

A Journey Into The Past Through Spectacular Central Otago 4 Days, 3 Nights Easy Grade



tour highlights

- Historical gold works
- Vast wide open expanses
- Rich in history
- Easy trail riding
- Great company
- Experienced attentive guide

tours run

November - April

Custom Groups: Options are available for this tour

TUATARA

tour cost:

2024 / 2025

Low season **\$1995** November, December, January,April

> High season **\$2195** February, March

options

Single Supplement:

NZD\$545





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the tour

The Otago Central Rail Trail is ideal for cyclists who wish to see some spectacular Central Otago scenery, at an easy pace, on flat gravelled terrain.

Trains typically travel through hills, around hills but (if it can be avoided) not uphill (the maximum gradient is 2%).

The Rail Trail runs for 150kms between Clyde and Middlemarch (close to Dunedin), passing through the towns of Clyde, Alexandra, Chatto Creek, Omakau, Lauder, Oturehua, Wedderburn, Ranfurly, Waipiata and Hyde.

at a glance

Day 1	Clyde to Lauder	44km
Day 2	Lauder to Ranfurly	48km
Day 34	Ranfurly to Hyde	33km
Day 4	Hyde to Middlemarch - Queenstown	40km

trip grading

To determine the grade of a particular adventure we consider a number of factors. These include the condition of the terrain, the altitude, the number of pass crossings and the length of the trip.

The Otago Central Rail Trail is graded Easy: An average level of fitness, you should be comfortable biking 15 to 20km on well-formed tracks and roads with very little incline.

about your guide

Our guides are very experienced, friendly walkers and bikers who love to share their knowledge of New Zealand's flora and fauna and local history.

They all hold current first aid certificates, passenger driving licences and are the very best people to ensure your experience will be one to remember.

official partner

Tuatara Tours is proud to be in an official partnership with The New Zealand Cycle Trail.

Easy Grade



The objective of the partnership is to create a nationwide network of cycle

trails that connect the Great Rides with the rest of New Zealand.











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Pre Tour

Our vehicle drives down to Queenstown on the day prior to the tour starting. If you require a ride from Christchurch please let us know at the time of booking. This is available at no extra cost to you but you will need to organise your own accommodation and meals in Queenstown.

Day 1 Clyde to Lauder - 44km biking

We will collect you from your accommodation in Queenstown and drive through to Clyde. We ride from Clyde to Alexandra, and then through the flat rural countryside to Chatto Creek. The trail then starts to rise before levelling off at Omakau, where we briefly leave the trail and take a short ride around the quaint township of Ophir.

The highlights of today are the wooden trestle Muttontown Viaduct; the Old Tucker Hill gold diggings; views of the Dunstan Mountains and Raggedy Range; and (hopefully) sighting brown trout in the Manuherikia River.

Dinner tonight is at a local cafe.

Day 2 Lauder to Ranfurly - 48km biking

This morning we make a side trip in the bus to the historic gold-mining town of St Bathan's, and walk around the beautiful Blue Lake.

We return to Lauder where we start todays biking. Today we bike through two tunnels and over two rail bridges and follow along above a willow tree edged gorge and welcoming river pools. We finally emerge into the scenic Idaburn valley, and then have a last easy climb up to the summit of the trail. We then enjoy the descent down to the art deco township of Ranfurly.

The highlights of today include the engineering marvel of the Poolburn Gorge Viaduct and tunnels; the vast wide open Ida Valley (made famous by the artist Grahame Sydney); the Idaburn dam (known for its winter curling); and a trip to Hayes Engineering Works (Hayes invented the wire strainer, pulley block and cattle stop at the beginning of the 20th century); and visiting the town of Wedderburn.







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Day 3 Ranfurly to Hyde - 33km biking

This morning we drive to Naseby, which is a small forestry township, and play a game of curling (if you can imagine bowls on ice then you are on the right track....they have the only dedicated curling rink in the Southern Hemisphere).

