

Golden Bay Air

Golden Bay, Nelson Region & Wellington

Abel Tasman & Golden Bay Day tours & Scenic Flights



and the Abel Tasman without retracing your steps with our 'Fly Golden Bay and Cruise Abel Tasman Experiences' from Wellington and Nelson.

For a scenic flight, take to the skies with Golden Bay Air from Takaka or Nelson. From the golden beaches of the Abel Tasman and the mighty peaks of Kahurangi to the extraordinary landscapes of the Wharariki sea arches and Farewell Spit, you are spoiled for choice.

Every passenger is seated in a comfortable window seat offering outstanding photo opportunities. Our two-way headsets allow you to listen to the pilot's informative commentary and talk to fellow passengers and the pilot.

Golden Bay Air is a family-run air & land transport service that also offers daily scheduled flights between Takaka, Nelson, Karamea, and Wellington, with connecting shuttles to service both the Heaphy Track and Abel Tasman Great Walks.



Abel Tasman Cruise-Fly Day Tour ex Nelson

Starting and finishing in Nelson explore Golden Bay and the Abel Tasman National Park with no retracing of your steps.

Your day will start with a 60-minute shuttle transfer to Kaiteriteri, where you'll depart on a 90-minute scenic boat cruise the length of the Abel Tasman National Park to Totoranui. Keep a lookout for penguins, seals, and dolphins along the way!

Totoranui with its pristine, golden sand, clear water, lush bush, and walking tracks in all directions is the perfect place to enjoy your picnic lunch and soak up the scenery. Take a refreshing swim, relax on the beach or enjoy a short walk in the National Park before boarding your shuttle for a 50-minute shuttle tour with commentary to Golden Bay.

Stopping at Te Waikoropupu Springs - New Zealand's largest freshwater springs and the largest cold water springs in the southern hemisphere, enjoy a short 30-minute loop walk taking you through the forest to a platform that sits partly over the water of Te Waikoropupu Springs. A must-see while in the 'Bay'.

Then it's time to farewell Golden Bay in style with a 30-minute scenic flight back to Nelson, flying over the Abel Tasman coastline.

Departs Daily 07:30 | Duration 8 hours

Abel Tasman Fly-Cruise Day Tour ex Wellington

Departing from Wellington's main airport terminal, start the day with a spectacular scenic flight to Takaka over the Wellington Coast, Marlborough Sounds, and Abel Tasman National Park.

Upon arriving into Golden Bay you'll be taken to Te Waikoropupu Springs - New Zealand's largest freshwater springs and the largest cold water springs in the southern hemisphere. Enjoy a short 30-minute loop walk taking you through the forest to a platform that sits partly over the water of Te Waikoropupu Springs.

Leaving the Springs relax and take in the scenery as you travel the limestone coastline to Totoranui Beach aboard a 50-minute scenic shuttle tour. Enjoy a picnic lunch before boarding your boat cruise for a 90-minute scenic cruise along the Abel Tasman coastline to Kaiteriteri.

Travelling by road over 'Marble Mountain' back to Golden Bay it's then time to board your plane for a return scenic flight back

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Departs 08:30 | Duration 8.5 hours

Scenic Flights

Golden Bay Highlights ex Takaka

Follow the Bay's sheltered shoreline westward before crossing to the famous sea arches at Wharariki Beach. Trace the dunes and lakes the length of Farewell Spit to the lighthouse then head to the golden sand beaches and vivid waters of the northern Abel Tasman coastline to Awaroa Bay before heading back to Takaka Airport.

Departs Daily 11:00 | Duration 50 minutes

Abel Tasman scenic flight ex Nelson

Leave the city behind and cross the orchards and vineyards surrounding Motueka to cross the 'Marble Mountain'—Takaka Hill. Passing over the Canaan Downs, (a Lord of the Rings filming location) take a glimpse down the dark depths of Harwoods Hole. Return via Abel Tasman's forest-fringed golden sand beaches and azure waters.

Departs Daily | Duration 50 minutes

Farewell Spit / Abel Tasman scenic flight ex Nelson

Even those short on time can capture the unique formation that is Farewell Spit. Fly over Takaka Hill and Golden Bay to the Wharariki sea arches, then trace the dunes and lakes up the Spit to the refuge of its lighthouse. Return via the sheltered coves of the Abel Tasman.

Departs Daily | Duration 80 minutes

Additional Information

During your flight, every passenger is seated in a comfortable window seat offering outstanding photo opportunities. Our two-way headsets allow you to listen to the pilot's informative commentary and talk to fellow passengers and the pilot.



Directions

Golden Bay Air tours and scenic flights depart from Nelson, Motueka, Takaka and Wellington Airports.

Terms

MINIMUM NUMBERS 2 passengers

CANCELLATION - please enquire when booking

WEATHER - Flights are subject to weather conditions

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on an adult's lap.

SEASON - Open all year except Christmas Day

Accommodation in this area

- [Pihopa Retreat](#)
- [Abel Tasman Lodge](#)