

Trail Journeys

Clyde, Dunedin, Queenstown

Otago Rail Trail & Luxury Cycle Tours



The Central Otago Rail Trail is an iconic multi-day bike ride along a disused railway line amongst historic gold-mining villages and tiny rural settlements. It has grown to be the best known of New Zealand's Great Rides. Ride over historic viaducts, through dark (but not too long) tunnels and stop along the way at small country hotels for scones or a beer, enjoy comfort in the evening at a mixture of Victorian cottages, farmhouses or boutique lodges. The full trail runs between Clyde and Middlemarch for 152 kilometres but you can also opt for shorter 1 or 2-day rides. Trail Journeys will assist you with full itinerary planning for a New Zealand biking holiday, guided or independent and supported. Generally, riders start from either Clyde or Middlemarch.

Trail Journeys is a family-owned and operated business providing all the services associated with bike touring including bike hire, transport, luggage transfer, accommodation bookings and friendly knowledgeable guides. Their hire bikes are specifically designed with Avanti for reliability and comfort on the Trail. With depots at both ends of the trail, a large fleet of vans and buses and experienced drivers and guides they can provide personal service for all group sizes and trips.



Taste the Trail

This 1-day cycle tour has you cycling through one of the most spectacular gorges on the Otago Central Rail Trail. The trail is vehicle-free, has an easy gradient and takes you through amazing scenery, over viaducts and through tunnels. Our driver will transport you from either Queenstown, Clyde or Dunedin, highlighting points of interest along the way, to your start when you can enjoy a mainly downhill ride back to Clyde or Middlemarch. We'll drive you back to Queenstown or if finishing in Middlemarch there is the option of transport through to Dunedin on the historic Taieri Gorge Railway.

Available ex Dunedin or Clyde or Queenstown

Departs 9.30am from Clyde | Duration 8 hours

Earlier departure from Queenstown or Dunedin

Luxury Independent Cycle Tour

This independent cycle adventure is a 4 day/3 night tour on the Otago Central Rail Trail. You will cycle 3.5 to 4.5 hours per day on a vehicle free trail with an easy gradient. Reward yourself after each day of cycling in lovely double/twin share luxury accommodation where you can sit back, relax and reflect on the day's ride. Pass through some amazing scenery, ride over viaducts, through tunnels and experience wonderful cuisine and colourful local people. Finish off this wonderful tour with a train ride to Dunedin through the spectacular and scenic Taieri Gorge.

Additional Information

Inclusions:

- Morning Tea
- Transport
- Side trips where relevant

Minimum group size of 2 people.

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Directions

The Otago Central Rail Trail runs between Clyde and Middelmarsh. The township of Clyde is located 1 hour's drive from Queenstown and Middelmarsh is located 1 hour's drive from Dunedin.

The Taieri Gorge Train operates most days from Dunedin to Middelmarsh or Pukerangi (just outside of Middelmarsh) and return and is a great way to relax and reflect on your trip once you have finished cycling in Middelmarsh.

Terms

CHILD POLICY Family Friendly.

CANCELLATION see operator's website for full conditions | cancellation by Trail Journeys due to weather or other reasons Full Refund

SEASON Open year round

CHRISTMAS Closed Christmas Day

Recommendations

Trail Journeys also offers a [4 day/3 Night Luxury Independent Tour](#)

Accommodation in this area

- [The Lord Clyde](#)
- [Olivers](#)