

KAYAK TOURS

Lake Mapourika is deep and is an exposed body of water. Inherent risks of the activity include (but are not limited to):

1) RISK OF CAPSIZE OR FALLING IN

We will fit you into equipment suitable for your size, level of experience as well as the current weather conditions.

2) RISK OF HYPOTHERMIA

Hypothermia is a risk at any time of year in this climate. The risk is especially high during WINTER. It is up to you to bring WARM LAYERS on your tour. ASK US if you're dressed appropriately. We provide splash jackets to aid with keeping you dry.

Please note: we recommend no denim on our tours!

3) RISK OF DROWNING

We will fit you to a buoyancy aid suitable for your weight and size, you must ALWAYS wear a buoyancy aid throughout the activity.

4) LOSS OF PERSONAL ITEMS

We provide waterproof dry-bags, and we will show you how to use them properly. It is important that EACH ITEM you take with you is kept in the drybag. When you take items out of the dry bag – it's at YOUR OWN RISK.

5) RISK OF DEATH OR OTHER SERIOUS INJURY

We will provide all safety equipment, safety instructions, safety pre trip training, a fully trained guide who is trained in first aid. During the tour you will be monitored and given extra safety instructions. YOU MUST listen and follow your guides INSTRUCTIONS at ALL TIMES.

Franz Josef Wilderness Tours staff reserve the right to terminate the tour / your participation at any time that your safety becomes compromised. Pre-tour consumption of DRUGS or ALCOHOL is strictly forbidden.

Our Kayak Tours are an ADVENTURE, through a REMOTE part of the Wild West Coast! This means that at times during your trip you will be 1-2 HOURS FROM MEDICAL ASSISTANCE. Before your tour we will ask that you advise us of any medical conditions or injuries.

If you're not sure about something feel free to get in touch with our team and ask!

BOAT TOURS

Boating & Guided Hiking on Lake Mapourika – activity include (but are not limited to):

1) PERSON OVERBOARD

Your skipper will provide safety briefings and provide instructions around lifejackets storage, location and how to remain safe on the vessel. Please listen to your skippers instructions at all times.

2) VESSEL LOSS OF STEERING AND/OR PROPULSION

Our tour boat is maintained regularly and undergoes a Maritime New Zealand vessel survey, though mechanical issues may still arise. Your qualified MNZ skipper is equipped with a radio and further safety equipment to ensure that contact can be kept with our base operations at all times.

3) STRICKEN VESSEL

Lake Mapourika is a deep and fairly calm body of water, and though these events are unlikely there's still remains a risk of collision or boat capsize on the Lake.

4) LOSS OF PERSONAL ITEMS

All personal items **MUST** be secured correctly by yourself if you decide to take it, our tour boat is fully covered with comfortable seating and personal items are more than welcome to be onboard. It is at your own risk to bring any personal items on your tour.

5) RISK OF SLIPS, TRIPS & FALLS

Walking and movement on the boat is permitted during the tour, though there remains a risk of falling over or tripping on the boat. There is a first aid kit on-board, and seats for all passengers are available.

Our walking track has some rough areas with uneven ground and routes. We provide walking poles, and guided assistance is available for the track. If your skipper doesn't think the walk is suitable for you, he may request that you remain on the boat (enjoying a hot drink) while the other passengers are on the track.

6) RISK OF DEATH OR OTHER SERIOUS INJURY

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