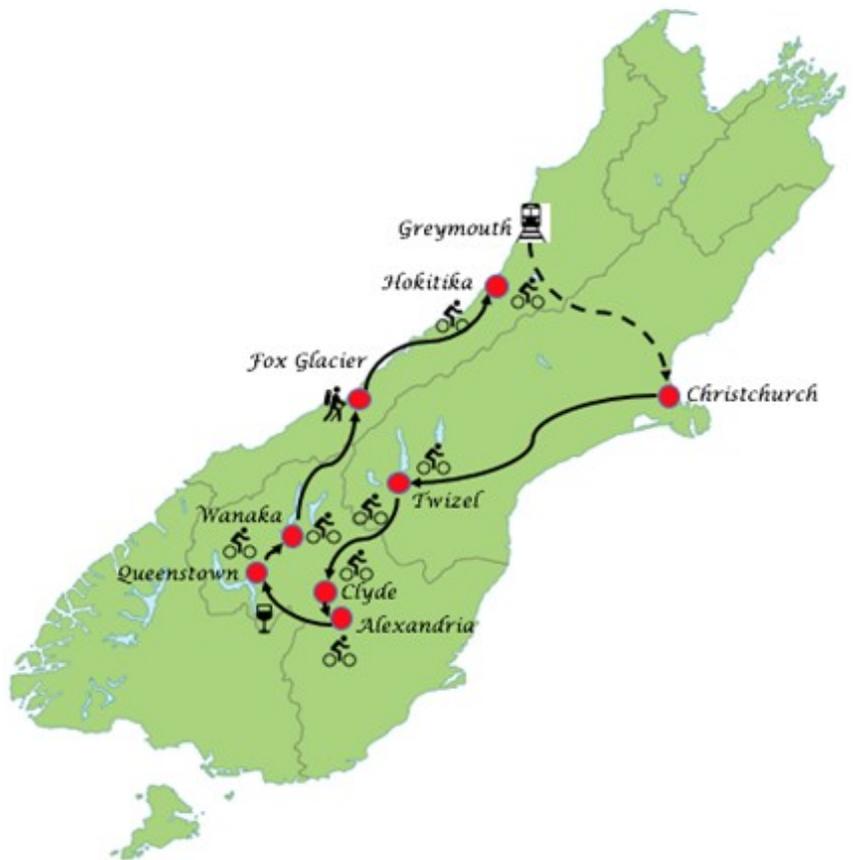


South Island by e-bike Sunday 7 - Wednesday 17 February 2021 10 nights

TOUR OVERVIEW

Explore some of the best bike trails in the South Island - all from the comfort of an e-bike. Enjoy breath-taking scenery, from Mt Cook, to Queenstown, to the Roxburgh Gorge and much more. Our tour will include days on the most popular sections of iconic rides including the Alps2Ocean, Otago Rail Trail and West Coast Wilderness. Taking advantage of spring weather in the South Island, we will enjoy comfortable temperatures for biking and experience the best of the South Island without the crowds.



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Ride two days of the Alps2Ocean Trail
- Bike and jetboat on the Roxburgh Gorge
- Enjoy a day on the Otago Rail Trail
- Explore the West Coast Wilderness Trail for two days
- Take one of the world's great train journeys - Greymouth to Christchurch on the TranzAlpine
- Ride the Gibbston River Wine Trail

IS THIS TOUR FOR ME?

The cycling on this tour is a range of easy to moderate biking predominantly on purpose built and well established bike trails. The trails are not technically difficult and are suitable for all riders. High quality, well maintained e-bikes are included in the tour package. Before using an e-bike on the tour, please be sure to borrow or hire one to try out as they do require different skills than conventional bikes. Should you wish to have a little more exercise, you can choose to ride a conventional bike.

