

# MOLESWORTH & RAINBOW STATION

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RAINBOW STATION/NELSON – BLENHEIM – HOME

08 May 2022

5 Day Fully Hosted Tour



## Molesworth & Rainbow Station

We begin our wonderful 5-day adventure travelling south to Marlborough and onto Molesworth Station. This vast landscape contains scree-scarred mountains, wide river valleys and tussock slopes and is New Zealand's largest high-country station.

Following our full day on Molesworth, we overnight stop in Hanmer Springs before heading towards Nelson, via around Rainbow Station via the majestic Maruia Saddle Track with magnificent pristine beauty the South Island has to offer. Mountain ranges for as far as the eye can see, clear rivers that flow through the centre of the valley, hidden waterfalls created by the melting snow and the beauty of all things New Zealand is known and loved for.

Leaving Nelson behind we head to Marlborough, stopping in the seaside town of Havelock to board our afternoon Greenshell Mussel cruise on Pelorus Sound and Kenepuru Sound enjoying all things Mussel & Wine, before heading to Blenheim for the night. The end of our journey sees us leaving Blenheim behind, before heading back to Picton and onto the Kapiti Region.



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08 May to 12 May

## SUN 08 Kapiti – Blenheim (D)

This morning, for those travelling from Kapiti or Wellington, we have an early morning departure as we board the Interislander Ferry for our cruise across the Cook Strait and Queens Charlotte Sound to Picton.

With our early morning start, after our arrival in Blenheim at our centrally located hotel, we have arranged for the rest of the day to remain at leisure for rest and relaxation, before beginning our big adventure tomorrow morning. For those flying into Blenheim, your flights and transfers from Blenheim airport will be organised ensuring you arrive in time for our Welcome Dinner together this evening.

(B L D)

## MON 09 Blenheim – Molesworth Station/Hanmer Springs

This morning we say a temporary farewell to our YOURTours driver and coach as we join our Molesworth guide, boarding a purpose built 4WD vehicle for our touring today and tomorrow.

Today we travel approx. 238 km over Taylors Pass (the original stock track) to the Awatere Valley and on up to Molesworth, passing numerous famous high country runs on the way, calling in to one of these farms for morning tea. This part of the journey is a scenic delight with the colourful and swift Awatere River snaking its way down to the East Coast and the high narrow country road wending its way up through idyllic rural life scenes, stock, narrow gorges, rough country and the incredible early pioneer history and tales, all explained by our friendly driver/guide. After a picnic lunch we travel through the Molesworth to the Acheron River and down to the famous old Acheron House for a break. Crossing over the Clarence River and on into the Clarence Valley and we finally descend down the historic Jollies Pass stock track into the tranquil Alpine Village of Hanmer Springs. Tonight after a full day of touring, we have dinner together at our hotel.

## TUE 10 Hanmer Springs – Rainbow Station/Nelson (B L D)

We re-join our Molesworth guide and depart from Hanmer Springs in the morning climbing over Jacks Pass to the Clarence River valley and on up past St. James to Lake Tennyson for a cuppa and then onto the Molesworth/Tarndale lakes country before entering into the rugged Rainbow Station. There will be plenty of time to explore and take a stroll to view the native flora and fauna in this true wilderness area and one can only "experience" it as words are difficult to describe the absolute beauty, grandeur and mystique of this alpine delight. By traversing the Southern Alps to the Wairau Valley through Hells Gates we travel on to Lake Rotoiti for a picnic lunch. Here we say a fond farewell to our Molesworth guide and re-join our YOURTours driver and coach for our onwards journey to Nelson for the night.

After our adventures today, we dine at our centrally located hotel this evening.

## Trip Highlights

- MOLESWORTH STATION TOUR
- HANMER SPRINGS
- RAINBOW STATION TOUR
- LAKE ROTOITI, ST ARNAUD
- GREENSHELL MUSSEL CRUISE
  - PELORUS SOUND
  - KENEPURU SOUND

## WED 11 Nelson – Havelock – Blenheim (B L D)

Today we farewell Nelson, stopping at Pelorus Bridge for an optional walk and morning tea (own cost). We continue onto the small settlement of Havelock to board a comfortable catamaran for an afternoon Greenshell Mussel Cruise on tranquil Pelorus Sound and Kenepuru Sound. Learning about local history, we visit a mussel farm and take in the stunning scenery as we sample freshly steamed Greenshell mussels, matched with a glass of Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc. At the conclusion of the cruise, we travel through to Blenheim for our Farewell Dinner this evening.

