

General Considerations in New Zealand

- Pedal and drive on the left side of the road. England's influence, as always.
- You can drink the water, obviously.
- The exchange rate is roughly 2.50 NZ\$ to the US\$.
- It's summer down here, equivalent to our June.
- Expect it to get light around 6 am and dark at 8:30 pm. It gets lighter as we get closer to Dec 21.
- Expect sun, heat, wet, cold and everything else. Keep your raingear handy. It's far from tropical.
- Lots of climbing and a couple of glaciers close to sea level. Incredible scenary.
- People are known as the friendliest on earth, at least according to some people's interactions with New Zealanders.
- Best Loos in the world, including the Lake Taupo Super Loo.
- The food, access to goods and level of service you receive will be similar to the USA, only a better buy with the strength of the US\$.
- Country number 45, a great "final foreign country" for Odyssey 2000®.

Singapore, Singapore to Christchurch, New Zealand

Day 331 Singapore to Christchurch, New Zealand

26-Nov Sun

NOTE: Long flight via Sydney, Australia via Emerates and Air New Zealand or Qantas.

Day 332 Flight via Sydney. Arrive Queenstown late

27-Nov Mon

Services: A great city with full services on and around the University of Canterbury campus.
Camping: Dorm rooms, most set up with 5 single rooms in a pod with shared facilities. Some rooms have two beds and facilities down the hall.
Toilets: On floor or in pods.
Showers: On floor or in pods.
Dinner: Tonight's dinner will probably be on the plane. Tomorrow from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the dining room.
Breakfast: Breakfast will be from 8:00 to 9:30 tomorrow and 6:00 to 7:00 am on Tuesday.
Tomorrow: Train and bus to Queenstown. Takes a little over 8 hours. Camping tomorrow night. Scenic drive.

Day 333 Christchurch to Queenstown-via bus

28-Nov Tue

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Services: Queenstown is great with lots to do, especially if you are into adventures! After all, Queenstown is the "Adventure Capital" of New Zealand. Bungy jumping started here.
Camping: We are camping at the Queenstown Motor Park (camping, hotel, bungalows, etc). They have set aside two large camping rows for our group. There are many indoor options available as well, though this is a busy time of year.
Toilets: They have at least one large ablution block with plenty of toilets. Their new ablution block might be ready as well.
Showers: They have at least one large ablution block with about 10 gas heated showers in the men's side and 10 in the women's side.
Dinner: Dinner will be from 8:00 to 9:00 tonight. Tomorrow from 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm. All meals will be served at the Gourmet Express (straight from park, right onto Hay, down hill and it's on the right.
Breakfast: Breakfast will be from 8:00 to 9:00 am tomorrow and from 6:30 to 8:00 am on Thursday.
Tomorrow: Whatever, lots to do. Great laundry at campground.

Day 334 Queenstown layover day

29-Nov Wed

Tomorrow: 112.3 kms of rolling terrain, remote. Busy around Queenstown, then becomes quieter. Some shoulder most of day.

Day 335 Queenstown to Wanaka

30-Nov Thu

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Kms Accum **Keep Left!**

0.0	0.0	Leave camping area. Pretty remote terrain so stock up.
0.1	0.1	Leave Queenstown Motor Park
0.1	0.2	STRAIGHT to exit the Queenstown Motor Park.
0.5	0.7	RIGHT onto Camp St at yield sign at flat rotary.
0.1	0.8	LEFT onto Shotover Street at rotary.
0.1	0.9	RIGHT onto Stanley St (6A) towards Frankton at rotary.
0.1	1.0	STRAIGHT to follow Stanley St at rotary.
0.5	1.5	LEFT as road Frankton Rd.
0.2	1.7	BEAR RIGHT to follow route.
4.3	6.0	Shell Service on left.
1.2	7.2	STRAIGHT onto Hwy 6 towards Cromwell as Hwy 6 also goes right to Invercargill.
7.6	14.8	STRAIGHT to follow Hwy 6 at turnoff to Arrowtown.
3.4	18.2	STRAIGHT to follow Hwy 6 towards Cromwell at turnoff to Arrowtown.
5.8	24.0	Bungy jumping began here. Go for it!
16.8	40.8	CAUTION narrow one way bridge.
10.8	51.6	Kawarau Gorge Mining Centre on right. CHECKPOINT at the Goldfields Mining Centre. Great spot. Food and bathrooms and Goldfields Jet boat rides for \$65 (might be a little less) for those interested. CAUTION crossing traffic.
8.0	59.6	STRAIGHT to follow Hwy 6 towards Wanaka and West Coast at Jct Hwy 8 B to Cromwell. Full services off route in Cromwell. Stock up, it's remote ahead.
22.5	82.1	Tiny picnic area on left. No services.
14.8	96.9	Welcome to Luggate. Limited services.
4.7	101.6	Airport and Transport Museum on right.
6.6	108.2	STRAIGHT onto Hwy 84 towards Wanaka as Hwy 6 goes right.
0.7	108.9	Puzzling World on left.
1.2	110.1	ENTER Wanaka-green sign. Full services.
0.6	110.7	Wanaka Info Center to left.
0.1	110.8	BEAR RIGHT to follow route through town.
0.3	111.1	BEAR LEFT at lake to follow route.

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Kms Accum

0.8	111.9	LEFT onto McDougall St/Crown Range Rd towards campground.
0.2	112.1	RIGHT onto Brownston St towards campground.
0.1	112.2	Enter Wanaka Motor Park.
0.1	112.3	Arrive at campsite.
	112.3	Today's Distance
	112.3	Total Stage in Kilometers
	26,071.0	Total Trip Kilometers

Services: Plenty in this small recreational town situated on Lake Wanaka.
Camping: We are being hosted by the Wanaka Motor Park. Looks like they have set aside a super area for us. Excellent facilities, including a laundry.
Toilets: About 18 in three facilities.
Showers: About 18 in three facilities. We are camping next to one block, but the main block might be better for lots of showering to insure plenty of hot water.
Dinner: Dinner will be catered at camp by the Muzza Restaurant from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.
Breakfast: Pedal to breakfast at the Muzza Restaurant (a few minutes away) from 7:00 to 8:00 am.
School program: Interested in speaking to the local school? Here is a neat opportunity to help Odyssey 2000® become directly involved with an interested primary school. Here is part of an email from the school:

If some of your faster riders (not less than six) could be at school by 2 p.m. - that would be great. We would welcome you with our school song and then break into our whanau groups (family groups) and have a world map with each group. Your riders could talk to the children about their adventures!

Ride safely. I look forward to your reply.

Kate Lloyd
Wanaka Primary School

Tomorrow: 143.2 kms. Beautiful, remote rolling terrain with a couple of modest passes thrown in. Should be a quite, beautiful day. Unexpected beds tomorrow night.

