

FIRST LIGHT TRAVEL



Your South Pacific Travel Specialists



7-DAY SOUTH ISLAND DIRT SEEKER MTB TOUR

Get ready for an epic MTB adventure of world-class trails and jaw-dropping scenery as we explore the beautiful South Island, from Christchurch to Queenstown, taking in the best riding hotspots along the way.

It's an early start on Day 1 as we meet at 8am for breakfast at our Christchurch accommodation before making our way, bikes on the back, to some riding.

In the evenings on the tour you are welcome to relax at the accommodations, rest your legs and soak in the local hot tub(s), cook in, eat out, go partying or even some more night riding... whatever takes your fancy. Your tour manager will be on-hand to provide their local knowledge on the best places to go.

As you build your tour online, you will see a few optional activities available to add – remember, none of these are compulsory. Not sure which activities to choose? No problem. Once you've paid a deposit and secured your seat you can add activities anytime until 45 days prior to departure.

Activities can also be purchased on the road – just let your tour guide know, he'll be happy to help. However we can't always guarantee availability when booking on the road, so we suggest if there are any activities you

As the tour starts early in the morning you can opt to stay at our Christchurch accommodation the night before tour – only having to walk downstairs on the day the tour starts makes for a stress free morning. Alternatively, you can get ahead of the game and get the ball rolling earlier by adding on our **3-Day Nelson Sun Excursion** to the start of your tour.

The extension starts in Wellington 3 days before your start date and takes in the amazing trails of Nelson, and ends in Christchurch right in time for the Dirt Seeker South Island MTB Tour the following morning.

Likewise, you can book an extra night or two at our accommodation in Queenstown after the tour ends.

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TOUR INCLUSIONS

ALL MTB TOURS INCLUDE

DETAILED TRAIL ADVICE AND RECOMMENDATIONS

we give you the low-down on every location

ALL TRANSPORT PROVIDED

taking you to NZ's best MTB locations

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST EVERY DAY

heaps of options for everyone (you too, vegans!)

HIGH-END HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION

dorm share, upgrades available

EXPERIENCED MTB GUIDES

with 2 guides for tours with 5 or more people

SMALL GROUPS

because you're more than just a number!

AWESOME INCLUSIONS

Some of New Zealand's best singletrack, scenic backcountry and thrilling downhills

All shuttles on Queenstown Bike Park

Skyline Gondola Pass in Queenstown

Exclusive Haka Tours riding on backcountry and private trails

Amazing 3-course dinner at warm and inviting Ohau Ski Lodge

Quality riding lights for the special Haka Night Adventure Ride (if you do not already own some)

Plus many surprise stops along the way!

DISCLAIMER

Tracks can vary depending on the time of year, weather and guests' riding ability



ITINERARY SUMMARY

DAY 1 – CHRISTCHURCH TO SPRINGFIELD **B**

Take on New Zealand's most up and coming riding destination: Christchurch

DAY 2 – SPRINGFIELD TO OHAU **B** **D**

Challenging single track and stunning scenery make this one a locals' favorite

DAY 3 – OHAU TO WANAKA **B**

Amazing multi-line mountain trails, and a Haka Tours Night Ride

DAY 4 – WANAKA TO QUEENSTOWN (VIA ALEXANDRA) **B**

The finest South Island singletrack with a chance to smash the rugged Cardrona Park

