



New Zealand-Alps to Ocean Classic Tour (2025-2026)

6 Days/ 5 Nights

Group Guided



Explore some of the South Island's most spectacular landscapes by bike on our fully guided and supported Alps to Ocean Cycle tour.

From Tekapo, we head through the golden Mackenzie Country on canal paths to Lake Pukaki and the mountainous landscape around Aoraki/Mt Cook National Park. A walk up the Hooker Valley gives us immense views of these majestic peaks.

From Twizel, the trail follows ancient pathways through the Waitaki Valley where you'll be wowed by stunning lakes, fascinating hydro dams and picturesque vineyards. A ride through rolling countryside leads down to the historic port town of Oamaru.

Our expert guides will show you the A2O's best trailside highlights including wine-tasting, hot pools, Maori rock art and otherworldly limestone outcrops. You'll also enjoy warm hospitality in accommodation full of heritage charm.

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Day by Day

Day 1 travel Christchurch to Tekapo -Cycle 55km to Twizel

Following an early start, our adventure begins with the drive across the picturesque Canterbury Plains. After refreshments in the country town of Geraldine, we'll continue through rolling farmland to reach Burke's Pass the gateway to Mackenzie Country, and Lake Tekapo soon appears as a bright blue jewel. We'll have lunch and after a briefing and group photos we'll set off cycling around the lakeside to see the iconic Church of the Good Shepherd, continuing to the start of the Alps to Ocean ride. We follow alongside the vivid hydro canals to reach a high terrace overlooking Lake Pukaki and the surrounding mountains. The trail then dips down to meet the lakeshore offering incredible views of Aoraki/Mt Cook and then across expansive tussockland to reach Twizel, where we will spend the next 2 nights. Tonight we have our first group dinner where we can learn more about the week's cycling ahead. **Cycling**

Distance: Tekapo to Twizel - up to 55km Accommodation: The Alps, Twizel Meals: L,D

Day 2 Visit Aoraki/Mt Cook National Park - 20km Cycle, 10km Walk

After breakfast we will venture northward to the spectacular Aoraki/Mt Cook National Park, a drive of around 1 hour. Today is dedicated to immersing ourselves in the stunning alpine landscape of New Zealand's highest peaks. We start with the Hooker Valley walk, which takes us over impressive swing bridges and beneath towering summits including the majestic Aoraki/Mt Cook to a serene glacial lake. Here, we'll pause for lunch amidst the awe-inspiring scenery. Retracing our steps, we'll hop on our bikes and pedal towards the Tasman Glacier Viewpoint. A brief stroll to a lookout rewards us with vistas of NZ's longest glacier and the Tasman Lake. Back on our bikes we ride southwards towards the airport where this section of Alps to Ocean trail concludes. In less favourable weather conditions, we will have the opportunity to explore the visitors center and Edmund Hillary Museum which features a planetarium. In the late afternoon we return to Twizel for our second night's stay. **Cycling Distance: approx 20km Hiking Distance: Hooker Valley Walk 10km (mostly flat)** Accommodation : The Alps, Twizel Meals: B,L,D



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Day 3 Twizel to Omarama - 64 or 83km Cycle

The stunning scenery keeps coming as we ride alongside the Pukaki and Ohau canals with a vast mountainous backdrop, then Lake Ohau where we stop for lunch. Confident riders can continue on the trail to Tarnbrae Saddle (900m), the highpoint of the A2O. The vast Mackenzie Country views are just reward for the climb. Alternatively, riders can transfer to the historic woolshed at Quailburn for a much easier ride down to Omarama – our stop for the night. Translating from Maori as ‘place of light’, Omarama is known for its extraordinarily clear skies, offering incredible star gazing opportunities at night. **Cycling Distance: 38km (Twizel–Lake Ohau); 44km Lake Ohau–Omarama via Tarnbrae Saddle or 26km (Quailburn–Omarama (short option)** Accommodation : Sierra Motel, Omarama Meals: B,L,D

