

Day Two: Christchurch to Church Bay: 48 km / 30 mi

After breakfast leave Christchurch by following the right bank of the Avon River to the estuary and the beach at Sumner. (Shops and cafes). From here cross the Port Hills via Evans Pass and descend to the small port of Lyttelton. There is a good range of cafes and restaurants in Lyttelton for lunch. After lunch continue around the harbour to Governor's Bay with its fine gardens, to Charteris Bay and finally Church Bay. The Pedaltours support vehicle will follow with your bags and meet you after lunch.

Lodging:

Kai o Ruru, B & B Or similar B&B 'phone/fax 03 329 4788
32 James Dr, Church Bay, Lyttelton Harbour
manger@xtra.co.nz

Facilities: Very comfortable accommodation with private facilities.

Features: Superb views of the harbour & surrounding hills from every room.

Day Three: Church Bay to Akaroa: 85 km / 53 mi
Church Bay to Little River: 42 km / 26 mi (then drive)

After exploring the attractive seaside settlement of Diamond Harbour we follow the harbour back to Teddington. Here we cross Gebbies Pass - an easy climb - followed by a flat ride to Little River where there is an excellent tearoom. From here you can either tackle the stiff climb to Hilltop or take the Pedaltours support vehicle. Hilltop has superb views of Akaroa Harbour. An exhilarating descent takes us back to the coast to Barry's Bay where there is a boutique cheese factory that is worthwhile visiting. Through Duvauchelles, and then to Akaroa.

Lodging: The Maples (Bed & Breakfast) phone 03 304 8767
158 Rue Jolie, Akaroa. maplesakaroa@xtra.co.nz

Facilities: Ensuite rooms , guest lounge.

Features: restored 1877 historic house in garden setting, close to waterfront.

Day Four: Akaroa to Christchurch 85 km / 53 mi
Summit Rd, Akaroa to Little River: 41km / 26 mi

Akaroa is a very attractive village with a distinctive French flavour. A morning harbour cruise to see the dolphin colony is highly recommended. There are also fishing trips, horse treks, or cafes, restaurants and wine bars to relax in.

After lunch we take you up the steep climb to the Summit Road overlooking Akaroa Harbour and the picturesque outer bays. From here it is a delightful ride along the Summit Road, a quiet road with more down than up, to Hilltop, followed by another exhilarating descent to Little River. Here the Pedaltours mini-bus will take you back to Christchurch, arriving mid afternoon.

Here we bid you farewell, good cycling and hope to see you again.