



TOUR ITINERARY

New Zealand

RIDING
LEVEL

2

New Zealand Bike Tour

Queenstown to Wanaka: Cycling Central Otago + Lake Dunstan Trail

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Ride the most essential bike routes through the Central Otago and Southern Lakes region, including Lake Dunstan Trail, Lake Wānaka, and Lake Hāwea
- Hike up Mount Iron at sunrise and catch the very moment New Zealand's Southern Alps become bathed in golden morning light
- Stay at just two exceptional properties: Millbrook in Queenstown, a luxury lifestyle resort, and private villa-style accommodations in Wānaka
- Taste estate-grown wines that exemplify the Central Otago wine region and visit a charming regenerative farm for lunch



ARRIVAL + DEPARTURE

Arrival Details

➔ **Airport City:**
Queenstown, New Zealand

📍 **Pick-Up Location:**
Queenstown Airport or Downtown Queenstown

🕒 **Pick-Up Time:**
10:00 am

Departure Details

➔ **Airport City:**
Queenstown, New Zealand

📍 **Drop-Off Location:**
Queenstown Airport or Downtown Queenstown

🕒 **Drop-Off Time:**
12:00 pm

NOTE: DuVine provides group transfers to and from the tour from the pick-up and drop-off locations stated on the itinerary. In the event your train, flight, or other travel falls outside the arrival or departure times or locations, you may be responsible for extra costs incurred in arranging a separate transfer.

Emergency Assistance

For urgent assistance on your way to tour or while on tour, please always contact your guides first. You may also contact the Boston office during business hours at +1 617 776 4441 or emergency@duvine.com.

Travelers Take Note

U.S. Travelers visiting New Zealand are required to obtain a **New Zealand Electronic Travel Authority (NZeTA)** prior to departure.

Some of the riding on this tour takes place on packed gravel or dirt roads.



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Tour By Day

DAY
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Welcome to Queenstown

Touch down in Queenstown—New Zealand’s adventure capital—where your guides will greet you at the airport or downtown. A short transfer brings us to the peaceful village of Arrowtown and the luxurious Millbrook Resort, set against snow-capped peaks in the heart of Central Otago’s wine country. After a bike fitting and safety briefing, ease into the week with a warm-up ride through Coronet Peak Valley and along Speargrass Flat Road, a favorite among local cyclists. We’ll stop for lunch at a charming little café, then roll into Arrowtown for a casual coffee and time to wander its historic streets and artisan shops. This evening, we’ll gather for cocktails as the sun sets on our first day together. A welcome dinner follows at Amisfield—the perfect introduction to local ingredients and wines at New Zealand’s best restaurant, just a stone’s throw from our hotel.

Meals: Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Queenstown, Arrowtown, Gibbston Valley

Accomplished: 20 miles / 32 km, elevation gain: 1,260 feet / 384 meters

Longer Option: 26 miles / 41 km, elevation gain: 1,638 feet / 499 meters

Accommodations: [Millbrook Resort](#)

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The Queenstown Basin

This morning we ride straight out of Millbrook for a loop through the Queenstown Basin, a region rich in glacial lakes, rushing rivers, and alpine valleys. Our route begins on remote and traffic-free roads, then connects to smooth and scenic trails alongside Lake Wakatipu, Lake Hayes, and the confluence of the Kawarau and Shotover Rivers. Midway through our ride, we pause for a picnic lunch at one of our favorite spots. After, pedal back toward the hotel: take an afternoon nap, a dip in the pool, or a visit to the spa—or, head into Arrowtown for a glass of wine before dinner. Tonight we’re treated to a traditional hot stone barbecue and haka dance performance, both a celebration of Māori culture.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Queenstown, Arrowtown, Lake Wakatipu

Accomplished: 37 miles / 59 km, elevation gain: 2,250 feet / 685 meters

Longer Option: 46 miles / 74 km, elevation gain: 2,898 feet / 883 meters

Accommodations: [Millbrook Resort](#)

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Lake Dunstan Trail

If you're hungry for more miles, begin the day with an extra ride to Lake Dunstan—otherwise, take a 30-minute transfer directly to the lakefront after breakfast. Here, we'll regroup for some of Otago's most famous cycling on the Lake Dunstan Trail. This bucket-list ride follows a car-free, single-track path that hugs the lake's edge for peaceful and pristine riding with uninterrupted views. Take a break for coffee served out of a tiny speedboat that meets us on our route, then continue spinning to Clyde, a historic gold-rush town on the banks of the Clutha River. A wine-lover's lunch is served at an estate founded by a French winemaker in the 1860s—taste to your heart's content, since we'll transfer from lunch right to our hotel for the next three nights in Wanaka. This evening, gather for a private dinner prepared by our in-house chef and inspired by the season's best produce.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch/ Dinner

Destinations: Pisa Moorings, Cromwell, Clyde

Accomplished: 35 miles / 56 km, elevation gain: 1,981 feet / 603 meters

Longer Option: 50 miles / 80 km, elevation gain: 4,268 feet / 1,300 meters

Accommodations: [Whare Kea Lodge](#)

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4

Lake Wānaka: Sunrise Hike, Scenic Ride

Today we're early to rise for a hike up Mount Iron—well worth it for the sunrise view over Lake Wānaka and New Zealand's Southern Alps, a spectacular moment of pure peace you'll recall for years to come. Hike down and head back to our villa, where lunch is ready and waiting on our arrival. If you're up for it, venture out once more for a relaxed afternoon ride along the shores of Lake Wānaka; the setting may be the same, but from the seat of a bicycle, the perspective is entirely new. If you wish, take it up another notch with an eight-mile climb to the Treble Cone ski area. The average gradient is an eye-watering 12.5%, but the views from the top will reward your efforts tenfold. Tonight's the perfect evening to go your own pace and dine where you wish in Wānaka. Your guides are happy to recommend local restaurants in this lovely little resort town.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch

Destinations: Mount Iron, Glendhu Bay, Lake Wānaka

Accomplished: 27 miles / 43 km, elevation gain: 1,495 feet / 455 meters; 3 miles hiking

Longer Option: 40 miles / 64 km, elevation gain: 7,462 feet / 2,274 meters; 3 miles hiking

Accommodations: [Whare Kea Lodge](#)

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Lakes by Land and Water

Set off directly from the villa this morning and pedal north through Wānaka on a network of tracks that lead to Lake Hāwea. Our route consists of country roads and well-paved bike paths, with every mile more beautiful than the last: think glassy alpine basins, gently swaying grass, and glacier-sculpted valleys. Upon reaching Lake Hāwea, we'll have a coffee while watching the kite surfers, then start our return ride to Wānaka. En route, we visit a regenerative farm focused on biodiversity—they also happen to produce some of New Zealand's most sublime wools. Learn more about the farm's conservation efforts over lunch, then finish riding back to Lake Wānaka. A boat is waiting to take us across the lake, offering one more perspective to round out the week. Back at the villa, we'll toast with celebratory cocktails and share our favorite moments of the trip while our private chef prepares dinner.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Albert Town, Lake Hāwea, Wānaka

Accomplished: 35 miles / 56 km, elevation gain: 1,766 feet / 538 meters

Longer Option: 63 miles / 101 km, elevation gain: 3,095 feet / 943 meters

Accommodations: [Whare Kea Lodge](#)

DAY
6

Haere Rā: Farewell to New Zealand

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast or head out for a quick final spin along the shores of Lake Wanaka. Your guides will take you back to Queenstown to continue your time in New Zealand or head onto your next adventure.

Meals: Breakfast

Destinations: Lake Wanaka, Queenstown