Eco Wanaka Adventures
Wanaka, Southern Lakes
Alpine Lakes Heli-Hike

Eco Wanaka Adventures specialize in small group nature tours, lake cruises, nature walks, longer day-hikes, heli-hikes and The Lord of the Rings Trilogy tours in the beautiful Lake Wanaka region and Mt Aspiring National Park region. Their experienced guides will show you some of the most stunningly beautiful scenery the Southern Lakes has to offer. You will absorb their passion for the area as well as their knowledge of its history and geography, flora and fauna.

Choose from lake excursions to islands which serve as wildlife sanctuaries, alpine hikes with magnificent views of hanging glaciers and high waterfalls, or your choice of two heli hikes – one to Middle-earth following the very footsteps of “Dwarves and Bilbo” as they traversed the “Misty Mountains” as seen in The Hobbit Trilogy, or venture completely off the beaten track and visit three pristine Alpine Lakes high above the Matukituki Valley on the edge of Mt Aspiring National Park.

Eco Wanaka Adventures is active in preserving the native environment and birdlife and your tours with them supports this. Their innovative tree planting project on Mou Waho Island allows you to contribute to New Zealand’s unique native environment. The Eco Lake Cruise and Walking Tour of the mystical Mou Waho Island with its lake high at the top of the Island is unique and unforgettable.







Alpine Lakes Heli-Hike - Half Day

An exclusive 4.5 hour guided experience landing high above Mt Aspiring National Park's Matukituki Valley to three pristine alpine lakes at 1400m. Experience the majesty and solitude of this alpine environment with a two hour scenic hike with your personal guide through alpine tussock herb fields, past emerald clear lakes and along spectacular ridge lines. In the distance is the stunning backdrop of Mt Aspiring (3033m) and its surrounding glaciers. At the end of the hike, your helicopter returns and whisks you off to a high secret mountain location for a brief photo stop, a perfect finale to this stunning trip.

Included;

- 3 scenic helicopter flights
- 2 alpine landings – with stunning photo opportunities
- Walking poles and Gore-Tex jackets if required
- Morning or afternoon tea supplied
- Wanaka accommodation pick up is available for the transport to the helicopter base

Departs 8:30am or 1.30pm | Duration 4.5 hours | Season November-April (weather dependent).
Requirements – Moderate fitness, strong walking shoes/boots (good tread and ankle support), waterproof jacket, suitable layers of clothing, day pack and drink bottle.

Misty Mountains Heli-Hike - Half Day

Experience an exclusive 4.5 hour guided tour in Lord of the Rings country. Your helicopter experience follows the Eagles flight with a landing on glaciated Fog Peak, to admire Mt Aspiring and its surrounding glacier country panorama amidst the Southern Alps. Amazingly we can see three Trilogy film sites from here. Skimming the razor back ridges, we fly and land on Treble Cone’s “The Towers Ridge”.

Soak in the view between the Towers and then walk the very footsteps that the legendary Dwarves, Wizard and our heroic Ring Carrier traversed in their quest over the top of the Misty Mountains, as seen in the movie.

Continuing on your quest, you embark on a downhill hike, from 2000m traversing the ridgeline, past massive rock pillars,

canyons, cliffs and glaciers draining into rivers joining the beautiful lake far below. The lake-side town of Wanaka is to the east. This downhill walk has amazing diversity, revealing unexpected wonders…. you are likely to see our native falcon and the curious kea, a unique inquisitive mountain parrot. An alpine experience made easily accessible, an Unexpected Journey.

- 3 scenic helicopter flights
- 2 landings – first on glaciated Fog Peak for a pristine Southern Alps Panorama, then to the film location site high on Treble Cone's Towers Ridge
- Walking poles and Gore-Tex jackets if required
- Morning or afternoon tea supplied
- Wanaka accommodation pick up is available for the transport to the helicopter base

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Additional Information

Requires moderate fitness, strong walking boots (good tread and ankle support), waterproof jacket, suitable layers of clothing, including long walking trousers, day pack, and drink bottle.

Tour not suitable for children under 8 years old. No child rate.

Minimum of 2 Adults to run the tour.





Directions

Directions will be sent at the time of booking.

Terms

CHILD POLICY Family friendly.

Rob Roy Guided Walk and the Alpine Lakes Heli Hike have a minimum age of 8 years.

Children under 3 years old are FOC on the Lake Cruise & Island Nature Walk only.

Child rate available for 4-14 year olds.

CANCELLATION 24 hours 100% | cancellation due to weather or mechanical reasons, full refund

SEASON Open all year. Alpine Lakes Heli-Hike or Misty Mountains - November until April (snow conditions and weather dependent)

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Accommodation in this area

- Lime Tree Lodge