



FRANZ JOSEF WILDERNESS TOURS

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Explore further in Franz Josef Glacier! We offer a selection of kayak tours, boat tours, fishing charters & quad bike adventures.

Our family owned operation runs all year around - rain or shine offering wonderful all-weather experiences for visitors of all ages!

With over 10 years in business & over 16+ years of guiding in the region, you know you're in good hands with Dale & the team.



Where we operate:

Lake Mapourika

Lake Mapourika sits 10 km north of the Franz Josef Glacier township and is part of the Westland Tai Poutini National Park and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Renowned for its mirror lake reflections, glacier views and rare native birds - a trip here can't be missed!



Waiho Riverbed

The Waiho river flows from the Franz Josef Glacier. Explore our network of rainforest and grassland tracks right from the township of Franz Josef! Set amidst Jurassic rainforest, braided streams and muddy puddles - our diverse terrain is suitable for all experience levels.

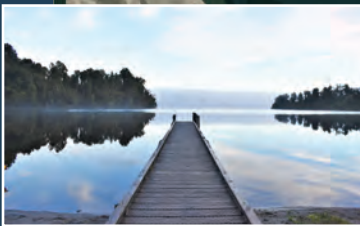


Operational Map:

Find our office which is centrally located in Franz Josef Glacier - and we'll look after the rest!

- Quad Bike Tours operate in the Franz Josef township - near our office.
- Kayak & boat tours operate on Lake Mapourika - we provide transport to and from the lake.

Key Tour Spots:



To Hokitika

SH6

Mirror Creek

Guided Walk

Lake Mapourika

Jetty Bay Kayak Tours Depart

Transport provided (10 min drive) from lake to town.

Waiho Riverbed

Franz Josef Town

Quad Tour Departs

Booking Office
30 Main Road

SH6

Fox Glacier

Franz Josef Glacier Walks



Kayak Classic Tour

Kayak Tour Product: 1



Tour Description:

Our **original kayak adventure** on Lake Mapourika! Glide effortlessly across the calm mirror-like water and on a clear day, enjoy panoramic views of the Southern Alps & Glaciers!

If it's cloudy - you'll enjoy mirror reflections of the clouds across a truly unique and equally stunning adventure.

On the far shoreline we explore a rainforest-clad creek which meanders into pristine native rainforest. Enjoy abundant birdlife and some of the tallest canopy trees nearing 900 years old!

Summer Sunset Classic tours available.

Tip: Book a morning tour for the best mirror-lake reflections!



Duration: Allow 3 hours (round-trip)

Rates: \$149 adult | Child: \$95 (3- 17 years)

Transport included.

We provide:

- Wet weather gear (jackets & pants)
- Dry bags
- FREE photographs

Recommended to bring:

- Comfortable clothing
- Camera / Sunglasses / Hat
- Sandals or shoes

Your feet remain dry!

Terms:

Tour requires a minimum of 2 adults to operate. We reserve the right to cancel due to adverse weather in which case we will reschedule or provide full refunds. We operate on rain days if we deem the conditions to be safe, feel free to contact our local knowledgeable team for the most up to date forecast. Sunset kayak tours during the summer months: Nov 1st-March 31st annually.

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Kayak & Walk Tour

Kayak Tour Product: 2

Tour Description:

Explore some of **Westland's oldest untouched rainforest** on our private rainforest track!

On our Kayak & Walk tour you'll paddle gently with your guide across the Lake, enjoying views of the mountains before hopping out on the far side for a guided nature walk.

+ We hold exclusive access to the rainforest trail within the Kiwi Conservation area! On this kayak tour you will learn about the kiwi conservation, spot native birdlife, unique plant-life and experience the pristine wilderness of the West Coast.

A true wilderness experience suitable for all ages!

Duration: Allow 4 hours (round-trip)

Rates: \$169 adult | Child: \$110 (3- 17 years)

Transport included.