## THU 12 Blenheim – Kapiti (B)

This morning we say goodbye to those flying out of Blenheim as we then journey back to Picton to reboard the Interislander, for our homeward journey back to Wellington & Kapiti.

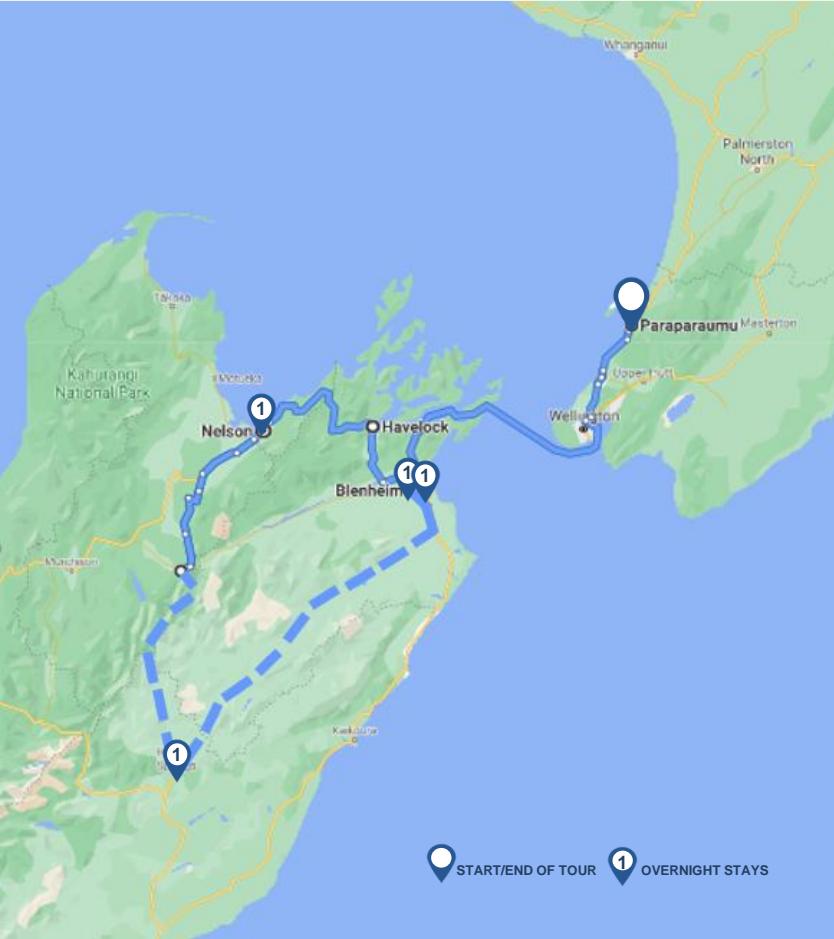


Meals included.

(B) Breakfast

(L) Lunch

(D) Dinner



## MOLESWORTH & RAINBOW STATION 5 Day Tour Includes

Fully hosted by a YOURTours Host

Quality Accommodation & Touring Coach

Sightseeing and Entrance Fees as indicated on itinerary

Home Pickup & drop off \*

Meals all Breakfasts & Dinners and most lunches, as per itinerary

Departs 08 May 2022

Price \$2,995 pp twin share

Single supplement \$495

\* T&Cs apply

**You are invited to join us on one of our fully hosted small group tours, with a maximum of 15 guests on our Molesworth Tours.**

We are based on the beautiful Kapiti Coast with our guests joining us from all corners of New Zealand. We believe you will be pleasantly surprised by just how much we include in our tour price.

You can be reassured that your Tour Host will always be one of our friendly well-experienced YOURTours Team Members, ensuring everything is looked after from start to finish.

*NOTE: Map above may not be to scale or entirely accurate due to the off-road components through Molesworth and Rainbow Stations.*

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