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From February 1 until February 10.

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This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. This beautiful New Zealand South Island Tour short program includes unique features, highlights and some fantastic climbs in the mighty Alps. Experience riding the rolling hills of the South Island of New Zealand as you prepare yourself to ride the "Queen Stage" from the dry mountains of Central Otago to the rainforest of the Wild West coast! This tour has been specially designed with you, the passionate road cyclist in mind! This tour is open to cyclists of moderate to intermediate fitness level wishing to push themselves and experience new highs of achievement. Routes may include longer climbs and more technical skills.

Beyond the included activities there also are some wonderful optional activities for you to choose from. On your free day in Franz Josef you can choose to book a half day hike on the Franz Josef glacier or you may even go for a helicopter ride!

Immerse unique New Zealand With his beautiful nature

- Visit the scenic glacier village of Franz Josef and hike the Franz Josef Glacier
- Cycle through spectacular landscapes and varied terrain set the scene for some of the world's best cycling experiences
- Luxury 3 and 4 star hotels

- There's extra time for relaxing or adventures in Alpine mecca Queenstown also called "Adventure capital of New Zealand"
- Cycle the alpine Haast Pass through Mt. Aspiring National Park before the road drops down to the rugged West Coast
- Bike the North region of the South Island, a wine country with rolling hills, beautiful coastal scenery, and the sunniest region in the country.
- Cycling along the rainforests on the wild West Coast and the beauty of the Marlborough wine growing region

Itinerary

Day 1

Check in

Welcome to Queenstown, New Zealand's adventure capital. Depending on your arrival time, you could try a fly-cruise-fly package into the dramatic Milford Sound, white water rafting, jet boating, paragliding, or helicopter rides. You could shop in the pretty town center, or take an afternoon cruise on Lake Wakatipu on the steamship TSS Earnslaw. Or, head out for your first cycle ride: you can suggest good routes. Tonight you'll meet your tour guide and your fellow tour members, some of whom started the tour in the southernmost town of Bluff.

Day 2

Queenstown to Wanaka 74 km

First, a fairly easy ride to the historic gold mining town of Arrowtown, with just one real climb. Then you head to the summit of New Zealand's highest highway (1080 m). It's a hard 3 km up steep hairpins, a flattish 5 km, then a lung-wrenching, leg-burning 3.5 km. Then it's 'plain sailing' as you follow the Cardrona River down to Wanaka, a popular lakeside resort town. Relax and enjoy local eateries and sights. There are also plenty of options for extra riding.

Day 3

Wanaka to Haast 143 km

A longer ride is in store today as you head west across the Southern Alps. The landscapes again change dramatically, from the dry, arid mountains of Central Otago to the dense rainforests of the wild West Coast. There will be numerous photo opportunities as you ride alongside Lakes Wanaka and Hawea and then over the glorious alpine Haast Pass. From here it's a beautiful downhill as you follow the Haast River from its inception to the Tasman Sea.

Day 4

Haast to Franz Josef 144 km

Heading north, you follow the rugged West Coast coastline for 30 km, with just one small climb before turning inland. Another little hill takes you to scenic Lake Paringa. A flat section through

rainforest allows for some recovery until just before Fox Glacier at 120 km. To round off a spectacular day you now have three steep climbs and descents for around 22 km to Franz Josef. The rugged coastal scenery and dense rainforest make today's ride one of the most scenic of the tour. The perfect finish could be the Glacier Hot Pools, nestled in lush rainforest near the township's edge.

Day 5

Rest day

A free day in this scenic alpine town surrounded by native rainforest. Relax, rest your legs and do as you please. Optional cycling is available, or you may choose to book a half day hike on the glacier, or go for a helicopter ride. Those Glacier Hot Pools with their natural glacier water may again be tempting.

Day 6

Franz Josef to Hokitika 134 km

There's a flat to slightly undulating ride up beautiful West Coast roads today. Most of the route is slightly inland. The only hills are a short climb over Mt Hercules on a very scenic, winding bush-clad road. There are also small undulations around Pukekura, home of the Bushman's center and some 'tall tails'. Hokitika is a pleasant town known as the Heritage and Cultural center of the West Coast. Here you'll find New Zealand's finest pounamu (local jade).

