

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/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

- 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 - Bannockburn (Roxburgh Gorge /Clutha Gold & Lake Dunstan 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.
- Cycle from Alexandra to Clyde before joining the iconic Lake Dunstan Trail. Ride 23km to Clyde, then a spectacular 35km along Lake Dunstan through the dramatic Cromwell Gorge, surrounded by striking schist landscapes and world-class engineering, before finishing among vineyards and olive groves in Bannockburn. We'll finish the day with a delicious meal at a popular local restaurant.

CYCLE DISTANCE: 69KM CLIMB 470M MEALS: BREAKFAST / LUNCH / DINNER

Day 5: Bannockburn - Queenstown (Kawarau Gorge Trail)

- Ride the spectacular highly anticipated Kawarau Gorge Trail from Bannockburn to Queenstown on a truly unforgettable final stage. Following the turquoise waters of the Kawarau River, the trail winds through dramatic schist cliffs, historic gold-mining landscapes, and rugged backcountry terrain. The scenery constantly evolves, from rocky bluffs and sweeping river views to vineyards and remote canyon landscapes, with plenty of opportunities to stop and take in the scale of the gorge.

- As we near the end of the ride, pass through the renowned wine-growing regions of Bannockburn and Gibbston Valley, with the river never far away. While generally smooth and flowing, the trail includes some undulating sections that add a rewarding challenge through its more remote middle reaches, before gradually opening out toward the alpine backdrop of Queenstown.
- The tour officially finishes on arrival in Queenstown, but you are welcome to get a lift back to Christchurch in the PureTrails bus the following day departing from Cromwell.

CYCLE DISTANCE: 60KM CLIMB 720M MEALS: BREAKFAST / LUNCH

What's Included:

- 4 nights twin share ensuite accommodation
- 4 evening meals; 3 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
- 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 Day 1
- Single accommodation supplement
- Bike hire
- Overnight accommodation (Day 5) if returning to Christchurch after tour



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