

# **ALPS 2 OCEAN - EPIC**

For your peace of mind, our support vehicle is always available throughout each stage of the cycle tour. This gives us the opportunity to visit other points of interest around the areas on the tour. Or if we have any unfavourable weather conditions, bike hassles or flatties, or you just simply need to rest the legs for a little bit, then we can accommodate accordingly. Please refer to our <u>FAQs page</u> for more information.

# Day 1: Christchurch - Twizel

- Our Alps 2 Ocean cycle trail tour gets underway as we head south across the plains towards the Mackenzie Basin, past Lake Tekapo to Lake Pukaki, reaching the Jollie River Car park
- Alternatively we can organise a bus transfer from Queenstown to Tekapo.
- This first section of the Alps 2 Ocean cycle trail is a true highlight of the bike tour. We start by riding 9km north deep into the mountains to 'Rotten Tommy'- the views here are quite simply superb.
- The Trail then retraces to our High Country Accommodation for the evening, including a wholesome high country meal.

CYCLE DISTANCE: 25KM MEALS: DINNER

# Day 2: Twizel

- Day 2 starts with a short cycle, then a unique tour with perhaps NZ's quirkiest farmer?
- The trail then follows the shores of Lake Pukaki, passing by the location of 'Lake Town' in the Hobbit Trilogies, to the Tekapo B power station, for a cuppa and some home baking treats.
- We then ride alongside the Lake Pukaki foreshore, featuring fantastic views of Aoraki Mount Cook and the snow-capped Southern Alps,.
- Enjoy another break at the Lake Pukaki foreshore before embarking on the cycle trail across the Pukaki Flats to Twizel.
- Finally, we check into our comfortable accommodation for the night and enjoy a local eatery.

# Day 3: Twizel - Omarama

- Cycle out of Twizel this morning to the Pukaki Ohau canal, following the road alongside the canal to the Ohau Weir.
- Here we enjoy morning tea with a fabulous view overlooking Lake Ohau and the Ben
  Ohau and Barrier Ranges. Following the refreshment stop the next section of cycle trail
  follows the edge of Lake Ohau to Ohau Lodge where a sumptuous lunch awaits.
- From here a challenging but spectacular section of Alps 2 Ocean trail beckons, featuring a climb to the Tarnbrae highpoint and down to the Quailburn. The final ride takes you on an easy descent of the Quailburn to Omarama and to our accommodation.
- After the ride enjoy an optional visit to the Omarama Hot Tubs for a well-deserved soak.

CYCLE DISTANCE: 82KM MEALS: BREAKFAST / LUNCH / DINNER

### Day 4: Omarama - Kurow

- Today's bike ride takes us down the Waitaki Valley. Firstly we bike from Omarama to Lake Benmore via Sailors Cutting on a lovely bike trail alongside the lake.
- From here a new section of trail takes you up and over the hills to Benmore Dam on a very scenic but challenging section of the trail.
- The next section follows Benmore Dam, past the power station and along the pleasant sealed road beside Lake Aviemore.
- From here we follow the Waitaki River down the valley to Kurow, finishing the day's ride in Kurow, where you can enjoy the southern hospitality at out accommmodation

CYCLE DISTANCE: 71KM MEALS: BREAKFAST / LUNCH / DINNER

#### Day 5: Kurow - Oamaru

- Today the trail leaves the Waitaki valley and heads inland through the North Otago countryside, home to the unusual limestone 'Elephant Rocks' to Windsor.
- Enjoy lunch before the next cycle trail section through very attractive looking 'English' countryside, and into Oamaru, finishing up by the Pacific Ocean at Friendly Bay.

- Check into our accommodation in the historic precinct, and explore the splendid Victorian area of Oamaru featuring some of New Zealand's best 19th century architecture.
- Enjoy a celebratory meal together.

CYCLE DISTANCE: 78KM MEALS: BREAKFAST / LUNCH / DINNER

## Day 6: Oamaru - Christchurch

- Enjoy a well-deserved lie-in and leisurely breakfast. Spend the morning taking in the sights of the amazing Victorian precinct of Oamaru, before we head back to Christchurch arriving at approximately 5pm.
- Alternatively catch a travel connection through to Queenstown, arriving at 7:20pm.

CYCLE DISTANCE: 0KM MEALS: NONE

# What's Included:

- 5 nights twin share ensuite accommodation
- 5 evening meals; 4 lunches; 4 continental breakfasts
- · Home baking, healthy snacks, fruit & morning teas on the trail
- The services of a tour leader who provides vehicle support & information
- Cycle repair support
- All transport from/to Christchurch
- GST

# What's Not Included:

- Wine; beer; espresso coffees
- Lunch on Days 1 & 6, breakfast on Day 6
- Single accommodation supplement (\$545)
- Bike hire (\$200) or e-bike hire (\$550)
- Queenstown to Tekapo transfer Day 1 (\$55 approx.)
- Oamaru to Queenstown transfer Day 5 (\$80 approx.)



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