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Motorcycle Tours-New Zealand

"Island Hopper Trails"

16-day

Fully Guided tour on the South & North
Islands of NZ

January 26 — February 10 / 2024

Approx. 2,410 miles (3,880 km)

Minimum number of participants is 5

Join Colin Rowe to experience New Zealand, as he personally guides you on this 16-day tour of the South & North Island of New Zealand, which will give you a close-up view of beautiful scenery ranging from rain forests, pasture land, white sandy beaches, rocky coast lines & rugged mountain ranges.

You will begin and end your guided tour in the city of Christchurch, where you will pick up your bike before enjoying the evening relaxing with your fellow riders. Your ride will then take you through the rugged mountains of the Southern Alps running the length of the Sth Island, before crossing the ocean between the 2 islands and riding through the rich farm land of the central North Island, visiting geothermal volcanic areas, riding along beautiful sweeping coastal roads, through old growth forests, and rugged hill country. All the while enjoying gentle sweeping corners mixed with twisty back roads.

The roads in NZ are in good condition, with little traffic outside the cities. Aside from encountering roads under repair, you will not be required to ride on any unsealed roads.

This tour is suitable for **Intermediate or Advanced riders**. Note: New Zealanders drive on the left-hand side of the road and so must you.

This combination South & North Island tour combines highlights from both Islands. Riding from South to North and then returning South you will experience some of the best that both islands offer. This exciting tour includes 15 nights accommodation ranging from deluxe quality hotels & motels, and an authentic "turn of the century" hotel.

We're about more than just the ride.

Experience New Zealand; Don't Just Ride It!

Tour Highlights: (Optional on Self-guided only)**

- Visit a Māori Village and experience the native culture**
- Enjoy thermal hot pools**
- Visit Hobbiton and have a drink in the Green Dragon Inn**

- Visit NZ's world famous Glow Worm Caves**
- Walk through a Bird (Kiwi) & wild-life sanctuary**
- Fly above the trees while Zip Lining**
- Visit amazing Punakaiki (Pancake Rocks)