From Naseby drive to Ranfurly where we start todays ride. We ride the trail to Waipiata and along the edge of an old lake, before entering the Taieri Gorge. The trail then crosses through further tunnels and bridges...... before a fast downhill to the end of todays cycling at Hyde.

The highlights of today's itinerary include curling at Naseby, crossing the vast Maniototo Plains; following the Taieri River as it snakes around the Rock and Pillar Range; crossing the stone bridge over Cap Burn; and experiencing the 32 metre high Price's Creek Viaduct, and the 152 metre long tunnel.

Day 4 Hyde to Middlemarch - Queenstown - 40km biking

The highlight of the final day's ride includes views of the Rock and Pillar and Taieri Ranges; the Hyde Railway Disaster memorial; and dropping down into the Strath Taieri Plain.

We end at Middlemarch – which is a small farming town that is well known for the Easter Singles Ball. Girls travel there to meet eligible rugged young Southern Men who come down to the ball from their hill country stations.

After lunch we drive to Alexandra where we get on the bikes and ride alongside the Clutha River to Clutha. From Clutha we then drive to Queenstown and drop you off at your accommodation.

This is a fantastic trip, particularly for novice cyclists who want to experience the wonderful scenery and pioneering history of Central Otago.







what is included

Accommodation

Each night you will stay in comfortable hotel, motel, or bed and breakfast accommodation.

Rooms are double (one queen /king bed) or twin (2 separate beds)

If you have a preference for a twin room, please let us know when you make your booking.

All rooms have their own ensuite bathroom.

If you are a single traveller, you can nominate to share a room with another single of the same gender or pay an additional single supplement to secure a private room for the duration of the tour.

Food

You will enjoy great local cuisine; continental breakfasts and hearty packed lunches during the day, and either restaurant meals or wholesome home-cooked fare prepared by your host/hostess in the evenings. If you have any dietary issues or food allergies, we are happy to cater for these, please advise the office of details when you make your booking. Alcohol is not included in the tour cost, but is available for purchase most nights.

Luggage

Tuatara Tours transports all your luggage for the duration of the tour.

Tour Kit Bag - Exclusive to Tuatara Tours

To ensure you get the very best out of your journey with the least of fuss, we provide you with a bag of useful goodies. This will be given to you at the start of your tour.

An experienced and fully qualified guide

Our guides are very experienced, friendly walkers and bikers who love to share their knowledge of New Zealand's flora and fauna and local history. They all hold current first aid certificates, passenger driving licences and are the very best people to ensure your experience will be one to remember.

All transport - support vehicle for the duration of the tour

Access and Concession fees paid to the Department of Conservation

Entrance fees for Hayes Engineering and Curling

NZ Goods and Service Tax (GST)

Safety and Risk Management

To ensure maximum safety for all, our guides are certified first aiders and fully qualified drivers. Tuatara Tours operate under a Safety and Risk Management Plan which is regularly audited and approved by a qualified and independent auditor.

what is not included

- bike hire
- pre and post tour accommodation
- alcoholic drinks
- personal expenses
- gratuities, tipping is not expected in NZ but gratefully received. It is at your discretion whether or not to reward for excellent service







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pre tour checklist

Please ensure you have the following items for your cycle tour.

Waterproof rain jacket with hood Comfortable walking/riding shoes, we suggest lightweight

walking shoes suitable for cycling Woollen (merino) or polypro thermals (top and bottom) Polar fleece jacket or top or woollen jumper

Gloves-fleece or woollen or cycle gloves if you have them Warm hat

Pair of shorts or longs (preferably quick-dry fabric, no jeans) or cycle shorts if you have them.

Personal first aid items and any essential medications

The following are highly recommended

- Swimsuit and small towel
- Sun hat, sun glasses, sun block
- Pair of light shoes or sandals for the evenings
- Casual attire for the evenings
 - Personal toiletries Insect repellent

Camera

Drink bottle (we supply you with a double wall insulated stainless steel water bottle, but you may wish to bring another as well)

Torch or head torch

If you are bringing along your own bike, you must ensure your bike has been fully serviced and is in a roadworthy and safe condition to ride. Please ensure you bring spare tyres and tubes as we only carry a basic stock for the bikes we hire out.

