

AROUND THE MOUNTAINS

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 or Queenstown - Arrowtown

- For the Christchurch departure we kick off the tour with a supremely scenic drive from Christchurch across the plains and through the Mackenzie Basin.
 Over the Lindis Pass, into Central Otago and through the Kawarau Gorge to our accommodation, in the picturesque Arrowtown.*
- *Alternatively you can join the tour in Arrowtown from Queenstown.
- For those meeting us in Arrowtown, we will arrive around 4.30pm
- Come afternoon enjoy a stroll through the town's boutiques, find the beautiful river and discover the historic Chinese gold mining village relics.
- In the evening get acquainted with your new riding companions over a hearty meal at the local pub.

CYCLE DISTANCE: 0KM MEALS: DINNER

Day 2: Arrowtown - Mossburn

- We travel to the southern tip of Lake Wakatipu and the village of Kingston where the Around the Mountains Cycle Trail begins.
- The first part of the bike trail hugs the foot of the mountains before following the Kingston Branch railway to Fairlight Station, and then on to Garstonthere are some interesting shops to explore here during morning tea.
- The next section of the cycle trail takes you along a valley following the Mataura River to the village of Athol where we stop for lunch.

- Our final stretch of cycling for the day takes you through picturesque farmland to the settlement of Five Rivers, and then alongside the Oreti River to Lumsden.
- From here we transfer to Mossburn and our accommodation for the evening.

CYCLE DISTANCE: 62KM MEALS: BREAKFAST / LUNCH / DINNER

Day 3: Mossburn - Te Anau

- In our support vehicle we head towards the Eyre Mountains to the stunning Mavora Lakes, nestled between the Livingston and Thomson Mountains.
- Enjoy a stunning bike ride through beech forest alongside the picture perfect lakes.
 Take in the views over morning tea before cycling down the valley towards Centre Hill.
- After a picnic lunch continue cycling the Around the Mountains cycle trail to Mossburn.
 Here we finish riding for the day and load up the vehicle to transfer a short distance to the town of Te Anau, nestled on the edge of the Fiordland National Park.
- In Te Anau, settle into your accommodation for the next two evenings and explore the town.

CYCLE DISTANCE: 53KM MEALS: BREAKFAST / LUNCH / DINNER

Day 4: Te Anau (Manapouri)

- Today can be a well-earned rest day exploring the beautiful towns of Te Anau and Manapouri, on the edge of the Fiordland National Park.
- For the two-wheeled enthusiasts, who wants some miles on the pedals, there is the
 option (and return!) of cycling from Te Anau to Manapouri via the Lake2Lake bike trail
 beside the scenic Waiau River. The views over Lake Manapouri to the Kepler Mountains
 beyond are fantastic.
- In Te Anau there is time to take an optional walk around the side of Lake Te Anau on the famous Kepler Track, do an optional boat ride across the lake, or simply relax and soak up the views.

CYCLE DISTANCE: 40KM MEALS: BREAKFAST / LUNCH / DINNER

Day 5: Te Anau - Queenstown

- For our final morning ride we transfer back in the Eyre Mountains, to Mt Nicholas Station.* This was settled in the 1860's and is one of NZ's largest stations at 40,000 hectares.
- The cycle trail follows the road that dissects the Mt Nicholas Station, providing lovely views of the towering mountain peaks and vast tussock plains to the shores of Lake Wakatipu.
- Soak up the epic mountain views for the final bike ride to Walter Peak Station. From here, climb aboard the TSS Earnslaw, known as 'The Lady of the Lake' and enjoy the 45 minute cruise to central Queenstown and the end of the Around the Mountains Trail cycle tour.

Please note:

*Access to Mt Nicholas Station is via a remote road which is sometimes impassable when rivers are in flood. If this occurs we may not be able to access Mt Nicholas, and will instead head to Queenstown and enjoy some local trails or a trip on the Earnslaw to Walter Peak.

Transport to Christchurch starting that afternoon and arriving the following day is available in our bus.

CYCLE DISTANCE: 51KM MEALS: BREAKFAST / LUNCH

What's Included:

- 4 nights twin share ensuite accommodation
- 4 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
- TSS Earnslaw Cruise
- GST

What's Not Included:

- Wine; beer; espresso coffees
- Lunch on Day 1 & dinner on Day 5
- Single accommodation supplement (\$495)
- Bike hire (\$200) or e-bike hire (\$495)
- Transfer from Arrowtown Christchurch
- Accommodation and dinner on Day 5 if returning back to Christchurch with PureTrails bus and guide



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