Day 336 Wanaka to Haast

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1-Dec Fri

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Kms Accum

0.0	0.0	Exit the Wanaka Motor Park.
0.1	0.1	LEFT onto McDougall at stop sign.
0.2	0.3	RIGHT towards Wanaka in front of lake at yield sign at "T".
0.9	1.2	BEAR RIGHT to follow route up hill. Stock up, it's a remote day.
2.9	4.1	LEFT onto Hwy 6 towards Lake Hawea and West Coast as Hwy 6 continues straight to Queenstown.
2.3	6.4	CAUTION one way narrow bridge just past entrance to Albert Town. No services on road.
8.0	14.4	CAUTION rough road surface crossing.
1.3	15.7	BP Service Station on right. More services in area.
0.2	15.9	STRAIGHT at turnoff to Hawea.
11.8	27.7	Lake Hawea Lookout on right. Picnic area. No services.
9.6	37.3	Kidd's Bush Recreation Reserve on right.
9.7	47.0	CAUTION narrow one way wooden bridge.
1.6	48.6	Boundary Creek Rec Area on left. Toilets.
5.1	53.7	Welcome to the Makarora Valley.
1.4	55.1	CAUTION rough road surface crossing.
3.8	58.9	The Country Cafe on left.
4.3	63.2	Makarora Tourist Centre on right. CHECKPOINT . Food, fuel and toilets. Refreshments likely from the community.
0.1	63.3	Makarora Tourist Visitor Centre on right.
3.1	66.4	ENTER Mount Aspiring National Park. We are in the Southern Alps.
1.8	68.2	Rest area on left.
3.4	71.6	Blue Pools on left.
2.3	73.9	Cameron Flat Picnic Area on right. No services.
2.8	76.7	CAUTION narrow one way bridge.
3.1	79.8	CAUTION narrow one way bridge.
1.3	81.1	Haast Pass. Aprox 2000 ft.
0.9	82.0	CAUTION cattle guard.
3.4	85.4	Fantail Falls on right.
2.6	88.0	CAUTION cattle guard.
0.4	88.4	CAUTION cattle guard.
0.4	88.8	CAUTION cattle guard.

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Kms Accum

1.3	90.1	CAUTION narrow one way bridge called the Heads of Haast Bridge.
1.1	91.2	Thunder Creek Falls on left.
3.8	95.0	CAUTION narrow one way bridge.
24.7	119.7	CAUTION narrow one way bridge. Cache Creek.
1.3	121.0	CAUTION narrow one way bridge. Roaring Swine Creek.
3.9	124.9	CAUTION narrow one way bridge.
4.9	129.8	CAUTION narrow one way bridge. Glitterburn Creek.
1.6	131.4	CAUTION narrow one way bridge.
2.3	133.7	CAUTION narrow one way bridge.
5.5	139.2	Enter the Haast Southwest New Zealand Heritage Area.
0.5	139.7	LEFT towards the Haast Township. Full services in town.
0.7	140.4	LEFT onto Hwy 6 at yield sign at "T".
1.9	142.3	ENTER Haast Junction.
0.1	142.4	Haast Visitor Center on left.
0.3	142.7	LEFT towards the Haast World Heritage Hotel.
0.3	143.0	RIGHT into Haast World Heritage Hotel.
0.2	143.2	Arrive at check-in.
	143.2	Today's Distance
	255.5	Total Stage in Kilometers
	26,214.2	Total Trip Kilometers

Services:	Haast is a small but active community with limited services.
Camping:	We have been able to arrange for beds, 3 to 4 to room, at the World Heritage Hotel, a 30 year old motel complex.
Toilets:	In rooms.
Showers:	In rooms.
Dinner:	Dinner will be from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in the hotel dining room.
Breakfast:	Breakfast will be from 6:30 to 8:00 am in the hotel dining room.
Tomorrow:	140.5 kms. Flattish and hilly lands with some incredible ocean views and access to two of Mt Cook National Park's famous glaciers-Fox and Frans Josef.

Day 337 Haast to Franz Josef Glacier

2-Dec Sat

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Kms Accum

0.0	0.0	LEFT onto main road in front of the World Heritage Hotel.
0.3	0.3	LEFT onto Hwy 6 towards Glaciers and Greymouth at yield sign at "T".
0.5	0.8	CAUTION narrow one way bridge. Haast River Bridge.
10.2	11.0	CAUTION narrow one way Bridge.
4.4	15.4	CAUTION narrow one way bridge. Ship Creek bridge. Some climbing ahead.
9.5	24.9	Knight's Point Lookout on left. Toilets.
2.8	27.7	CAUTION narrow one way bridge. Whakapohi River Bridge.
2.4	30.1	CAUTION narrow one way bridge. Moeraki River Bridge.
11.6	41.7	CAUTION narrow one way bridge. Windbag.
6.4	48.1	Lake Paringa sign.
0.9	49.0	Lake Paringa services.
6.0	55.0	CAUTION narrow one way bridge. Pariga River.
0.9	55.9	Road to café on your left.
11.0	66.9	CAUTION narrow one way bridge. Mahitahi River.
3.2	70.1	ENTER Bruce Bay. No services.
2.3	72.4	Rest area on left at ocean. CHECKPOINT . No services.
3.7	76.1	CAUTION narrow one way bridge. Papakeri River.
2.7	78.8	ENTER Jacobs River. No services.
1.0	79.8	CAUTION narrow one way bridge.
3.7	83.5	CAUTION narrow one way bridge.
7.0	90.5	CAUTION narrow one way bridge. Maimai Bridge. ENTER Whistlet National Park ahead.
0.7	91.2	CAUTION narrow one way bridge.
14.4	105.6	CAUTION narrow one way bridge.
5.3	110.9	CAUTION narrow one way bridge. Cook River bridge.
4.3	115.2	CAUTION narrow one way bridge. Fox River bridge. 35,000 kg weight limit.
0.2	115.4	STRAIGHT to follow Hwy 6 at turnoff to Fox Glacier, 4 km to the right.
1.1	116.5	ENTER Fox Glacier. Full services.
0.6	117.1	Visitor Centre on left.
5.5	122.6	CAUTION cattle guard.
0.3	122.9	CAUTION cattle guard.

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Kms Accum

0.5	123.4	CAUTION narrow one way bridge.
12.0	135.4	STRAIGHT at turnoff to Franz Josef Airfield.
3.5	138.9	ENTER Franz Josef. Full services,.
0.1	139.0	STRAIGHT at entrance to Franz Josef Holiday Park.
0.2	139.2	LEFT to follow Hwy 6 towards Fran Josef.
0.1	139.3	CAUTION narrow one way bridge.
0.4	139.7	Visitor Info Center on left.
0.2	139.9	Beeches Restaurant on right. Dinner and breakfast here.
0.2	140.1	STRAIGHT at Fran Josef Hotel.
1.0	141.1	Another Franz Josef Hotel on left
0.4	140.5	LEFT into Franz Josef Mountain View Top 10 Holiday Park for camping.
	140.5	Today's Distance
	396.0	Total Stage in Kilometers
	26,354.7	Total Trip Kilometers

Services:	Franz Josef Glacier has lots of services for a small mountain sports town. Plenty of restaurants, internet cafes, helicopter services, mountain guides, etc.
Camping:	We will be staying at the Franz Josef Mountain View campground, just past the school. They have an area suitable for all our needs. If you would like to reserve one of their rooms, call 03-752-0735.
Toilets:	12 plus total at campground.
Showers:	12 plus total at campground.
Dinner:	Walk to dinner (both nights) be at Beeches 1.6 km back to town from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. This is a cool place and will do a super job on supper.
Breakfast:	Breakfast will be at Beeches from 8:00 to 9:00 tomorrow and from 7:00 to 8:00 on Monday.
Tomorrow:	Explore this cool area. At least take the time to see the Franz Josef Glacier. Take a flight. Lots to do.