DAY 5 – QUEENSTOWN **B**

This is it, the undisputed adventure capital of the world – and MTB heaven

DAY 6 – QUEENSTOWN **B**

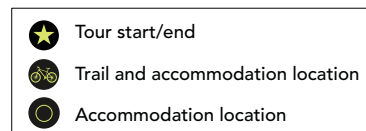
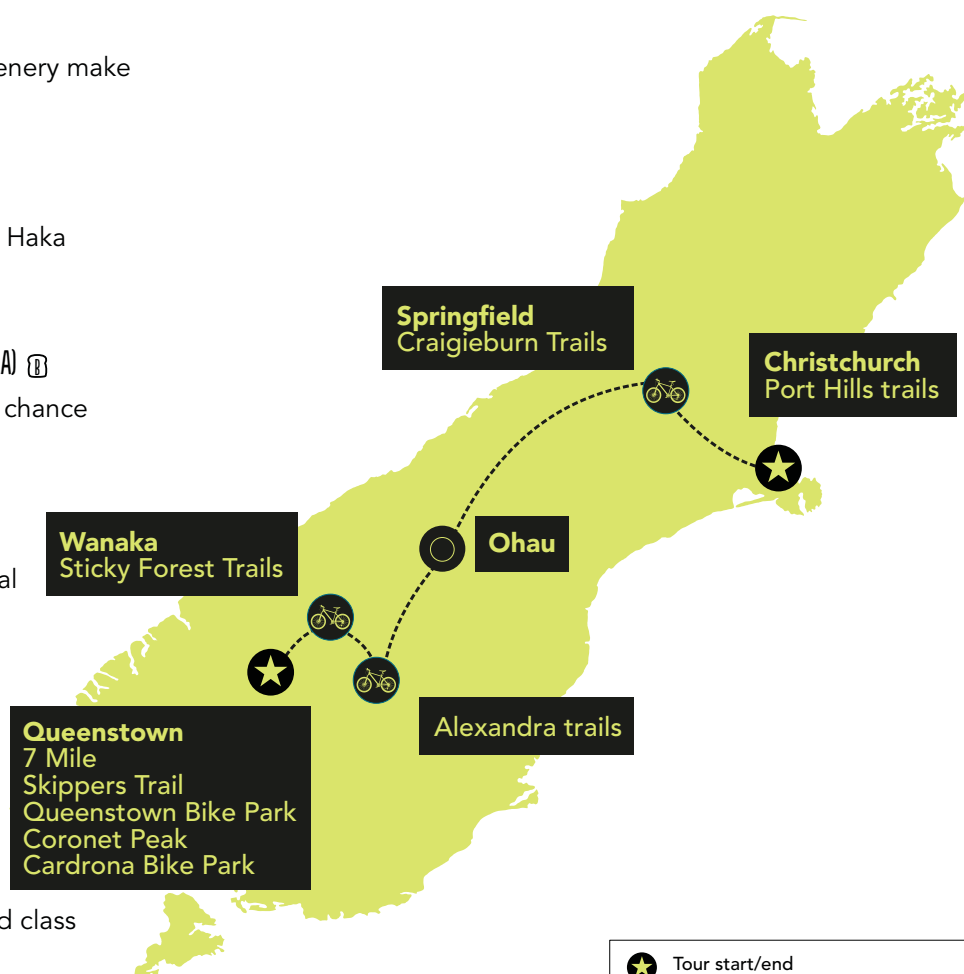
Trails, tracks, activities and nightlife that will hum to the needs of any rider!

DAY 7 – QUEENSTOWN **B**

Get even more of Queenstown with world class trails, and adrenaline pumping activities

B Breakfast included

D Dinner included





CHRISTCHURCH | SPRINGFIELD | OHAU

DAY 1 – CHRISTCHURCH TO SPRINGFIELD

Kia ora, and welcome to New Zealand, where you'll find some of the best mountain biking anywhere in the world!

We kick things off early, meeting at 8am in the lounge of our Christchurch accommodation, where your guide will have set up continental breakfast. Over breakfast your guide will introduce everyone to the group and run through everything you need to know to get started. And then getting started is exactly what we'll do!

From a superb winding singletrack around Godley Heads, to tracks with names such as Flying Nun and Anaconda, you know you will be in for a treat on the perfectly built XC and DH trails that only the locals know. Today you'll be rewarded with panoramic views of the looming Southern Alps, right out over Banks Peninsula and the Pacific Ocean.

In the afternoon, after we have ridden our fair share of Christchurch's best, we rally the troops and head for our next destination: Springfield!

TRAIL INFO

Port Hills Trails

Trails available from Moderate to Extreme
60.5 kilometres of trails
Grades: 3–6

Christchurch Adventure Park

Trails available from Beginner to Pro Line
40 kilometres of trails
Grades: 1–6

DAY 2 – SPRINGFIELD TO OHAU

Today is the day for our next adventure ride. A white-knuckle classic: the Craigieburn Edge Track. A short 30-minute journey takes us up and over Porters Pass, and we enter the Castle Hill Basin, home to mystical limestone rocks and gold tussock.

