

Day Two: Christchurch to Fairlie
 Timaru to Fairlie int/adv. 64km
 Timaru to Cave turn-off cas 36km

We will drive in the Pedaltours minibus from Christchurch to the start of the ride in Timaru, where you will notice many lifestyle blocks (small farms)
 From Timaru the road follows the main water route before sidling above the Pareora Gorge. You will cycle through the gorge along a very attractive quiet road from Cave to your farmstay in Fairlie. Your farm hosts will show you their property and a little of their lifestyles.

Lodging: Breakfast , lunch and dinner included today
 Farm Stay, Fairlie
 (four guests per host. Written details of your host and their property will be supplied by your guide)

Day Three: Fairlie to Twizel
 Fairlie to Twizel: adv. 100 km
 Fairlie to Lake outlet int. 91 km
 Fairlie to Tekapo cas. 44 km .

We farewell our farm hosts and begin the gradual climb to Burkes Pass and on to Lake Tekapo. At Tekapo the church of the Good Shepherd's stained glass window is a photographic must. We then follow the Tekapo canal through the wide open spaces of the MacKenzie Basin to the outlet of Lake Pukaki, before turning South toward the small town of Twizel.
 Twizel was built to accommodate a large temporary workforce during the construction of the region's hydro-electricity dams and canals after the second world war (the town has an interesting audio-visual display centre).

Lodging:
 High Country Holiday Lodge , 23 McKenzie Drive, Twizel
 Ph: 03 435 0671 Fax 03 435 0747
 Shared facilities, restaurant, close to all amenities

Day Four: Twizel to Omarama cas. 28.5km
 Twizel to Mt Cook: int. 65 km
 Peter's Lookout to Mt Cook. cas. 49 km
 Mt Cook to Omarama adv. 99 km

Mt. Cook should be visible from Twizel. We will drive to Mt Cook and allow time for a short hike in the national park, with spectacular views of the Hooker or Tasman glaciers and New Zealand's highest peaks.
 We will then ride back alongside Lake Pukaki, with the prevailing wind at our backs. The terrain between Twizel and Omarama (known for fly-fishing and gliding) is fairly flat.

Lodging:
 Heritage Gateway Hotel, Omarama.
 Phone 03 438 9805 Fax. 03 438 9837
 Facilities: Bar and laundry. Private facilities.
 Features: Local trout fishing and gliding

Day Five:	Omarama to Queenstown	173km
	Omarama to Lindis Pass	cas. 32 km
	Omarama to Tarras	int. 80 km
	Omarama to Cromwell	adv. 111 km

We begin the day with a climb over Lindis Pass (971m), with its huge sheep stations of 25 to 30,000 acres. (The support vehicle is available for those who prefer to avoid the climb). The summit affords sweeping views of Otago tussock country and a pleasant descent beside the Lindis river with its weeping willows to the tiny settlement of Tarras.

From Cromwell we drive through the Kawerau Gorge to Queenstown; the self-styled adventure capital of New Zealand.

Lodging:

Melbourne Motor Lodge, 35 Melbourne St, Queenstown

Phone 03 442 8431 Fax. 03 442 7466 Email: stay@mmlodge.co.nz

Quiet location , only 300m to town centre.

Day Six: Queenstown

Options today include a jet boat or rafting trip on the Kawarau or Shotover Rivers, the steamer "Earnslaw" to visit a high country sheep station, the gondola cableway, Skippers canyon, a flight to Milford Sound (fiord), and much more. Queenstown also has an excellent botanical garden and a very good shopping centre.

Lodging: Melbourne Motor Lodge

Day Seven: Queenstown to Wanaka via Cardrona: 78 km / 49 mi.

We cross the Shotover River on our way to Arthur's Point. A short leisurely ride beneath Coronet Peak, a winter ski field, takes us to Arrowtown, with its quaint old cottages and avenues of elms. Our route today takes us up the hairpin bends of the Crown Range, and over the Cardrona Road. The van shuttle will be available to the top of the road. On reaching the top there will be amazing views of The Remarkables mountains and Queenstown. We descend past the historic Cardrona Hotel to Wanaka, a peaceful alpine town with a magnificent lakeside setting.

Lodging: B, L, D

Altamont Lodge , Mt Aspiring Road, Wanaka

Phone 03 443 8864 Fax. 03 443 1864

All seasons lodge with large lounge and kitchen facilities, outdoor BBQ and tennis court

Day Eight: Wanaka to Makarora - 67 km / 42 mi

As you cross to the West Coast the country becomes dramatically lush, open sheep paddocks giving way to dense bush. The road closely follows Lake Wanaka, crosses the Neck to Lake Hawea and then recrosses to Lake Wanaka.

The sparsely populated West Coast is relatively isolated being cut off by the Southern Alps.

Lodging: B, L, D
Makarora Chalets, Makarora
Phone (03) 443 8372 Fax. (03) 443 1082
Facilities: Swimming pool, restaurant.
Features: Optional jet boating up Wilkin River into Mt. Aspiring National Park.

Day Nine: Makarora to Haast: 86 km / 54 mi

We head towards the coast, following the Haast River from snowcapped peaks to the sea. We climb gently to Haast Pass then enjoy a swift downhill through the Gates of Haast to Pleasant Flat and Depot Creek. We pass innumerable waterfalls and much bird life, notably keas, fantails and bellbirds.