Day 338 Franz Josef Glacier layover day

3-Dec Sun

Tomorrow:	134.7 kms of remote, scenic wildlands. Lots of flat lands with a little climbing thrown in. Some scattered services.
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Day 339 Franz Josef Glacier to Hokitika

4-Dec Mon

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Kms Accum

0.0	0.0	LEFT from Franz Josef Mountain View onto Hwy 6. NOTE: don't forget to head for beeches for breakfast before heading down the road.
0.1	0.1	STRAIGHT at entrance to Mountain View Holiday Park.
0.5	0.6	CAUTION narrow one way bridge.
6.1	6.7	ENTER Lake Mapourika. No services except for a rest area with toilets.
8.5	15.2	STRAIGHT to follow Hwy 6 at the turnoff to The Forks and Okarito.
13.3	28.5	ENTER Whataroa. Limited services.
7.8	36.3	CAUTION narrow one way bridge.
19.8	56.1	Enter Poerua Scenic Reserve.
2.0	58.1	ENTER Hari Hari. Limited services.
1.9	60.0	Bar and Bistro on left. Store with restaurant on right ahead.
4.7	64.7	CAUTION narrow one way bridge.
4.6	69.3	Cowhide Creeks # 1 and 2.
7.0	76.3	Boat ramp and restrooms on left. CHECKPOINT.
6.2	82.5	ENTER Pukekura. Limited services.
3.9	86.4	CAUTION narrow one way bridge.
11.6	98.0	Historical Monument on left.
1.5	99.5	CAUTION narrow one way bridge.
4.1	103.6	ENTER Ross. Historic gold field area.
0.9	104.5	LEFT to follow Hwy 6 towards Hokitika and Kumara Junction.
15.9	120.4	Limited services.
8.7	129.1	ENTER Hokitika. Full services.
1.1	130.2	CAUTION RR Tracks.
0.1	130.3	LEFT onto Weld to City Centre at rotary. CAUTION RR Tracks after turn.
0.1	130.4	RIGHT onto Sewell St at cool rotary.
1.3	131.7	RIGHT onto Richards-Drive at "T" and an IMMEDIATE LEFT into Shining Star Log Chalets and Campervan Park.
3.0	134.7	Arrive at check-in.
	134.7	Today's Distance
	530.7	Total Stage in Kilometers
	26,489.4	Total Trip Kilometers

Services:	Hokitika has full services fairly close to camp. Nice coastal town.
Camping:	This is a new campground and chalet property. We can camp most anywhere. Please ask about any limitations. We also have 16 beds for 24 people in 9 cabins available. Since they are new cabins, the cost is about \$37 NZ per person, \$74 per couple.
Toilets:	The ablution facility has 5 total toilets. If needed, we will allow use of a couple of chalets for morning bathroom action.
Showers:	Three in their new ablution facility. We will open up three of the chalets for shower use as well.
Dinner:	Dinner will be cafe de Paris from 6:30 to 7:30 pm, a short walk from camp.
Breakfast:	Pedal to breakfast from 6:30 to 8:00 am at cafe de Paris.
Tomorrow:	137.3 kms. Some flat and some hilly coastal riding. Gorgeous coast.

Day 340 Hokitika to Westport

5-DecTue

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Kms Accum

0.0	0.0	Exit camping area.
0.3	0.3	LEFT from Shining Star onto Richards-Drive at "T". CAUTION RR Tracks after turn.
0.1	0.4	LEFT onto Hwy 6 at yield sign at "T".
5.8	6.2	ENTER Arahura. No services. CAUTION parallel railroad tracks on a narrow one way bridge.
0.2	6.4	CAUTION RR Tracks.
4.3	10.7	ENTER Awatuna. No services.
9.2	19.9	ENTER Kumara Junction. No services.
0.4	20.3	LEFT to follow Hwy 6 towards Greymouth and Westport at yield sign at rotary at "T". CAUTION RR tracks in rotary. We are on the Coast Road, a Heritage Highway.
3.1	23.4	CAUTION parallel railroad tracks on a narrow one way bridge.
0.3	23.7	CAUTION RR Tracks.
6.0	29.7	STRAIGHT to follow Hwy 6 at turnoff to Shanty Town. Services. Might spend some time exploring this unique area.
2.3	32.0	ENTER Greymouth. Full services.
5.5	37.5	BEAR RIGHT onto Whall St to follow Hwy 6 at yield sign.
0.6	38.1	BEAR LEFT to follow Hwy 6 across bridge towards Cobdon at yield sign.
0.3	38.4	RIGHT to follow Hwy 6 towards Runanga and Westport at yield sign at "T".
5.8	44.2	ENTER Runanga. Limited services.
1.1	45.3	CAUTION RR Tracks.
1.1	46.4	CAUTION RR Tracks.
1.5	47.9	ENTER Rapahoe. Limited services.
5.5	53.4	CAUTION narrow one way bridge.
1.1	54.5	Scenic rest area on left. No services.
11.0	65.5	ENTER Barrytown. Limited services.
13.4	78.9	ENTER Paparoa National Park.
0.3	79.2	ENTER Punakaiki. Limited services. Home of the Pancake Rocks.
1.1	80.3	CHECKPOINT at the Visitor Centre.
23.0	103.3	CAUTION narrow one way bridge. Four Mile River.
7.1	110.4	ENTER Charleston. No services on route.

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5-DecTue

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Kms Accum

3.2	113.6	Gold Mine on right.
12.6	126.2	Cape Foulwind seal Colony on left.
3.8	130.0	LEFT onto Hwy 67 towards Westport and Karamea at stop sign at "T".
4.5	134.5	RIGHT to follow Hwy 67 towards Westport and Karamea at yield sign at "T".
0.1	134.6	ENTER Westport. Full services.
0.6	135.2	CAUTION RR Tracks.
0.5	135.7	Westport Motor Motel/Hotel/ Excellent bar-they would like you to come back and enjoy there facility.
0.4	136.1	RIGHT to follow Hwy 67 towards Granity and Karamea.
1.0	137.1	LEFT onto Domett St towards camping.
0.1	137.2	RIGHT into the Westport Holiday Park. CAUTION speed bump ahead.
0.1	137.3	Arrive at check-in.
	137.3	Today's Distance
	668.0	Total Stage in Kilometers
	26,626.7	Total Trip Kilometers

Services:	Interesting coastal town of about 4000 people with plenty of services.
Camping:	Margaret and Roger are super hosts and promise an excellent stay. Great facility.
Toilets:	About 5 mens and 5 womens.
Showers:	About 5 mens and 5 womens coal heated to insure plenty of hot water.
Dinner:	Dinner will be from 6:00 to 7:00 pm prepared by the campground staff. Might be served in a community hall a few blocks away.
Breakfast:	Breakfast will be from 6:30 to 8:00 am prepared by the campground staff and served at the campground.
Tomorrow:	155.2 kms of flat, climbing, downhill and even an area referred to as not very interesting. Remote so stock up! Swingbridge action at checkpoint.