Then we drive deeper into the mountains with their grey scree faces – this is some hardcore stuff. Our chosen trails are true alpine tracks, crossing 37-degree scree slopes, dipping in and out of bush.

Pioneered for ski tourism over 70 years ago, these were tackled by intrepid cyclists before mountain biking was even a thing!

If you want something cruisier, there's the newly constructed Hogs Back Track – a perfect blend of natural trails with tools in just the right spots for flow.

A stay at Lake Ohau Lodge, near the shores of the lake, is an experience in itself. Even though it has the incredibly friendly culture of a ski lodge, it is actually run more like a hotel and we totally love the "faded glamour" feel of roaring open fires and panoramic lake views.

TRAIL INFO

Craigieburn Trails

Trails available from Intermediate upwards
24 kilometres of trails
Grades: 3–6



OHAU | WANAKA | QUEENSTOWN

DAY 3 – OHAU TO WANAKA

Even though it's difficult to leave the views of Lake Ohau Lodge behind, we track on, and depart to another vividly picturesque South Island MTB haven: Wanaka.

Winding through green farmland and high-country merino sheep stations, the impressive Clyde Dam comes into view – and shortly after, we arrive at Alexandra. We wouldn't dream of missing out on this kind of out-of-this-world terrain.

This is a mountain biker's dream playground, with multi-line trails allowing riders to take it easy or take on gnarlier drops and rock lines, all within whooping distance of your fellow Haka companions.

Back in Wanaka, you'll have some free time to enjoy the sights or experience a thrilling optional activity.

Once dinner is eaten, it's time for another of Haka's famous night rides around some of Wanaka's awesome trails. Whip around the expertly contoured tracks guided by the lights provided by your guide and the glittering stars above. It truly doesn't get much better than this: you are in MTB paradise.

TRAIL INFO

Alexandra Trails

Trails available from Intermediate to Hard
17.5 kilometres of trails
Grades: 3–4

Sticky Forest

Trails available from Beginner to Extreme
30 kilometres of trails
Grades: 1–6

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Tiger Moth Acrobatic Plane Ride
Skydiving over the Southern Alps

DAY 4 – WANAKA TO QUEENSTOWN

We crack on with an early start in Wanaka to get to know this beautiful little town and its legendary lake.

Next up is the short scenic drive over the magnificent Crown Ranges, down into Arrowtown for a feast of cross-country awesomeness!

After a bite to eat (a hearty pie from the Arrowtown Bakery is highly recommended), we nip on up the road to Coronet Peak area, with staggering views of Queenstown and the Remarkables.

And how about those downhills? Don't think we've forgotten about gravity! Today, we'll show you some of our local favourites. The trails descending from New Zealand's first commercial ski resort, Coronet Peak, are world class.

Rude Rock and the Zoot Track have been voted some of the top tracks in Queenstown by locals and visitors alike and, once you blast around and down them, we are sure you will agree! We might even save you from the uphill sections and cart you to the top so you can fly through the downhill without delay.

TRAIL INFO

Sticky Forest

Beginner to Advanced
30+ kilometres
Grades: 1–6

Coronet Peak (Rude Rock & Zoot Track)

Intermediate to Hard
7+ kilometres
Grades 3–4



QUEENSTOWN

DAY 5— QUEENSTOWN

Waking up in the Adventure Capital of New Zealand is an experience in itself, with impressive scenery and colossal peaks towering over the energetic lakeside town. This MTB Mecca has a whole lot to offer.

We look to the skies and see New Zealand's first-ever gondola-assisted bike lift, providing direct access to Queenstown Bike Park. Get your suspension ready and heart pumping; there will be no granny gears here! With over 26 world class mountain biking trails and varying terrain for all abilities, in amongst the pine trees of the Ben Lomond Reserve, Queenstown Bike Park boasts over 30 kilometres of tracks and a longest run of 6 kilometres.

A 450-metre vertical rise via the Skyline Gondola gives you easy access to one of New Zealand's best mountain bike parks. Attach your mountain bike to your Gondola cabin at the Skyline Queenstown base and enjoy the leisurely uphill Gondola ride before detaching your bike and taking on the legendary challenges of the Queenstown Bike Park.

