Cycle New Zealand: Alps to Ocean

6 days – Original style trip



Starting from \$ 2,775 per person Regular departures from Dec 2021 – Jan 2023

Put the brakes on daily life and escape on a South Island lakeside ride from the Alps to the Ocean

If there's a land made for cycling, this is it. After a visit and short hike in the Aoraki/Mt Cook National Park follow the path of the bright blue waters of Lake Pukaki near Twizel as it flows down from the Southern Alps, twisting through valleys, passing through lakes, and rolling out into the open Pacific Ocean at Oamaru. Jump on the saddle and you'll flow down descents from forested summits, twist along roads squeezed between peaks and shores, and roll along backroads, side trails and the official Alps 2 Ocean trail. With an expert leader directing the pack, the only directions you'll need is when to detour to the best trails and special stops only the locals know. With memorable accommodation and tastes of New Zealand along the way, this is a real gateway to some seriously great outdoors.

Why you'll love this trip

- The South Island scenery will take your breath away in more ways than one enjoy a short hike in Aoraki/Mt Cook National Park then cycle mostly traffic-free trails from the majestic Southern Alps to the shores of the Pacific Ocean.
- Taste some of New Zealand's best produce, from trying lake-caught salmon to sampling drops from the country's newest wine region before the rest of the world discovers them.
- Experience firsthand the famous hospitality of the locals, with memorable stays from lakeside lodges to unique, historic huts.
- Experience the best New Zealand scenery has to offer from peaks and gorges to turquoisecoloured lakes – with nothing but fresh air separating you.

Is this trip right for you?

• This trip is new to our range this year. And while we have thoroughly researched every detail of the logistics, new destinations and working with new partners can sometimes throw us some unexpected surprises. More often than not, it'll be a great surprise. But every now and again there might be a hiccup. We like to think that's what puts the 'adventure' in 'adventure travel'. For Cycling trips these changes are usually around finding even better roads to ride on, which

can alter the distance/time we spend riding on a day to day basis, but can sometimes even extend to accommodation or included activities if needed.

- Accommodation on the Alps to Ocean Trail can be booked out months in advance so there
 may be occasions where we stay in locations nearby to those advertised. Your leader will
 inform you at the initial group meeting if this is the case on your departure.
- Unlike many Intrepid Cycling trips this itinerary does not have a full-time support vehicle constantly following the group. As well as the short cycling distances making it unnecessary, no vehicles are allowed to drive along the vehicle-free trails we use. Your luggage is always transported for you (by vehicle) between accommodations.
- Due to the relatively small distances cycled on this trip we have a single leader that rides with the group. There may be times when the leader asks one of the group to act as a back marker.





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