Day 341 Westport to Saint Arnaud

6-Dec Wed

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Kms Accum

0.0	0.0	Exit campground. CAUTION speed bump ahead.
0.1	0.1	LEFT onto Domett St at "T".
0.1	0.2	RIGHT onto Brougham St at stop sign.
1.0	1.2	LEFT onto Palmerston St to follow 67 towards Greymouth and Murchinson.
1.0	2.2	CAUTION RR Tracks.
0.7	2.9	LEFT to follow Hwy 67 towards Greymouth and Murchison at "T".
4.5	7.4	STRAIGHT to follow Hwy 6 towards Christchurch (via Lewis Pass) and Nelson.
15.3	22.7	CAUTION narrow road. More ahead. Excellent river ride.
23.5	46.2	BEAR LEFT to follow Hwy 6 towards Murchison and Nelson as Hwy 69 goes straight.
0.7	46.9	CAUTION narrow one way bridge.
0.5	47.4	CROSS over the railroad. ENTER Inangahua. Limited services.
13.2	60.6	CAUTION narrow one way bridge. CAUTION very rough surface.
1.5	62.1	Enter the Upper Buller Gorge Scenic Reserve.
5.1	67.2	Earthquake slip viewing platform.
6.1	73.3	Bye to Buller.
1.8	75.1	CAUTION narrow one way bridge.
0.1	75.2	Hello to Tasman.
2.2	77.4	CAUTION narrow one way bridge.
2.6	80.0	CAUTION narrow one way bridge.
1.9	81.9	Swingbridge on right. CHECKPOINT . CAUTION crossing traffic. Toilets cost 50¢, a good deal considering they have to truck the wastes out. Odyssey specials: Walk across the bridge for \$2 or ride the Flying Fox for \$12. Or ride with a friend for \$24. They will have sandwiches and other goodies for sale.
4.1	86.0	LEFT to follow Hwy 6 towards Nelson and Picton at yield sign "T".
9.5	95.5	ENTER Murchison. Full services.
3.8	99.3	ENTER Longford. No services.
6.7	106.0	Might be construction along here.
9.4	115.4	CAUTION narrow one way bridge.
5.0	120.4	Nice little rest area on right. No services.
5.0	125.4	BEAR LEFT at turnoff to Lake Rotoroa.

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Kms Accum

5.9	131.3	RIGHT onto Hwy 63 towards St Arnaud and Picton on a downhill as Hwy 6 continues straight. Don't miss.
12.9	144.2	CAUTION narrow one way bridge.
4.4	148.6	CAUTION narrow one way bridge.
3.8	152.4	CAUTION narrow one way bridge. NOTE: We are now staying at the Rotoiti Lodge in bunks. Watch for signs pointing the way.
1.5	153.9	RIGHT onto Mt Rocket Road towards West Bay on Nelson Lakes. CAUTION gravel road.
0.7	154.6	Enter the West Bay Picnic and Camping Area.
0.5	155.1	RIGHT into campsites 58 to 93.
0.1	155.2	Arrive at check-in.
	155.2	Today's Distance
	823.2	Total Stage in Kilometers
	26,781.9	Total Trip Kilometers

Services:	No services at or near camp. Pretty remote National Park area. Closest services are in Saint Arnaud.
Camping:	The Rotoiti Lodge has 75 bunks, a perfect size for our group.
Toilets:	At the lodge.
Showers:	At the lodge.
Dinner:	Dinner will be at the lodge from 6:00 to 7:00 pm prepared by Carol Tippet of The Catering Company.
Breakfast:	Breakfast will be at the lodge from 6:30 to 8:00 am prepared by The Catering Company.
Tomorrow:	134.5 kms of relatively flat terrain. It is 130.9 kms to the ferry in Picton and a 1hr and 45 min ride to Wellington. Our ferry, the Tranz Rail Limited, leaves Picton at 10:30, 1:30, 6:30 and 9:30 pm, so plan your day to arrive 30 minutes before the 1:30 or 6:30 sailings.

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Kms Accum

0.0	0.0	Exit camping area.
0.1	0.1	LEFT onto gravel road to return to Hwy 63.
0.4	0.5	STRAIGHT at second campground and picnic area.
0.7	1.2	RIGHT onto Hwy 63 towards Saint Arnaud.
1.5	2.7	ENTER St Arnaud. Turnoff to Rotoiti Educational Lodge to right.
0.5	3.2	STRAIGHT at turnoff to Kerr Bay camping area.
0.2	3.4	Limited services begin.
0.3	3.7	Lake Rotoiti School on right.
4.1	7.8	STRAIGHT to follow Hwy 63 at turnoff to Nelson.
3.9	11.7	Welcome to Marlborough country.
0.2	11.9	STRAIGHT at turnoff to Rainbow Ski Field.
1.7	13.6	CAUTION narrow one way bridge.
0.8	14.4	CAUTION narrow one way bridge.
6.6	21.0	CAUTION narrow one way bridge.
4.4	25.4	CAUTION narrow one way bridge.
1.0	26.4	CAUTION narrow one way bridge.
0.3	26.7	CAUTION narrow one way bridge.
22.1	48.8	CAUTION narrow one way bridge.
18.4	67.2	ENTER Wairau Valley.
0.5	67.7	CHECKPOINT at Wairau Valley Tavern Steak and Ale Bar. Say hi to Ferg and Marg. Other limited services in town.
24.5	92.2	Welcome to Renwick. No services.
2.0	94.2	BEAR RIGHT to follow Hwy 6 towards Picton as Hwy 63 ends at "T". Nice wide shoulder.
1.5	95.7	ENTER Woodbourne. Limited services.
5.8	101.5	ENTER Blenheim. Full services.
2.4	103.9	STRAIGHT to follow Hwy 6 at Jct Hutcheson St at rotary.
0.3	104.2	LEFT onto Hwy 1 towards Picton at stop sign at "T".
2.7	106.9	ENTER Grovetown. Services.
2.4	109.3	ENTER Springgrove. Services.
3.3	112.6	ENTER Tuamarina. Services.
10.1	122.7	CAUTION narrow bridge.

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Kms Accum

0.9	123.6	ENTER Koromiko.
6.0	129.6	ENTER Picton.
0.7	130.3	LEFT to follow Hwy 1 towards Town Centre and Interisland Ferries.
0.6	130.9	CAUTION RR Tracks. BEAR LEFT to follow Hwy 1.
0.5	131.4	BEAR LEFT towards Wellington Ferry.
0.2	131.6	Welcome to the Interislander, The Lynx and Top Cat Ferry Terminal
0.5	132.1	Arrive at Top Cat check-in for the 4 pm ferry. Please be there by 3:00 pm at the latest.
0.0	132.1	BEAR RIGHT as leave Top Cat Ferry in Wellington.
0.2	132.3	LEFT Waterloo/Customhouse Quay (unsigned) at light.
0.6	132.9	BEAR LEFT to follow along water as road becomes Jervois St.
0.4	133.3	RIGHT onto Taranaki St at light.
0.6	133.9	RIGHT onto Vivian St towards Hwy 1 & 2 from right turn lane at light.
0.5	134.4	RIGHT onto Willis St at light.
0.1	134.5	LEFT into the Mckenzie's Residence Hall for a super two nights.
	134.5	Today's Kilometers
	957.7	Total Stage in Kilometers
	26,916.4	Total Trip Kilometers

Services:	Wellington is a great city with lots of action, and we are in the city centre.
Accom:	Mckenzie's Residence Hall is a relatively new facility with 4 rooms to a pod with shared facilities. The facility has a neat bar open most of day. A super laundry as well.
Toilets:	Shared with a few others.
Showers:	Shared with a few others.
Dinner:	Dinner will be from 6:00 to 7:00 pm, then later for the those arriving on the later ferry.
Breakfast:	Breakfast will be from 8:00 to 9:00 tomorrow and 6:30 to 8:00 am on Sat.
Tomorrow:	Explore or do laundry.