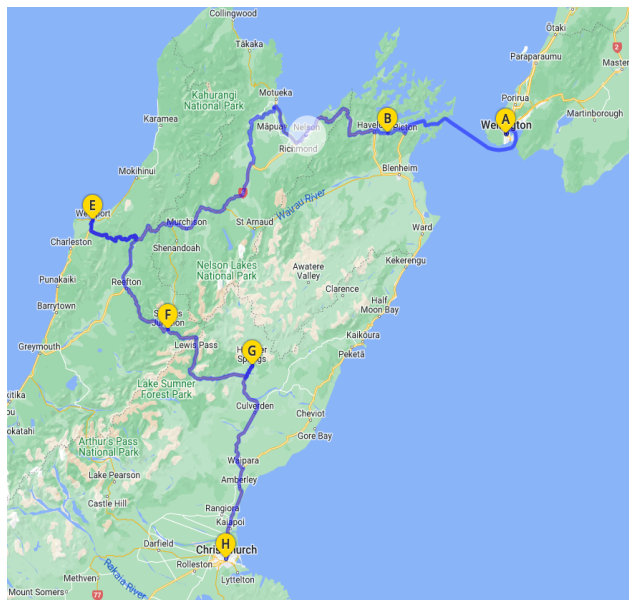
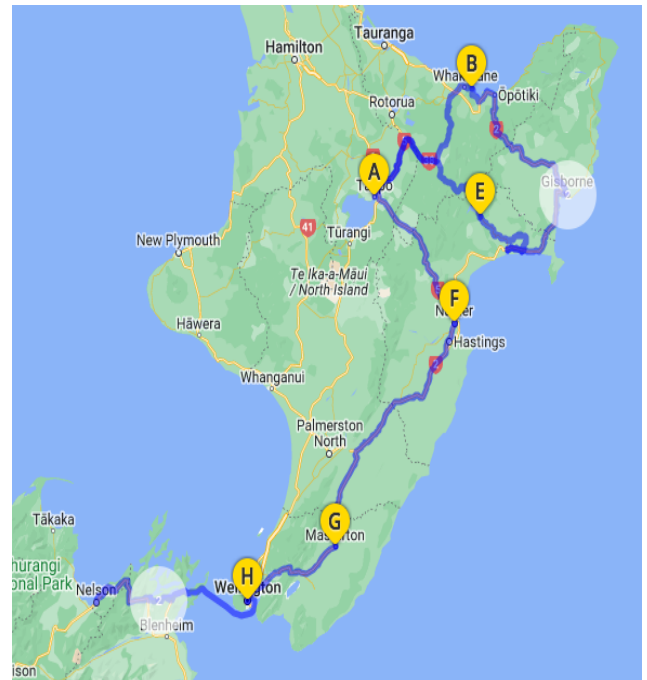
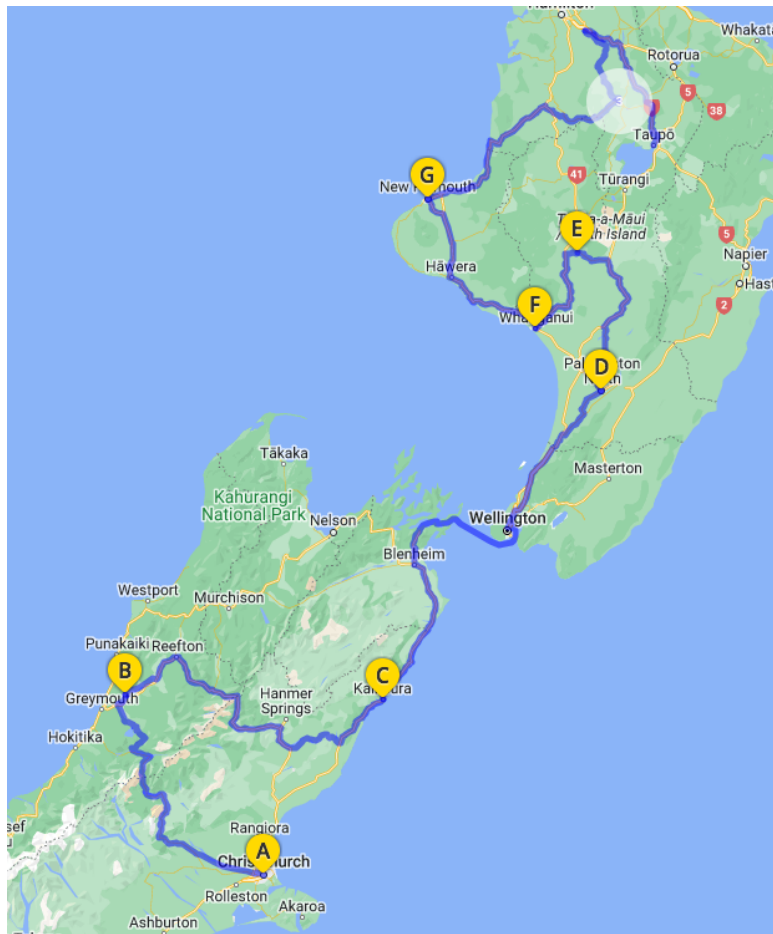
Rent one of our touring motorcycles, which are licensed, safety inspected and verified by the NZ government.

A valid Passport along with appropriate pre-approval is required for entry into New Zealand.

A current Drivers License with motorcycle endorsement from your country of residence is required for motorcycle rental.



Generalized Route. May change based on weather or points of interest



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Day #1 *Shuttle to Hotel*

You will be met at Christchurch International Airport and shuttled first to your hotel to check in, and then to pick up your bike.

The rest of the day is set aside to allow you to settle in and rest up before the adventure begins tomorrow—or you can visit some of the city sights. The day will include a safety meeting to review road rules and safety requirements, followed by a “get to know you” dinner.



Day #2 *Christchurch to Blackball 251 km / 155 mi route (Approx. 3:55 hrs. riding)*

Leaving the old English-style city, you will find that getting comfortable with your bike will be easy as you head across the plains before beginning the twisting climb into the Southern Alps. Stopping near the top to watch the native Kea parrots is a great photo opportunity.

Continuing down from the pass and through scattered native bush brings you to your stop for the night. This 200-year-old hotel is full of history and maybe a ghost or two. It's also home to the best chef we've come across in the South Island.



Day #3 *Blackball to Kaikoura 325 km / 200 mi route (Approx. 5:10 hrs. riding)*

After a relaxing breakfast, hit the road and cruise between rich farmlands and patches of thick native bush on meandering well-maintained roads.

Today will take you back through the Southern Alps. As you leave this picturesque location, you'll ride along the base of the coastal mountain range to your stop for the night in a peaceful seaside town.



Serious Rides for Serious Riders

Day #4 via Interisland ferry. *Kaikoura to Palmerston North 300 km / 180 mi route (Approx. 4:10 hrs. riding)*

Setting out early to catch the interisland ferry, you will ride to the port located in a small seaside town tucked into the picturesque hills surrounding a deep-water harbor. Once on the ferry and the bikes tied down in well-designed supports, sit back, relax, and enjoy crossing the Cook Strait. Once off the ferry, head out of the city for some easy riding through the ranges to your stop for the night.



