

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 - Pukaki

- 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: Pukaki - Ohau

- The trail follows the shores of Lake Pukaki, passing by the location of 'Lake Town' in the Hobbit Trilogies, past the Tekapo B power station to a favourite spot for a cuppa and some home baking treats.
- We ride alongside the Lake Pukaki foreshore, featuring fantastic views of Aoraki Mount Cook and the snow-capped Southern Alps,.
- We enjoy a picnic lunch with fabulous view overlooking Lake Ohau and the Ben Ohau and Barrier Ranges.
- The next section of cycle trail follows the edge of Lake Ohau to Ohau Lodge where we check into our comfortable accommodation for the night and enjoy the local delicatessan.

Day 3: Ohau - Omarama

- Day 3 starts with a challenging but spectacular section of the Alps 2 Ocean trail, featuring a climb to the Tarnbrae highpoint. The views accross the vast landscape are superb.
- Then its a gentle glide down to the Qualburn and a well earned lunch.
- The last part of the 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: 45KM 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 is a favourite section of trail that 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: OKM MEALS: NONE

What's Included:

- 5 nights twin share ensuite accommodation (except High Country accommodation which is shared ensuite)
- 5 evening meals; 4 lunches; 4 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)
- Omarama Hot Pools
- Queenstown to Tekapo transfer Day 1 (3rd party)
- Oamaru to Queenstown transfer Day 6 (3rd party)



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