Please call the office on o8oo 377 378 if you are unsure about your bike(s).

All our hire bikes come with a helmet, hi-vis safety garment and a very comfortable memory foam seat, you are welcome to bring your own helmet or gel seat cover if you prefer.





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tuatara conservation

Tuatara Tours are proud to be actively involved in Tuatara Conservation.

Tuatara Tours has formally adopted "BP" a male juvenile tuatara who resides at Orana Park in Christchurch and is part of the conservation programme to ensure the safe future of these amazing reptiles.





FAQ's - frequently asked questions

How do we book a tour? The deposit is \$300 per person to confirm your place and can be paid with a credit card through our website at <u>https://www.tuataratours.co.nz/make-a-payment/</u> (we accept Visa or Mastercard with no card surcharges) or by internet banking or bank transfer (New Zealand bank account holders only) to Tuatara Tours NZ Ltd account: o1 0797 0308837 oo. Please use your surname or tour booking number as a reference when making a payment so we can identify it as yours.

When is the balance due? Your final balance is due 90 days prior to departure. We will email you a reminder when this is due. You are welcome to pay in instalments as long as your tour is paid in full by the due date. Please email us each time you make a payment so we can confirm receipt.

What if I need to cancel? Please see our Terms and conditions for our cancellation policy:

<u>https://www.tuataratours.co.nz/terms-conditions/</u>. We do recommend you purchase travel insurance to cover you in the case that something unexpected happens and you cannot proceed with your tour.

How big are the groups? Normally we take a maximum of 12 people on a tour but are happy to cater to larger groups on request if you are planning to get a group together.

Do I have to share a room? The tours are priced on a twin share basis (2 people to a room), please let us know at the time of booking if you prefer a queen room (one queen bed) or a twin room (2 separate beds). If you are a solo traveller we will room you with another single person of the same gender, or you may wish to pay an additional single supplement to reserve a private room to yourself.

Am I fit enough? As a general guideline we suggest the following activity level guide for our tours:

Walking Tours:

Easy/Mild: An average level of fitness, you should be comfortable walking 12km on well-formed tracks and roads with a small amount of incline.

Moderate: An above average level of fitness, you should be comfortable walking 20km, on formed tracks and roads with some average to steep inclines at times.

Challenging: An above average level of fitness, you should be comfortable walking 20+ km, on partially formed tracks and roads, some steep inclines, some easy river and creek crossings.

Cycle Tours:

Previous cycling experience is necessary to comfortably complete a multi-day cycle tour.

Easy/Mild: An average level of fitness, you should be comfortable biking 25km on well-formed tracks and roads with a small amount of incline.

Moderate: An above average level of fitness, you should be comfortable biking 45km on formed tracks and roads with some average to steep inclines at times.

Challenging: An above average level of fitness, you should be comfortable biking 50+km on partially formed tracks and roads, some off-road, some steep inclines, some easy river and creek crossings.

If you have any concerns about your fitness level, or ability to complete a tour, please call our office staff and we can discuss this further with you.

Can you pick me up for the tour? Yes, if your tour starts in Nelson, Christchurch, Queenstown or Rotorua pickups and drop offs are available at most central city hotels and motels. Pick-ups are not possible at Airbnb properties or in residential suburbs. Please check with our office before you book accommodation if you are not sure about the location of your stay. If your tour departs from Picton we ask you to make your own way to the meeting point on the wharf for the tour departure.







FAQ's - frequently asked questions - continued

What's the best time to do a tour? New Zealand is known to have four seasons in a day. Rain can be expected at any time throughout the year, and we depart rain, or fine so you should always be prepared for sudden changes in weather or temperature and always have the appropriate gear with you. Gear lists are in our trip notes for each tour.

Spring (September-November) and Autumn (March-May) are generally cooler months for experiencing the outdoors with temperatures averaging 15-25 degrees during the day.

