



## What to know before you go

### Prices

Three-day Classic Walk - Three days walking and three nights accommodation \$260

Two Day Hikers Option - Two days walking and two nights accommodation \$195

Options:

Private Room - Three-day Classic Walk -\$225 / Two-day Hikers Option - \$150

Sleeping Bag Hire \$40 - Collect your hired sleeping bag at your orientation and carry it with you from accommodation to accommodation.

Full Pack Cartage - Three-day Classic Walk - \$100/pack with a minimum of 4 packs or \$400. / Two-day Hikers Option - \$60/pack with a minimum of 4 packs \$240

Standard Pack Cartage -Onuku to Flea Bay \$25/pack/ Stony Bay to Akaroa

\$25/pack Each day has a minimum of 2 packs or \$50.

Extra Luggage Storage -\$10/bag

### Making your Booking

Check availability on the booking page by inputting the date you want to be picked up at 5.30 pm in Akaroa, and the number of walkers in your party. Remember, you will start walking the next morning. For example, if you book for the three-day classic walk on the 1st of the month, you will be picked up at 5.30pm that day (the 1st). You will walk on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of the month arriving back in Akaroa on the 4th of the month.

Most walkers arrive in Akaroa early to mid afternoon on the final day.

### Getting to Akaroa from Christchurch

Private Car - It is a one and a half hour drive from Christchurch to Akaroa along the ChCh-Akaroa Highway.

Public Transport - There are two bus companies running services between Christchurch and Akaroa . Both depart Christchurch each morning, returning each afternoon. See [French Connection](#) or [Akaroa Shuttle](#).

Group Airport/City Pick Up - Outer Bays Tours offer the tracks bus, or a van for smaller groups, to charter for groups arriving in Christchurch. Paul can pick you up from the airport or city mid afternoon and deliver you to Akaroa, and return you to

Christchurch/airport upon finishing the track. The cost is competitive with any other transport operator and the service convenient as the same bus takes you and your gear out to the first hut that night. It may be possible to consolidate your group with others.

Please contact direct to arrange. Paul Chandler e-mail: [pchandler@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pchandler@xtra.co.nz) or phone: 027 489 7200.

### **Pick Up**

Please arrive at Akaroa's old post office (opposite the BNZ ) at 5.30pm on your date of arrival (the date you booked for). After the orientation we will take you to the first hut (10 minutes walking from bus drop off).

### **Vehicle Parking**

Banks Track walkers can park their vehicles at Mt Vernon Lodge (33 Purple Peak Road) for the duration of their walk. Please park prior to pickup. Allow 30 mins to park your car at Mt Vernon Lodge and return by foot to the old Post Office for pick up and orientation at 5.30pm.

### **What you will need to carry**

You will need a sleeping bag, tramping boots and adequate clothing for all weather conditions, water bottle, cash (for shop, optional pack cartage and the kayaking option), torch, towel, medication and personal items. Bring food – there are drinks and chocolate bars available at Flea Bay and a trampers shop with meal options as well as snacks at Stony Bay (see below).

Some walkers find walking poles a very useful addition to their pack as the terrain can be steep and slippery at times.

Pillows and pillow cases are provided. All kitchens are fully equipped including stoves, pots, pans, plates, coffee plungers, cutlery etc as well as cleaning materials and tea towels. You don't need to bring any kitchen items. There are also rubbish bins at all huts.

### [What to bring checklist](#)

### **Trampers Shop**

You will need to bring food for all food until you get to Stony Bay Cottages, although Flea Bay Cottage, has Drinks and Chocolate bars available.

On your last evening at Stony Bay there is a Trampers shop. This shop is well stocked and open to walkers throughout their stay. It is restocked daily, and provides sufficient choice and quantity to cater for individuals or groups. Expect to pay prices roughly similar to a remote country dairy.

As well as a **good supply of cold drinks**, this shop includes:

Cereals, milk, bread, butter, bacon, eggs, coffee, tea, sugar, chocolate, biscuits, fresh vegetables, soup, tinned fish, cheese, fresh fruit, tinned fruit, tinned tomatoes, noodles, pasta, potatoes, sausages, steaks, mince, and ice cream.

## **Pack Cartage**

There are two pack cartage options: Standard pack cartage and Full pack cartage. Note: Packs are limited to 15kg. Our staff have been advised not to lift bags heavier than 15kg and Banks Track reserves the right not to carry items that exceed this weight.

Place everything (sleeping bags, food, spare shoes etc) inside your pack not tied to the outside or separated from your pack.

**Standard Pack Cartage** is available from Onuku to Flea Bay and again from Stony Bay to Akaroa. These are the longer sections and they both cross the rim of the extinct volcano.

The cost of standard pack cartage is \$25 per pack per section with a minimum of two packs or \$50. This option is booked and paid for at Onuku and Stony Bay accommodation respectively.

If you are likely to use standard pack cartage you will need to bring a day pack for use on the days your main pack is being carted for you.

**Full Pack Cartage** includes cartage to and from each accommodation. Your packs will be collected from one accommodation and taken to the next.

The cost of full pack cartage is \$100/pack with a minimum of 4 packs or \$400. This option must be prebooked by [email](#).

## **Extra Luggage Storage**

Additional luggage can be stored during your walk for \$10 per bag (limit per bag 15kg). Please bring to the orientation/bus pick up.

## **Your Itinerary**

There is an orientation at pickup, at 5.30pm on the first night of your Banks Track trip. You will be given a booklet with maps, emergency contact details, places of interest, local history and some details of flora and fauna. It will have all the details of your itinerary in your guide book.

## **Three-day Classic Walk**

5.30 pm pick up in Akaroa for transport to Onuku Accommodation for the first night.

Next day - you walk from Onuku to Flea Bay 11 km and 4-6 hours.

Next day - you walk from Flea Bay to Stony Bay 8 km and 2-3 hours.

Last day - you walk from Stony Bay to Akaroa 10 km and 4-6 hours.

Most walkers arrive in Akaroa early to mid afternoon.

## **Two-day Hikers Option**

5.30 pm pick up in Akaroa for transport to Onuku Accommodation for the first night.

Next day - you walk from Onuku to Stony Bay 19 km and 6-9 hours.

Last day - you walk from Stony Bay to Akaroa 10 km and 4-6 hours.

Most walkers arrive in Akaroa early to mid afternoon.