

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 – Hokitika

- The West Coast Wilderness Trail & Beyond tour gets underway with a very scenic drive over Arthur's Pass to the west coast.
- Our first ride at Lake Kaniere is a beautiful ride around the side of the lake and through native bush. This is a great opportunity to get familiar with your bike before we commence the West Coast Wilderness Trail.
- We then head to the Hokitika Gorge, where you'll get the chance to take a stroll and view the vivid turquoise waters.
- We transfer to an elevated ridge overlooking both the ocean and mountains, and settle into our accommodation for the next two nights.

**CYCLE DISTANCE: 18KM    MEALS: DINNER**

## Day 2: Hokitika

- This morning we transfer to the small gold mining town of Ross and begin our ride of the West Coast Wilderness Trail, following an old railway line north.
- Our morning tea stop is at the West Coast Treetop walkway, where you can enjoy a walk along a 450m steel platform suspended 20 meters high, giving you an amazingly different perspective of the forest.
- The trail then heads inland through native bush featuring towering rimu trees, and on to the roaring coast at Hokitika.



- Enjoy a picnic lunch on the beach and time to explore the township of Hokitika – the heart of the coast.
- Our final section of the day follows an old tram line along the Hokitika River.

**CYCLE DISTANCE: 38.5KM    MEALS: BREAKFAST / LUNCH / DINNER**

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## **Day 3: Hokitika - Kumara**

- The West Coast Wilderness Trail today features virgin rainforest and massive Podocarp trees as well as serene canals and streams.
- The first section involves riding along a stunning water race to Lake Kaniere. From here the trail follows a road across farmland and through native bush to the Arahura River, where the trail leaves the road and climbs along a well benched switch back trail to 'Cowboy Paradise'.
- Continue through the forest and over the spectacular swing bridges to the Kawhaka Pass. From here the trail descends the Kawhaka Valley to the picturesque hydro canals.
- Enjoy a picnic lunch before the final section of trail through to the historic mining town of Kumara.
- Here galleries occupy refurbished shops and our accommodation at the recently restored historic Theatre Royal Hotel, circa 1876, takes pride of place on the main street, the West Coast`s only restored miners' hotel, and once a world-renowned theatre.

**CYCLE DISTANCE: 58KM    MEALS: BREAKFAST / LUNCH / DINNER**

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## **Day 4: Kumara - Cape Foulwind**

- Our final day of the West Coast Wilderness part of the tour is cycling across farmland, through native bush, beside the roaring coastline and finally along the stop banks of the Grey River to the center of Greymouth.
- After morning tea we head north along the famed coastal road to Punakaiki where we get to view the famous Pancake Rocks, and the powerful swell of the sea.



- Back in the support vehicle we continue north to Westport where there is time to explore this township before we transfer to our accommodation for the next two evenings at Cape Foulwind. We top out our day at a pub full of warm West Coast hospitality.

**CYCLE DISTANCE: 28KM    MEALS: BREAKFAST / LUNCH / DINNER**

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## Day 5: Cape Foulwind

- Today we ride the very 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.
- The coastline of this mild region of the upper west coast is very attractive and is steeped in the gold-mining history of NZ pioneers.
- In the afternoon there is ample time to relax at our accommodation and enjoy a walk along the beach to stretch the legs.

**CYCLE DISTANCE: 52KM    MEALS: BREAKFAST / LUNCH / DINNER**

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## Day 6: Cape Foulwind - Christchurch

- This morning we head back down the beautiful coast road, stopping at Punakaiki for an opportunity to visit a serene river in a valley surrounded by limestone cliffs, or a bush walk or a short bike ride through the bush on the Paparoa Trail.
- We then head to Greymouth and from here you can opt to take the TranzAlpine train\* over Arthur's Pass and back to Christchurch, arriving at approximately 7.00pm, or travel back in our vehicle.

**CYCLE DISTANCE: 6KM    MEALS: BREAKFAST**

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## 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
  - All transport from/to Christchurch
  - Entry to the West Coast Treetop Walk
  - GST
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## What's Not Included:

- Wine; beer; espresso coffees
- Lunch on Days 1 & 6
- Single accommodation supplement
- Bike hire
- Optional TranzAlpine Train from Greymouth to Christchurch Day 6



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