

Pedaltours

VACATIONS FOR CYCLISTS SINCE 1985

CURATED CYCLING TOURS

Pedaltours' Curated Private Cycling Tours are exclusive. We tailor them specifically for groups interested in outdoor activities, spectacular countryside and exceptional cuisine.

Luxury accommodation, breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks, wine tasting and bike rentals are all included in our offer.

Apart from cycling, you will be encouraged to tramp, swim, kayak, sail and engage in any other activity of your preference. Let us know what it is you wish to do and we will make it happen.

The Curated Cycling Tours involve riding mostly on disused rail trails. The terrain, for the most part, is flat and easy to ride.

Distances and cycling difficulties are for beginners to intermediate levels. Off-road bikes and e-bikes are available for your use. You are also welcome to use your own bike.

We would be delighted to tailor a Curated Tour to meet your group's specific requirements.

Our proposed itineraries are only the starting point on which to build your own private, spectacular journey!

From 2-days to 2-weeks, we can change the itinerary to suit your needs.



PROPOSED ITINERARY - CENTRAL NORTH ISLAND

Itinerary Overview

This 7-day tour starts and finishes in Auckland. It is a combination of trail routes in Central North Island. We will cycle sections of the Hauraki Rail Trail, the Waikato River Trail and the Mountain to Sea trail. In between, we'll visit major attractions like the Waitomo caves, Tongariro National Park and many more.

This tour showcases some of the best scenery New Zealand has to offer. You will see exotic forest, waterfalls, remote farmland and suspension bridges. A major highlight includes riding through the stunning Karangahake Gorge, and the 152m long Arapuni Suspension Bridge which is 50m above the Waikato river.

Tour includes bike rental, luxury accommodation and all meals.
Price from NZ\$4500 pp.



DAY 1 Waihi Beach

In the morning we will pick you up from your home in Auckland and go to Cornwall Park to setup your bike, take a ride around the park and have lunch. From there we drive to Thames to commence cycling the Hauraki Rail Trail.

Ride from Thames to Paeroa, the home of the World-famous L&P bottle, and on to Waihi, a historic gold mining town. We continue to the beautiful Waihi Beach and stay at the Waihi Beach Pio Resort.



DAY 2 Cambridge

After visiting the open cast gold mine in Waihi, we ride through the gorge, the old 1.1km rail tunnel and pass old mining infrastructures such as the Victoria battery, the Blackpool Dam and Water Race and the Waihi-Waikino vintage railway.

After lunch, we continue cycling on the rail trail from Paeroa to Te Aroha. You'll be picked up at Te Aroha and driven to The Henley Country boutique hotel for the next two nights.



DAY 3 Cambridge

Today, we start with Section 1 of the Waikato River Trail. The Trail sits partly alongside Lake Karapiro and winds its way past the Little Waipa Reserve and across the Huihuitaha Wetland to the Arapuni Dam. Along the way ride 50m above the Waikato river on the 152m long Arapuni Suspension Bridge.

Stop at the Arapuni Village for coffee and continue to the Hobbiton village for lunch and for a movie set tour. In the afternoon you can relax at your hotel, stroll along Cambridge town centre or take a walk around the Te Koo Utu Lake Domain in the middle of Cambridge.

We return to the Henley hotel for the night.



DAY 4 Taupo

Upon leaving the Henley hotel, we drive down to Mangakino and rejoin the Waikato River Trail. Sections 4 and 5 see a total of 38km of riding. Your riding starts with a gentle climb towards the Whakamaru Dam with views along Lake Maraetai. Around the halfway of this 12km section is a 70m suspension bridge crossing the Mangakino Stream.

Section 5 is the southernmost section and starts at the Whakamaru Dam. This is an opportunity to stop for a coffee at the nearby Dam Cafe in the village. Around midway of this 26km section, bluffs rise from the lake and provide a stunning backdrop.

Tonight, we stay at the Millennium Hotel in Taupo



DAY 5 Tongariro National Park

After breakfast, we drive to see the Huka Falls and continue to the Tongariro National Park. We visit the park centre and take the lift to the top of the Whakapapa ski field for coffee and lunch.

In the afternoon, we walk to the Taranaki Falls (about 2 hrs).

Tonight, we stay at the Chateau.



DAY 6

We drive from the Whakapapa side of Mount Ruapehu to the Turoa ski field on the other side of the Mountain. Here we start section 1 & 2 of the Mountain to Sea Cycle Trail.

The first section is a 17km freewheel cycle down the Mountain. The second is a 15km ride of the Ohakune Old Coach Road, among the best section of trail in New Zealand.

We stay at the Ruapehu Country Lodge in Ohakune.



DAY 7 Auckland

After breakfast, we start our drive back to Auckland. We stop at the Waitomo Caves for a visit and lunch.

Expected arrival back in Auckland is in the late afternoon.

We hope to see you again on any of our future tours.