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- The services of an experienced Calder & Lawson Tours tour manager
- Support vehicle
- 10 nights accommodation
- Meals as specified in the itinerary
- E-bike included at no extra cost
- Activities and admissions as detailed in the itinerary
- All group transfers
- TranzAlpine train journey
- Pre-tour material

TOUR EXCLUSIONS

- Domestic flights to Christchurch (*flights can be booked for you at an additional cost*)
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Beverages during included meals, unless specified
- Other meals not specified in the itinerary
- Bike helmet
- If you wish to pay by credit card, a surcharge of 2.5% will be charged

TOUR PRICE

Share twin per person	NZD \$5,790
Single supplement	NZD \$ 990

Please contact Calder & Lawson Tours if you are interested in a single occupancy place.

GROUP SIZE Minimum 10, maximum 12

VARIATIONS IN TRAVEL We can make arrangements for any travel you would like to do before or after this tour. Please contact us to discuss your requirements.

DAILY ITINERARY

Sunday 7 February 2021 Christchurch

Meals: D
Overnight: Christchurch

Arrive in Christchurch and meet your group in the afternoon. Time and weather permitting, we'll take a short drive up the nearby Port Hills to the Sign of the Kiwi, where we'll enjoy a coffee and magnificent views. Enjoy a welcome dinner to get to know your bike guides and the rest of the group this evening.

Monday 8 February Christchurch - Twizel

Meals: B/L
Driving: 230km, approx. 3-4 hours
Biking: Alps 2 Ocean (A2O) - Lake Tekapo to Twizel (54km, Grade 2/Easy)
Overnight: Twizel

We leave Christchurch early this morning and drive south through the Canterbury Plains heading towards Lake Tekapo, where we get ready for our first ride. Starting on the edge of the lake famous for its turquoise waters, the ride takes in golden tussock land, surreal blue canals, and one of the Trail's best lookouts overlooking Lake Pukaki and the Southern Alps. Ride on to our destination of Twizel for the night.

Tuesday 9 February Twizel - Clyde

Meals: B/L/D
Driving: 169km, approx. 2.5 hours
Biking: Alps 2 Ocean - Twizel to Lake Ohau Lodge (38km), Grade 2/Easy
Overnight: Clyde

After breakfast at our hotel, we get on our bikes and continue on the next leg of the A2O, to the edge of Lake Ohau. The Ben Ohau Range dwarfs all and sundry as we follow the lake foreshore towards Lake Ohau Village and its lodge – perfectly positioned for post-ride refreshments. After lunch we transfer in the van to Clyde.

Wednesday 10 February Clyde - Alexandra

Meals: B/L
Driving: 40km approx. 40 mins
Biking: 21km, Grade 2-3 (Easy - Intermediate)
Overnight: Alexandra

We head out on our bikes first thing today to ride the stunning Roxburgh Gorge. The trail also incorporates an included 45 minute jet boat ride up the river. Then we'll meet up with the van and transfer through to Alexandra, where we spend the evening.

Thursday 11 February
Alexandra - Queenstown

Meals: B/L
Driving: 120km, approx. 2 hours
Biking: 36km, approx. 4 hours,
Grade 1 - Easy
Overnight: Queenstown

This morning we'll ride part of the Otago Rail Trail 'New Zealand's original Great Ride' from Alexandra to Lauder (or in the other direction, depending on the wind!). Then we hop in the van for a drive to Queenstown via the Cromwell and Kawarau Gorges.

Friday 12 February
Queenstown

Meals: B
Overnight: Queenstown

Today we'll take a break from biking and you are free to explore one or more of the many activities Queenstown has to offer (all activities optional). Maybe an excursion to Milford or Doubtful Sound, or a trip to the Glow Worm Caves in Te Anau – all can be pre booked prior to the tour and paid for on the day of the activity. Or you may just wish to relax and explore the cafes and shops along the waterfront.

