

GAC Comments: Trek Hut to Hut on New Zealand’s “Great Walks” and Alpine Trails.

Talbert, February 2027

Reviewer: GAC 15 Dec 25

Exec Summary

Destination description (to become the Route-Place, if required)

Does it provide a high-level overview of the main attractions of the overall destination for the activity being proposed, and the major gateway towns, without focusing on the specific proposal? (n/a if route-place already exists)	Already exists
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Activity description (to become the web listing)

Activity Title

Leads with the activity type and the place(s) where it will happen?	"Backpacking" needs to be included in the optional extension (please provide clarity on each segment).
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Activity Summary

Includes what is special about the proposed experience in this place?	Yes, but consider shortening it.
Explains that the member fee is a deposit, and also provides the total trip price.	Yes

Itinerary Highlights

A description of the itinerary, sufficient that participants understand what the days' activities will include.	Double check daily rating (and limit it to the max. difficulty rating) for both segments. And double check accuracy of "1988 pass discovery" statement.
Where it starts and ends including a map showing the location of the trip geographically?	Yes.
The inclusive dates of the activity and the number of days doing the actual activity within that?	Yes.
The Mountaineers difficulty rating and the max distance and gain or technical aspect that drives the rating?	Identify the max. per day and for the optional extension.

Other Included Services (within the Itinerary Highlights or elsewhere)

What services will be provided in terms of guiding, portage, gear and transport?	Yes.
What gear participants will be expected to provide?	Need a general list of "big ticket items" participants need to bring.

Meeting Place-Time

Is it clear where and when everyone is expected to gather for the trip at the latest?	Yes (but could clarify the first two bullets - one is at beginning and one is at end of the extension)
Where and when participants could plan to depart at the earliest?	Yes

Time of Year

Clearly covers the likely weather conditions that participants need to be prepared for?	More detail would be good.
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Lodging and Food

What the types of lodgings will be during the trip and what is included in the trip price?	Yes.
What meals are included in the trip price and what meals that participants will need to provide for themselves?	Yes.
Includes a note about what special dietary preferences and requirements can be accommodated.	Yes.

Minimum and Maximum Party Size

Articulates the largest and smallest party size the leader will accept. The largest party size is that which can be safely handled with the number of planned leaders and guides (if any) that have been arranged. The smallest party size is that which can be accommodated within the stated trip price while maintaining a positive margin.	Does the Optional Extension have a min. party size?
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Participant Requirements

Includes the essential fitness and technical skill/badge requirements to go on the trip and how leader will assess them?	Modify to reflect expected pack weight for Opt. Extension backpack.
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Includes a description of the most challenging terrain/situations that participants need to be confident on?	Is it possible to add photos of most challenging segments (if any?)
Details the Covid-19/respiratory illness policy?	Consider adding link to our policy (to insure latest language).
Includes statement that all participants in a Mountaineers Global Adventure must carry emergency evacuation and emergency medical insurance, at their own expense. Trip Cancellation insurance is recommended, though not required.	Please note "required" insurance in Trip Price Detail.

Cancellation Terms

Includes a clear description of the fee schedule for anyone who cancels at a given time before the trip?	Yes
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Trip Price Detail

Clearly describes what the price includes and what the price does not include?	Please don't include the 16% Admin Fee (GAC policy decision this year)
Includes a description and amount of estimated costs for major elements that are not included, corresponding to the table of non-included expenses at the bottom of the Budget for GA Committee?	Consider more of a breakdown in the web description.

Other

Does the activity description include <u>all the moderate to high risk factors</u> identified in the Risk Assessment that could not be entirely mitigated in the trip plan?	Yes.
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Detailed Budget and Trip Price

Trip Cost worksheet

Shows the expected daily covered expenses on a per person basis including comments or notes explaining what is in each expense cell?	Yes (but is the \$338 for the Okaka Lodge for a two night stay? With food?)
Do the daily expenses seem reasonable?	Yes
Do any important expenses seem to be missing?	Are airport shuttles included in hotel costs? Any separate fees for permits?
If daily expenses will be paid in a foreign currency, is each expense converted to USD with an exchange rate shown that is representative of the current level (not optimistic or pessimistic)?	Very conservative, but hopefully you can revise the trip price later?

Leader Cost worksheet

Shows the assumed % of the direct costs of the trip that is budgeted for each leader and co-leader?	Yes.
Shows all incremental leader expenses that will be included in the budget (such as airfare/transport to and from the trip, extra early-arrival expenses for scouting, etc.), including a comment or note explaining what incremental expenses will be covered?	Yes.
Are the leader expenses reasonable?	yes.

Budget for the Committee worksheet

Includes the total expenses by category corresponding to the Trip Cost Worksheet and Leader Cost worksheet, with notes explaining what is in each cell?	Yes
Are any extra expenses such as admin expenses, equipment rentals, passes/permits, insurance, and travel agency fees adequately described?	Yes
Does it include a sufficient percentage contingency to cover potential fluctuations in expenses before the trip as well as unexpected expenses during the trip?	Yes
Are the non-included expenses itemized in the table below the main budget, and are they complete including the required emergency evacuation and medical insurance?	Yes.

Budget for Club Accounting worksheet

Includes a trip price that is high enough to cover the projected expenses with a reasonable buffer (i.e. the margin is positive)?	Trip doesn't appear to work financially for a party of 10. Revise budget/price as needed.
Uses a minimum roster size established based on the lowest price that would cover all expenses and keep the budget in the black (including admin fee and contingency) at that party size.	No.

VOTE

Approve this proposal as-is	
Approve this proposal, subject to the committee's requested changes	Yes.
Request re-review of this proposal, after the committee's requested changes have been made	

Volunteers to re-review: Mike K and Colin C