Day 343 Wellington layover day

8-Dec Fri

Tomorrow:	157.3 kms of city, climb across the island and pretty flat for remainder of day. Some quite and some busy road.
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Kms Accum

0.0	0.0	LEFT onto Willis St from the Mckenzie's Residence Hall.
0.1	0.1	STRAIGHT to follow Willis St at Jct Ghuznee St at light.
0.5	0.6	STRAIGHT to follow Willis St at turnoff to Civic Centre.
0.4	1.0	CAUTION raised street and cobblestones.
0.1	1.1	STRAIGHT onto Customhouse Quay at yield sign.
0.2	1.3	STRAIGHT at entrance to the Top Cat Ferry.
0.3	1.6	STRAIGHT at exit to the Top Cat Ferry at Jct Bunny St at light.
0.7	2.3	CAUTION RR Tracks.
0.1	2.4	Westpac Stadium on left.
0.9	3.3	STRAIGHT towards Kaiwharaha at turnoff to Hwy 1 & Hwy 2 towards Hutt Valley.
0.2	3.5	CROSS over highway.
0.6	4.1	STRAIGHT to follow route at Jct Kaiwharawhara at light. Bike path on right.
2.4	6.5	BEAR RIGHT onto Hwy 2 towards Hutt Valley at Jct Centennial Hwy at light.
0.9	7.4	Merge with Hwy 2. CAUTION fast traffic.
1.7	9.1	BP Service Station on left.
0.7	9.8	Welcome to Hutt City.
0.7	10.5	STRAIGHT to follow Hwy 2 at Jct Horokiwi Rd.
0.6	11.1	BEAR LEFT towards Petone and Seaview.
0.4	11.5	STRAIGHT onto Hutt Road.
0.6	12.1	STRAIGHT to follow Hutt Road at Jct Jackson Rd at rotary.
2.2	14.3	BEAR RIGHT onto Railway Ave.
0.3	14.6	BEAR LEFT to avoid initial bridge crossing.
0.1	14.7	STRAIGHT onto bridge access ramp at stop sign.
0.3	15.0	LEFT onto Queens Dr at rotary.
0.1	15.1	BEAR LEFT onto High St at rotary.
0.1	15.2	BEAR LEFT onto Daly at rotary.
0.3	15.5	BEAR LEFT to follow Daly at rotary.
0.2	15.7	LEFT onto Rutherford St in front of Bedpost at yield sign.
0.3	16.0	STRAIGHT to follow Rutherford St at rotary.
0.2	16.2	STRAIGHT to follow route at rotary. Left crosses river and Hwy 2.
0.3	16.5	BEAR LEFT onto Connolly St.

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Kms Accum

2.1	18.6	STRAIGHT to follow Harcourt Werry Dr as you cross under Fairway.
2.3	20.9	BEAR LEFT onto Taita Dr at yield sign at "T".
1.7	22.6	LEFT onto High St at yield sign at "T".
0.8	23.4	BEAR LEFT onto Eastern Hutt Rd at rotary.
0.9	24.3	BEAR LEFT to follow Eastern Hutt Rd at rotary.
1.5	25.8	ENTER Upper Hutt City. Full services ahead.
0.9	26.7	RIGHT onto Ferguson Dr at yield sign at rotary at "T".
4.2	30.9	STRAIGHT to follow Ferguson Dr at Jct Moonshine Rd at light.
0.8	31.7	STRAIGHT to follow Ferguson Dr towards City Center at Jct Hildreth Rd at rotary.
0.1	31.8	STRAIGHT to follow Ferguson Dr at rotary.
1.0	32.8	RIGHT to follow Ferguson Dr at rotary.
0.1	32.9	LEFT to follow Ferguson Dr at rotary. CAUTION raised cobblestone sidewalks ahead.
0.3	33.2	STRAIGHT to follow Ferguson Dr at rotary.
0.4	33.6	BEAR RIGHT to follow Ferguson Dr at Jct King at rotary.
0.9	34.5	STRAIGHT to follow Ferguson Dr at Jct Roiver Rd at rotary.
1.3	35.8	RIGHT onto Hwy 2 in front of Dairy grocery at light at "T".
0.9	36.7	BEAR LEFT onto Akatarawa Rd towards Waikanae as Hwy 2 continues straight. Some climbing ahead. No services for many miles.
5.6	42.3	Karapoti Park on left.
0.9	43.2	CAUTION narrow one way bridge.
6.5	49.7	CAUTION narrow one way bridge.
3.5	53.2	CAUTION narrow one way bridge.
0.4	53.6	CAUTION narrow one way bridge.
4.8	58.4	Nice view as we head downhill. CAUTION fast curvy road.
6.0	64.4	Road widens and gets a center line.
3.7	68.1	Enter Waikanae area.
2.4	70.5	CAUTION RR Tracks. RIGHT on Main Road (Hwy 1) at light. Full services. Lots of traffic but an excellent shoulder.
9.2	79.7	ENTER Te Horo. Services.
0.9	80.6	Hyde Park Village on left. Cafe, museum and toilets.
3.7	84.3	ENTER Otaki. Full services.
1.3	85.6	Caltex Service Station on left. CHECKPOINT .

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Kms Accum

0.2	85.8	STRAIGHT to follow Hwy 1 at rotary. Detached bike lane for a bit.
11.8	97.6	CAUTION narrow bridges.
2.1	99.7	ENTER Ohau. No services.
2.1	101.8	RIGHT onto Hwy 57 towards Palmerston North. CAUTION RR Tracks and smaller shoulders.
2.1	103.9	LEFT to follow Hwy 57 towards Palmerston North. Mixed shoulder.
3.4	107.3	STRAIGHT to follow Hwy 57 at turnoff to Levin.
8.6	115.9	Excellent picnic area on left.
4.2	120.1	ENTER Shannon. Full services.
0.7	120.8	BEAR LEFT to follow Hwy 57 towards Palmerston North.
0.7	121.5	RIGHT to follow Hwy 57 towards Palmerston North.
5.0	126.5	BEAR RIGHT to follow Hwy 57 towards Palmerston North at Jct Hwy 56 to Palmerston North.
7.4	133.9	Limited services in Tokomaru.
10.6	144.5	STRAIGHT to follow Hwy 57 at turnoff to Linton. Services.
1.6	146.1	BEAR LEFT towards Massey University as Hwy 57 goes right.
3.7	149.8	STRAIGHT at entrance to Massey University.
0.8	150.6	BEAR SLIGHTLY RIGHT towards city.
0.6	151.2	CROSS river. Super city park facility on left.
1.0	152.2	LEFT onto Park Road at light.
0.7	152.9	STRAIGHT at entrance to Esplanade, dinner and breakfast here. Access is from back entrance of campground.
0.3	153.2	LEFT onto Ruha St towards camping.
0.3	153.5	LEFT at "T" and STRAIGHT into the Palmerston North Holiday Park.
0.2	153.7	Arrive at check-in.
	153.7	Today's Distance
	1111.4	Total Stage in Kilometers
	27,070.1	Total Trip Kilometers

Services:	Palmerston North is a pretty neat city with lots of activities and services.
Camping:	The Palmerston North Holiday Park is an excellent campground, fairly close to town. It is adjacent to Palmerston North wonderful park.
Toilets:	Plenty at the campground.
Showers:	Plenty at the campground.
Dinner:	Dinner will likely be at the Victoria House (exit back of campground, go right into park-it's on your left in about .4 kms) from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.
Breakfast:	Breakfast will be from 6:30 to 8:00 am at the Victoria House.
Tomorrow:	133.9 kms of climbing or rolling terrain on some backroads and on Hwy 1.

