

New Zealand South Island 2019

Why Choose AllTrails for Your NZ Cycling Trip?

Experts:

No short-cuts! Famous for extensive experience, preparation and organisation

Service:

Our owners are often on tour with you to make sure you have a great time

Quality:

From great accom & meals to our choices of inclusions, stops and rest day locations

Support:

Our Australian-based office is your easy-to-contact place to call for any questions

Camaraderie:

AllTrails cyclists are fun, positive and supportive - and waiting for you to join the community

The tour at a glance

Dates:

18 Feb - 8 Mar 2019

Duration:

Full tour: 19 days Short tour options: 8 or 12 days

Distance:

1085 km approx

Ave. Daily:

84 km approx

Bike Type:

Road Bike is best (BYO or hire)

Terrain:

Good bitumen roads

Group Size:

15-25

Difficulty Rating:

7/10 (a few hills and a few 100km+)

Accom.:

3 to 4 star hotels/motels

Meals:

All included except rest days

Price:

See 'Pricing' tab

Deposit:

\$800

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Highlights

Join AllTrails in 2019 on a new and exciting adventure to New Zealand!

Starting in Picton at the top of the South Island we will make our way down the spectacular West Coast, take a train journey on the world famous TranzAlpine over to Christchurch for a rest day, then cycle over the Southern Alps and continue down the West Coast taking in some magical landscapes and locations such as The Pancake Rocks, Hokitika, Franz Joseph Glacier, Wanaka and Queenstown where we finish the ride.

Arrive a few days early to take advantage of the beautiful Marlborough Sounds and world-renowned wine region or stay a few days after the tour to soak up Queenstown and surrounds. For the thrill seekers try a bungee jump or Shotover Jet Boat ride. For a more relaxed approach, a Milford Sound Day Tour is right at your doorstep or take the Gondola 450 metres above Queenstown and Lake Wakatipu to the top of Bob's Peak, where you'll enjoy the best views in the region unfolding before your eyes (don't miss the luge ride at the top!).

This tour will have the perfect mix of cycling and sightseeing with 4 rest days in the best locations on the route. There is no better way to experience such a dramatically beautiful and varied landscape as doing it on two wheels, with the famous AllTrails support and camaraderie.

The full tour will be 19 days in duration although we do have shorter options of 8 or 12 days for those short on time.

Numbers are limited so get your jandals on and get moving to take advantage of the early bird pricing. If you have any questions, just let us know: alltrails@alltrails.com.au or call 03 9802 4465

Summary:

- Picton start - beautiful harbour town of the Marlborough Sounds
- [Marlborough Wine Region](#)
- Nelson - sunniest region in NZ
- Hidden gems - St Arnaud & Murchison
- [Punakaiki Pancake Rocks & Blowholes](#)
- [TranzAlpine](#) World-Renowned Train Journey
- Christchurch rest day and short option stopover
- Hokitika rest day - vibrant art, culture and heritage
- Opportunity to [make your own Kiwi bone-carving](#)
- Spectacular West Coast scenery
- [Franz Joseph Glacier](#) rest day
- [Wanaka](#) rest day - natural wonderland & vibrant township
- [Shotover Jet](#) - an optional adrenaline hit (when in Rome...)
- [Queenstown](#) finish (too many things to list here!)





Pricing

Included:

- All accommodation
- All meals (except rest day lunch & dinners)
- Snacks, water and fruit on the road
- Support vehicle, maps and directions
- Daily luggage transfer
- Bike mechanical assistance
- Rider Pack: jersey, cap, bottle, bag
- TranzAlpine rail journey

Opportunities (extra cost):

- Marlborough Wine Region Tours (pre-ride)
- 'Natural Flames' tour Murchison
- Punting on the Avon, Christchurch
- Akaroa Day Tour ex Christchurch
- Bonz & Stonz make your own Kiwi carving, Hokitika
- Franz Joseph Glacier Tours
- Shotover Jetboat ride
- Multiple adrenaline and soft-adventure sports & tours
- Milford Sound Day Tour ex Queenstown (post-ride)

Payment Schedule:

- Deposit on booking (\$800)
- Progress Payment 30 days after deposit (40% of package cost /less deposit paid)
- Balance 18 Nov 2018 (3 months before the tours begin)

Travelling on your own? Early bookers can book a twin share package and we will partner you up with somebody else of the same gender travelling on their own. This offer closes on 18 Nov – after this date contact us to see if we can match you, if not the single room price will apply.