Day 4 Omarama to Kurow - 67km Cycle

Today’s ride takes us down the Waitaki Valley, known for its hydro lakes and dams. First, we follow the trail along the shores of Lake Benmore to Sailors Cutting. From there, we join the lakeshore to traverse around the shoreline of rocky outcrops, little beaches and even tree covered islands. The trail then drops us down from above the Benmore Dam to rejoin the quiet lakeside road. There is an easier option for less confident riders who would prefer to avoid this more technical section. Regrouped, it’s a fun downhill cycle towards Aviemore Dam, where we’ll enjoy a picnic by the lake. We’ll arrive at Kurow with plenty of time to explore the town’s surrounds. Highlights include beautifully restored St Albans Church and wine-tasting at local vineyards. We’ll stay overnight in Kurow in an elegant lodge serving dinner showcasing local produce. **Cycling Distance: 67km** Accommodation : Waitaki Braids Lodge, Kurow Meals: B,L,D



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Day 5 Kurow to Windsor - 68km Cycle

This morning the cycle trail takes us along the banks of the Waitaki River, past vineyards and a Maori rock art site to reach the small town of Duntroon. From there, we head inland into rolling country and wander around the unique Elephant Rocks, huge formations strewn across a field. Picking up the old railway line, we'll ride through Raki's tunnel before rolling downhill to the settlement of Windsor. The historic Burnside Homestead is a fitting place for our final night together and a well-deserved night's sleep after dinner at the local Enfield pub. Cycling **Distance: 28km (Kurow–Duntroon) & 40km (Duntroon–Burnside Homestead)** Accommodation : Burnside Homestead Meals: B,L,D

Day 6 Windsor to Christchurch, via Oamaru - 19km Cycle

We get to enjoy one more ride on the A2O before we begin our road trip back to Christchurch. Setting off from our accommodation, we keep on rolling through picturesque rural countryside. We pass Oamaru Stone quarry, where stone has been extracted since the nineteenth century. We'll see its influence on local architecture once we reach Oamaru. After riding through the town's delightful municipal gardens, we'll reach the Victorian Precinct and harbourside park where the A2O finish-line sign offers the perfect photo-op. If time allows, explore the shops and galleries or visit the mind-boggling Steampunk HQ museum. After a late lunch, we'll begin our journey north across the Canterbury Plains, arriving in central Christchurch early evening. **Cycling Distance: 19km (Burnside–Oamaru)** Meals: B

About Your Leader

Our guides are one of our biggest assets and we pride ourselves on their level of quality and high standards. Once the trip reaches 8 people, we provide you with two of our expert guides to maximise your enjoyment and overall experience. You'll know you're in safe hands as all of our guides are certified in first aid and CPR and many of them are trained bike mechanics. They come from all walks of life but our guides have a common desire to give you the best possible experience, fun and lots of fond memories to take home with you.



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Route



The Alps to Ocean is graded moderate. You will need a reasonable level of fitness with an average daily distance of 60km and the longest day upto 80km. We suggest 90 minutes of cycling three to five times a week for the three months leading up to your trip. Some of the sections are on seal or hard packed gravel and are relatively easy to ride. Other sections are on looser gravel which can be rough and uneven in places. The moderate sections over the Tarnbrae Saddle and from Sailors Cutting to the Benmore Dam include narrower tracks with some switchbacks and exposure in places. There are also plenty of hills so cycling up hills and on gravel and rougher terrain before your tour will enable you to really enjoy the fantastic riding and diverse scenery. With the trip being fully supported, less confident riders can choose to miss the moderate sections with easier options available.

Trail Surfaces

Compacted Gravel 45%- Enjoy cycling on traffic free, compacted gravel trail surfaces. Cyclists need to be confident riding on uneven surfaces and aware that riding on this surface will reduce cycling speeds.



Sealed Road 30%- Most of these roads are quiet back-roads. Cyclists need to be aware of the road rules and able to cope with small amounts of traffic.



Gravel Road 18%- This surface is manageable for most, however cyclists need to be comfortable riding on rougher gravel surfaces including graded roads and deeper gravel.



Rough Shingle 6%- Small sections of the Alps to Ocean trail is rough shingle. This can include rocks and rough terrain. Some cyclists will choose to walk these sections.