Day 7

Hokitika to Westport 138 km

Continuing north, it's a reasonably easy flat ride along the coastline for around 82 km to your rest stop at Punakaiki. It's spectacular layered 'Pancake Rocks' and Blowholes at the coastline are a must-see. Punakaiki is also the gateway to the 30,000 ha Paparoa National Park. Then it's on to Perpendicular Point and Pakihi Hill with their great sea views before descending into the port town of Westport for a hard-earned pint of their local Miner's beer.

Day 8

Westport to St Arnaud 156 km

After following the stunning coastal road for 3 days, you now head inland on a gradual climb. You follow the Buller River past Fern Arch and Hawk's Crag, a tunnel blasted through rock in 1900. You pass the small towns Inangahua Junction and Murchison to Kawatiri. Then you turn off onto a quiet road and cycle northeast to the alpine village of St Arnaud, in the Nelson Lakes National Park beside Lake Rotoiti and the towering Mt Robert. Today is your longest cycling day and while you cycled gradually for the entire 158 km, it's only to 700 m above sea level.

Day 9

St Arnaud to Picton 153 km

Through forest and then farmland, you cycle down the long Wairau Valley to the outskirts of Blenheim, centre of one of New Zealand's major wine regions. At Renwick, a meandering back road leads to Havelock, a charming little port town on the edge of the beautiful Marlborough Sounds. On your final 30 km of the winding coastline to Picton you see some of the most beautiful scenery in the region. It's a great finish to your last cycling day.

Day 10

Departure day

After 940 km of great riding it's time to pack up the bikes and bid your farewells. If you're travelling to Wellington and the North Island, the ferry terminals are close by, and the airport at Blenheim is an easy transfer. For those who wish to return with us to Christchurch, the support vehicle leaves mid-morning for the 5-hour drive via Kaikoura and the East Coast.

Airport

- The Airport of Auckland is the main airport in New Zealand and the most important hub to all destinations in New Zealand. There are many regular flights to/ from Melbourne, Brisbane, Sydney Singapore, Bangkok, Nadi, Dubai and Tokyo. Domestic flights leave to/from Wellington, Christchurch, Invercargill, Nelson, Queenstown, Dunedin, Hamilton, Napier and other small domestic airports.
- Christchurch Airport is the gateway to the southern island and the second largest airport in New Zealand. There are the same regular flights as the airport Auckland

Busses

- Shuttle busses leave frequently from the airport to Auckland city center. A free inter-terminal bus service operates every 15 minutes between the international and domestic terminals.
- Shuttle busses leave frequently from the airport to Christchurch city center. Travel time from the airport direct to the city center is approximately 15-20 minutes.

By car

- Christchurch - Queenstown 480 km (298Miles)
- Christchurch - Dunedin 360 km (223Miles)
- Christchurch - Invercargill 565 km (351Miles)
- Christchurch - Picton - 350 km (217Miles)

Booking Information

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- All prices are based on double rooms.
- For bookings & inquiries info@cycleclassictours.com

Extra Information

Dates for 2019 & 2020 on request

- Fill out and submit the online booking request or send an email to info@cycleclassictours.com
- Once we receive your request we contact the local tour operator if the tour is available.
- When the tour operator confirms to us. We confirm to you and charge you're a deposit fee of €750 per person plus a € 15 booking fee.
- We tend and try to send all over within 48 hours.
- You will receive an invoice, the tour program and the terms and conditions of the tour operator.
- Please do not make travel plans until you receive our confirmation.
- Your confirmation invoice contains a statement reflecting of your deposit payment and the balance due.
- The balance payment is due 60 days before the start of the tour.
- Please be advised that we make every effort to ensure that all the information given on this site is accurate. All statements and information has been researched and supplied by third parties.
- The information given is accurate and reliable, to the best of our knowledge. Should errors be found, we will rectify them as quickly as possible. However, we accept no responsibility for errors or inaccuracies.

Included

- 9 nights lodgings in excellent 3-4 star hotel (NZ Standard)
- Daily breakfast
- Meals as specified on Itinerary (breakfast & Lunch)
- Department of Conservation fees
- Support van during whole Tour.
- Arrival Transfer on Day 1 only (between 7.00am and 14.00pm)

Not Included

- Single supplement on request
- Quality Racing bike on request
- Insurance
- Airfares & Taxis
- Departure day transfers : for those who wish to return to Christchurch, our support van leaves mid-morning for the 5-hour drive via Kaikoura and the East Coast.
- Sport drinks & snacks during cycle days
- Meals not included on Itinerary