TRAIL INFO

Queenstown Bike Park

Trails available from Beginner to Extreme
30 kilometres of trails
Grades: 2–6

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Heli-Mountain Biking	Shotover Jet Boat
Canyon Swing	Canyoning
Bungy Jumping	Horse Trekking
Skydiving	Middle Earth 4WD Tour
Paragliding	Milford Sound Day Trip

DAY 6 — QUEENSTOWN

Next up, there's an unmissable option to enjoy the long, swooping exposed singletrack descent into what was once the world's richest gold mining area, The Skippers Canyon Pack Track.

The afternoon also has the option of heading up to the Cardona Ski Field – a spot that, when it's not the winter months, is home to some expertly carved downhill and freeride MTB tracks littered across its slopes for you to enjoy.

The chairlift will take you and your trusty steed to the top of the mountain to bomb down the trails to your heart's content. You can show off all the skills you have picked up during the tour and put them to the test on the jumps and freeride park onsite.

Our final run takes us straight from peak to pub – from Cardona Bike Park all the way down to the Cardrona Hotel in the valley below.

This afternoon is also a great time to get some additional activities under your belt! Want to go up higher into the surrounding mountains? We totally recommend a heli-bike trip. If there's one extra activity you are going to splash out on this trip, heli-biking is one of the most jaw-dropping and exhilarating activities you can do. Take to the skies to ride otherwise inaccessible trails and get all of downhill but none of the uphill. 100% awesome!

TRAIL INFO

Cardrona Mountain Bike Park

Trails available from Beginner to Advanced
25+ kilometres of trails
Grades 1–5

Skippers Canyon Pack Track

Intermediate difficulty
5 kilometres
Grade 4+



QUEENSTOWN

DAY 7 – QUEENSTOWN

Your tour ends this afternoon, however not before you've gotten through a morning of adventure! Queenstown is the perfect place to wrap up your Kiwi adventure!

The options are endless: jump on one of Queenstown's many adventure activities such as jet boating, bungee jumping, lugging, skydiving or rafting, or give your tires another spin and shoot out around the extensive and impressive trail network over at 7 Mile Delta, just a short ride from Queenstown on the Awatea and Sunshine Tracks.

While the tour ends this afternoon, but the fun doesn't have to! Extend your stay at Haka Lodge here in Queenstown to keep the adventure going; there are many more magnificent trails around the area to experience and explore.

TRAIL INFO

7 Mile Bike Park

Trails available from Intermediate to Hard
17.5 kilometres of trails
Grades: 3–4

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Extra nights' accommodation Queenstown
Heli-Mountain Biking
Cardrona Mountain Bike Park
Any other awesome activities in Queenstown



3-DAY NELSON SUN SEEKER EXTENSION

So you're planning on experiencing the thrilling rides of the South Island – why not add in a dash of some truly awe-inspiring trails in the beautiful Nelson region before heading for Christchurch and beyond?

DAY 1 – WELLINGTON TO NELSON

This extension commences in Wellington on the afternoon with a scenic ferry ride from the capital city to Picton at the top of the South Island.

From the decks of the ferry, Wellington will fade from view – but before long, we'll be greeted with views of vast blue waters and occasional dolphins for company if we're lucky!

After arriving in Picton, we travel the vineyard-scattered road to Nelson. A bikers' paradise on the outskirts of Abel Tasman National Park, riders are truly spoiled for choice and face a feast of cycling options tomorrow.

DAY 2 – NELSON

After a hearty breakfast, wide-eyed and eager to get out there, we embark on another of the Nga Haerenga Trails (New Zealand Cycle Trails): The Dun Mountain and Coppermine Loop.

Starting only 3 kilometres from the center of town, it is not hard to see why this spectacular ride is one of the most epic in the country. This alpine route winds its way through the Codgers Mountain Bike Park where we rode yesterday, along the route of New Zealand's first railway, before emerging into the alpine mineral belt near the summit of Dun Mountain (878m).

From the top, you are faced with a professionally built singletrack descent that drops for over 10 kilometres, emerging at the Maitai Dam. The last stretch of the ride follows the Maitai river right back into the heart of Nelson.

