

FDX NEW ZEALAND

January 27th – February 4th 2019

Fundraising Goal: \$2,250.00

Fundraising Due: January 27th, 2019

New Zealand adventures are back on the horizon! When your goal is *Out Living It*, you always have to be looking ahead to that next adventure and be sure to keep your eyes on the prize! After an incredible FDX adventure across New Zealand last season, First Descents has decided to set our sights on the magnificent Kiwi mountains and rivers once again! The name of the game this time around is primarily whitewater kayaking and sea kayaking with some spectacular hiking and sight seeing in between. Under the fearless leadership of FD's very own Brooke "Noodles" Barry, this NZ experience is bound to be another one for the books. Our departure is scheduled for the end of January 2019, so start planning today and gear up for an FDX adventure that gives the mantra of *Out Living It* a whole new meaning!

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Day 1 - Sunday, January 27th

Arrival Day - Arrive in New Zealand to the Auckland Airport (AKL) and catch an in country flight from Auckland down to the Nelson Airport (NSN) to meet up with the FDX crew! Your fearless leader for this FDX adventure is FD's very own - Noodles! Once you meet up with her and the crew, we will load up the adventure van and transfer to the Tasman Bay Backpackers Hostel, located in the heart of Nelson (where the FD Family will be based for the evening). Move in, get settled, group orientation, and welcome dinner.

Day 2- Monday, January 28th

NZ Adventure Begins - Wake up for a delicious Kiwi breakfast, pack your bags, and load up the adventure van! From Nelson we will head a few hours South through the lush valleys and mountains of NZ's South Island. Arrive in the small mountain town of Murchison, where you will meet and greet with the incredible kayak team at the New Zealand Kayak School. From there you will move in and get settled in your new Kiwi home, the NZ Kayak Lodge! After your bags are unpacked, we will get properly geared up and outfitted for the 4-Day whitewater adventure ahead! Wrap up the day with a big family style dinner, followed by a relaxing evening around the campfire.

Day 3 - Tuesday, January 29th

Welcome to NZ Kayak School! - Rise and shine for an early morning breakfast and get ready for your first full day in a whitewater kayak! Under the professional instruction of the NZ Kayak School, we will begin a steady progression of skill building and learning the ins and outs of whitewater kayaking! Throughout the 4-Day kayak course, you will have plenty of opportunity to practice your newly acquired skills and build confidence in your kayak out on the river.

Day 4 - January 30th

Paddle On! - Back to the river we go! Head out on the river with NZ Kayak School for Day 2 of whitewater instruction and take on the scenic and winding rivers of NZ's South Island. Enjoy a full day on the water paddling and getting comfortable in your new kayaks! Then wrap up the day back in the NZ Kayak Lodge with a delicious dinner and campfire with the crew.

Day 5 - January 31st

Loose Hips, Save Ships! - Rise for a tasty breakfast and return to the river with NZ Kayak School to continue building on your skills from the past few days. Enjoy another full day of kayaking while gaining the opportunity to explore new rivers and whitewater alike. Take in the incredible surrounding scenery and embrace new adventures with some of the best of the best in the sport! Wrap up the day back at the NZ Kayak Lodge for a well-deserved dinner and evenings rest.

Day 6- February 1st

Graduation Paddle! - Truly hone in the spirit of Out Living It! and hit the river one last time for an epic day of pushing the FDX envelope and putting your whitewater skills to the test. Enjoy an amazing final day paddling with the NZ Kayaking School. After leaving it all out on the river, return to the NZ kayak lodge to relax, unwind, and enjoy a big farewell dinner and campfire with the NZ Kayak School crew.

Day 7- February 2nd

Paddy's Adventure - Rise and shine for an early breakfast, say goodbyes to the NZ Kayak School and load the adventure van for a scenic road trip Northbound to beautiful Nelson Lakes National Park. Once arriving to the National Park, lace up your boots, throw on your daypack and hit the Paddy's Track trail for a day on the mountain! Spend the day hiking above the breath taking Nelson Lakes while taking the Parks spectacular surroundings. After a rewarding day on the trail, return to the Tasman Bay Backpackers Hostel in Nelson, relax, and finish up the day with a big family style dinner.

Day 8 - February 3rd

Abel Tasman Sea Kayaking Adventure - Wake up for breakfast and get ready for a final day of boat touring, hiking, and sea kayaking through the heart of Abel Tasman National Park. Experience the famous Falls River Swing Bridge by foot, hike through wild lush coastal forests, and spend a relaxing afternoon sea kayaking in the Astrolabe. After a full day of adventure in the National Park, we will make our way back down to elision for FDX NZ final dinner and campfire. We will then spend our last evening of the trip back at the Tasman Bay Backpackers Hostel.

Day 9 - February 4th

Departure Day - Rise and shine, final breakfast, hugs, and goodbyes. Make your way to nelson airport (NSN) to catch your flight home or continue onward from Nelson to take your next adventure! Until next time, keep Out Living It!

IMPORTANT INFO

Travel to and from New Zealand will be in and out of Auckland Airport but will require in-country flight to and from the Nelson Airport.

Arrival Day

Fly into [Auckland Airport \(AKL\)](#) and catch in country flight to [Nelson Airport \(NSN\)](#) on January 27th 2019

Departure Day

Fly out of [Nelson Airport \(NSN\)](#) to [Auckland Airport \(AKL\)](#) in the early AM to midday on February 4th 2019

What is included in this FDX:

- All meals (except where noted *)
- Ground Transportation once in Nelson, New Zealand
- Lodging
- Itinerary activities and gear

What's NOT included in this FDX:

- The cost of your travel/flights to and from NZ
- Adult Beverages / Alcohol
- Shopping purchases and additional activities
- Gratuity for all activities and services.

Reminder: While consumption of alcohol is not prohibited on FDX Programs, we feel that these experiences are fun enough without the need for additional substances. What you chose to do with your free time on your FDX program is completely up to you . However, with that said we ask you to please be considerate of your group and know that FD does not provide alcohol of any kind on our programs.

