

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 - NORTHLAND

Itinerary Overview

This 5-day tour will take you from Auckland to the Bay of Islands on the East Coast continuing to the Hokianga Harbour on the West Coast. The Bay of Islands, known for its good sailing is steeped in both Maori and European history and traditions. Named by Captain Cook, it was home of the first European early settlers, and the historic towns dotted along its coast contain the oldest wooden and stone structures in the country.

Much of the tour will follow the disused Bay of Island's vintage railway.

Tour includes bike rental, luxury accommodation and all meals.
Price from NZ\$3000 pp.



DAY 1 Russell

In the morning, we will pick you up from home in Auckland and drive (about 3 hrs) to Russell. On our way, we pass Warkworth, Dome Valley, the Brynderwyn Hills and the outskirts of Whangarei. After lunch you can rest in your room, take a short ride around Russell or catch a cruise in the Bay of Islands to see dolphins and the Hole in the Rock.

For the next two nights, you will stay at the Donkey Bay Inn which commands sweeping ocean views from a gated, private peninsula on the East Coast of New Zealand's North Island. A unique, luxurious and unforgettable oasis.



DAY 2 Russell

Today you will experience some of New Zealand most important historical locations including the Russell Museum, Pompallier Mission and Printery, Flagstaff Hill and the Waitangi Treaty Grounds. From there, we'll continue to Kerikeri and stop for lunch at the historical Old Stone Store. We'll return to Donkey Bay Inn for a swim, snorkelling, kayaking or a walk through the historical Russell township. You can also enjoy a bike ride in the Russell area followed by a gourmet dinner.



DAY 3 Kaikohe

After breakfast, we will catch the car ferry to Opuia. From here we will commence cycling towards Kawakawa on the disused railway line. Kawakawa is known for its internationally famous Hundertwasser toilets. From Kawakawa we continue to Kaikohe. You'll be picked up and taken to your lodge (about 12 km). Kaikohe is situated on the slopes of a prominent volcanic cone. Being Northland's largest inland town, it services the farming, horticulture and forestry industries.

Tonight, we stay at Paheke Lodge. A historic Trust villa built in 1862 with a unique charm and character. The Lodge provides luxury accommodation in a magnificent garden setting.



DAY 4 Hokianga

Returning to Kaikohe, we continue along the disused railway line from Kaikohe to Okaihau, climbing very gently and passing through a short tunnel. The views of the surrounding countryside are magnificent. We pass by Lake Omapere formed by a volcanic lava flow blocking the western end of the valley.

We take a rest at a small settlement of Okaihau before making a spectacular descent with a final flat run to the town of Horeke with views of the Waihou River and Hokianga Harbour.

Tonight we'll return to our country lodge (Paheke) for yet another incredible gastronomic experience.



DAY 5 Auckland

We begin the day with a drive along a quiet road through farmlands and forest. From here we continue down the West Coast and stop for a brief visit at the Waipoua Kauri forest and get to experience the stunning Tane Mahuta. We continue our drive and stop at the award-winning Kauri Museum. The museum tells the story of the Kauri tree and the local people who were involved in the Kauri industry.

We'll then drive back to Auckland arriving mid-afternoon.

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