We provide:

- Wet weather gear (jackets & pants)
- Dry bags
- Tea & Coffee
- FREE photographs

Recommended to bring:

- Comfortable clothing
 - Light snack
 - Camera / Sunglasses / Hat
 - Walking shoes (closed toe)
- Your feet remain dry!**

Terms:

Tour requires a minimum of 2 adults to operate. We reserve the right to cancel due to adverse weather in which case we will reschedule or provide full refunds. We operate on rain days if we deem the conditions to be safe, feel free to contact our local knowledgeable team for the most up to date forecast.

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Tour Description:

Experience the of luxury of a private kayak tour. Delve into the ancient beauty of Westland's pristine rainforest, with a local knowledgeable kayak guide. Witness the wonders of kiwi conservation up close on our **bespoke rainforest trail** and encounter an array of native birdlife. Or if you prefer to paddle more your guide will show you **hidden creeks** that await your discovery – the choice is yours as this tour is designed just for you. Our expert kayak hosts will pack warm water for a cup of tea or coffee along the way, and snap high quality photographs for you throughout your journey.

Duration: Up to 4 hours (choice is yours)

Rates: \$339 adult | Child: \$220 (0- 17 years)

Transport included.

We provide:

- Wet weather gear (jackets & pants)
- Dry bags
- Tea & Coffee
- FREE photographs

Recommended to bring:

- Comfortable clothing
 - Camera / Sunglasses / Hat
 - Walking shoes (closed toe)
- Your feet remain dry!**

Terms:

Tour requires a minimum of 2 adults to operate. We reserve the right to cancel due to adverse weather in which case we will reschedule or provide full re-funds. We operate on rain days if we deem the conditions to be safe, feel free to contact our local knowledgeable team for the most up to date forecast.



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Tour Description:

A tour designed to get the best photos and to cater for the youngest explorers by offering a light **taste of kayaking** with a focus on capturing the moment!

The Discovery tour is designed to put you at ease with gentle kayaking. This tour is suitable for all ages including with young children and infants, or elderly generations.

Head out with your guide and follow a shoreline with multiple beaches for breaks and photo opportunities.

Please note: This tour remains close to shore, and does not cross the lake. If you're after more adventure book one of our longer kayak tours! Children ages 3 years + can join either Kayak Classic & Kayak & Walk tours as well.

Duration: Allow 2 hours (Approx 1-1.5 hours on water)

Rates: \$125 adult | Child: \$90 (0- 17 years)

Transport included.

We provide:

- Wet weather gear (jackets & pants)
- Dry bags
- FREE photos & video

Recommended to bring:

- Comfortable clothing
- Camera / Sunglasses / Hat
- Walking shoes (closed toe)

Your feet remain dry!

Terms:

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Tour Description:

Join us for a SUP (Stand-up Paddleboard) Adventure on **New Zealand's most scenic** SUP venue: Lake Mapourika! Known as the flower of the dawn, Lake Mapourika's calm reflective waters and scenic backdrop make for one of the best spots to hop on a paddleboard. Explore the Jurassic rainforest and sheltered bays with our experienced SUP guides. Pack the togs (swim-suits) and jump in for a swim as the lake can reach above 20 degrees Celcius in the peak of summer!

Please note: No experience required. This tour only operates between Nov 1st - March 31st annually. SUP Tours operate on fine days only.

Duration: Allow 2 hours

Rates: \$125 adult | Child: \$99 (8- 17 years)

Transport included.

We provide:

- SUP Instruction/equipment
- Dry bags
- PFD's
- FREE photographs

Recommended to bring:

- Comfortable clothing or swim wear
- Camera / Sunglasses / Hat
- Towels / warm layer

Terms:

Tour requires a minimum of 2 adults to operate. We reserve the right to cancel due to adverse weather in which case we will reschedule or provide full refunds. We do not operate SUP tours during adverse weather, feel free to contact our local knowledgeable team for the most up to date forecast.

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Scenic Cruise

Boat Product: 1



Tour Description:

Lake Mapourika Scenic Cruises are a **landscape photographer's dream!**

Discover the true beauty of the West Coast on a personalised scenic cruise of Lake Mapourika. Marvel at the Jurassic rainforest-fringed bays reflecting the majestic Alps and Glaciers.