Day #5 *Palmerston North to Whanganui 257 km / 165 mi route (Approx. 4:15 hrs. riding)*

Leaving the university city behind, you will steadily climb towards the mountainous central part of the Island. The country side becomes more rugged and the riding becomes more fun. A visit to a local Museum, followed by a lunch break, sets you up for a fast-paced ride along one of the most fun roads in the country, through some beautiful scenery.



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Day #6 *Whanganui to Cambridge 471 km / 295 mi route (Approx. 7:00 hrs. riding)*

Today you will have an amazing riding day along the west coast, giving you a view of the black sands found on this side of the island. The horizon is dominated by the dormant volcano known as Mount Taranaki. This mountain and surrounding countryside has played significant roles in many films, such as *The Last Samurai*.

Heading north along the windswept coast before turning inland is a highlight of this tour; you will ride sweeping bends, rugged ranges, deep gorges, and along the tops of hills looking out over rich farm land and thick native forests, while traveling alongside deep rivers and lakes.



Day #7—Free Day *Cambridge Loop 50 km / 35 mi route (Approx. 1:00 hrs. riding)*

A treat for all “Lord of the Rings” fans, you will get to walk through Hobbiton and have a drink in “The Green Dragon” tavern. This location is surrounded by some great riding roads and is a fun day.

The afternoon is free time for you to catch up on all those important things like sorting out photos, writing down all the key points and even getting that pesky

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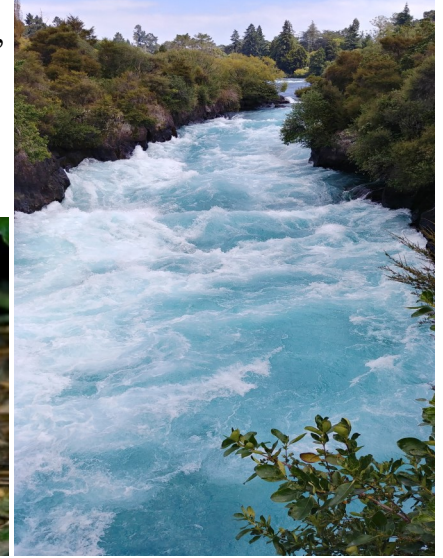
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Day #8 *Cambridge to Taupo 240 km / 150 mi route (Approx. 3:50 hrs. riding)*

Today you will get a mix of easy riding and some local sights, including visiting a world-famous glow-worm cave and seeing native birds in a natural setting.

Leaving your hotel and the city behind you, you will head out on lightly traveled country roads, through rolling farmland.

Stopping along the way for breaks & lunch in small out-of-the way country towns, combined with viewing the amazing scenery will have you pinching yourself to make sure you're not dreaming. After a relaxing lakeside dinner, a soak in the thermal hot pools will be the perfect end to the day.



Day #9 *Taupo to Ohope 210 km / 130 mi route (Approx. 3:40 hrs. riding)*

Leaving Taupo, you will travel deep into the thermal area of the island; this combined with a visit to one of the important cultural interpretive centers for the native population of NZ, will give you a firsthand look at how New Zealand's Māori people lived in harmony with nature.

Riding the twisty roads through the lake county, you will arrive at the coast, where a walk on the white sands will be a relaxing end to the day.



Serious Rides for Serious Riders

Day #10 *Ohope to Napier 400 km / 250 mi route* (Approx. 5:45 hrs. riding)

Today you will follow a lightly travelled road as it hugs the coast, taking you into a part of NZ that is a mix of rugged hills,

inspirational coastal seascapes, and rich farm land. This combined with a small population makes for an easy riding day. Tonight's stop is in the Art Deco center of NZ on a gentle coast.



Day #11 *Napier to Wellington 400 km / 250 mi route* (Approx. 6:00 hrs. riding)

After a typical NZ breakfast, you will continue to follow the coast through more rugged twisty roads crossing rivers and gorges. After a light lunch and a visit to local points of interest, you will continue riding on well-maintained roads towards your stop for the night.



Day #12 *via Interisland ferry Wellington to Nelson 130 km / 80 mi route* (Approx. 3:00 hrs. riding)

Setting out early to catch the interisland ferry, you will ride to the port located in NZ's capital city. Once on the ferry and the bikes tied down in well-designed supports, relax and enjoy crossing the Cook Strait.

