

**CANTERBURY WINE TOUR
SOUTH ISLAND
2 DAYS / 1 NIGHT
Christchurch - Hanmer Springs - Christchurch**

ITINERARY

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.

Distances are shown in kilometres. 1 km = 0.62 miles.

This two day trip is designed for those who enjoy a good standard of accommodation, excellent cuisine and wine combined with gentle exercise. The terrain is flat, the scenery excellent and your luggage will be transported in the support vehicle. You cycle as little or as much as you wish each day. Included in the cost is: accommodation, lunch and dinner on Day 1 and breakfast and lunch on Day 2.

The tour starts in the cathedral city of CHRISTCHURCH, (pop. 350,000) New Zealand's cycling capital. It is an attractive city with the river Avon winding its way through the centre bordered by weeping willows, and has an excellent botanical garden at Hagley Park.

MEETING DAY / DAY ONE:

We meet 9.00 am at your accommodation in Christchurch. Should you need to contact Pedaltours please phone Richard Oddy, Helen Crabb or Lisa Mead (Auckland) 0800 302 0968

Christchurch to Hanmer Springs : Cycling distance: up to 66km/ 41 mi

Your guide will discuss the itinerary and fit you to your Pedaltours bike. Maps will be supplied.

We drive to Saltwater Creek (c.30 mins) to commence cycling on a quiet road. via Balcairn and Amberley to Ram Paddock Rd and *Fiddlers Green Winery* for our first wine tasting.(26 km) From here it is short ride to *Canterbury House Winery* for lunch. (30 km).

After lunch we will drive over Weka Pass to Ferry Bridge and cycle from here to Hanmer Springs, a distance of 10 km. Hanmer Springs; a popular thermal resort since 1914, has much to offer in addition to the deservedly famous hot pools: jet-boating on the river, bungy-jumping, mountain biking, horse riding, walks, or just relaxing and soaking up the tranquil atmosphere.

Dinner: Old Post Office or similar

Lodging and breakfast:

Heritage Hanmer Springs

1 Conical Hill Road, Hanmer Springs

Phone: 03 315 7021 fax: 03 315 7023 www.heritagehotels.co.nz

Facilities: Restaurant, bar, outdoor swimming pool, tennis courtLaundry, barbecue area

Features: Restored turn of the century lodge set amongst mature trees and with a backdrop of the Southern Alps.

Day Two: Hanmer Springs to Christchurch via Greta Valley
Suggested cycling distance: up to 51km/ 32 mi

Leaving Hanmer Springs by minibus, we drive to the Hurunui Tavern to cycle delightful backroads of Horsley Downs and Hawarden to Waikari (23 km). Here we cross the highway to take the picturesque Waikari / Greta Valley road

Lunch will be at *Waipara Springs Winery*. After lunch it is a gentle ride past the Weka Pass steam train and Glenmark church to *Pegasus Bay Winery* (10km)

Whilst you are sampling the wines, your bikes will be loaded onto the trailer for the drive back to Christchurch.

Please note: wineries visited may change. Wineries listed above are an indication only.