Saturday 13 February
Queenstown - Wanaka

Meals: B/L/D
Driving: 55km, approx. 1 hour
Biking: Queenstown Trail to Arrowtown and Kawarau Bridge (46km). Gibbston Valley is an additional 8.7km
Overnight: Wanaka

In the morning we'll bike the incredible Queenstown Trail to the legendary gold mining town of Arrowtown. Then from Arrowtown, follow a cycle path to Kawarau Bridge. Home of AJ Hackett's bungee centre, we will stop and watch a few brave souls fling themselves from the bridge. From here, we can extend our ride up the Gibbston River Wine Trail to drop in on some local wineries. Afterwards, we will be driven over the Crown Range, with a photo and refreshment stop at the famous Cardrona Hotel and then on to Wanaka where we will spend the night.

Sunday 14 February
Wanaka - Fox Glacier

Meals: B/L/D
Driving: 252kms, approx. 3.5 hours
Biking: Approx. 35km
Overnight: Fox Glacier

Today we'll head out on our bikes to Gladstone, past Lake Hawea. The van will meet us at the Lake and take us through the Mt Aspiring National Park to Fox Glacier for the night.

Monday 15 February
Fox Glacier - Hokitika

Meals: B/L
Driving: 130km, approx. 2 hours (Fox to Ross)
Biking: West Coast Wilderness Trail (Ross to Hokitika 33km)
Grade 2/easy to Grade 3/intermediate (on-road sections are Grade 3/intermediate)
Overnight: Hokitika

An incredible way to start the day for early risers is to hike along Mirror Lake at sunrise, for an unforgettable view of the reflections of Mt Cook and Mt Tasman in the water (weather dependent of course!) Or perhaps you might like to take a heli flight to land on Fox or Franz Josef Glacier (this is optional and not included in tour price). Then our first ride is on the West Coast Wilderness Trail from Ross to Hokitika. Afterwards, we'll continue biking on to Hokitika, our destination for the night. Hokitika is known for its production of Pounamu/Greenstone.

Tuesday 16 February
Hokitika - TranzAlpine - Christchurch

Meals: B/L/D
Driving: 30 kms, 25 minutes to Kumara
Train: 4.5 hours
Biking: 31km, Grade 2/easy
Overnight: Christchurch

It's back on our bikes this morning to ride another stretch of the West Coast Wilderness Trail – this time from Kumara to Greymouth – arriving in time to board the TranzAlpine train for the spectacular journey over Arthur's Pass, and across the Canterbury Plains back to Christchurch. Our farewell dinner will be held this evening.

Wednesday 17 February
Christchurch

Meals: B

Our tour finishes after breakfast - head home or you may wish to extend your stay in the South Island.



TOUR MANAGER

John Matheson will be your tour manager and Rosanne will accompany him. He has worked in the travel industry for over 40 years, the majority of these as a director of Calder & Lawson. He has led many overseas tours and now that he is retired, he is looking forward to exploring some special places in New Zealand. John and Rosanne have biked the Otago Rail Trail and Alps 2 Ocean, love the freedom that riding an e-bike brings and look forward to biking with you.



HOW TO SECURE YOUR PLACE ON THIS TOUR

A deposit of \$500 is required to secure your place on the tour. When minimum numbers are reached, the tour will become a 'confirmed departure' and your deposit will be non-refundable. At that point we will advise when the tour payment will be due. If the tour is unable to operate as a result of government travel restrictions due to Covid-19, you will have the choice of transferring your deposit to another tour or receive a full refund.

- [Click here](#) to complete the online registration form, pay the \$500 deposit and your place in this tour is secured.
- Or you can complete a paper registration form. You can download one from the website www.calderandlawsonstours.co.nz, or give us a call and we will email or post one to you.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Can be found on the website www.calderandlawsonstours.co.nz, on the back of the paper registration form or on the summary page when you complete an online registration. If you wish to pay by credit card, a surcharge fee of 2.5% will be charged.

VARIATIONS

This itinerary is Version 2 dated 08/072020 and is subject to change.



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