# **Whanganui Tours**

- Your expert partner in the Whanganui Valleys
- Scenic Tours and Mountains to Sea Cycle Tours



# Mountains to Sea Cycle Trail - 4 day and 3 night's accommodation

Self-Guided Itinerary Minimum 2 person – Max 10-person

Local Product by Local operators

Date	Depart from	Depart time	Destination	Est time of arrival	Destination address	Trail Grade / kms	Travel time	Comments
Day 1 OHAKU	Whanganui or Ohakune Shuttle to Turoa  NE MOUTAIN ROAD — OH	7.30 am AKUNE OLD C	Turoa – ski field COACH ROAD – MIE	9.30 am  DDLE & RUATII	Ruatiti Lodge 2965 Ruatiti Road Ruatiti (Just after backpackers)	Grade 3 74 km	6-8 hrs	Whanganui Tours Shuttle to <u>Turoa</u> luggage transfer to Ruatiti, Stay 1 night Bed/Dinner/Breakfast & Lunch for day 2
Day 2	Ruatiti - Cycle  GAPURUA TRACK	8.00 am	Mangapurua Landing	4.00 pm	Pipiriki Campground- Cabin 2522 Pipiriki Raetihi Road Pipiriki	Grade 4 36 km Jetboat compulsary	5-7 hrs 1 hr 40 mins	Whangnui Tours to transfer Luggage to Pipiriki. Stay Inight Pipiriki Campground - cabin's bed/dinner breakfast & Lunch at Matahiwi Cafe
Day 3	Cycle from Pipiriki to Koriniti or Omaka	10.00 am	Koriniti or Omaka  ER ROAD	2.00 pm	The Flying Fox Kohu Cottage Or Rivertime Lodge (subject to Availability)	Grade 3 32 km 44 km	4-5 hrs	Whangnui Tours to transfer luggage accommodation. Cabin & Cottage stays, Bed/dinner/breakfast & Lunch for Day 4
Day 4	Cycle from Koriniti or  WHANGANUI RIVER R	10.00 am  OAD — UPOK	North Mole	4.00 pm	Castlecliff Beach	Grade 3 53 km 38 km	5 hrs-6 hrs	Whanganui Tours Transfer your luggage to stay in Whanganui or Transfer you and luggage back

This Mountain bike package is designed so all your needs are catered for, you will not have to carry luggage, food, bedding. Transfers are organized making your ride easy and enjoyable. Whanganui Tours will be there to support you to the end. The price is based on per person at a cost of \$1250.00 pp.

All Packages are subject to availability at Accommodation Providers



## What you need to know

#### Included

- Logistics Support/Maps
- Daily Luggage transfer
- Transport to the start of Trail or Return to Vehicle
- Live GPS Tracking with SOS Function
- Accommodation 3 Nights all bedding
- Food 2 Continental Breakfast/2 x two course dinner and 2 packed lunches

#### Not Included

- Personal Travel Insurance
- Bike Hire
- Accommodation in Ohakune/Whanganui

#### **MUST** have

- WELL maintained Mountain Bikes
- NO City E-bikes with thin tyres and no tread
- MUST have own puncture repair kits and chain breaker/spare links
- FIRST Aid kit

Accommodation — Please note cabin stays may be single beds only.

# **Trail Section Descriptions**

### **Ohakune Mountain Road**

Freewheel down Mt Ruapehu on one of New Zealand's most spectacular roads. This exhilarating 1000m descent is a fantastic way to kick start your Mountains to Sea Adventure. Take in the weird and wonderful landscape of world Heritage listed Tongariro National Park.

### Ohakune Old Coach Road - Horopito

Revealed along the way are many surprising and memorable sights – from abandoned railway tunnels and grand viaducts to old bush camps and remnants of the original cobblestone road.







### Middle Road & Ruatiti Road

Middle – Ruatiti Road connects Ohakune Old Coach Road and Mangapurua tracks. A Mix of quiet rural gravel and sealed roads, this pathway connects you from The Tongariro National Park Mountains and take's you around the Erua forest and into the edge of the Whanganui National Park. Tracing the edge of the Mangaonui o Te Ao River, traversing through remote sheep and beef farms with Splendid Views of Mt Ruapehu.