DAY 3 – NELSON TO CHRISTCHURCH

This morning we have a group continental breakfast, pack up the bikes and leave sunny Nelson to head back over to the coast for a scenic drive to our final destination of Christchurch.

We pass through the heart of the South Island, over the Southern Alps via the native bush-covered Lewis Pass and onto the eastern side towards Christchurch. The day ends right in the heart of the Garden City, where you might have a final meal and drinks with your guide and new Haka MTB whānau!

TRAIL INFO

Codgers MTB Park

Trails available from Beginner to Double Black
27 kilometres of trail
Grades: 2–5

Coppermine Loop

Intermediate trail
39 kilometres
Grades: 3–4

Dun Mountain Trail

Intermediate trail
30 kilometres
Grade: 3



FAQ

WHERE DOES THE TOUR START AND END?

The tour starts in Christchurch at 8am on Day 1. You can book accommodation with us Christchurch before your tour starts through us, which means you'll be in amongst it to kick things off! The tour ends in Queenstown on Day 7. We can book accommodation for you in Queenstown for that evening, or if needed, arrange for you to fly back to Christchurch. However, Queenstown is also an international airport so you may be able to fly home directly from there.

WHAT IS THE TOUR BUS LIKE?

We normally use a 22-seater Toyota Coaster, with a trailer for all your gear and bikes. As we only fill the bus to a maximum of 14 people, there are always some extra seats to spread out a bit!

WHO ARE THE TOUR MANAGERS?

Our Tour Managers are passionate MTB-enthusiasts with heaps of experience in guiding – and they love hitting the trails hard themselves. They are there to ensure you have the best time possible, feel free to ask them any questions. For tours with five or more people, we ensure that there are two guides on tour.

WHAT HAPPENS IF A TRACK IS CLOSED OR THERE IS VERY BAD WEATHER?

We make amendments to our tour route on the rare occasions that any tracks, parks or activities are shut or have very poor conditions – going to a different, but still awesome track is usually the compromise. If not possible, we will refund the wholesale rate for your activity pass.

WHAT IS THE SIZE OF EACH TOUR GROUP?

The maximum size of a Mountain Bike Tour is 14 people. We book out in advance for during these summer seasons so our average passenger number can be very close to 14.

WHAT ABILITY DO I NEED TO BE TO GO ON THE TOUR?

Our tours are aimed towards all the MTB enthusiasts out there, so most of the day's rides are graded 2–3+, meaning there might be a few technical sections and/or steep climbs and descents and a couple of long days. If you are an intermediate-to-advanced rider, or can handle a bike well, these tours are ideal. If you have any questions regarding your skills and suitability for the tour, don't hold back, ring up Haka Tours and we will be able to help you out.

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FAQ

DO I NEED TO BRING MY OWN BIKE?

Everybody generally has their own trusty steed that they love as much (if not more!) than their own loved ones. Our tours are designed for riders to bring their own bikes, or we are easily able to sort out great quality, late model full suspension Specialized bikes for the duration of your tour. Just get in touch!

WHAT IS THE STANDARD OF ACCOMMODATION?

Regardless of where we go, accommodation absolutely has to meet our standards and we have hand-picked every place we use. Standard accommodation is dorm share, with the option to upgrade to a private room.

WHAT ARE THE RENTAL BIKES LIKE?

Our Specialized Stumpjumper bikes provide the latest technologies developed by our friends at Specialized. When you need to blend ruggedness, efficiency and downright nimbleness into one trial bike, it's hard to beat the construction of the Stumpjumper!

WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING?

Your reliable bike (if you aren't renting one), a few personal repairs (spare tubes/tyres/puncture kit/portable pump), helmet, riding shoes, water bottles, daily riding snacks, daypack, swimming togs – as well as a positive attitude and sense of humour! Your guides will be able to provide you with a foot bike pump, lights for night riding (if you don't have your own), and an unforgettable experience with NZ's best mountain biking.

I'M TRAVELLING ALONE, CAN I JOIN THIS TRIP?

Definitely! Across all our tours, the majority of our guests are solo travellers, so absolutely jump on board this tour – or any of Haka Tours' awesome trips!

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