# COAST TO CENTRAL OTAGO TRAILS

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/Queenstown/Dunedin

- We head south across the plains and down the South Island Coast. The scenic drive continues as we go through Timaru then the rolling farm country of South Canterbury. We stop for lunch at the world renown Moeraki Boulders, before continuing our travels south to Port Chalmers where you will catch the ferry (with your bike) across the harbour to Portobello.
- From here it is a scenic 16km ride on the purpose built cycle trail to Dunedin city where the bus will be to meet you.
- Alternatively, there is the option to join the tour in Dunedin, or transfer from Queenstown. In the evening get further acquainted with your companions over a meal at a local restaurant.

CYCLE DISTANCE: 16KM MEALS: DINNER

### Day 2: Waihola - Lawrence

**PureTrails** 

- Embark on a picturesque ride across the flats near Milton, through the rolling hills of productive farming country. The route includes a unique 1.6 km stretch of boardwalk, weaving through lakeside wetlands—an immersive cycling experience amidst a protected natural environment. Along the way, you'll cross two 42-meter suspension bridges (Toko East and Toko West), adding a thrilling twist to the ride..
- The day concludes in Lawrence, a historic town nestled near Gabriels Gully, where Gabriel Read's 1861 discovery of gold sparked the Central Otago Goldrush. As night falls, enjoy warm rural New Zealand hospitality at its finest, with cozy accommodation to rest and recharge for the next leg of your journey.

CYCLE DISTANCE: 61KM CLIMB: 590M MEALS: BREAKFAST / LUNCH / DINNER

### Day 3: Lawrence - Roxburgh

- Start the ride with a short downhill, followed by an 8 km climb to the highest point of this end of the trail at Big Hill Tunnel. Built by up to 100 men, the 434-meter tunnel is a testament to sheer determination, with rumours of gold found in the quartz).
- Afterward, enjoy a thrilling long downhill ride to Beaumont, passing through a scenic gorge and the historic Horseshoe Bend suspension bridge. Continue on to Millers Flat, then we head toward Lake Roxborough Village.
- This final section offers a pleasant ride through orchards and past gold mining relics, culminating in a relaxing stay in the picturesque village.

CYCLE DISTANCE: 75KM CLIMB 550M MEALS: BREAKFAST / LUNCH / DINNER

### Day 4: Roxborough - Clyde (Roxburgh Gorge Trail/Clutha Gold Trail)

- Starting from our accommodation, the trail through the Roxburgh Gorge offers breathtaking views and an unforgettable experience. A short 1 km zigzag climb (or take the bus if you prefer) leads to an 11 km cycle to Shingle Creek, where a scenic jet boat ride takes you to Doctors Point. Along the way, get up close to the historic Chinese gold mining huts, with an insightful commentary on the gold rush era.
- Afterward, cycle another 10 km to Alexandra for a well-deserved lunch. The final 13 km ride follows the Clutha River under the shade of willow trees to Clyde, then we check into our accommodation for the next two nights. Take time to explore Clyde's charming galleries, boutiques, and reflect on its rich gold mining history. We'll finish the day with a delicious meal at a popular local restaurant.

#### CYCLE DISTANCE: 35KM CLIMB 470M MEALS: BREAKFAST / LUNCH / DINNER

#### Day 5: Clyde - Cromwell (Lake Dunstan Trail)

 Today, we ride one of the newest and most stunning trails—the Lake Dunstan Trail. Starting with a ride across the Clyde Bridge, we pass the Clyde Dam and then join the Dunstan Trail as it winds through the spectacular Cromwell Gorge. The rugged landscape of schist rock, towering above the deep blue waters of Lake Dunstan, is a visual feast, and the engineering marvels of bridges bolted to the vertical rock faces are truly awe-inspiring. Take your time to absorb the beauty of the landscape and enjoy a relaxing picnic lunch along the way. • As we near the end of the ride, the trail passes Cornish Point and winds through vineyards and olive groves to Bannockburn. Continuing along the Kawarau River, we reach the historic precinct of Cromwell. If your legs are up to it, we can extend the ride to Smiths Way before a celebratory meal to mark the end of an unforgettable day.

CYCLE DISTANCE: 56KM CLIMB 720M MEALS: BREAKFAST / LUNCH / DINNER

#### Day 6: Clyde - Christchurch/Queenstown

• Enjoy a well-deserved lie-in and a leisurely breakfast to start the day. Spend the morning taking in the sites of the historic precinct of Cromwell,. We head back to Christchurch, across the Mackenzie country to complete the loop, typically arriving around 5.00 pm. Alternatively, you can catch a travel connection through to Queenstown.

#### CYCLE DISTANCE: 0KM MEALS: BREAKFAST

## What's Included:

- 5 nights twin share ensuite accommodation
- 5 evening meals; 4 lunches; 5 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
- Port Chalmers to Portobello Ferry
- Roxburgh Gorge jet boat scenic trip
- Goods & Services Tax of 15%

## What's Not Included:

- Wine; beer; espresso coffees
- Lunch on Days 1 & 6
- Single accommodation supplement (\$545)
- Bike hire (\$200) or e-bike hire (\$550)
- Transfers (3<sup>rd</sup> party) to Queenstown on Day 6



#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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