Travelling with friends? \$200 pp discount for groups of 3 or more cyclists (\$100 pp for the short tours).

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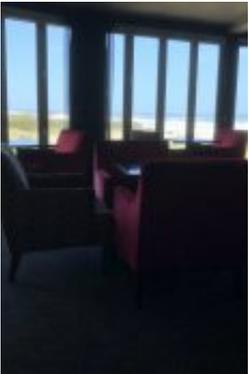


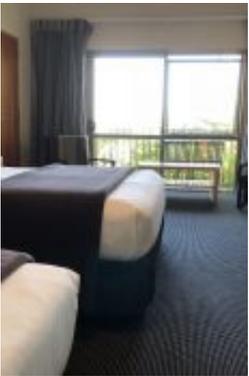


















We are happy to answer any other questions you may have

Feel free to contact us at any time through our website [‘Contact Us’](#) page, phone or email. We love what we do and want to get you on the best bike ride for you. Speak to us about what’s on your mind and we’ll help you make your decision.

Sharing rooms – how does it work?

On the online entry form you can nominate any travelling companions who you would like to share a room with and/or be accommodated close to so that couples or friends can be grouped together. This can be in a double bed or twin beds. If you are travelling alone like many of our riders, a Single Supplement price is available for those who would like their own room for the whole trip. On some tours you can also choose to ‘twin share’ where single riders are paired with other riders of the same gender (often changed during the tour to allow solo travellers to meet other solo travellers). On other tours you may need to put your name down on a Twin Share Request List and we will try to match you up. If you are a snorer or have other habits that may affect your fellow room-mates we ask that you book your own room at the Single Supplement price. If you are coming on your own and have booked in as twin share, this usually means that you will share a room with one other single twin share cyclist or crew member, however in some cases we may have larger rooms (eg. two bedroom apartment or a B&B/house with multiple bathrooms) where we may have 3 or more single twin share travellers together.

Snorers can enjoy their own room

If you are a chronic snorer or have other habits that may affect your fellow room-mates we suggest booking your own room (single supplement cost). This is not just a courtesy to your fellow travelling companions, but will also give you the space & privacy you need to enjoy your sleep after a long day on the bike.

Carrying personal items on the bike

We suggest you carry a spare tube, a full water bottle and your own personal goods such as camera, wallet and rain gear, on your bike with you. We transport your luggage, drawstring day bags, food & extra water. A more detailed list of things to bring and not bring is on our 'Tour Preparation Guide' which is sent out to you before the ride.

Meals and food

Always a big part of any cycling holiday! Check tour details for meal inclusions on your ride. Our emphasis is on fresh food and balanced diet with plenty of carbohydrates, proteins, fruit and vegies catering for a cycling holiday. We successfully cater to most dietary requirements, however feel free to contact us with any questions. Most meals are included as part of our tours, however you may be required to purchase some meals. See the 'Day to Day' tab for more details, or click the 'Download Itinerary' button.

Speak to a past client

We will be happy to give you the names and telephone numbers of people who have participated in the ride or a similar ride to the one which you are considering. Where possible we will provide you with the details of someone within your city or state.

Another good place to look is our ['Testimonials'](#) page.

Weather

Our tours have been specifically scheduled to take into consideration the best time of year to travel to that destination. This takes into account the temperate range, possible rainfall and the prevailing winds. Of course, we can't ever control the weather however this only adds to the adventure and excitement of your travel experience! For more specific weather and climate information visit www.bom.gov.au or for our international tours visit www.worldweather.org

Changing or cancelling a tour

Should you wish to change your booking with AllTrails to a different tour, there will be a very reasonable service charge. We try to keep this figure as low as possible to allow flexibility where we can as we want to make sure that you get on the right tour for you. For cancellation and refund policies for your tour click the 'T&Cs' tab on the relevant tour page of our website.

