

Established over 30 years ago, Helicopters Nelson has evolved into a well-known and respected aviation company in the top of the South Island.

We specialise in creating luxury, tailored and unique helicopter tours in and around the “top of the south”. We offer helicopter charter services and customised tours to some of the country’s most stunning remote locations – there is no better view of New Zealand than from the skies. Whether you are looking for a corporate event, an active adventure or a romantic escape – anything is possible with Helicopters Nelson.

Your comfort and safety are paramount to us. Our professional pilots have a wealth of experience and local knowledge.

We primarily fly from our base at Nelson Airport but often fly in and out of lodges, venues or private properties nationwide.

Like many of our guests, you will want to tell your friends all about it!

Every flight with Helicopters Nelson is an unforgettable one.



Blue Lake Express

THE CLEAREST LAKE IN THE WORLD. Rotomairewhenua or Blue Lake is a small lake located in Nelson Lakes National Park, in the northern reaches of New Zealand’s Southern Alps. Sacred to local Maori, it has the clearest natural freshwater in the world. This flight takes us south into the Nelson Lakes where we enjoy spectacular views of Lake Rotoiti, Lake Rotoroa and Blue Lake, before a mountain landing on the National Park boundary.

Please note that Blue Lake is a protected wilderness area that we are only permitted to overfly. This location is a two-day journey on foot.

Departs morning & afternoon | Duration 2 hours, 1 landing, flight time 1 hour

D’Urville Island Indulgence

Discovered by French explorer Jules Dumont D’Urville, the island is located off the northern coast of the South Island with an area of approximately 150 square km, making it the eighth-largest island of New Zealand. Departing Nelson or Blenheim we follow Tasman Bay’s eastern coastline before arriving on D’Urville Island for a spot of helicopter reef fishing.

Once we have a decent catch we hop across to a sheltered bay to prepare your freshly caught fish alongside fresh local produce for a private dining experience like no other. With a glass of fine local wine or a cold craft beer in hand, relax and enjoy the pristine beaches and native bush, you can even take a swim! Our flight home tracks via the Mt Richmond Forest Park with a mountain landing. If you love fresh food and fine wines this is the exclusive tour for you!

Departs 10am | Duration 5 hours, 3 landings, flight time 2 hours

Ultimate Marlborough Sounds Day Tour

Track into the Mt Richmond Forest Park overflying the Pelorus River and Richmond Range. From the Pelorus Bridge, we fly over the Queen Charlotte Sound including Picton and the many bays out to the Tory Channel. At the Tory Channel, we will land at Arapawa Island.

Here we will visit two amazing attractions. Firstly we will meet Mike and Antonia at the Arapawa Island Pearl Farm. This is the only known Paua Pearl farm in the world and they will give us a tour of just what they do. After the tour and a home-made morning tea we will hop across to the neighbouring bay and visit the remains of the Perano Whaling Station and learn about its history. From the whaling station, we track back into the Queen Charlotte to quickly view Ship Cove where Captain Cook first landing when discovering New Zealand in 1770.

Lunch at Bay of Many Coves Resort where we will dine on the water front and relax for a couple of hours. After lunch we will fly further west over the Pelorus Sound and explore the amazing waterways and then the Eastern Side of Tasman Bay.

Departs mid-morning and returns mid-afternoon. Multiple landings.

The Wild North West

Tracking west into the heart of the Kahurangi, our first stop lands at a remote alpine location where we can enjoy the overwhelming surrounds of New Zealand's second largest National Park. From the mountains, we descend further west to Westhaven Inlet and track the rugged and remotely beautiful wild North West coastline for a landing on the beach, where we can explore sand dunes and eroded rock formations. Here we will sit back, relax and enjoy a gourmet picnic lunch and glass of local wine. After lunch, we lift off to explore Farewell Spit and Golden Bay before our final landing at Awaroa Bay in the Abel Tasman National Park. A short bushwalk through aged Manuka forest takes us up close to the pristine waters and golden sand beaches that make the Abel Tasman world famous.

Departs morning & afternoon | Duration 5 hours, 3 landings, flight time 2 hours

Option: **Cape Farewell Horse Treks** (add 2 hours)

If you are looking for more of a hands-on adventure, why not add a spectacular horse trekking experience that takes you climbing above the beach and crossing over the lush green hills of the Pukung Farm Park. A great opportunity to explore one of our most beautiful coastal landscapes on horseback.

Lord of the Rings Helicopter Tours

Heli Biking Adventures

Heli Fishing Adventures

Lodge Transfers

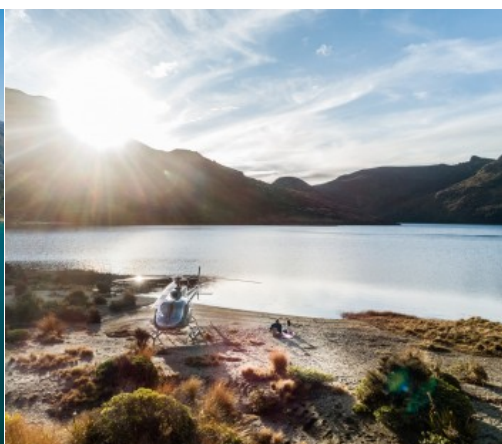
Additional Information

Dietary requirements must be advised prior to trip.

Suitable footwear and warm clothing required. We can provide warm jackets if required.

Price: \$600 to \$2,975

Small group or private tour



Directions

Nelson Base: Head south from Nelson on SH6 and follow signs to the Airport. Dakota Street is off the first roundabout inside the airport perimeter.

Motueka Base: Turn off High Street Motueka (SH60) down King Edward Street, following signs to the airport.

Pick up available from most Lodges by arrangement.

Terms

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Recommendations

Heli-Hike Heaphy Day Trips, Heli-Bike Nelson mountain bike and Abel Tasman Heli-Scenic plus [Abel Tasman Charter](#)

Accommodation in this area

- [Maruia River Retreat](#)