#### Mangapurua Track

One of Aotearoa - New Zealand's iconic rides. Journey back in time through a remote, long-deserted valley to the mystical Whanganui River.

Take in stunning mountain vistas and discover WW1 heritage sites. Descend through the

Whanganui National Park passing reclaimed farms, native forest, dramatic bluffs, deep ravines before crossing the Bridge to nowhere, a graceful monument to early settlers' broken dreams. The Jetboat ride to Pipiriki is an invigorating way to end this wilder adventure.

### Whanganui River Road

Following the Whanganui River as it flows towards the sea, this peaceful road blends sublime scenery with a series of delightful heritage sites, both Māori and European. Starting at Pīpīriki – gateway to Whanganui National Park – this long but leisurely ride undulates through small settlements perched high above the mighty river. A beautiful marae, notable church and convent, charming old flour mill, and other special sights tell their stories.



#### Upokongaro to the Tasman Sea

A fitting finale to the Mountains to Sea. The trail winds beside the lower reaches of the Whanganui River and through the artful city of Whanganui before reaching the Tasman Sea. From Upokongaro village this flat, easy trail follows the river to Whanganui's city limits where it continues on cycle paths, suburban streets, and pretty riverside boardwalk through the centre brimming with galleries, street art, cafes and more.

The final stretch heads through salt-tinged backstreets on its way to North Mole - Castlecliff – a moody, driftwood-strewn beach where this epic journey ends.























### Your Accommodation

#### Whanganui River Adventures & Campground

You will board the Jetboat from the Mangapurua landing with Whanganui River Adventures on the Whanganui River and head for

Whanganui River Adventures & Pipiriki campground in the heart of the Whanganui National Park. This is where your hosts will accommodate you after your adventure through the Mangapurua Valley stopping at the concrete bridge known as the Bridge to nowhere before you head down to the river for your relaxing jetboat ride out on the Whanganui River to Pipiriki.

Here you will stay in one of our cabins for a bit of relaxation surrounded by serene native bush and hearing the birds sing while your 2-course meal is being prepared. The following day is followed by a continental breakfast all set up for your cycle down the Whanganui River Road.

www.whanganuiriveradventures.co.nz for more info



#### The Flying Fox

Store your bike securely and take the aerial cable car across

the river to this unique site. Settle into your cottage accommodation and relax whilst a delicious two-course dinner is prepared for you. After a comfortable night's sleep enjoy a healthy continental breakfast prior to departing with a fresh packed lunch in your saddle bags. <a href="https://www.flyingfox.co.nz">www.flyingfox.co.nz</a>







### Rivertime Lodge

Expect a warm welcome, a good night's rest, and a quiet and relaxed atmosphere. Rivertime Lodge is nestled on an idyllic spot on the riverbank of the scenic Whanganui River Road. We are situated along the Mountain to Sea – Ngā Ara Tūhono cycle trail and the Te Araroa Walk.

Rivertime Lodge can accommodate groups of up to 10 and is exclusive to one group at a time. Our place is especially ideal for cyclists to spend a final night on the Trail being 44k South of Pipiriki and 38k to the Trail end at North Mole.

Our lodge, cabins and tent sites are just right for couples or families to stay and enjoy the peace and tranquility, breathe the fresh country air, listen to the native birds, or simply savour the pleasure of being away from the rest of the world surrounded by nature at our Whanganui River Lodge accommodation. <a href="www.rivertimelodge.co.nz">www.rivertimelodge.co.nz</a> for more photo's



## Ruatiti Lodge

Our luxurious Rural Station Lodge is totally refurbished to the highest standard, offering *rustic, chic, comfortable* accommodation, with 3 spacious bedrooms with en suites as well as 6 king single bunk beds in a beautiful large room. Sleeping 12 guests comfortably.







#### Kohu Cottage

Over 100 years old this quaint little cottage has all your require after a day of cycling, relax and enjoy the serene surroundings, prepare your 2 course dinner delivered by Tracey. After a comfortable night's sleep enjoy a healthy continental breakfast prior to departing with a fresh packed lunch in your saddle bags. Tracey will collect your luggage and deliver to your accommodation in Whanganu