If you need to cancel your tour, a travel insurance policy will cover cancellation fees due to most unforeseen events. This is why we provide links to travel insurance options and highly recommend that you investigate and purchase travel insurance for all our rides (including Australian domestic tours) at the time of deposit and ensure that it includes coverage for cancellation fees if for some reason you are not able to travel (see Travel Insurance FAQ). For our international tours we require all participants to have Travel Insurance to assist you in the event of a medical emergency, lost baggage, personal liability, cancelled tour or other trip related issues.

What sorts of people join our rides?

People from all parts of Australia and also some overseas guests. Ages generally range from 35 – 75 with the average age about 50-60 years old. Adventurous cyclists usually about 40% women & 60% men with a mix of singles, friends and couples.

Buying a new bike – what to consider

If you are purchasing a new bike for this ride or wanting to make some upgrades here a few points to consider:

Bike set up: Unless you are accustomed to riding long distances or are very flexible set your bike up for comfort rather than optimum aerodynamics. A more comfortable upright position is most easily achieved by raising the handle bar and moving the seat forward.

Wheels: Do not go too light. High-end road bikes often allow you to choose different wheel sets or if you are considering upgrading, the lightest wheels might be the fastest, but they are not always the strongest. The heavier you are the more important this is. Cheaper wheels are heavier and generally have more spokes, but are also quite robust and easy to repair, so if this is your price bracket then there is not too much to worry about. If you looking at getting some fast wheels and you are over 90kg ask your bike shop for advice and even do some research online or within your bike community.

Tyres: Durability is the most important feature for long distance rides. When choosing your tyres look for features like anti-puncture and Kevlar lining. A harder rubber also allows you to get more kilometres out of each tyre. A popular choice amongst our cyclists are the Continental Ultra Gatorskins in either the 25mm, 28mm or 32mm width. Generally the wider the tyre the more comfortable, but check how wide a tyre your rims, forks and frame can accommodate before purchasing.

Gearing: As a rule; the more gears you have the easier it is to climb hills. The standard configuration of gears found on road bikes does not suit everyone. If you find yourself running out of gears while climbing, needing to get out of the saddle to get over a hill or ride with a high cadence it might be worth considering one or both of these options. Replace the cassette with a larger one (more teeth) and/or get a compact crank. A compact crank tries to do what the triple chain ring crank does in just two chain rings. If you already have a triple, this is not for you. The compact crank slightly reduces your big chain ring size and significantly reduces your small chain ring size making it much easier to climb hills and spin your legs faster rather than harder.

Travel insurance for international rides

Yes, yes, yes. Make sure that you are covered for every country that you are travelling to and ensure that you are covered from and including the day you leave and arrive back home. Due to the nature of our rides we are sometimes in remote areas during the course of a ride – ensure that you have medical insurance that would cover the cost of a helicopter ambulance to transport you to the nearest hospital. We recommend getting your travel insurance in place immediately after you book your ride so that you are covered for unforeseen events which may lead to you having to cancel your trip.

Why book with us?

We only run approximately 10 tours per year. This makes every tour as special to us as it is to you because we are not repeating the same rides over and over again week-in week-out. Every tour is meticulously planned and we are just as excited to be there as you – there is no bulk production-line here! On most occasions the owner-operators of the business will be on tour with you looking after everyone on the ride. The safety and confidence that comes with that is one of many great reasons to book your cycling holiday with us.

AllTrails is a proud Australian owned company with a great reputation in the bicycle tour industry. We have earned that reputation through hard work and dedication and we sincerely care about every person on every tour. Our large community of loyal AllTrails riders that keep coming back year after year are testament to the high standard of tours that we provide. We consider ourselves the best in the business and we always make sure that our tours represent great value at a fair price.

Packing for NZ

Limit your luggage to two medium-sized pieces max. The best combination is a medium-sized suitcase on wheels and a small or medium carry-on bag, such as a backpack or a small duffel bag. Your baggage should be clearly labelled and kept to a reasonable minimum. Luggage limits on airlines are strictly enforced and your limit will usually include the weight of your bike if you are not renting one in NZ. You will be required to carry your own luggage at times so you should be capable of carrying your own bags up and down stairs. A good guide is to try to keep it under 15kg. If you are doing lots of shopping during your travels, it may be necessary for you to forward any excess to the city where your journey concludes, or ship purchases directly home.

