



*Come on a journey of discovery with*  
EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION NEW ZEALAND





*“I have been impressed with the quality and character of (ExpedNZ) instructors, attention to risk management, and infusion of cultural components into their programs. Our students and leaders have consistently described the (programs) as a major highlight on their gap year journey...Highly recommended!”*

*- James Simmons, Executive Director, Carpe Diem Education, Portland, OR*



## Abel Tasman National Park



A coastline of extraordinary beauty, history, cultural and environmental significance, this is one of three national parks within close proximity to our base. Here, students from Carpe Diem prepare to journey on a waka, a traditional canoe used by Māori, the indigenous people of New Zealand, in their navigational journeys that ultimately discovered Aotearoa New Zealand, ‘the land of the long white cloud’.

Are you looking for an authentic and immersive experiential learning experience, that will connect students with nature and forever enhance their world view?

# WELCOME TO EXPEDNZ

ExpedNZ is the international division of Whenua Iti Outdoors, a New Zealand based not-for-profit education organisation with over 35 years of experience delivering impactful experiential education programs in the outdoors.

We are founded on the belief that experiential learning best prepares students for our changing world, weaving culture, adventure and nature connection experiences throughout carefully designed programs that result in lasting personal growth.

At ExpedNZ we create meaningful and authentic experiential education programmes for young people, using the diverse and inspiring wilderness of New Zealand as a platform. Our highly experienced educators will take your students on a journey of discovery, allowing them to connect with nature, to other cultures, to enhance their world views and most importantly to connect with themselves.



Mark Bruce-Miller,  
*General Manager*

**Manaaki whenua, manaaki tangata, haere whakamua**  
*Care for the land, care for the people, go forward*





*“Our students who have participated in the Whenua Iti Outdoors (ExpedNZ) cultural programme all discovered a new face of education. They went away expecting to learn about tourism in a Māori context and returned profoundly moved, better connected with themselves and their culture than they had been, and more positive about their futures. Good learning is known to connect emotion and cognition through culture and this organisation better exemplifies this than any other organisation I’ve ever seen.”*

*- Andy England, Principal, Greymouth High School, NZ*



## Nelson Lakes National Park



The swingbridge is a feature of our national parks, connecting numerous tracks that provide well-maintained and incredible access to our wilderness environments. Here a student navigates one such bridge in the Nelson Lakes National Park, renowned for the Blue Lake which is considered to hold some of the clearest water in the world and is a local taonga (treasure) with it's own appointed guardian. Students have the opportunity to experience firsthand and contribute to the environmental management practices that are in place to take care of our taonga for future generations.

# WHY WORK WITH US?

A partnership with ExpedNZ enables access to stunning wilderness in our world-renowned national parks and authentic cultural experiences with local Māori iwi (tribes) under the guidance of our experienced & qualified outdoors educators.

## Location & Access

ExpedNZ is ideally located at the Top of the South Island, New Zealand, within easy access to remote wilderness locations to fuel your adventurous learning. We can't wait to show you the real Aotearoa, New Zealand!

## Experience & Safety

With over 35 years of experience in designing and delivering impactful experiences in the outdoors, we meet the highest of safety standards and practice, and are OutdoorsMark certified as an accredited Adventure Activity provider in New Zealand.

## Sustainable & Ethical

In te ao Māori (Māori world view), Kaitiakitanga means guardianship and protection and is a concept that our programs are founded on. Not only will international groups learn about New Zealand environmental strategies, the service element of our programs allows students to give back to the communities and environments that they connect with on their journey with us.

## Positive Impact

We know that the benefits of Experiential Education programs are holistic and wide ranging. Not only do the individuals who attend our programs benefit, but they in turn help the young people we work with in New Zealand. 100% of all profit from ExpedNZ programs goes to the Whenua Iti Foundation, to provide local youth access to programs that contribute to individual and therefore community wellbeing.





*“Thank you so much for pushing me out of my comfort zone and giving me the ability to trust in myself to do the right thing and that it will turn out ok.”*

*- Student*



## Kahurangi National Park



The largest national park of our region, Kahurangi is home to our highest peak Tuao Wharepapa (Mt Arthur), open tussock ridges, networks of cave systems underneath a karst (limestone) landscape, crystal clear mountain tarns and some of the purest drinking water. A real treat here, is to quench your thirst directly from the stream below your feet. In this photo, hikers climb above Lake Sylvester which can be reached on a day walk from one of the many access roads into our wilderness areas.

# OUR PROGRAMS

We align our international and local programs to ensure your students have a truly immersive and authentic cultural exchange alongside students from New Zealand schools. This is where we see the transforming and positive impact of experiential learning come into effect.

ExpedNZ programs explore unique aspects of New Zealand life, traditional Māori culture, our approaches to environmental management, our political systems and our economy. Our programs are tailored to meet the needs of the participants and requested learning objectives.

## Core Outcomes

ExpedNZ global programs offer engaging experiential education experiences, intercultural exchange and community service modules that explore the real New Zealand. Outcomes for students include:

- Enhanced global perspectives
- Deeper cultural understandings
- A profound sense of self-discovery and personal growth.

## Program Themes

ExpedNZ global programs integrate adventure, cultural immersion and environmental themes seamlessly. We ask our global partners to identify the learning objectives that align best to your curriculum and we will tailor the program to elevate these elements within our core program themes.



Adventure



Culture



Environment



Let's work together to inspire new thinking, enhance global perspectives & promote students' confidence to take on the challenges of tomorrow.

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