



R I D E & S E E K

A ride off the beaten track through the interior of the South Island of New Zealand. Taking the road less travelled via alpine lakeshores and gravel passes. Our route links together sections of NZ's national cycle trail network and remote back roads to experience the rugged high country and quaint, historic townships of Canterbury and Otago.



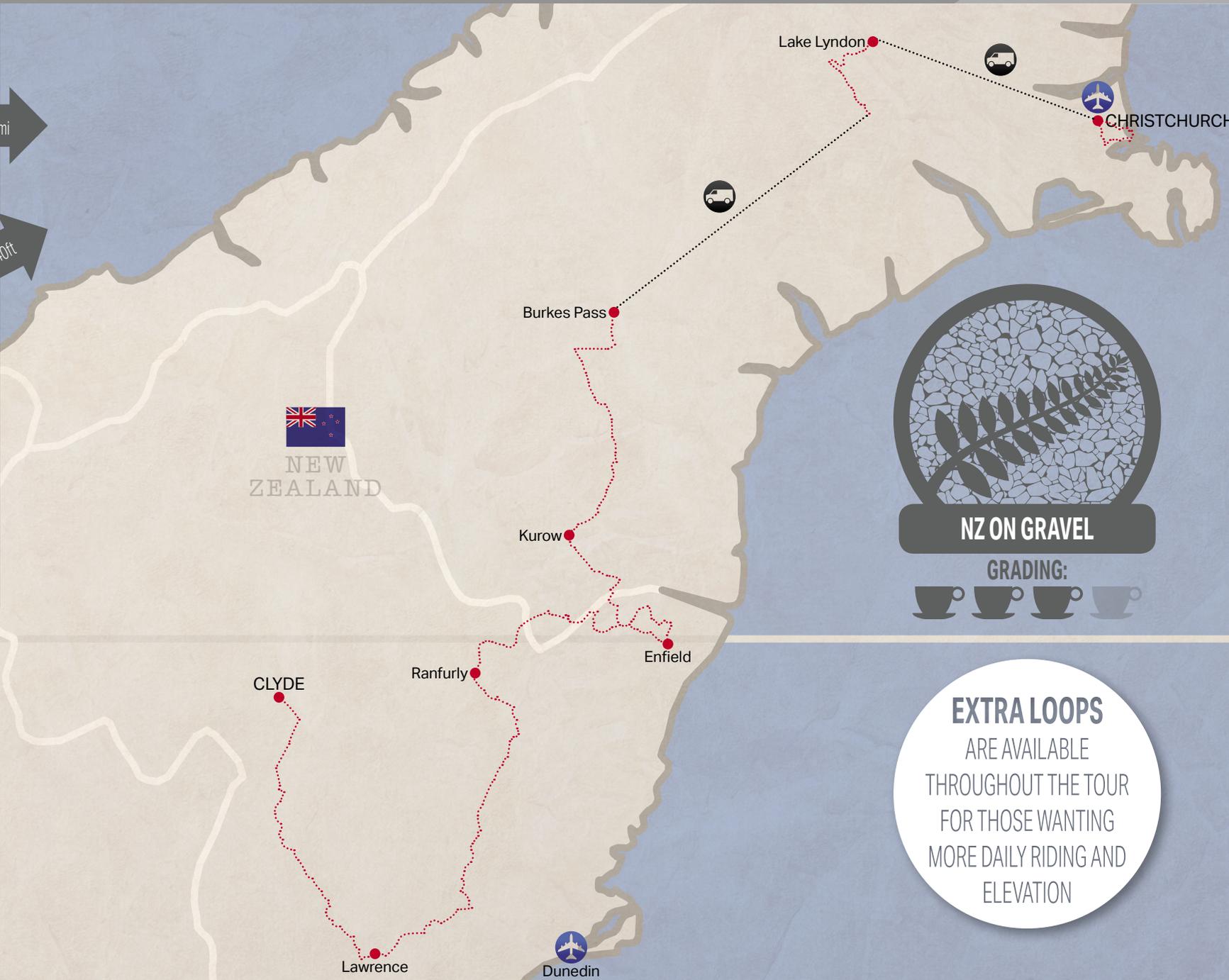
CHRISTCHURCH, CANTERBURY

NZ on Gravel Overview

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639km | 397mi

ELEVATION:
7510m | 24,640ft

DURATION:
8 DAYS
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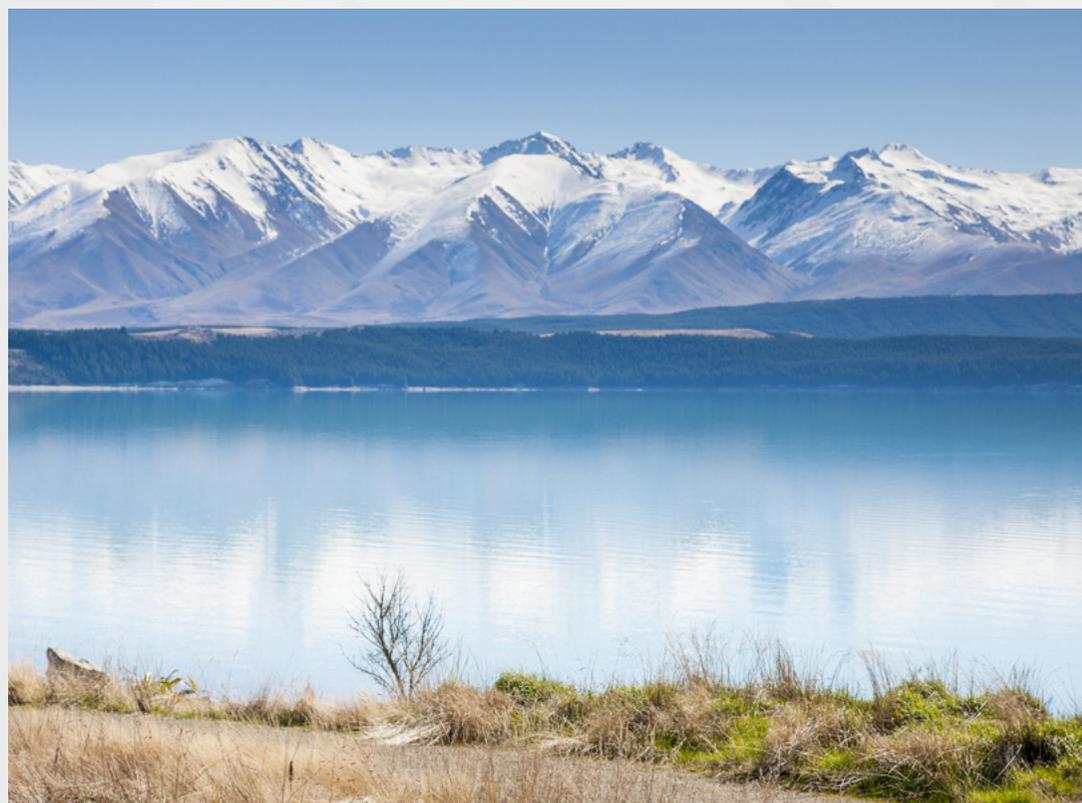
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NZ SOUTH ISLAND | GRAVEL TOUR

Ride Day	Destination	Distance (kilometres)	Elevation (metres)	Distance (miles)	Elevation (feet)
1	 Christchurch	80	1200	50	3937
2	 Tekapo	62	1000	39	3281
3	 Kurow	90	750	56	2461
4	 Enfield	70	460	44	1509
5	 Ranfurly	120	2000	75	6562
6	 Lawrence	100	800	62	2625
7	 Clyde	117	1300	73	4265
STAGE 1 TOTALS		639	7510	397	24640
STAGE 1 AVERAGES		7 ride days	91	57	3520



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Follow in the footsteps of legendary sheep rustlers and gold prospectors.



In 1855, on a high pass in the region that came to bear his name, James Mackenzie was discovered in possession of 1000 sheep belonging to a nearby station. Along with his faithful dog, *Friday*, he is credited with being one of the first Europeans to discover the access routes to what would later become prized pastoral country inland from the East Coast of the South Island. After escaping his captors he is said to have fled the 100 miles to Lyttelton, near Christchurch, on foot (no gravel bikes back then!) Recaptured and subsequently pardoned, Mackenzie eventually fades into obscurity but his eponymous region is today home to spectacular vistas from high mountains to mighty rivers.