Summer (December-February) is usually warmer with averages of 20-30 degrees and has longer sunshine hours due to daylight saving. We typically see more activity on the trails over February, March and April so September to December can be a quieter time to travel if you prefer trails less busy.

Do I have breakfast on the first day or is this included? Your tour starts after we pick you up on the first day so please come having had breakfast. After this all meals on tour are included for you as per the trip inclusions in your itinerary.

What sort of food do you provide? We provide continental breakfasts, either café or packed lunches, and an evening meal either in-house at your accommodation, or dining out at a local restaurant. We can cater for vegetarian, vegan, gluten free and dairy free diets, and most food allergies, however these need to be advised at the time of booking.

Do you provide alcohol? No but this can be purchased each evening with your meal, or you are welcome to bring a small amount for your own personal consumption. BYO is not available when dining at licensed premises.

Do I need to come ready to walk or cycle? Yes, please come dressed ready to walk or cycle with your overnight bag packed ready for the transport. During the day you will not have access to your overnight bag so please make sure to have all the items you require for use during the day, packed in a day pack for easy access. For some of the tours there is a ride of up to several hours in the bus to get to your start location, if you are not comfortable travelling in full walk or cycle gear, please have this readily available to change into before the walk /ride starts.

Can I fly in/fly out the same day? Ideally, we recommend you arrive the day prior to your tour and depart the morning after the tour finishes just in case there are any unexpected delays or cancellations to your flights.

Can I bring my own bike for the cycle tours? Yes, please make sure it has been serviced and is fit for purpose for the trail you are undertaking. If you are not sure, please check with our office staff on booking.

What comes with the hire bikes? Our hire E bikes, and standard bikes all come with a comfortable memory foam saddle and a rack bag for carrying your jacket, phone, and a drink bottle. Helmets and hi-vis garments are issued with each bike, and as helmets are required by law in New Zealand, we ask riders to wear these at all times while riding. The support vehicle is never far away if you need access to other items of your clothing or equipment.

How much luggage can I bring on tour? Space is limited so we would appreciate if you could please keep your luggage to one hand carry and one overnight bag or suitcase max 20kg. For the Abel Tasman we provide a bag for you to pack into (please see trip notes for the Abel Tasman tours) and for Queen Charlotte tours please limit luggage to 15kg as there are restrictions on the size and weight of bags that can be transported on the water taxis. On some of the hiking tours you may be required to carry your own pack, this is specified in the packing list for your tour

Are all your tours guided?

Our walking tours, with the exception of the Queen Charlotte Boat stay tour, are all guided by a knowledgeable local guide, they provide information on the terrain you are passing through as well as logistical support.

On a cycle tour we provide a support vehicle and driver-guide throughout to help with any bike issues, first aid, trail instructions and to set up for meal breaks. On occasion they will bike a section of the trail with you to highlight places of interest or point out directions, but they do not guide the full trail. If anyone needs to take a break from the riding, you are welcome to make use of the vehicle at any stage.

If there is something we have not covered in these FAQ's please feel free to call **0800** 377 378 or email our office team for further assistance.



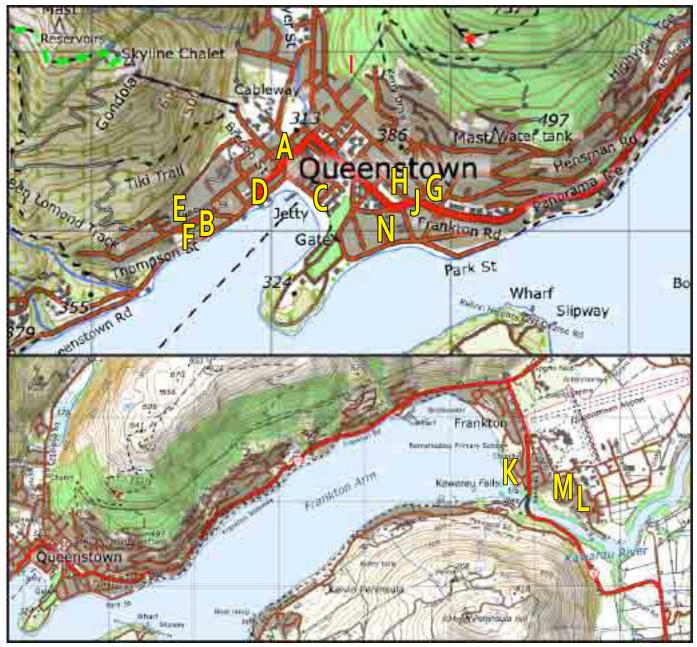
Pre and Post Departure Accommodation Options - Queenstown Each of the properties below can be booked directly with the host for the best rates.

