

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 [FAQs page](#) for more information.

Day 1: Arrive Nelson or drive Christchurch to Nelson

- We can meet at Nelson mid afternoon or join the PureTrails bus and drive Christchurch – Nelson, departing Christchurch 8am.
- Enjoy an afternoon biking from our accommodation (near Nelson airport) into Nelson city, or visit some of the local attractions, - WOW museum, Pics Peanut butter or enjoy the café culture.
- We settle into our accommodation (on the Great Taste Trail and close to the airport) for the next 2 nights.

CYCLE DISTANCE: 0-10 MEALS: DINNER

Day 2: Nelson - Kohatu - Nelson

- After breakfast we climb aboard the bus and drive to Kohatu to start the Great Taste Trail.
- The first section includes the Spooners tunnel, at 1352 m is the longest decommissioned railway tunnel in the southern hemisphere, so a torch is needed. Today's ride is a gentle relaxing downhill cruise.
- The remainder of the riding is through rural farmland, Waimea Estates vineyards and along the Waimea River stop bank.
- Checkout the Lord Rutherford Memorial, which displays the history of one of New Zealand's greatest scientists, most famous for being the first to split the atom.
- Continue along the trail through Richmond and back to our accommodation.

CYCLE DISTANCE: 51 KM MEALS: BREAKFAST / LUNCH / DINNER

Day 3: Richmond to Riwaka

- Today it is straight onto the bikes from our accommodation, riding a few km's back to Richmond, then off along the sparkling coastline.
- The coastal pathway is a cycling highlight along waterways, bridges and boardwalks and crossing the bridge to Rabbit Island.
- It is all aboard the Mapua ferry to transfer to the seaside village of Mapua to enjoy a look around the interesting village and maybe some gift shopping.
- After Māpua, there are a few short climbs as the trail winds along apple orchards, vineyards, working artist studios and galleries to the Tasman village. At the top, your effort is rewarded with amazing 360° views taking in Tasman Bay and the Arthur Range.
- The cycling continues to our accommodation and maybe visit the local brewery or local cheese platter at our accommodation.

CYCLE DISTANCE: 57KM **MEALS: BREAKFAST / LUNCH / DINNER**

Day 4: Riwaka to Takaka

- Today the first ride is to the gorgeous Kaiteriteri beach, the gateway to the Abel Tasman National Park. It includes entering the Kaiteriteri Mountain Bike Park and the 'Easy Rider' trail.
- After exiting 'Easy Rider' at the mountain bike skills park it's just a short ride down the road to the glorious golden sands of Kaiteriteri beach.
- Then it is onto a boat again for a Scenic cruise of the Abel Tasman National Park to Totaranui, and a bike along the coastal road to Pohara, then to Takaka.
- We settle into our accommodation at Takaka where we will be for the next 2 nights.

CYCLE DISTANCE: 30 KM **MEALS: BREAKFAST / LUNCH / DINNER**

Day 5: Takaka Valley

- Today starts with a short cycle to the Te Waikoropupu Springs for a short tranquil walk around the clearest bubbling spring water in the world. Soak up the clean and peaceful beauty of this special place.
- We then ride along the Anatoki river back roads to the Salmon farm where there is the chance to catch your own salmon!

- It is then on board the bus to Puponga for one of those bucket list items, The Farewell Spit. Enjoy an educational 4.5 hour tour along the spit to the iconic lighthouse. (Alternatively if the group don't wish to do the Farewell Spit Tour, \$200), we can do a 35km bike on a sealed and gravel road to Puponga, and a short walk to a Fairwell Spit view point).

CYCLE DISTANCE: 15 KM MEALS: BREAKFAST / LUNCH / DINNER

Day 6: Takaka to Westport

- Today is an action day, so with a good early start it is into the bus to head back over the infamous hill to Riwaka to jump on the bikes to continue the Great Tastes trails, and head to Woodstock.
- This section is called the back of beyond, heading up the Baton valley to the purpose built cyclists Baton River Swing bridge.
- Then it is over the Baton River Saddle and down the back country road to Tapawera, and on to Kohatu to complete the Great Taste Trail loop. (There is potentially 68km of riding this day, but it can easily be shortened by delaying the start and loading early).
- With The Great Taste Trail and Takaka Valley done, it is off to Westport for the Kawatiri Trail.

CYCLE DISTANCE: 30-68 KM MEALS: BREAKFAST / LUNCH / DINNER

Day 7: Westport to Punakaiki

- Today we ride the new Kawatiri Coastal Trail, firstly through a lush nikau palm glade and out along the coast past Carters Beach.
- The trail continues to Cape Foulwind and alongside the stunning Tauranga Bay and Okari Lagoon coastlines, before turning inland and through a forest clad wetland all the way to Charleston. (Note that there is a cycle bridge still to be completed 10km north of Charleston. This should be done by March next year, - if not it is a short vehicle shuffle to continue the trail).
- From Charleston we ride a quick PureTrails special, into a magnificent valley where we load up the bikes and head to Punakaiki.

CYCLE DISTANCE: 56 KM MEALS: BREAKFAST / LUNCH / DINNER

Day 8: Punakaiki to Christchurch

- Today can be a leisurely start as the tour draws to a close. There is time to enjoy the wonders of the Punakaiki pancake Rocks, or a bush walk on the Paparoa Trail.
- We then head to Greymouth. From here you can opt to take the TranzAlpine train (apx \$225) over Arthur's Pass and back to Christchurch, arriving at approximately 6.30pm, or travel back in our vehicle.

CYCLE DISTANCE: 0 KM MEALS: BREAKFAST

What's Included:

- 7 nights twin share ensuite accommodation
- 7 evening meals; 6 lunches; 7 breakfasts
- Home baking, healthy snacks, fruit & morning teas every day!
- The services of a tour leader who provides vehicle support & information
- Cycle repair support
- Mapua Ferry Crossing
- Scenic boat Cruise, Kaiteriteri to Totaranui
- 6 hour Farewell Spit tour
- All transport from/to Christchurch
- GST

What's Not Included:

- Wine; beer; espresso coffees
- Lunch on Days 1 & 8
- Single accommodation supplement (\$695)
- Bike hire (\$200) or e-bike hire (\$565)
- Tranzrail Scenic Alpine Train trip, Greymouth – Christchurch on last day (apx \$225)

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