Lodging: B, L, D
Heritage Park Lodge, Marks Road, Haast
Ph: 03 750 0868 Fax 03 750 0869
Located in a World Heritage Park area. Café and tavern/restaurant nearby.

Day Ten: Haast to Franz Josef 145 km / 91 mi
Lake Moeraki to Fox: 90 km / 56 mi

Just south of Lake Moeraki, Knights Point affords excellent views of the rugged coastline where seals can often be seen basking in the sun. From here to Fox the road is very gently undulating, passing through lush rain forest of rimu and rata, flax filled swamps and past rugged hills. The many rivers become raging torrents after rain. With fine weather there will be superb views of Mt. Cook and the Southern Alps.

From Fox to Franz Josef the road is through beautiful native forest; it also includes three quite severe climbs (and descents).

Lodging: Chateau Franz Backpackers, or similar,
Franz Josef Glacier, Westland.

Day Eleven: Franz Josef Rest Day

A walk up the glacier valley gives spectacular views of the terminal ice, while the Westland National Park Visitors Centres house a wealth of information. (Thirteen percent of N.Z. is national park.) Also highly recommended are ski-plane or helicopter flights over snowfields, forests and glaciers. Neighbouring Okarito Beach, site of Abel Tasman's landfall and once a thriving town, is a further option.

Lodging: Chateau Franz Backpackers, or similar,

Day Twelve:	Franz Josef to Hokitika	adv.135 km
	Franz Josef to Lake lanthe	int. 80 km
	Franz Josef to Mt Hercules Summit	cas. 51 km

Much of the ride today is through native bush. It is initially flat, then shortly before Harihari we tackle Mt Hercules – a far easier climb than the name suggests. Harihari is a small logging town which has an excellent craft shop. The tavern at Lake lanthe is well worth a stop, as is beautiful Lake lanthe, renowned for trout fishing.

From here it is a flat run to Hokitika, a town famous for its goldrush in the 1860's. It is now supported by greenstone (jade) and glass blowing factories and tourism.

Lodging:
Southland Hotel, 111 Revell St, Hokitika (Requested)
Phone 03 755 8344 Fax 03 755 8258
Centrally located hotel with café and restaurant.

Jade Court Motor Lodge, 85 Fitzherbert Street, Hokitika. (Waitlisted)
Phone 03 755 8855 Fax. 03 755 8133

Day Thirteen:	Hokitika to Greymouth	42km
	(Punakaiki to Greymouth	42km)

We head north via Greymouth, the principal town of Westland. Named after Sir George Grey, New Zealand's first Governor, it was the site of Mawhera, the largest Maori settlement on the West Coast. We will allow time this afternoon for sightseeing at Punakaiki, famous for the Pancake Rocks and blowholes and its spectacular coastline.

Lodging:
Revingtons Hotel
46 Tainui Street, Greymouth
Ph: 03 768 7055 Fax 03 768 7605 Email: revys@xtra.co.nz
Facilities: Restaurant, sports bar, casino
Features: Historic hotel in town centre.

Cycling distances given are entirely optional; the van will be available at any time. Page- 5

Day Fourteen: Greymouth to Christchurch

Enjoy the spectacular TranzAlpine train trip from the West Coast through the dramatic Otira Gorge to Arthur's Pass. Descending through dense beech forest from Arthur's Pass the terrain is rolling as we pass Lakes Pearson, Grasmere and Sarah. We then pass Lake Lyndon and the Torlesse Range before crossing the Canterbury Plains to Christchurch.

A second option is to cycle – with the aid of the support vehicle- to Arthur's Pass Village before catching the train back to Christchurch for our farewell dinner.

Lodging:

YMCA, Christchurch

12 Hereford Street, Christchurch , Christchurch

Phone: within N.Z. toll free 0800 655 300, or 03 379 1180 Fax: 03 366 7590

Email: accom@ymcachch.org.nz

Deluxe rooms with private bathrooms.

Day Fifteen: Christchurch

It is here that we must say farewell, a safe journey home and hope to see you again.

You may wish to leave the following accommodation listing with friends or family.

SOUTH ISLAND SOUTHERN ALPS 15 DAY TOUR

Day	Date	Location	Accommodation	Phone
1	27 Jan 07	Christchurch	Stonehurst	03 379 4620
2	28 "	Fairlie	Farmstay	
3	29 "	Twizel	High Country Lodge	03 435 0671
4	30 "	Omarama	Heritage Gateway	03 438 9805
5	31 "	Queenstown	Melbourne M Lodge	03 442-8431
6	01 Feb	Queenstown	Melbourne M Lodge	03 442-8431
7	02 "	Wanaka	Altamont Lodge	03 443 8864
8	03 "	Makarora	Makarora Wild. Resort	03 443 8372
9	04 "	Haast	Heritage Park Lodge	03 750 0868
10	05 "	Franz Josef	Chateau Franz	03 752 0757
11	06 "	Franz Josef	Chateau Franz	03 752 0757
12	07 "	Hokitika	Southland Hotel	03 755 8344
13	08 "	Greymouth	Revington's Hotel	03 768 7055
14	09 "	Christchurch	YMCA	03 365 0502
15	10 Feb 07	Depart for home		