

SOUTH ISLAND SOUTHERN SCENIC TOUR
8 Days / 7 Nights
QUEENSTOWN to DUNEDIN

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Please bring this information with you to the tour start.

Cycling distances given are entirely optional; cycle as little or as much as you wish each day, the shuttle van will always be available. Suggested cycling distances are given for each day as follows:

Cas.= casual cyclists, Int.= intermediate cyclists, adv= advanced cyclists.

Our South Island Adventure starts at Queenstown, where the day is yours to spend at leisure.



MEETING DAY / DAY ONE:

We meet at 3.00 pm at Copthorne Hotel & Resort Lakefront
Cnr Frankton Rd & Adelaide Street, Queenstown
Ph 03 442 8123

Please meet your guide in the foyer. Your guide will fit you to your rental bike or help to unpack your own. Should you need to contact Pedaltours please call our Auckland office, Richard, Helen or Lisa: freephone 0800 302 0968, mobile 025 293 6096

Lodging:

Copthorne Hotel & Resort Lakefront, Cnr Frankton Rd & Adelaide Street, Queenstown
Phone 03 442 8123 Email: copthorne.lakefront@millenniumhotels.co.nz

Facilities: Licensed bar, restaurant, private facilities, spa pool, laundry service
internet access in rooms.

Features: Five minutes walk from town centre, lake and mountain

Day Two:	Queenstown to Te Anau	173 km
	Queenstown to Kingston:	cas. 46 km / 29 mi
	Queenstown to Athol:	int. 76 km / 48 mi
	Queenstown to Mossburn:	adv. 114 km / 71 mi

It's a beautiful ride beside Lake Wakatipu to Kingston, where the vintage steam train departs. From here it is relatively flat all the way to Te Anau, with views of the Murchison and Kepler Mountains in the distance. There are cafes at Kingston, Athol and Mossburn.

Lodging: B, D

Kingsgate Hotel, 20 Lakefront Drive, Te Anau

Phone 03 249 7421 Fax 03 249 8037

Facilities: Licensed restaurant and bar, internet desk.

Features: Located in the heart of town.

Day Three: Te Anau to Milford Sound and return (driving and walking)

Milford Sound is in Fiordland National Park, a World Heritage Area of 1.2 m hectares. The road to Te Anau is one of the most spectacular in the world, and is lined with short walks which we will stop to enjoy. There are superb view points along the way. A highlight is the optional walk to Key Summit (6km, 2½ hours return) on the world-renowned Routeburn Track. After Homer Tunnel the road descends steeply to the sea. Included is a boat trip on the fiord; in the afternoon we will drive back over the Divide to Te Anau.

Lodging: B, L

Kingsgate Hotel, 20 Lakefront Drive, Te Anau

Phone 03 249 7421 Fax 03 249 8037

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Day Four: Te Anau to Otautau
Te Anau to Blackmount School: cas.. 59 km / 37 mi
Te Anau to Otautau turn off int. 87 km / 54 mi
Te Anau to Otautau adv. 115 km / 72 mi

We head south to Lake Manapouri and then join the Southern Scenic Route, on the edge of Fiordland National Park on our way to Southland and our farm stay.

Lodging: Farm stay B, D
(A maximum of four guests per host. Written details of your host and their property will be supplied by your guide)

Day Five: Otautau to Invercargill
Otautau to Colac Bay: cas. 65.5 km / 41 mi
Otautau to Riverton: int. 76.5 km / 48 mi
Otautau to Invercargill adv. 112 km / 70 mi

Around the coast to Riverton and then to Invercargill, New Zealand's most southerly city.

Lodging: B, D
Homestead Villas, cnr Averil and Dee Streets, Invercargill
Phone 03 214 0408 Fax. 03 214 0478
Facilities: very spacious modern luxury units. Spa baths, laundry.
Features: Close to city centre, museum and art gallery.

Day Six: Invercargill to Papatowai: 110 km / 69 mi
Invercargill to Fortrose: cas. 48 km / 30 mi
Invercargill to Niagra Falls: int . 82 km / 51 mi

Quiet rural riding through mixed farm land with some excellent coastal views. From Curio Bay we head through Catlins Forest to the small seaside settlement of Papatowai

Lodging: B & D
Southern Secret Motel & Catlins cottages
Southern Scenic Route, Papatowai
ph 03 415-8600 southernsecret@xtra.co.nz
Features: Nestled in native bush, walk to beaches
Facilities: Laundry

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Day Seven: Papatowai to Dunedin: 140 km / 87 mi
 Papatowai to Blaclutha cas/int/adv. 58km/36 mi

On reaching Balclutha (58 km) we will drive the remaining distance into Dunedin, known for its rich architectural heritage and solid Scottish origins. Dunedin was the ancient name for Edinburgh. Larnach's Castle is set high on Otago Peninsula with superb views, a magnificent location for your final stay.

Lodging: B, L, D
 Larnach Castle Lodge
 Otago Peninsula, Dunedin
 Phone: 03 476-1616 Fax: 03 476-1574
 Features: Fantastic views over the harbour and Otago Peninsula.
 Facilities: Private facilities, laundry

Day Eight: Dunedin

After breakfast we must say farewell, a safe journey home and hope to see you again.

You may like to leave the following accommodation list with relatives or friends.

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DAY	DATE	LOCATION	ACCOMMODATION	Phone
1		Queenstown	Copthorne Lakefront	03 442 8123
2		Te Anau	Kingsgate Hotel	03 249 7421
3		Te Anau	Kingsgate Hotel	03 249 7421
4		Clifden	Farm stay	
5		Invercargill	Homestead Villas	03 214-0408
6		Papatowai	Cottages	
7		Dunedin	Larnach Castle	03 476-1616
8		Depart for home.		