Dale and his team of passionate skippers will take you on a journey, a through scenic bays to discover the rich history and birdlife of Lake Mapourika. Savour a warm cup of tea or coffee while relaxing on our comfortable boat.

+ Keep an eye out for the legendary White Heron that feed on the lake's abundant shoreline!

Duration: Allow 2 hours (round-trip)

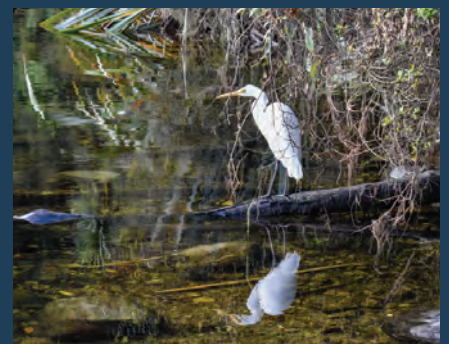
Rates: \$125 adult | Child: \$75 (3-17 years) | Infants: FREE
Transport included.

Boat Specs and extra info:

- Wet weather gear available for all tours
- Complimentary tea/coffee on board
- Fully covered tour boat
- Toilet facility on-board

Terms:

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Tour Description:

Journey across Lake Mapourika on a **Scenic Cruise** and enjoy a **guided rainforest walk** through our exclusive rainforest track through a kiwi-bird conservation area.

Our rainforest walk sits within the UNESCO World Heritage site and follows a track thoughtfully carved by your skipper Dale and his team, designed to have minimal impact on the area. Experience the pristine beauty of old-growth rainforest, untouched, in its natural state. This haven is home to abundant birdlife, including the graceful White Herons and New Zealand's native bush birds.

A true West Coast adventure!

Duration: Allow 2.5 hours (round-trip)

Rates: \$149 adult | Child: \$85 (3-17 years) | Infants: FREE
Transport included.

We provide:

- Wet weather gear available
- Toilet on-board boat
- Complimentary tea/coffee
- Walking poles for guided walk

Recommended to bring:

- Comfortable clothing
- Camera / Sunglasses / Hat
- Walking shoes or sneakers

Your feet remain dry!

Terms:

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Private Cruise

Boat Product: 3



Tour Description:

Customise a **private boat tour** for your group of friends, family or small gathering!

A private Scenic Cruise can include many customisable options! Perhaps include a guided walk or catering (additional cost) - or you might even choose to bring along some Stand-up Paddleboards (instruction provided).

You'll have your own personal guide & skipper to Cruise along the scenic shorelines of Lake Mapourika, helping to spot native birds and providing unique insights into the regions.

An unforgettable bespoke experience...

Duration: Up to 2.5 hours (you choose)

Charter Rates: \$1200 (1-12 people)

Transport included.

We provide:

- Wet weather gear available
- Complimentary tea/coffee
- Walking poles for guided walk
- Toilet on-board boat

Recommended to bring:

- Camera / Sunglasses / Hat
- Walking shoes or sneakers
- BYO Extra drinks / food
- Ask about customisation!

Terms:

Private boat charters operate with between 1-12 people. We reserve the right to cancel due to adverse weather in which case we will reschedule or provide full refunds. We operate on rain days if we deem the conditions to be safe, feel free to contact our local knowledgeable team for the most up to date



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Fishing Charter (shared)

Boat Product: 4



Tour Description:

Experience catching brown trout or salmon on Lake Mapourika's calm scenic water. The beauty of Lake Mapourika can be enjoyed by everyone (even the non-fishers on-board) on our comfortable fishing charter boat, which is fully covered for fishing in all weather conditions. Our knowledgeable fishing guides are passionate about fishing and has been trout and salmon fishing in the region for many years.

Species targeted:

Salmon (Oct-March 31st annually)

Brown Trout (all-year around)

Techniques used: Trolling, spinning and harling

Duration: 3 hours (round-trip)

Adult: \$225 | **Child:** \$95 (3-17 years) | **Infants:** FREE

Transport included.