On the morning of your tour, we will meet you at your accommodation. Please let us know where you have booked to stay and we will confirm the time for pickup with you. For some of the locations below, we will need you to walk a short distance to the nearest bus stop for pickup as parking is not available directly in front of the property. Please note: Pickups are not available at Airbnb properties or in residential suburbs, if you are not sure about your pre/ post tour location please call or email us to check.

PROPERTY TYPE	WEBSITE	LOCATION
4–5 STAR HOTELS		
Sofitel Queenstown	https://www.sofitel-queenstown.com/	8 Duke St Queenstown Town Centre
Hotel St Moritz	https://www.stmoritz.co.nz/	10/18 Brunswick Street 5 min walk to town
Novotel Queenstown Lakeside	https://www.all.accor.com/hotel/5308/index.en.shtml	Cnr Earl St and Marine Parade Queenstown Lakefront
Crown Plaza	https://www.queenstown.crowneplaza.com/	93 Beach Street Queenstown Town Centre
QT Queenstown	https://www.qthotels.com/queenstown/	30 Brunswick Street 5 min walk to town
ECONOMY HOTELS /	3 STAR+	
Rydges Lakeland Resort	https://www.rydges.com/accommodation/new-zealand/ gueenstown-resort/	38-54 Lake Esplanade 10 min walk to town
Copthorne Hotel and Apartments	https://www.millenniumhotels.com/en/queenstown/ copthorne-hotel-apartments-queenstown- lakeview/?cid=nzmposwim	88 Frankton Road 10-15 minute walk to town
Copthorne Hotel and Resort Queenstown Lakefront	https://www.millenniumhotels.com/en/queenstown/ copthorne-hotel-and-resort-lakefront-queenstown/	Cnr Frankton Road and Adelaide St 5 min walk to town
MOTEL	SELF CATERING	
Amity Serviced Apartments	https://www.amityqueenstownaccommodation.co.nz/	7 Melbourne St 5 min walk to town centre
Bella Vista Motel	https://www.bellavista.co.nz/our-motels/queenstown	36 Robins Road 10-15 min walk to town centre
Garden Court	https://www.marsdenhotels.co.nz/gardencourt/	41 Frankton Road 5 min walk to town centre
AIRPORT VICINITY	(Drive or ride local bus to town centre)	
Hilton Queenstown Resort and Spa	https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/zqnhqhi-hilton- gueenstown-resort-and-spa/	79 Peninsula Rd, Kawerau Village 10km drive to town Centre
Wyndham Garden Queenstown	https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/wyndham-garden/	32 Red Oaks Drive, Remarkables Park-10km drive to town centre
Ramada Suites	https://www.ramadaremarkables.co.nz/	24 Hawthorne Drive, Remarkables Park-10km drive to town centre
ARROWTOWN		
Shades of Arrowtown Motel	https://www.shadesofarrowtown.co.nz/	9 Merioneth Street,Arrowtown 30 min bus ride to Queenstown
Arrowtown Holiday Park	https://www.arrowtownholidaypark.co.nz/	12 Centennial Ave,Arrowtown 30 min bus ride to Queenstown



Pre and Post Tour Accommodation Options in Queenstown



Accommodation Options

А	Sofitel	Н
В	Hotel St Moritz	
С	Novotel Queenstown Lakeside	J
D	Crown Plaza	Κ
Е	QT Queenstown	L
F	Rydges Lakeland Resort	М
G	Copthorne Hotel and Apartments	Ν