After leaving the ferry on the Sth. Island, head out through some fantastic twists and sweeping corners with picturesque seascapes, windy roads, native bush, changing elevations & numerous photo stops, (along with some ziplining) that will lead you to your stop for the night. (Make sure your GoPro is ready with plenty of back up batteries)



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Day #13—Free Day *Nelson Loop 250 km / 155 mi route (Approx. 4:30 hrs. riding) Optional ride along the coast.*

Today is a free day for you to catch up on all those important things like sorting out photos, writing down all the key points and even getting that pesky laundry taken care of.

Optional local ride routes are available for you to explore the area if the thought of doing laundry doesn't appeal to you.



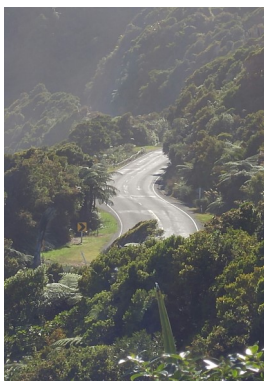
Day #14 *Nelson to Westport 265 km / 165 mi route (Approx. 4:00 hrs. riding)*

Heading towards the coast through bush covered hills, leads you to some great gorge riding. This is another GoPro day (there will be lots more on this tour) Have those batteries charged and ready.



Day #15 *Westport to Christchurch 347 km / 215 mi route (Approx. 5:00 hrs. riding)*

Today's ride takes you along the world-famous coastal highway, sweeping through fantastic corners, racing past rocky outcrops, and grinning all the way. Mix this with some fantastic stops for one of a kind scenery and you have a ride location that is amazing. Turning East leads you back into the mountains for your return to drop your bike off and head to your stop for the night. Sorry but you've got to start the packing project. If you want stay on, talk to us.



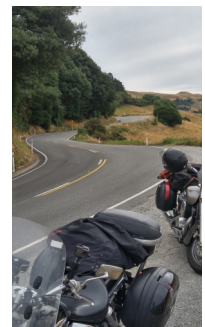
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Day #16 *Christchurch hotel to airport*

After a typical NZ breakfast, you will catch your shuttle to the airport. This shuttle ride is filled with talk about the adventure you've just had and the fun experienced.

Now is the time to start planning your next Pohutukawa Motorcycle Tour in New Zealand or North America.

Remember, additional night accommodation can be arranged.



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Included in your Fully Guided Tour Package *(Incidentals & options are not included unless listed or prearranged)*

- * Full guide service.
- * Bike rental. (Excluding Insurance or Damage Waiver or Auxiliary Equipment such as GPS or optional fittings)
- * Printed daily ride guide.
- * All accommodation. Day 1 of tour through to last night of tour. Extra nights before or after can be arranged.
- * Shuttles (transfers) to & from hotel, airport & bike rental location.
- * Breakfast & dinner. (Alcohol, all lunch's & meals on rest/free days are not included)
- * Entry into Museums & Interpretive Centers.
- * Entry into various native bird displays and glowworm caves.
- * Entry into Hobbiton.
- * Entry into National & Provincial Parks.
- * Entry into hot springs.
- * Ferry fees.

Not Included in your Tour Package (Rider / Pillion responsibility)

- * Airfare.
- * Insurance coverage & Damage Waivers (Bonds) on rental bikes.
- * Optional equipment add-on's to rental bikes.
- * Fuel.
- * All lunch's & rest day meals.
- * Special/optional events.
- * Incidentals and other costs once inside various attractions. i.e. rental of bathing suits or towels.



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Fully Guided

Prices based on twin shared rooms. Private rooms available with a "Single Room Supplement"*

All Prices are in NZ Dollars—Taxes included (No hidden costs)

Payment Terms

+ 20% deposit required when booking a tour to secure your position.

+ Balance is required no later than 30 days before the tour start date. In NZ dollars, preferably via electronic bank transfer.

+ Alternatively all major credit cards are accepted.

+ Deposit non refundable if cancellation is within 30 days of the tour commencing.

Tour Package A

BMW R1250GS
BMW R1250RT

NZ\$13,425

Tour Package B

BMW R1200RT
BMW R1200GS
BMW F850GS

NZ\$12,145

Tour Package C

BMW F750GS
BMW F700GS
Yamaha Tracer 900
Suzuki GSF 1250 Bandit
Triumph Tiger 800
Honda Shadow Aero 750

NZ\$11,185

Tour Package D

Honda CMX500
Honda CB500X
Suzuki DL 650
VSTROM

NZ\$10,385

Passenger / Pillion—NZ\$8,000

*Single room supplement—NZ\$2,535



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