transitions between water and land. The goal by the afternoon is the Monument, an iconic pinnacle thrusting up out of the lake. Those keen enough—and without a fear of heights—can take an optional trip to the top to marvel at one of the best views of the lake before finishing the day with a short paddle to Hope Arm and another hut or beach campsite.
- **Day 3:** Day three involves a gorgeous forest walk along classic Kiwi trails back towards Manapouri where you'll pull out the packrafts one more time for a final crossing of the river to reach civilization. Or if the weather cooperates you can paddle back to Manapouri, portaging as needed.

Best suited for and options

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Best suited for:

1. This expedition is best suited for reasonably fit people and/or adventurous families wanting to experience the packrafting expedition lifestyle first-hand in one of the most stunning environments imaginable!
2. All participants (young and old) should be strong and capable enough to handle their own Packraft efficiently.

Want something easier?

1. Try our Level 1 course—perfect for everyone from a novice paddler to those with paddling experience looking to jump into packrafting for the first time.

Want something harder?

1. Expedition X combines a 3-day accelerated Level 1 course with a handful of varied day and overnight trips that will fast-track your burgeoning packrafting education!
2. The Hollyford-Pyke Expedition, NZ's holy grail of packrafting trips, is a full wilderness expedition suitable for confident outdoors people with some prior paddling experience.

Final Words

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As this is a self-guided Expedition, please do yourself a favour and do some research on what is coming, where you are going, weather conditions etc.

We will provide you with a guidebook and an online learning course for packrafting theory to prepare yourself. To fully enjoy this and stay safe, you need to possess some general outdoor knowledge and be prepared. This trip is such a great trip that we here at Packrafting NZ do this at least once a season.

The quick online chat with us will help to answer any questions you have as well.



Can't wait to meet you - Arno Founder and Lead guide

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arno'.

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