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Alps 2 Ocean 2020 March 15th to 21st 2020

OVERVIEW

Cycling 280Km from Lake Tekapo in the Southern Alps to Oamaru on the East Coast. Through the beautiful Mackenzie country, past pristine lakes, down the Waitaki Valley to the coast.

The aim of this trip is to enjoy sociable cycling in this gorgeous part of the country for 5 days. With the dates being the beginning of Autumn, the trees should be changing colour and there may even be some snow on top of the mountains, so hopefully we will have some impressive scenic backdrops.

The group size will be a max of 10 people with 2 guides. It will be both a fun event where you can meet fellow cyclists and also a great goal to aim for in terms of training and preparation.





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ITINERARY

15th March

Arrival Christchurch (by own arrangements). Custom shuttle to Twizel. If hiring a bike, you will have a bike fit with the provider. Welcome introductions. Group Dinner included. Stay Twizel. Deluxe apartment.

16th March

Breakfast is included. Shuttle from Twizel to Lake Tekapo. Ride Lake Tekapo to Twizel 54Km. Stay Twizel. Deluxe apartment.

17th March

Breakfast is included. Ride Twizel to Lake Ohau 38Km. Dinner included. Hot Tubs are also available for use at the lodge. Stay Lodge.

18th March

Breakfast and lunch included. Ride Lake Ohau to Omarama 45Km. Optional excursion to the Clay Cliffs (extra 14Km riding). Soak in Omarama Hot Tubs included. Dinner included. Stay Omarama. Standard Hotel Superior Room.

19th March

Breakfast included. Ride Omarama to Kurow 64Km. Wine Tasting at Pasqual Winery. Dinner included. Stay Luxury Glamping Geo Dome Tent.

20th March

Breakfast and packed lunch included. Ride Kurow to Oamaru 82Km. Celebratory Dinner (not included) Stay Oamaru. Boutique Hotel.

21st March

Free morning in Oamaru. Shuttle pick up at 10.30am to Christchurch Airport, arriving approx. 2.00pm. Departure Christchurch (by own arrangements).



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ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation varies from standard to superior level.

In some areas accommodation options are limited. In those cases, we have chosen the best level available.

Accommodation is on twin share basis.

GUIDING AND SUPPORT

We will have at least 1 guide riding with the group at any one time. We will have 2 guides on the trip, Rachel and Sean. They are both experienced mountain bikers who have ridden all over New Zealand and are happy to provide advice along the way.

We are also offering support in terms of a vehicle that will be able to transport a person and a bike if necessary. The support vehicle will be for use in case of an injury or mechanical issue.

We will also provide a range of snacks during each riding day, this means that you carry less.

CYCLING AND FITNESS REQUIREMENTS

The cycle trail is generally easy riding, being wide with a well graded surface. There is one short section of Grade 3, the rest is grade 2.

There are a few hills on Day 3, 4 and 5, max elevation in one climb is approx. 400m over 10Km.

Day 5 is a long day's ride from Kurow to Oamaru. It's 82Km and it is undulating terrain (unlike the first couple of days of flat riding).

This final day really consolidates the fitness and experience gained throughout the previous 4 days and from your training on the build up to the holiday. This long day will make for some well-earned celebratory drinks in Oamaru on the last evening of the trip!

We recommend that you do some training prior to the holiday, so that you are comfortable to ride for 5 consecutive days and for distances similar to that on the Alps 2 Ocean. For example, you should be comfortable doing a long day of riding (at least a 60Km ride), after riding say 30 or 40Km each of the previous couple of days before. The right preparation in terms of fitness will significantly increase your enjoyment of this holiday. If you would like some help putting together a training plan, please contact Rachel.



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BIKES

You are welcome to bring your own bike with you. Air New Zealand allows a bike box or bike bag as an extra piece of luggage at \$30 per flight.

Our shuttle to/from Christchurch can carry bike boxes. You can build your bike in Twizel and pack it away in Oamaru on the morning of the 21st March. Bike Boxes will be stored in Twizel for the duration of the trip and delivered to our accommodation in Oamaru (extra \$30 per box).

Your bike must be comprehensively serviced prior to the ride and you must be confident in building it and packing it away for transportation. You must carry the appropriate tools to be able to fix any mechanical issues with your bike. Adventurers does not take responsibility for your bike and it's capability to ride the trail.

If you would like to hire a bike or an E bike, this can be arranged at an extra cost.

Standard Bikes are: AVANTI Discovery 3 Hard Tail Mountain Bikes.

Full Suspension Bikes are: AVANTI Competitor Bikes

E Bikes are: AVANTI Discovery Hard Tail E Bike.

ARRIVAL / DEPARTURE

The package includes custom shuttles from Christchurch Airport to Twizel and from Oamaru to Christchurch. The shuttle will leave at 12pm from Christchurch Airport on the 15th March. If coming from Auckland we recommend arriving on the 10am Air New Zealand flight.

The shuttle will leave at 10.30am from Oamaru and arrive in Christchurch Airport ~ 2.00pm on the 21st March. We recommend departing on the 4pm Air New Zealand Auckland flight. Please note flights not included.



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COST

Total cost: NZ\$2090pp

Standard Bike Hire: Extra \$250pp

Full Suspension Bike Hire: \$500

E Bike Hire: Extra \$500pp

There is an option to stay another night in Oamaru on the 21st March. Please discuss this with Rachel if you think you would like to do this.

BOOKING T+C's

You should be of reasonable health. Please discuss any medical issues or injuries with Adventurers prior to booking.

We strongly advise that you take out travel insurance to cover any unforeseen circumstances.

A non-refundable deposit of \$300pp required to secure your place on the holiday.

Then 3 payments of \$563.30 due on 15th Sept, 15th Nov, 15th Jan.

Cancellation Fee is the sum of the payments made at the time of cancellation.

Adventurers reserves the right to cancel the trip if the minimum number of people is not met. In this case full refunds will be given. This decision will be made by December 20th 2019