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Kms Accum

0.0	0.0	Leave camping area.
0.2	0.2	EXIT the Palmerston North Holiday Park.
0.1	0.3	RIGHT onto Ruha St.
0.3	0.6	RIGHT onto Park Rd at "T".
1.0	1.6	LEFT onto Fitzherbert at light.
0.7	2.3	Burger King on left.
0.3	2.6	LEFT, RIGHT and RIGHT to get around large city commons with cross in center.
0.4	3.0	LEFT onto Rangitikei St after completing journey around commons.
1.5	4.5	STRAIGHT to follow Rangitikei St at Jct Tremaine Ave at light.
3.5	8.0	RIGHT onto Hwy 54 towards Airport and Feilding. No shoulder.
1.6	9.6	LEFT to follow Hwy 54 towards Feilding at stop sign. Narrow shoulder returns.
9.0	18.6	LEFT onto Waughs Rd to follow Hwy 54 towards Feilding at stop sign at "T".
0.9	19.5	CAUTION narrow bridge.
0.6	20.1	Welcome to Feilding.
1.2	21.3	RIGHT onto Kimbolton Rd to follow Hwy 54 towards Taupo at rotary. CAUTION RR Tracks after turn.
12.5	33.8	ENTER Cheltenham. Full services.
0.2	34.0	LEFT to follow Hwy 54 towards Taupo. Some climbing and much rolling head.
3.3	37.3	BEAR RIGHT to follow Hwy 54 towards Taupo at Jct McKay Rd.
8.5	45.8	ENTER Waituna West. No services.
0.2	46.0	BEAR LEFT to follow Hwy 54 towards Taupo.
4.5	50.5	Stormy Point Lookout on the left. Aprox ele 1380 ft. CAUTION fast descent ahead.
3.7	54.2	ENTER Rewa. Ele aprox 520 ft.
4.8	59.0	CAUTION narrow one way bridge.
0.1	59.1	LEFT to follow Hwy 54 towards Lake Taupo at "T".
2.6	61.7	Campground and toilets on left.
0.3	62.0	Welcome to the Scenic Rangitikei District.
1.5	63.5	RIGHT onto Hwy 1 at yield sign at "T". Excellent shoulder.
9.6	73.1	ENTER Ohingaiti (O-N -I-T). Limited services.

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Kms Accum

0.5	73.6	CAUTION RR Tracks.
0.1	73.7	CHECKPOINT at the Royal Hotel and pub.
4.3	78.0	Flat Hills tourist park on left. Food, etc.
4.6	82.6	CAUTION RR Tracks (2 sets).
0.9	83.5	ENTER Mangaweka. Full services, including a cafe in the airplane.
17.3	100.8	ENTER Winiata. No services.
2.5	103.3	ENTER Taihape. Full services. Aprox ele 1400 ft.
0.7	104.0	LEFT onto Mataroa Rd to follow Hwy 1 towards Taupo.
10.6	114.6	STRAIGHT to follow Hwy 1 at turnoff to Napier.
17.1	131.7	ENTER Waiouru, the Desert Oasis. Ele. 792 meters. Full services.
0.1	131.8	Waiouru Army Museum on right. Town straight ahead.
0.1	131.9	RIGHT onto Hassett Drive towards Scout Hall just past museum. ENTER New Zealand's Army Waiouru Camp.
0.9	132.8	New Zealand Army Marae (small village of the Maori, including a "Meeting House"-a very special and spiritual area) on left.
1.0	133.8	Barracks and dining hall on right.
0.1	133.9	LEFT onto Hamilton Field for a night of camping on a New Zealand Army Base.
	133.9	Today's Distance
	1245.3	Total Stage in Kilometers
	27,204.0	Total Trip Kilometers

Services:	Limited at camp, more in town.
Camping:	We are being allowed to camp on the Army's Hamilton Field, near the gym.
Toilets:	Plenty in the gym.
Showers:	Plenty in the gym.
Dinner:	Dinner will be at the Mess Hall from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.
Breakfast:	Breakfast will be at the Mess Hall from 6:30 to 8:00 am.
Tomorrow:	110.1 kms of desert roadway, lots of hills and some lake riding. Beautiful day, even though we will be on Hwy 1. Incredible volcano mountain views. Remote first half, so stock up.

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Kms Accum

0.0	0.0	LEFT from Hamilton Field onto Freyberg St to exit base. Remote morning, so stock up.
0.1	0.1	Headquarters Army Training Group on left.
0.1	0.2	LEFT onto Ruapehu Road at stop sign.
0.4	0.6	EXIT Waiouru Camp Army Base. CAUTION speed bump.
0.4	1.0	RIGHT onto Hwy 1 at stop sign at "T".
0.6	1.6	Desert Road.
18.6	20.2	Lake Taupo District welcomes you.
16.2	36.4	Excellent rest area. No services. Aprox ele 2700 ft. We were at a height of aprox 3400 ft a bit ago.
14.1	50.5	ENTER Rangipo. No services.
0.5	51.0	STRAIGHT to follow Hwy 1 at Jct Hwy 46 to National Park.
6.4	57.4	Tongariro National Trout Center on right.
0.5	57.9	Welcome to Turangi. Trout Fishing Capital of the world. Full services.
2.4	60.3	STRAIGHT to follow Hwy 1 at Jct Hwy 41 to Taumarunui.
0.6	60.9	CHECKPOINT at Shell Service Station and Burger King.
0.1	61.0	STRAIGHT at turnoff to Town Centre.
1.9	62.9	STRAIGHT to follow Hwy 1 at turnoff to Prison.
6.5	69.4	ENTER Motuoapa. Full services.
3.0	72.4	ENTER Tauranga-Taupo. Full services in several of these small towns.
0.5	72.9	ENTER Te Rangiita.
2.6	75.5	ENTER Mission Bay.
3.3	78.8	ENTER Motutere.
5.1	83.9	ENTER Halletts Bay.
1.8	85.7	ENTER Hatepe.
10.6	96.3	ENTER Waitahanui. Full services.
5.2	101.5	Enter Five Mile Bay Reserve.
1.3	102.8	Welcome to Taupo. Scenic lookout on left just past sign. Full services ahead.
4.0	106.8	STRAIGHT to follow Hwy 1 and Hwy 5 at Jct Hwy 5 to Napier.
2.4	109.2	BEAR LEFT along water at large trout. Welcome to the town centre.
0.3	109.5	Lake Taupo Yacht Club on left-breakfasts here. Taupo Bowling Club on right. Dinners here.

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Kms Accum

0.1 109.6 **BEAR RIGHT** onto Redoubt St at river front.

0.4 110.0 **LEFT** into the Taupo Motor Camp.

0.1 110.1 Arrive at camp check-in.

110.1 Today's Distance

1355.4 Total Stage in Kilometers

27,314.1 Total Trip Kilometers

Services: This great town is a popular tourist area and has lots to offer, and we are close to the heart of it all.

