



GEAR LIST – KEA FAMILY

Items & amounts are intended as a guide for a 13 day *Kea* trip.
You will need the cold weather items – even in NZ summer!

ESSENTIAL PAPERS

- International & domestic air tickets and any other travel documents
- Travel insurance papers & numbers (ACTIVE NZ *highly* recommends purchasing travel insurance)
- Passport - must be valid for *at least* 3 months after arrival into New Zealand
- Visitor Permit – granted on arrival for those with USA, Australian, British, Canadian, European Passports with at least 3 months validity. If you have another passport type you may need to obtain this permit in advance. Please check with your nearest New Zealand embassy.
- Credit/debit cards, travelers checks, New Zealand cash
- ACTIVE NZ Trip Summary - containing pick up location & emergency contact numbers
- ACTIVE NZ Brochure & *Kea* trip itinerary

RECOMMENDED LUGGAGE

1 x large backpack - approx 3,500-4,500ci/60-70 liters – required for overnight hike at Mt Aspiring Hut or 1 x large duffle bag – recommended for general luggage if renting a large backpack from us

ESSENTIAL ITEMS

- 1 x large backpack - approx 3,500-4,500ci/60-70 liters - required for one night at Mt Aspiring Hut (available for rent – see box below)
- 1 x sleeping bag - required for one night at Mt Aspiring Hut (available for rent – see box below)
- 1 x day pack – large enough to carry your raingear, fleece, camera, water & personal items
- 1-2 trekking poles, extendable – optional but great to have, especially if have weak knees – highly recommended
- 1 x hiking boots/shoes – sturdy, with good ankle support & tread, comfortable & worn in
- 1 x running shoes/sports sandals – for kayaking & casual wear (e.g. Tevas or similar)
- 1 x sports sandals – for sea kayaking & casual wear (e.g. Tevas or similar)
- 1 x rain jacket – medium weight with a hood (e.g. Gortex, PreCip)
- 1 x rain pants – light/medium weight (e.g. Gortex, PreCip, polyester)
- 1 x medium-weight fleece/jacket - must be warm!
- 2 x light-weight fleeces/sweaters
- 1 x set of long thermal underwear – top & bottom (e.g. polypropylene, capilene)
- 3 x shorts – 2xpair for hiking, 1xpair for casual
- 2 x long pants - 1xpair for hiking, 1xpair for casual
- 4-5 x t-shirts
- 2 x long-sleeve shirts
- 1 x warm hat (e.g. wool/fleece ski hat)
- 1 x warm gloves (e.g. wool/fleece gloves)
- 5 x pair underwear
- 5 x pair warm hiking socks - 3xpair for hiking, 2xpair for casual
- 1-2 x pajamas/nightwear
- 1 x swim suit – for rafting & swimming
- 1 x towel – for kayaking, rafting & swimming
- 1 x sun hat (e.g. baseball cap)
- 1 x sunglasses
- 1 x camera, film/memory cards & batteries/charger (240V with NZ plug adapter)
- 1 x insect repellent – for sandflies and mosquitoes
- 1 x sun-block – 15-30 SPF recommended for New Zealand conditions at all times of year
- 1-2 x 1 quart/liter water bottles or hydration system (e.g. CamelBack)
- 1 x flashlight/headlamp
- 1 x toiletries bag – you'll need your own shampoo/conditioner, soap, toothbrush/paste, prescription medications/lenses, razors, feminine hygiene products, ear-plugs (for overnight hiking), alarm clock, etc.

FABRIC NOTE: If possible, we recommend pants, shorts & t-shirts made from quick-drying, non-cotton fabrics for all the activities on our trips. This is because cotton clothing tends to retain water when wet (due to rain, humidity or perspiration) which usually results in making you cold and uncomfortable - the last thing we want you to be! If you don't already own some, at least one or two quick-dry t-shirts would be a worthwhile purchase for this trip.