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Departure dates and Prices

All prices are per person double occupancy in New Zealand Dollars- subject to confirmation on booking

Departure date	Price in New Zealand Dollars
April 13	\$3745
April 20	\$3745
April 27	\$3695
May 4	\$3695
June 15	\$3695 IT2
July 6	\$3795 IT2
August 10	\$3795 IT2
September 21	\$3795
October 19	\$3795
October 26	\$3895
November 2	\$3895
November 16	\$3895
November 23	\$3895
November 30	\$3895
December 7	\$3795
December 14	\$3795
December 27	\$3845
2026	
January 4	\$3795
January 11	\$3795
January 18	\$3895
Feb 1	\$3895
Feb 8	\$3895
Feb 15	\$3895
Feb 22	\$3895
Mar 1	\$3895
Mar 8	\$3895
Mar 15	\$3895
Mar 22	\$3895
April 5	\$3845
April 12	\$3795
April 19	\$3795
April 26	\$3795
May 3	\$7895
June 14	\$3795
Additional Services	

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Single supplement -limited availability	\$895
Bike rental	\$180
E-bike rental	\$600

Included

- Tasty cafe breakfasts (x5), gourmet picnic or cafe lunches (x5), two course restaurant dinners (x5) catered to all dietary requirements
- 5 nights comfortable motel/lodge ensuite accommodation on twin share basis
- Experienced guides who handle all the hard bits and share epic stories (2 guides on groups of 8 or more)
- Tasty nutritious snacks, drinks and treats plus our famous morning and afternoon teas
- Full vehicle support along the trail including trailer for luggage
- Transport from Christchurch (return)
- Pre departure information kit to help you plan and prepare
- Rider fees paid to the A2O Trail Trust for ongoing maintenance and improvements

Not Included

- Bike hire (including helmet)
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- All beverages, other than breakfast
- Water bottle (help us save the environment and bring your own bike drink bottle)
- Optional activities (eg. Oamaru Steampunk Gallery)
- Personal expenses (eg. phone calls, internet, laundry, shopping etc)
- Travel insurance

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Motels Often family run, motels range from 3 to 4 stars and provide access to local living thanks to your hosts. The hospitality is generous and their local knowledge is invaluable. Rooms are spacious, warm and comfortable and they have ensuite bathrooms with tea and coffee making facilities. Where possible, we choose locations that add to your experience.

Waitaki Braids Lodge Dating back to 1888, this elegant lodge started life as the Kurow village store. Each room offers a private ensuite and a conservatory, luxury beds and linen and there is a communal lounge and dining area where dinner is served. Local produce is the heart of the menu and dinner is the Chefs choice of set menu, catering to all dietary requirements.

Burnside Homestead A unique Victorian country home built in the 1890's offers large traditionally decorated bedrooms with authentic period furniture. Guests are welcomed with a delicious afternoon tea and can relax in the sunny conservatory, sitting room, billiard room, or in front of the open fire in the great hall. Wander through the extensive parkland featuring specimen trees and sheltered gardens established over 160 years ago.

Bikes

Electric Bike - Sizes XS, S, M

Our fleet of new Sinch ebikes, made and designed in New Zealand for New Zealand trails, are perfect for cyclists looking to enjoy a little assistance on their travels. Pedalling our ebikes takes away the strain of a traditional bike, particularly on the hills. The powerful Shimano batteries provide up to 100kms of pedal assistance before requiring recharging. The bikes are very simple to operate and they provide people with varying levels of fitness or cycling experience the opportunity to really enjoy our cycling holidays. The extra small, small and medium sized bikes all have a low step frame making it very easy to get on and off, hydraulic disc brakes provide reliable braking and 80mm of air suspension travel is designed to make every ride comfortable.



Electric Bike - Sizes L & XL

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Hybrid Mountain Bike

Our fleet of custom Avanti Discovery's have been built to suit the New Zealand trails with the best characteristics of a hybrid bike and a mountain bike. We've adapted this bike with faster rolling tyres, upgraded suspension forks, easy shifting 1 x gear system, quality disk brakes and a handy bike rack. This bike has a more upright riding style meaning you can still take in the amazing scenery you'll encounter along the way.

Hybrid Mountain Bike (Low-step)

Just like our Avanti Discovery hybrid mountain bike, the low-step version of combines the best characteristics of a hybrid bike and a mountain bike to give you a great ride and comfort on gravel cycle trails. The low step frame, makes it easy to get on and off - particularly handy when you stop for a coffee or take a photo!

This is a Partner Tour

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