We provide:

- All equipment/licenses
- Complimentary tea/coffee
- Transport
- Toilet on-board boat

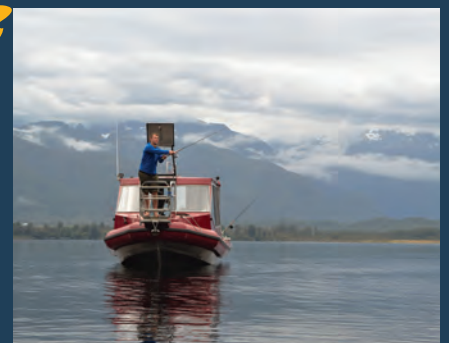
Recommended to bring:

- Camera / Sunglasses / Hat
- BYO Extra drinks / food

*Catch & release, or
keep your legal catch!*

Terms:

Tours require a minimum of 2 adults to operate. We reserve the right to cancel due to adverse weather in which case we will reschedule or provide full refunds. We operate on rain days if we deem the conditions to be safe, feel free to contact our local knowledgeable team for the most up to date forecast. We cannot guarantee landing a legal fish.



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Private Fishing Charter

Boat Product: 5

Tour Description:

Privately charter our fishing boat & our local skipper/fishing guide for up to 3 hours.

What's better than a **classic kiwi BBQ** and enjoying a fishing adventure with your mates? By privately booking the boat we include a BBQ facility which you can use to cook your own food on the lake.

Relax and unwind watching Glaciers across the lake and the fishing lines as you troll.

Species targeted:

Salmon (Oct-March 31st annually)

Brown Trout (all-year around)

Techniques used: Trolling, spinning and harling (& fly fishing gear *upon request.*)

Duration: Up to 3 hours

Charter Rates: \$1600 (1-10 people)

Transport included.

We provide:

- All equipment/licenses
- Complimentary tea/coffee
- Transport
- Toilet on-board boat

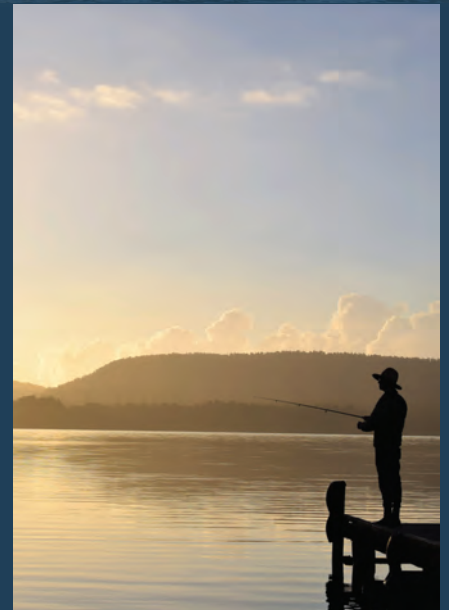
Recommended to bring:

- Camera / Sunglasses / Hat
- BYO Extra drinks / food

Catch & release, or keep your legal catch!

Terms:

Private fishing charters are for 1-10 people. We reserve the right to cancel due to adverse weather in which case we will reschedule or provide full refunds. We operate on rain days if we deem the conditions to be safe, feel free to contact our local knowledgeable team for the most up to date forecast. We cannot guarantee landing a legal fish. Food not supplied.



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Off-Road Adventure Tour



Tour Description:

Join a guided off-road adventure tour! Journey across riverbed and through the rainforest on our thrilling tracks.

Ride a **quad bike** or **3-seater buggy** through a beautiful Jurassic rainforest, splash through rivers and explore ancient glacial riverbed. Enjoy our incredible backdrop of the spectacular Southern Alps and Franz Josef Glacier as you follow your guide through our tracks.

On a sunny day enjoy some of the best views of the Franz Josef Glacier or get down and dirty in the puddles and the mud on a rainy day! As we like to say **"the wetter the better!"**...

