

# Molesworth Bicycle Tour

This tour contrasts two scenic wine regions with the stark and surreal landscapes of the remote Molesworth Station, as well as visiting a traditional family run sheep ranch and the marine wildlife capital of Kaikoura.



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New for the 2009/2010 season, the tour starts out of Christchurch, with five days of cycling in the Northern Canterbury and Marlborough districts. We visit the emerging wine growing district of Waipara Valley and travel via Hanmer Hot Springs onto the isolated road through the Molesworth Station, New Zealand's largest farm. After a night in the shearer's quarters of a back country Merino sheep ranch, we follow the river down the beautiful Awatere valley to emerge amongst vineyards alongside the Pacific Ocean. We overnight in Kaikoura with options to view whales, dolphins and albatross before returning to Christchurch via the spectacular Inland Kaikoura road.

- Cycle via the scenic Ashley Gorge to Oxford where we visit Jo Seager's famous Café and Cooking School
- Spend a night on a vineyard in the Waipara Valley
- Soak in the therapeutic hot springs at Hanmer
- Cycle the remote Molesworth Road and visit the historic Molesworth Cob Cottage and Acheron Accommodation House
- You will dine with a third generation farming family as you overnight in the shearer's quarters of a high country merino sheep farm
- Cycle alongside a spectacular river as it makes its way to the sea via the famous Sauvignon Blanc producing vineyards of the Awatere Valley
- Picnic in a modern environmentally sustainable vineyard alongside the Pacific Ocean
- Take an optional swim with the dolphins, whalewatch or pelagic bird (albatross) tour in Kaikoura
- Rental of our Trek 7500 hybrid bikes is available at NZD \$130, these bikes are perfectly suited to the varying road surfaces you will encounter.



**DURATION** 4 nights, 5 days itinerary  
**MEALS** 4 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 3 dinners  
**PRICES** Trip price NZ\$1365  
Single Supplement NZ\$344  
Optional bike rental NZ\$130  
**START** Christchurch 9am  
**FINISH** Christchurch approx 5pm

#### 2009 - 2010 DATES

December 29 - January 2  
January 18 - 22  
February 1 - 5  
February 15 - 19  
March 1 - 5  
March 22 - 26

(Special departures available on demand)

