



6Day Road Tour Queenstown to Christchurch

Route: Queenstown – Wanaka – Haast – Fox Glacier – Franz Josef – Hokitika – Christchurch

Day 1 Queenstown to Wanaka

Out from Queenstown we head up to the Coronet Peak ski field car park and cycle down to Arrowtown where we explore this beautiful old gold-mining town. From Arrowtown we travel by bus and bike over the Crown Range, with a lunch stop at the historic Cardrona Hotel. We carry on down the Crown Range to our next ride. The Fishermans Track follows the banks of the Clutha River ending in the picturesque alpine village of Wanaka.

Meals: L/D

Cycling: 40-60kms

Day 2 Wanaka to Haast

An early cycle takes us to Lake Hawea. We drive to the top of the Haast Pass and enter the famous West Coast forests. We cycle down through the 'Gates of Haast' on sealed roads to the flats of the Landsborough River for lunch. Our route continues down the Haast River with its rainforest clad mountain slopes and numerous waterfalls until the days spectacular journey ends on the coast at Haast. An evening walk on the beach provides a chance to watch the sun set into the Tasman.

Meals: B/L/D

Cycling: 40-60kms

Day 3 Haast to Fox Glacier

This morning we cycle peaceful forest roads to Bruce Bay and then onto Fox Glacier. The rest of the day is available for sightseeing in the township as well as providing the chance to take a scenic helicopter flight, which is highly recommended. Maybe you would rather a trip to nearby Lake Matheson famous for its reflection views of the Southern Alps, or enjoy any of the local walks in the area.

Meals: B/L

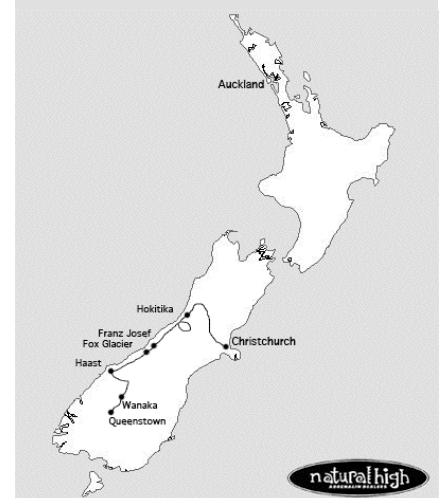
Cycling: 40-60kms

Tour includes:

- 5 overnight stays 3 Star twin share accommodation
- 5 breakfasts - (B)
- 6 lunches (L)
- 3 dinners (D)
- Tour guide
- Support vehicle & Luggage transfer
- Activities as shown
- Cycle hire
- TranzAlpine Express
- Hike to base of Glacier
- DOC fees

Grade:

2 Moderate



Day 4 Fox Glacier to Franz Josef

This morning we walk to the base of the mighty Fox Glacier. For those who want to challenge themselves an optional guided walk will take you onto the face of the glacier as it grinds down through the rainforest. The afternoon sees us cycling another West Coast challenge, the road between Fox and Franz Josef Glacier.

Meals: B/L

Cycling: 40-60kms

Day 5 Franz Josef to Hokitika

With some spectacular views as a backdrop, we cycle through the podocarp forests to hidden Lake lanthe. Throughout the day we will cycle and explore the numerous lakes, valleys and gold mines, as we continue up the coast to the rainforests of Lakes Kaniere and Mahinapua and the quiet roads and tracks that surround them.

Meals: B/L/D

Cycling: 40-60kms

Day 6 Hokitika to Christchurch

From Hokitika township we travel by bus and bike on quiet inland roads through native forests to Lake Brunner. There are stunning lakeside views and swims before more scenic quiet roads take us back the West Coast highway. Here we stop to enjoy our final meal together at the recently restored historic Jackson's Tavern. If you can drag yourself away from the ambience in the pub, there is the option to cycle some more through sweeping rural landscapes and beneath rugged mountain peaks to Otira. Here we board the TranzAlpine Express train for a leisurely scenic trip back into Christchurch where our coach will meet and deliver you to your accommodation.

Meals: B/L

Cycling: 40-60kms