RENTAL GEAR AVAILABLE: US\$20 + tax per item per trip

* **Large Backpack – sizes available: Child, Petite, Adult, Extra Tall.**

* **Sleeping Bag (with inner sheet) – sizes available: Child, Adult, Extra Tall.**

* **Please let us know if you'd like to rent something via your online booking page (Step 2: My Trip Details) or via email if need be, at least 2 weeks in advance of your trip start date.**

PACKING FOR THIS TRIP

This list is intended as a guide for a 13 day *Kea* trip. . You'll be able to do laundry at a few places – for this particular trip Queenstown is probably the best place as we're there for 3 nights – so that may help you plan for this trip. Layering clothing works very well in New Zealand as the weather can sometimes change quite considerably throughout the day.

OVERNIGHT HIKE TO MT ASPIRING HUT

We'll be spending one night during the trip at Mt Aspiring Hut, a remote, public-use hut with basic facilities, such as bunk-style beds (with mattresses) & long drop bathrooms. As this is a non-booking hut, we also each hike tents and sleeping mats in as the hut could be full with no space to sleep. The night before we head into the hut you'll be provided with rental backpacks, sleeping bags (if applicable), tents, and sleeping mats, and you'll divide your gear in two: for the overnight hike you'll need hiking clothes, 1-2 fleeces, gloves, hat, rain gear, 1-2 quarts/liters of water, 1lb/0.5kg of group food, a sleeping bag and backpack large enough to fit everything inside (we don't recommend strapping sleeping bags on the outside of your pack due to the high rainfall in NZ). A large backpack of approx 3,500-4,500ci/60-70 liters is ideal for adults. The rest of your gear will be placed in a duffle/plastic bag to be stored securely in our vehicle for you until you return from Mt Aspiring Hut.

SPECIALIZED DAY TRIP GEAR

RAFTING: We'll provide you with a wetsuits, life jacket, helmet, dry bag and all the necessary safety gear. Regular hiking gear such thermals, fleece, raingear, thermal gloves, water shoes/sandals and socks will be fine.

KAYAKING: We'll provide you with a modern, plastic, double sea-kayak, paddle, life jacket, dry bag and all the necessary safety gear. Regular hiking gear such thermals, fleece, raingear, thermal gloves, water shoes/sandals and socks will be fine.

OPTIONAL ITEMS

- Personal first aid kit (e.g. second skin, if you are prone to blisters)
- 1-2 trekking poles, extendable - great to have but not essential
- Money belt/pouch for valuables (for transit only, NZ is generally a very safe country)
- Reading material, pocket knife, binoculars etc.
- Nice jeans/khakis/skirt (for Auckland, Christchurch, Queenstown etc.)
- Hairdryer (240V with NZ/Australian plug adapter)

SUPPLIED/UNREQUIRED ITEMS (ACTIVE NZ will provide where needed)

- Plates/cutlery/cooking equipment
- Laundry detergent
- First aid equipment
- Navigational equipment
- Water purification equipment/chemicals – you can drink straight from most NZ streams

CLIMATE	AVERAGE	AUCKLAND		CHRISTCHURCH		QUEENSTOWN	
		°F	°C	°F	°C	°F	°C
SPRING Sep/Oct/Nov	Max Temp	61	16	63	17	65	18
	Min Temp	41	5	45	7	52	11
	Rain Days	9		7		12	
SUMMER Dec/Jan/Feb	Max Temp	72	22	72	22	75	24
	Min Temp	50	10	54	12	54	12
	Rain Days	8		7		8	
FALL Mar/Apr/May	Max Temp	61	16	65	18	68	20
	Min Temp	43	6	46	8	55	13
	Rain Days	8		7		11	
WINTER Jun/Jul/Aug	Max Temp	50	10	54	13	59	15
	Min Temp	34	1	37	3	48	9
	Rain Days	7		7		15	

If you have any further questions about your trip, please see the following link:

Further Questions: <http://www.activenewzealand.com/questions.php>

If you still can't find the answers you're looking for please email Sophie in Client Services sophie@activenewzealand.com - she'd be happy to help you out!

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