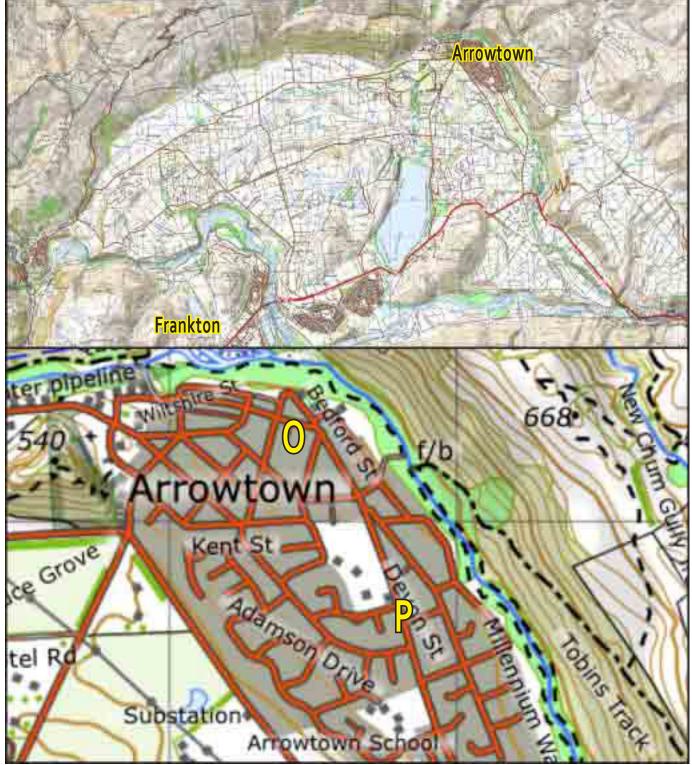
Amity Serviced Apartments Bella Vista Motel Garden Court Suites and Apartments Hilton Queenstown Resort and Spa Wyndham Garden Queenstown Ramada Suites Copthorne Hotel and Resort







Pre and Post Tour Accommodation Options in Arrowtown



O Shades of Arrowtown Motel



P Arrowtown Holiday Park





making an enguiry

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Tuatara Tours Hire Bikes



2024/25 Otago Rail Trail Prices

Tuatara Tours HYBRID E-bikes are designed in New Zealand to be versatile and flexible so they can handle a range of New Zealand riding conditions. The lighter carbon fibre frame and powerful motor mean they are far superior to other similar e-bikes on hills where performance is critical.



Luxury Bikes



Carbon Fibre - Full Suspension Electric Bike

HYBRID M24 ADVENTURE - 20AH/720WH BATTERY

The full suspension carbon fibre M24 stands as the ultimate adventure all terrain commuter e-bike, designed for riders seeking unparalleled comfort. With a dropper seat, it ensures a comfortable commute across all terrain. The M24 offers a range \$165 per day for 4 days

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of over 100km per charge, making it exceptionally practical for longer trail rides. The M24 incorporates cutting-edge technology

with the M510 motor, a 250-watt powerhouse. With an impressive torque of 95N/M and a featherweight design at just 2.8kg, it stands out

as both incredibly powerful and lightweight. At the Euro Bike Show 2023, the M510 motor was recognized as one of the finest in its class, alongside esteemed competitors such as Bosch, Brose, and Shimano.

The Samsung INR21700-40T, Lithium-Ion High Capacity Cylindrical Battery is one of the best quality and most reliable 21700 cells on the market.

perform optimally for their individual preferences.

Available in Mediium and Large sizes We have limited number of our HYBRID M24 ADVENTURE carbon fibre full suspension electric bikes for hire These bikes are available on a first come first serve basis. To be sure of getting the ride of your lifetime please book early

Carbon Fibre - Full Suspension Electric Bike Hybrid F24 Discovery - 20AH/720WH BATTERY

The F24 stands as the ultimate discovery all terrain commuter e-bike, designed for riders seeking unparalleled comfort. With a dropper seat, it accommodates riders ranging from 154cm to 190cm, ensuring a comfortable commute across all terrain.