Camping: An excellent facility on the Waikato River close to the action. They are setting aside an area for our use. Please ask about any restrictions.

Toilets: Three blocks with over a dozen for men and a dozen for women.

Showers: Three blocks with over a 10 for men and 10 for women.

Dinner: Dinner will be catered by Chris across from the Yacht Club from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.

Breakfast: Breakfast will be catered by Chris at the Yacht Club from 8:00 to 9:00 am tomorrow and 6:30 to 8:00 am on Wednesday.

Tomorrow: Enjoy the city. You might try your hand at fly fishing.

Day 347 Taupo layover day

12-Dec Tue

Tomorrow: 83.4 kms of backcountry travel for over half the route. Some climbing, but quite a bit of flat lands.

Day 348 Taupo to Rotorua

13-Dec Wed

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Kms Accum

0.0	0.0	EXIT camping area.
0.1	0.1	LEFT in front of Tennis Club at "T".
0.1	0.2	RIGHT onto Tongariro Rd (unsigned) at stop sign at "T".
0.1	0.3	LEFT onto Spa Road at rotary.
1.6	1.9	STRAIGHT to follow Spa Road at Jct Tauhara Rd.
0.6	2.5	STRAIGHT onto Centennial Dr as Spar Rd goes left.
1.1	3.6	Velodrome on left.
3.6	7.2	LEFT onto Broadlands Rd at stop sign at "T".
5.6	12.8	View of steaming lake on left.
8.3	21.1	Welcome to Reporoa. No services.
12.2	33.3	BEAR RIGHT to follow route in small community. No services.
8.3	41.6	STRAIGHT onto Settler's Road towards Rotorua at Jct Gutherie Rd at rotary. Services in Reporoa. CHECKPOINT .
6.0	47.6	RIGHT onto Hwy 5 towards Rotorua at yield sign at "T".
4.1	51.7	STRAIGHT at turnoff to Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Lands.
1.6	53.3	STRAIGHT to follow Hwy 5 at turnoff to Waikite Valley.
3.2	56.5	STRAIGHT to follow Hwy 5 at Jct Hwy 38 to Murupara.
6.5	63.0	STRAIGHT to follow Hwy 5 at turnoff to Waimangu Volcanic Valley (6 km away).
3.3	66.3	Tamaki Maori Village to left.
3.0	69.3	RIGHT onto Waipa South/8 Mile Gate Rd as Hwy 5 continues straight.
4.8	74.1	Welcome to the heart of New Zealand logging country.
1.7	75.8	LEFT at stop sign at "T".
1.3	77.1	RIGHT onto Hwy 5 at yield sign at "T".
1.0	78.1	Rotorua greater area.
0.2	78.3	ENTER Hamilton. Full services.
1.2	79.5	STRAIGHT to follow Fenton St towards City Centre as Hwy 30 towards Whakatane goes right at rotary. The Whakarewarewa Thermal Village is an interesting area about .4 to right.
2.0	81.5	STRAIGHT to follow Fenton St towards City Centre at Jct Hwy 30 A at light.
0.5	82.0	STRAIGHT to follow Fenton St at rotary.
0.2	82.2	LEFT onto Whakaue St before War Memorial.

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Kms Accum

0.2	82.4	RIGHT onto Tutanekai St at brick rotary.
0.3	82.7	BEAR RIGHT into War Memorial Park towards Boat Ramp and Playground and an IMMEDIATE LEFT in front of Sound Shell "Rotorua, feel the spirit" stage at rotary.
0.1	82.8	JOG STRAIGHT onto Mataiawhea St in front of the Rotorua Lakes Water Sports Centre
0.5	83.3	RIGHT along building into The Whakaturia Office Complex Public Parking area.
0.1	83.4	Arrive at check-in.
	83.4	Today's Distance
	1438.8	Total Stage in Kilometers
	27,397.5	Total Trip Kilometers

Services:	Full services in this famous tourist area of New Zealand. We are fortunate to be hosted at by the Te Arawa Maori Tribe. Important-we are not allowed on the sacred grounds until we are welcomed at 4 pm, so please make sure you respect their wishes. Ask if you have any questions.
Camping:	We are being invited to camp on the floor of the dining hall and sacred meeting house they are providing. Or, if you'd prefer, you can pitch a tent on their grounds.
Toilets:	Several in area. Ask.
Showers:	Several in area. Ask. Plenty of hot, thermal water. There are even hot thermal baths available where we are being served dinner-ask for directions to get around the sacred area.
Dinner:	Important reception and welcome by the tribal elders at 4:00 pm, followed by a Maori concert (music, dancing and story telling) from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Dinner will be in a separate dining hall from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.
Breakfast:	Breakfast will be from 6:30 to 8:00 am in the dining hall.
Tomorrow:	145.2 kms. More traffic as we head to the coast. Unfortunately, the choice of routes is minimal, so we are on busier roads most of the day. Somewhat hilly as well.

Day 349 Rotorua to Waihi

14-Dec Thu

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Kms Accum

0.0	0.0	EXIT parking lot.
0.1	0.1	SHARP LEFT onto Mataiawhea St.
0.1	0.2	BEAR RIGHT toward rotary.
0.1	0.3	RIGHT towards rotary at "T".
0.1	0.4	LEFT onto Lake Rd at rotary.
0.2	0.6	STRAIGHT onto Tutanekai St at rotary. Speed bumps ahead.
0.2	0.8	STRAIGHT to follow Tutanekai St at Jct Arawa St at stop sign.
0.3	1.1	LEFT onto Pukuatua St at stop sign at yield sign.
0.2	1.3	RIGHT Fenton St at yield sign.
0.4	1.7	LEFT onto Amohau St (30 A) towards Whakatane at light.
1.7	3.4	STRAIGHT onto Hwy 30 towards Tauranga at Jct Hwy 30 to Taupo.
0.9	4.3	STRAIGHT to follow Hwy 30 towards Tauranga at rotary.
2.3	6.6	STRAIGHT to follow Hwy 30 towards Tauranga at rotary.
6.9	13.5	STRAIGHT onto Hwy 33 towards Tauranga as Hwy 30 goes right.
7.4	20.9	Okere Falls Shell Service Station and store on left.
12.8	33.7	Welcome to the Western Bay of Plenty District.
12.2	45.9	ENTER Paengaroa. Full services.
2.5	48.4	STRAIGHT onto Hwy 2 at Jct Hwy 2 to Whakatane.
1.6	50.0	STRAIGHT to follow Hwy 2 at turnoff to Maketu.
0.3	50.3	Kiwi fruit Country, including a car museum.
2.4	52.7	ENTER Waitangi. Full services. We are on the Pacific Coast Highway.
2.6	55.3	ENTER Te Puke. Full services.
1.0	56.3	STRAIGHT to follow Hwy 2 at rotary.
0.2	56.5	STRAIGHT to follow Hwy 2 at rotary.
0.7	57.2	BP Service Station on left.
6.2	63.4	ENTER Papamoa. No services on route.
0.3	63.7	RIGHT towards Papamoa from right turn lane. CAUTION RR Tracks.
0.7	64.4	LEFT towards Papamoa and Papamoa beach.
2.8	67.2	ENTER Papamoa Beach. Services.
0.2	67.4	LEFT towards Mt Maunganui at stop sign at "T". CHECKPOINT after turn at the Parton Corner Store. Toilets
3.0	70.4	STRAIGHT to Papamoa Beach Road at rotary. Services.
1.0	71.4	STRAIGHT to Papamoa Beach Road at Jct Palm Beach Blvd at rotary.