Duration: Allow 2 hours (round-trip)

Single Quad: \$220 | **Double:** \$300 | **Triple Buggy:** \$385

Private tour (1-5 bikes): \$1500

We provide:

- Wet weather gear (jackets, pants, boots)
- FREE Photos

Recommended to bring:

- Comfortable clothing
- Camera/Phone
- Sunglasses

Terms:

Tour requires a minimum of 2 adults to operate. We reserve the right to cancel due to adverse weather in which case we will reschedule or provide full refunds. We operate on rain days if we deem the conditions to be safe, feel free to contact our local knowledgeable team for the most up to date forecast.

Further quad bike activity specific terms are listed on the following page.



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Off-Road Buggy Ride



Tour Description:

Join us on a thrilling ride with our expert guides at the wheel! Hop on a 5-seater buggy to explore the captivating Jurassic rainforest. Splash through rivers and marvel at the ancient glacier riverbed, surrounded by breathtaking views of the Southern Alps and Franz Josef Glacier.

The 5-seater buggy is perfect for families or groups up to 5 people, including 4 years and older.

+ Plus, enjoy free photos of your journey to cherish the memories forever!

Duration: Allow up to 1.5 hours

5 Seater Buggy: \$500 (1-5 passengers)

*If you'd like to have other vehicles types join the tour please book our regular Off-Road Adventure & add the 5-seater buggy!

We provide:

- Wet weather gear (jackets, pants, boots)
- FREE Photos & Video

Recommended to bring:

- Comfortable clothing
- Camera/Phone
- Sunglasses

Terms:

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Off-Road Adventure Terms

Off-Road Adventure Tour Terms

- For safety reasons, drivers and passengers **do not** get to swap during the tour.
- Customers must pass a test track prior to taking part in the tour.

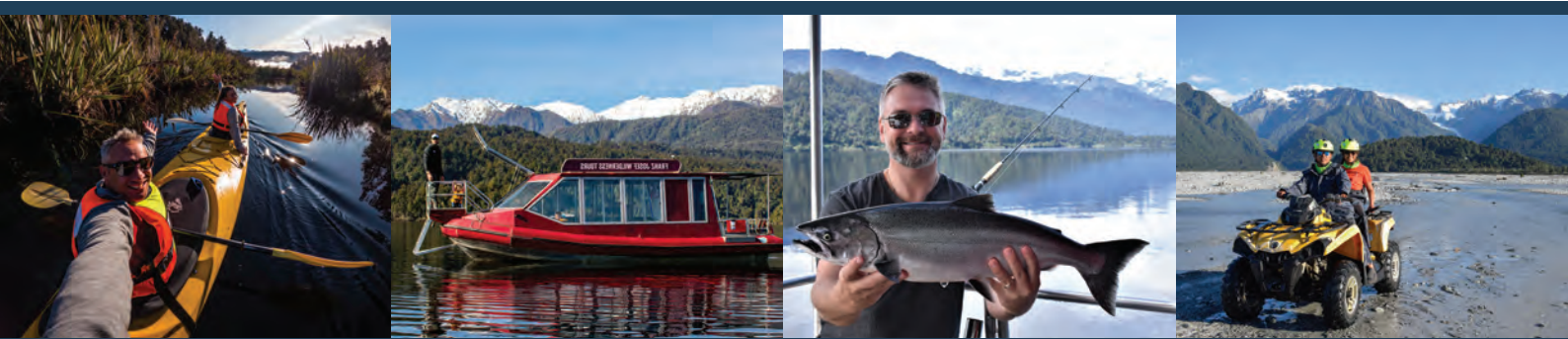
Failing the test track: If drivers fail the test track, **we do our best** to accommodate them becoming a passenger or driving a buggy (if these bikes are available). If different bike types are not available, participants cannot join the tour. Refunds cannot be provided in these cases.

- Drivers must be a minimum of 16 years.
- Drivers with children (passengers under 17) must be a minimum of 18 years of age.
- Quad bike passengers must be able to reach the footrests (this requires a minimum height of 145 cm).
- Self-driven (3 seater) Buggy passengers must be a minimum height of 110 cm.