As our route proceeds south and crosses from Canterbury to Otago region, we encounter remnants of what was, in the 1860s, the site of a major gold rush, drawing in prospectors from across New Zealand and the wider world, all seeking to secure their fortunes at this frontier of the new world. The legacy of this era can be seen in the townships that we encounter along our route, from impressively constructed period bank buildings on main streets lined with tin verandahs, to now defunct railways that cut through undulating country to bring in supplies and to export gold, lumber and whitestone for export. We finish in historic Clyde – once the most populous town in New Zealand – with all its preserved heritage buildings and close proximity to Queenstown.



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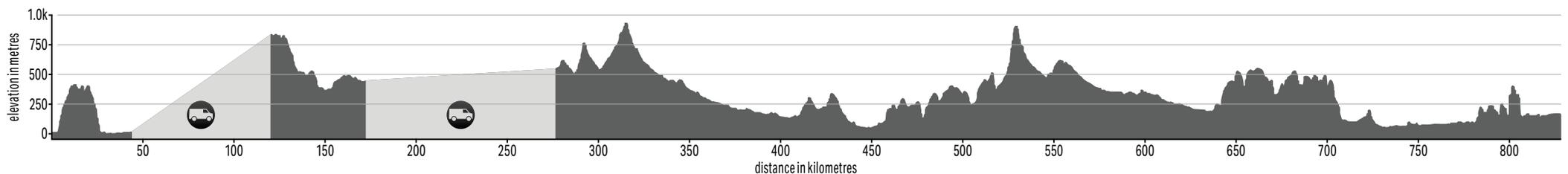
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- Cycle up onto the rim of the extinct volcano that now forms Lyttelton Harbour and the Port Hills.
- Let us take you away from the crowds as we explore the gravel roads that pre-date New Zealand's highways.
- Tour Christchurch, a city still in flux following the earthquakes of a decade ago; discover new architecture and some of the innovative uses of new-found space.
- Ride from Lake Lyndon to Lake Coleridge, surrounded by mountains of the Southern Alps.
- Take a dip in the glacially fed, turquoise waters of the Rakaia River.



- Ride the road less travelled across the Hakataramea and Dansey's passes.
- Visit heritage townships and see how farming has been vital to these communities for 150 years.
- See Māori rock drawings and learn how indigenous people have settled and cultivated these places for over 700 years.
- Explore the remnants of the Otago Gold Rush and the legacy of the people that came to earn their fortune.
- Sample the produce at wineries in the heart of New Zealand's Pinot Noir country, Central Otago.
- Take a thrilling jet boat ride through the Roxburgh Gorge on the mighty Clutha river.

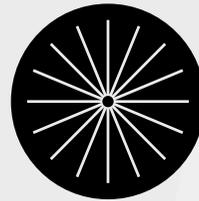




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