

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: Arrive Nelson or drive Christchurch - Nelson

- We can meet at Nelson mid afternoon, or join the PureTrails bus in Christchurch and drive to Nelson, departing Christchurch apx 8am.
- Enjoy an afternoon biking towards Nelson city from our accommodation (on the trail, near Nelson airport), or visit some of the local attractions, - Classic Car Museum, Pics Peanut Butter or enjoy the local coffee culture.
- We settle into our accommodation for the next 2 nights, meet fellow cyclists and enjoy a taverna meal.

CYCLE DISTANCE: 0-10KM **MEALS: DINNER**

Day 2: Nelson - Tapawera - Nelson

- After breakfast we climb aboard the bus and drive to Tapawera to start the Great Taste Trail
- The first section includes the Spooner Tunnel, at 1352m is the longest decommissioned railway tunnel in the Southern Hemisphere, so a torch or good phone torch is needed. Todays ride is mainly a gentle relaxing downhill cruise.
- The remainder of the ride is through rural farmland, Waimea Estates vineyards and along the Waimea River stop bank.
- Checkout the Lord Rutherford Memorial, which displays the history of one of New Zealand's greatest scientists, most famous for being the first to split the atom.
- The trail continues through Richmond and back to our accommodation

CYCLE DISTANCE: 51KM **MEALS: BREAKFAST / LUNCH / DINNER**

Day 3: Richmond - Riwaka

- Today it is straight onto our bikes at our accommodation, riding a few km's back to Richmond then head right along the sparkling coastline.
- The coastal pathway is a cycling highlight along waterways, bridges and boardwalks and crossing the bridge to Rabbit Island.
- It is all aboard the Mapua ferry to the seaside village of Mapua to enjoy a look around the interesting village, maybe some gift shopping and relax over your own lunch
- After Mapua, there are a few short climbs as the trail winds along apple orchards, vineyards, working artist studios and galleries to the Tasman village. At the top, your effort is rewarded with amazing 360 degree views taking in Tasman Bay and the Arthur Range.
- The cycling continues to our accommodation, on the way maybe visit the favourite Motueka ice cream shop, or local brewery.

CYCLE DISTANCE: 57KM **MEALS: BREAKFAST / LUNCH / DINNER**

Day 4: Riwaka - Takaka

- Today the first ride is to the gorgeous Kaiteriteri beach, the gateway to the Abel Tasman National Park. It includes entering the Kaiteriteri Mountain Bike Park and riding some of the 'Easy Rider' trail.
- After exiting 'Easy Rider' at the mountain bike skills park, it is a short ride down the road to the glorious golden sands of Kaiteriteri beach and a coffee looking over the bay.
- It is into a catamaran ferry for a Scenic cruise along the coastline of the Abel Tasman National Park to Totaranui beach for a beachside picnic lunch. We transfer on the bus to Wainui Bay to enjoy a coastline ride past Tata beach, through Pohara then onto Takaka. Time permitting, enjoy a visit to a fabulous sculpture outlet and a gin tasting experience.
- We settle into Takaka, where we will be for the next 2 nights

CYCLE DISTANCE: 24KM **MEALS: BREAKFAST / DINNER**

Day 5: Takaka Valley

- Today starts with a short ride to the Te Waikoropupu Pupu) Springs for a short tranquil walk around the cleanest possible bubbling spring water. Make sure you soak up the clean and peaceful beauty of this special place.
- It is another short cycle to the local airport, for one of those bucket list items, a Golden Bay highlights scenic flight over the Farewell Spit, down the coast line and skirting the Abel Tasman National Park. If you aren't a flyer, you will be reimbursed appropriately.
- Take some time out to wander the arty shops of Takaka, then transfer to Farewell Spit, enjoying a bike to Cape Farewell and the option of a short walk to one of New Zealand's remote beaches.
- We return to our Takaka accommodation with a meal at a legendary restaurant on the way.

CYCLE DISTANCE: 22KM MEALS: BREAKFAST / DINNER

Day 6: Takaka - Nelson

- Today it is onto the bus to head over the hill to Riwaka for a cafe breakfast, then transfer to todays starting point on the Motueka river, - or you can grab some extra k's and start from the cafe.
- This section is called the back of beyond, heading up the Baton Valley to the purpose built cyclists Baton River swing bridge, where we enjoy a trailside picnic lunch.
- After lunch it is over the Baton River Saddle and down the back country road to Tapawera to complete the Great Taste Trail loop, where we started 5 days ago!
- We load up and head back to Nelson to arrive around 4pm. There is the option of returning to Christchurch with the PureTrails bus, starting that afternoon and arriving Christchurch early afternoon the following day .

CYCLE DISTANCE: 40KM MEALS: BREAKFAST

What's Included:

- 5 nights twin share ensuite accommodation
- 5 evening meals; 3 lunches; 5 breakfasts
- Home baking, healthy snacks, fruit & morning teas every day!
- The services of a tour leader who provides vehicle support & information
- Cycle repair support
- Mapua Ferry Crossing
- Scenic boat Cruise, Kaiteriteri to Totaranui
- Scenic flight over Golden Bay and Farewell Spit
- Transport from and to Christchurch
- GST

What's Not Included:

- Wine; beer; espresso coffees
- Lunch on Day 1
- Accommodation and dinner on Day 6 - if returning back to Christchurch with PureTrails bus and guide
- Single accommodation supplement
- Bike hire