Equipped with a large 720W/H battery, the F24 offers a range of over 100km per charge, making it exceptionally practical for longer trail rides. Its mega comfort Rockshoxair suspension allows riders to tailor the suspension to

Featuring 29 x 2.1 medium-sized tires, the F24 is perfect for all-terrain riders, providing a safe and comfortable riding experience even within urban environments.

Hybrid Bikes incorporates cutting-edge technology with the M510 motor, a 250powerhouse. With an

impressive torque of 95N/M and a featherweight design at just 2.8kg, it stands out as both incredibly powerful and lightweight.

Available in Medium and Large sizes We have limited number of our HYBRID F24 DISCOVERY carbon fibre full suspension electric bikes for hire These bikes are available on a first come first serve basis. To be sure of getting the ride of your lifetime please book early

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LUXURY BIKES continued.....



Carbon Fibre - Full Suspension Electric Bike Merida 22 Eone Sixty 10000k

The most inspiring and fun-packed e-bike ride yet, the 10K is the test and award-winning flagship of Merida. Loaded with top drawer components including XTR drivetrain, Fox Factory level suspension, carbon DT Swiss wheelset and powerful Shimano EP8 motor, the carbon/aluminium frame hosts the integrated high-capacity battery and features modern yet balanced e-enduro geometry.



Carbon Fibre - Full Suspension Electric Bike Merida - 22 Eone Sixty 8000

The Merida eOne-Sixty 8000 Electric Mountain Bike is designed to bring the best of dual-suspension trail bikes and electric bikes to the same world. With perfectly-tuned MTB geometry, this bike is made for trail riding, but will also shine away from the enduro tracks, thanks to the comfortable geometry and more travel, it is also perfect as a capable alternative to a 'normal'

Jam-packed with amazing components, this bike features the high-quality Shimano STEPs EP6 drive unit and EP8 630 Wh battery.

mountain bike.

With 85 Nm of torque, and specifically designed clearance, this bike will help you tackle the toughest of terrain, all thanks to

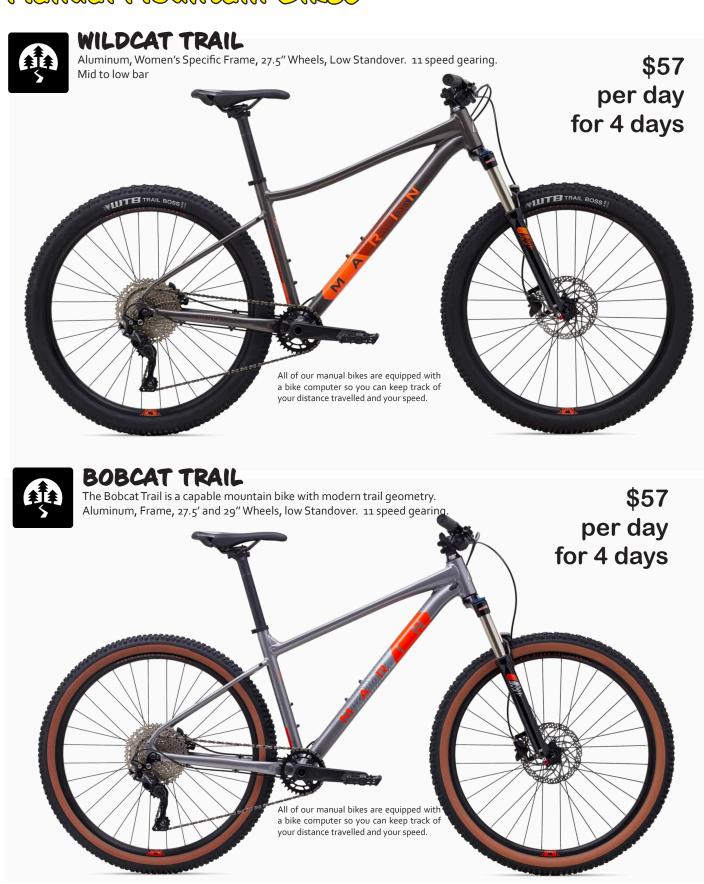
the comfortable geometry of the tough and lightweight carbon/ aluminium frame. \$175 per day for 4 days

Available in Small,Mediium, Large and Extra Large sizes We have limited number of our carbon fibre full suspension 22EONE SIXTY 8000 electic bikes for hire. These bikes are available on a first come first serve basis. To be sure of getting the ride of your lifetime please book early.