Accommodation in NZ

Accommodation of the most suitable standard is chosen on a research trip of the route. All rooms have ensuite facilities, and are usually at least a 3 star level but in the bigger towns we can often source some 4 star properties. In the smaller villages or more rural areas we often get lovely and interesting accommodation full of character and personality. We aim to find accommodation that is bicycle friendly, with good restaurants and near to town centres wherever possible.

Bike Hire vs BYO Bike in NZ

If you wish to hire a bike we can help you out. We have established an agreement with a bike hire shop in Christchurch who have a great range of long term hire bikes and AllTrails can collect and drop off the bike for you to/from the Christchurch shop.

For those bringing their own bike, note that AllTrails will only have room to store cardboard bike boxes in our vehicles on tour as these can be flattened. Your local bike shop will usually be more than willing to give you a bike box (they throw them out every day) and there are many good [internet videos showing you how to pack your bike for transport](#) (or your bike shop may do it for a small fee). If you decide to travel with a bike bag/case (hard or soft), let us know. Your case will likely need to be freighted to the end of the ride at your own expense with [Castle Parcels](#), [Fastway](#), [Mainfreight](#) or [ShipMyTrade](#). For more info and quotes or give us a call if you have any questions at all or need some assistance.

Visa for NZ?

If you are travelling on your Australian passport, or you hold a current Australian resident return visa, you don't need a visa or permit to visit New Zealand unless you have been convicted of any crime(s) or you have been deported from any country. Passport holders of other countries may require a visa. A visa is a form of permission for a non-citizen to enter, transit or remain in a particular country. We do not issue visas for overseas travel and cannot provide definitive information on visas. Only the representatives of the countries you plan to visit can provide up-to-date information about their visa requirements. For all countries, contact your nearest embassy or consulate of the country you intend to visit well in advance of travel. For Australian passport holders, additional advice can be found on the Smartraveller website www.smartraveller.gov.au.

Agreement:

I have read and understand the terms and conditions of this event (see instructions below) and wish to enter this ALLTRAILS BICYCLE TOURS Pty Ltd event at my own risk. I understand that participation in this ride involves riding on public roads used by other traffic, and in doing this, I am aware of the potential dangers, both on and off public roads. In my judgement, I am capable and competent to participate safely in this ride. I hereby release, exempt and indemnify AllTrails and any of its contractors, local guides, officers, directors, employees, agents, staff, sponsors, volunteers and all other persons involved in the organisation of this event, from all actions, costs, demands, proceedings, and claims whatsoever made or taken by any person, arising out of my participation in the ride.

I accept that I am to wear a helmet, abide by road laws, and understand the organisers have no responsibility for my property damaged or stolen. I agree to take responsibility, and make appropriate payment if necessary, for any damage to others property that I cause including motel rooms, motel property, AllTrails property or other cyclist's property.

I agree to carefully consider my insurance options and take note of AllTrails' policy strongly recommending Cyclist Insurance and Travel Insurance to all cyclists on Australian tours, and the compulsory Travel Insurance policy for international tours.

AllTrails reserves the right to change the advertised ride and itinerary due to road works, bad weather, unsafe

conditions, or any unforeseen circumstances. I declare I am 18 years of age or older or am the legal guardian of persons under 18 years old in my care. I consent to publication, for promotional purposes, of any photos or video footage taken of myself or others in my group, while taking part in this event without recourse or compensation to me.

I consent to AllTrails processing personal information about me and other members of my party. AllTrails may hold my name, address and other details supplied on their database. This information will be used to make my tour arrangements and to send me information about AllTrails and its tours. In order to make my tour arrangements AllTrails may need to pass on my details to companies and individuals inside and/or outside Australia, where less stringent data protection controls may be in place. I understand this and agree to the passing of necessary information to required third parties such as hotels and local tour companies.

Full terms and conditions for each ride are available via our booking system (directions to find them are below). These terms and conditions will also be sent to you with your confirmation email after booking.

To find the terms & conditions of this ride:

- Click any 'Book This Ride' button on this webpage such as the one below (right click 'open in new tab')
- Enter at least 1 participant on any package, then scroll down and click 'BOOK NOW'
- Click the 'SKIP' button
- Scroll to the bottom of the questions page and click 'terms and conditions' hyperlink

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