

Come on a journey of discovery



EXPEDNZ



EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION NEW ZEALAND



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"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 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 the natural world, within a unique cultural context that will forever enhance their world view?

WELCOME TO EXPEDNZ

ExpedNZ programmes are run by Whenua Iti Outdoors, a New Zealand based not-for-profit education organisation with over 37 years of experience delivering immersive, impactful experiential education programs in the outdoors.

We are founded on the belief that experiential learning best prepares students for our ever-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 programs for young people, using the diverse and inspiring wilderness of New Zealand as a platform for transformative learning. Our highly experienced educators will lead your students on a journey of discovery, allowing them to connect with nature and to other cultures, to enhance their world view and, most importantly, to nurture self-awareness and their sense of place in the world.



Mark Bruce-Miller,
CEO

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



“Spectacular program! Seeing our students so engaged in all of our activities and with the guides, whether it was tramping, kayaking, setting up tents, cooking, or learning about the environment or Māori culture. Experiential education at its best.”

- Trip Leader, The Lawrenceville School, NJ



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 its 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 in Te Ao Māori (the Māori worldview) 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 37 years of experience in designing and delivering impactful experiences in the outdoors, we meet the highest of safety standards and practice, and are OutdoorsMark NZ government safety-audit certified as an accredited Adventure Activity provider in New Zealand.

Sustainable & Ethical

In Te Ao Māori (Māori world view), the meaning of Kaitiakitanga translates most closely to guardianship and protection and is a concept that our programs are founded on. Not only will students learn environmental strategies in a New Zealand context, the authentic conservation service elements enable 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 is reinvested back into the Whenua Iti Trust, to support access for local youth onto programs that contribute to individual and therefore community wellbeing.



“Best week ever!!! The instructors, the activities, the places we went, the reflections, the adaptability... it was all incredible!”

- Student, The Bush School, WA



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. 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, indigenous Māori perspectives and our approaches to nature and conservation within our political and economic context. 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 education, global citizenship & community themes together 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



Global
Citizenship



Community



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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