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Manual Bikes Manual Mountain Bikes





Manual bike pictures are indicative only. Some bikes are different in colour and appearance. All manual bikes are suitable for the trails we ride. All Bike Hire Prices Only Valid For The 2024/2025 Season



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All of our bikes have a bell, a bike stand, a carrier with a trunk bag where you can carry your personal gear whilst on the trail. In the carrier bag you will find a tyre pump and a bike lock. All of our bike seats are the very latest unisex design and made from memory foam which is more comfortable than a gel seat.



LARGE TRUNK BAG This deluxe Bag is a large trunk bag which includes an expanding top section, large roll-out side panniers. Large 18 litre capacity.





COMFORT SEAT New unisex maximum comfort memory foam seat.



TERMS & CONDITIONS

Tuatara Tours NZ Limited accepts bookings subject to the following conditions:

Contract

This contract is between Tuatara Tours and you the client being any person travelling or intending to travel on a tour supplied by Tuatara Tours as the operator. The contract, including all matters arising from it, is subject to New Zealand law and the exclusive jurisdiction of the New Zealand courts. Only Employees and Directors of Tuatara Tours have authority to vary or omit any of the terms.

Cancellation Policy due to travel restriction that is imposed by either the New Zealand government or any other government. Should your trip be impacted by a travel restriction that is imposed by either the New Zealand government or any other government, we will either work with you to transfer your trip to a future date at no additional cost, or provide you with a full refund.

Price

The price is quoted in New Zealand dollars and includes GST of 15%. The price is based on prices at time of publishing and Tuatara Tours hereby reserves to modify without notice those prices in any way considered necessary or desirable.

Organised tour accommodations are based on a twin/double share accommodation. Individual travellers will be placed in rooms together with other individual travellers of the same sex. A single supplement is available on request.

Confirmation of Booking

Bookings are confirmed upon receipt of the full tour price which is payable 90 days prior to the commencement of the tour. Tuatara Tours or their agents reserve their right to decline any booking at their discretion.

Cancellation

If a client wishes to cancel a Tour the following charges will be applied: (Unless stated otherwise)

- 1. 91+ days prior to departure no fee
- 2. 90-60 days prior to departure NZD\$300.00 per person applies
- 3. 59-30 days prior to departure 30% of total package cost applies
- 4. 29-0 days prior to departure 100% of total package cost applies
- 5. After tour commencement no refund available.

These cancellation fees are not negotiable, therefore we strongly recommend that you purchase travel insurance.

Travel Insurance

Tuatara Tours recommends that the client take out tour cancellation insurance together with all other necessary travel insurances. Obtaining all necessary insurances is the responsibility of you the client and Tuatara Tours can not held liable for any failure on your part to get insurance.

Medical conditions

When you book you must notify us of any medical condition, medical history or medication that you are on.

Changes to Tours

Tuatara Tours will use its best endeavours to ensure that all tours are operated as advertised. It may be that reasonable changes in the itinerary may need to be made where is deemed necessary or advisable by Tuatara Tours. Changes will be advised to the client as soon as is reasonably possible. Where a tour service needs to be changed, a substitute or similar quality or standard will be provided.

Weather

Adverse weather conditions may mean that planned activities cannot proceed as intended. A decision to change an advertised tour based on the weather conditions will be made by a tour guide at the time and is made in the best interest of the group and their safety. Tuatara Tours and or their contracted suppliers can not be held responsible to any changes as a result of the weather.

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