

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: Christchurch – Picton

- The day begins with a Scenic drive up SH1 to Kaikōura, showcasing a stunning coastline of rugged cliffs, sandy beaches, and snow-capped mountains dropping into the Pacific Ocean.
- Passing thorough Kaikōura offers opportunities to spot seals, dolphins, and whales before the journey continues through Blenheim's vineyard-lined farmland.
- The drive ends in Picton, nestled beside the majestic Marlborough Sounds; guests may alternatively join the tour in Blenheim or Picton.
- Evening Welcome – The group gathers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant and bike checks in preparation for the boat trip the following day.

CYCLE DISTANCE: 0KM MEALS: DINNER

Days 2 - 4 : Ships Cove - Awatere Valley

- Day 2, we begin with a scenic 1-hour boat journey through the stunning Marlborough Sounds to Ships Cove. From there, we ride 31km along the Queen Charlotte Track – a mix of single track and rewarding climbs – before settling in to peaceful seaside accommodation, surrounded by birdsong.
- Day 3, we ride from Kenepuru Saddle, passing the Portage Resort and rejoining the Queen Charlotte Track for a beautiful waterfront trail to Anakiwa. A final mix of sealed road and single track brings us into Picton for a well-earned rest.

- Day 4, We ride from Picton into the Awatere Valley via a mix of sealed and gravel roads and new single track, crossing Taylors Pass before reaching the Hodder River. From here, we bus a short way to Middlehurst Station, our base for the next two nights.

CYCLE DISTANCE: 3 DAYS: 175KM TOTAL CLIMB: 2680M

MEALS: BREAKFAST / LUNCH / DINNER

Day 5 - 7: Awatere Valley - Culverden

- Day 5, we ride up the scenic Awatere Valley, passing Middlehurst Station and tackling some steady climbs up to Wards Pass. After finishing the ride, we transfer back to Middlehurst Station for a well-earned rest.
- Day 6, we transfer to our bikes and ride through the heart of Molesworth Station, finishing the day in Hanmer Springs. Relax and recharge in this alpine village.
- Day 7, Enjoy a slow-paced morning—perhaps visit the Hanmer Hot Pools—before a mostly downhill afternoon ride on sealed roads to Culverden.

CYCLE DISTANCE: 3 DAYS: 184KM TOTAL CLIMB: 2360M

MEALS: BREAKFAST / LUNCH / DINNER

Day 8 - 12 : Culverden - Cricklewood, (Bus to Christchurch)

- Day 8, we are well past halfway of Tour 1! Today's ride is to Amberley through some North Canterbury farmland, keeping off the main roads. More downhill than up, but a testing 93km, to arrive at our accommodation in Amberley.
- Days 9 - 11, Explore the foothills with the Alps on your right and Canterbury Plains to the east. The route includes the Pyramid Valley, Oxford, a stop at Sheffield Pie shop, and Rakaia Gorge. Mix of sealed and gravel roads. Overnight stays in Rangiora, Rakaia Gorge area, and Geraldine.
- Day 12, Our final 54km ride to Cricklewood near Fairlie before returning to Christchurch or continue to Tekapo or another destination for rest before Tour 2.

CYCLE DISTANCE: 5 DAYS: 374KM TOTAL CLIMB: 2747M

MEALS: BREAKFAST / LUNCH / DINNER

What's Included:

- 11 nights twin share accommodation (mix of shared and private ensuite)
 - 8 evening meals; 9 lunches; 10 breakfasts
 - Home baking, healthy snacks, fruit & morning teas on the trail
 - The services of 2 PureTrails tour leaders who provides vehicle support & information
 - Boat trip Picton - Ship's Cove
 - Cycle repair support
 - Transport available from/to Christchurch
 - GST
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What's Not Included:

- Wine; beer; espresso coffees
 - Meals not detailed as above
 - Single accommodation supplement
 - Bike hire
 - Hanmer Hot Pools entry
 - Alternative Transfers
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