Please ensure children are measured prior to arrival! Refunds cannot be provided on arrival for any children that do not reach height requirements.

- A combined weight limit of 220kg exists for double bikes.
- Customers may be liable for up to \$1000 quad bike equipment damage, if damages sustained on the tour are due to careless driving or by not adhering to our tour regulations.
- 5-seater buggy vehicles are to be driven by tour guides only.
- Children 4 years and up may join as 5-seater buggy passengers. (Regardless of child's height).

Staying safe & having fun is our priority!



Cancellation Policy

Franz Josef Wilderness Tours has a fair 24 hour cancellation policy for groups less than 8 people. Cancellations or booking amendments for groups of less than 8 people can be made without penalty 24 hours prior to the tour departure. Cancellations made within 24 hours incur an 100% charge. Groups of more than 8 people, or private tour bookings, incur a full 48 hour cancellation policy. Cancellations or significant amendments for groups larger than 8 may be made without penalty up to 48 hours in advance. Cancellations made within this time incur 100% charge.

We offer hassle free refunds, no questions asked, if bookings are cancelled outside of our cancellation terms. Though we are not flexible at all within these timeframes. We will not bend policy for medical reasons, transport issues or other. Please ensure your clients purchase adequate travel insurance to cover these events.

Franz Josef Wilderness Tours reserve the right to cancel any tour at the last minute due to adverse or unsafe weather conditions, or where illness (due to Covid-19 or otherwise) may affect staff leading the tours. In this is the case, full refunds are provided.

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Kayak Classic (same as: Sunset Classic)				
Adult	\$149	\$119.20	\$149	\$119.20
Child (3-17 years)	\$95	\$76	\$95	\$76
Kayak & Walk				
Adult	\$169	\$135.20	\$169	\$135.20
Child (3-17 years)	\$110	\$88	\$110	\$88
Private Kayak Tour (up to 4 Hrs – min 2 adults)				
Adult	\$339	\$217.20	\$339	\$271.20
Child (0-17 years)	\$220	\$176	\$220	\$176
Kayak Discovery Tour (Shortened tour – does not cross Lake)				
Adult	\$125	\$100	\$130	\$104
Child (0-17 years)	\$90	\$72	\$99	\$79.20
SUP Adventure (min 2 pax)				
Adult	\$120	\$96	\$120	\$96
Child (8-17 years)	\$105	\$84	\$105	\$84
Scenic Cruise				
Adult	\$125	\$100	\$125	\$100
Child (3-17 years)	\$75	\$60	\$75	\$60
Infant (0-3 years)	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE
Private Cruise				
2.5 Hour Private Charter	\$1200	\$960	\$1200	\$960
Cruise & Walk				
Adult	\$149	\$119.20	\$149	\$119.20
Child (3-17 years)	\$85	\$68	\$85	\$68
Infant (0-3 years)	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE
Fishing Charter (Shared + incl up to 2 licenses)				
Adult	\$225	\$180	\$225	\$180
Child (3-17 years)	\$95	\$76	\$110	\$88
Infant (0-3 years)	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE
Fishing Charter – Private				
Price for 3 hours (up to 12 pax)	\$1600	\$1280	\$1600	\$1280
Off-Road Tour				
Single Quad Bike	\$220	\$176	\$225	\$180

Double Quad Bike	\$300	\$240	\$305	\$244
Double Buggy	\$300	\$240	\$305	\$244
Triple Buggy	\$385	\$308	\$385	\$308
Off-Road Buggy Ride (Up to 1.5 hour)				
5-seater Buggy Ride (5 -seater must be driven by tour guide)	\$500	\$400	\$515	\$412
Private Off-Road Tour				
Price for 2 hours 1-5 vehicles	\$1500	\$1200	\$1550	\$1240

2025/26 Rates are subject to change, any forward bookings held will remain as originally quoted at the time of booking.

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