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| 3.1 | 74.5 | STRAIGHT to follow Maranui St at Jct Sunrise Ave at rotary. |
| 1.2 | 75.7 | LEFT onto Girven Rd at "T". |
| 0.8 | 76.5 | Caltex Service Station on left. |
| 0.2 | 76.7 | RIGHT onto Hwy 29 at rotary. |
| 1.8 | 78.5 | LEFT to follow Hwy 29 towards Tauranga and airport at rotary. CAUTION RR Tracks. |
| 0.1 | 78.6 | STRAIGHT to follow Hwy 29 towards Tauranga and airport at rotary. |
| 1.1 | 79.7 | CAUTION RR Tracks. |
| 0.5 | 80.2 | STRAIGHT to follow Hwy 29 towards Tauranga and airport at rotary. |
| 0.2 | 80.4 | STRAIGHT to follow Hwy 29 towards Tauranga and airport at rotary. CAUTION RR Tracks in middle of rotary. |
| 0.6 | 81.0 | Toll bridge. Vehicles \$1, bikes free. |
| 0.1 | 81.1 | Bike path on left. |
| 1.4 | 82.5 | LEFT towards Waihi at rotary. |
| 0.5 | 83.0 | STRAIGHT towards Hwy 2 at light. |
| 1.2 | 84.2 | BEAR RIGHT to follow route to Hwy 2 at rotary. |
| 1.1 | 85.3 | STRAIGHT at exit to Te Puke. |
| 0.4 | 85.7 | RIGHT as road goes right at light at "T". |
| 1.7 | 87.4 | BEAR RIGHT to follow Hwy 2 towards Waihi and Auckland at rotary. |
| 1.6 | 89.0 | ENTER Bethlehem. |
| 0.5 | 89.5 | STRAIGHT to follow Hwy 2 at rotary. |
| 1.5 | 91.0 | CAUTION narrow bridge. |
| 2.0 | 93.0 | ENTER Te Puna. Services. |
| 7.3 | 100.3 | STRAIGHT to follow Hwy 2 at Okomoroa Beach. |
| 17.4 | 117.7 | ENTER Katikati. Full services. |
| 12.5 | 130.2 | STRAIGHT to follow Hwy 2 at turnoff to Waihi Beach. |
| 3.7 | 133.9 | Great picnic area on right. No services. |
| 3.5 | 137.4 | Welcome to the Hauraki District. |
| 1.6 | 139.0 | Welcome to the Waikato Region. |
| 1.8 | 140.8 | STRAIGHT to follow Hwy 2 at turnoff to Waihi Beach. |
| 1.5 | 142.3 | ENTER Waihi. |
| 1.1 | 143.4 | LEFT onto Seddon Ave to follow Hwy 2 at Jct Hwy 25 at rotary. |

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0.8	144.2	RIGHT onto Toomey St towards camping.
0.1	144.3	BEAR LEFT towards camping at "T".
0.3	144.6	RIGHT onto Waitete Rd.
0.4	145.0	LEFT onto Regent St towards the Waihi Motor Camp. Note Grandpa Thorns Restaurant on corner. Dinner and breakfast here.
0.1	145.1	ENTER Waihi Motor Camp.
0.1	145.2	Arrive at check-in.
	145.2	Today's Distance
	1584.0	Total Stage in Kilometers
	27,542.7	Total Trip Kilometers

Services:	The center of town is about 1 km away and has full services. The camp has minimal services, but the restaurant has a bar.
Camping:	We have taken over the Waihi Motor Camp and will be allowed to camp most anywhere. Ask about any limitations.
Toilets:	The camp has 6 toilets, plus a few more in the cabins we have rented.
Showers:	The camp has about 6 showers total, plus those in a few cabins..
Dinner:	Dinner will be from 6:00 to 7:00 at Grandpa Thorns Restaurant unless it is raining. If it is, we will eat in two shift, the first from 6:00 to 7:00 pm, the second from 7:00 to 8:00 pm.
Breakfast:	Breakfast will be at Grandpa Thorns Restaurant from 6:30 to 8:00 am.
Tomorrow:	158 kms of quieter roads after we leave Hwy 2. Nice water riding as well. Some hills for your last day of riding in a foreign country. In two days, it's back to the USA in Hawaii.

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0.0	0.0	Leave camping area.
0.1	0.1	EXIT the Waihi Motor Camp.
0.1	0.2	Granpa Thorns Restaurant on left. Don't forget breakfast. STRAIGHT to follow Regent St at Jct Waitete Rd.
0.4	0.6	RIGHT onto Kensington Rd at stop sign.
0.4	1.0	BEAR RIGHT to follow route to Hwy 2.
0.1	1.1	RIGHT onto Seddon St (Hwy 2)
5.4	6.5	ENTER Waken. No services.
2.3	8.8	Enter Karangahake Gorge.
3.1	11.9	CAUTION road narrows.
1.3	13.2	Limited services.
6.0	19.2	ENTER Paeroa. Full services.
1.1	20.3	RIGHT onto Hwy 26 towards Coromandel Peninsula as Hwy 2 continues straight.
10.9	31.2	Limited services in the middle of Hikutaia.
7.4	38.6	Limited services in the middle of Puriri.
6.4	45.0	Welcome to the Coromandel Peninsula on the Pacific Coast highway.
0.7	45.7	STRAIGHT to follow Hwy 26 at Jct Hwy 25 A.
0.4	46.1	ENTER Kopu. Full services.
0.5	46.6	LEFT onto Hwy 25 towards Auckland.
1.0	47.6	CAUTION one way narrow bridge.
1.2	48.8	Welcome to the Hauraki District.
14.6	63.4	ENTER Waitakaruru. Full services.
0.6	64.0	CHECKPOINT at the Mooloo Cafe next to the Tip Stop store.
0.8	64.8	RIGHT to follow the Pacific Coast Highway towards Mioranda and Kaiaua immediately after crossing bridge.
8.7	73.5	RIGHT onto the East Coast Road towards Kaiaya at "T".
0.4	73.9	CAUTION one way narrow bridge.
2.3	76.2	Enter the Miranda Wildlife preserve.
5.6	81.8	Welcome to Kaiaya. Limited services.
6.3	88.1	Big truck crossing.
2.7	90.8	Toilets at the Waharau Regional Park on the right.
11.8	102.6	Orere Hall on right. No services.

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9.0	111.6	ENTER Kawakawa Bay. Limited services.
0.2	111.8	LEFT onto Clevedon-Kawakawa Rd at stop sign at "T".
15.5	127.3	Enter Clevedon Village area. Full services.
0.2	127.5	BEAR LEFT onto the Clevedon-Papakura at rotary.
0.6	128.1	CAUTION speed cobblestone sidewalk.
1.9	130.0	RIGHT onto the Clevedon-Takanini Rd.
4.5	134.5	LEFT onto the Alfriston-Ardmore Rd at yield sign at "T".
0.3	134.8	RIGHT onto Airfield Rd.
2.9	137.7	RIGHT onto Mill Rd at rotary.
2.0	139.7	STRAIGHT to follow Mill Rd at Jct Alfriston Rd at rotary.
2.9	142.6	Road become Redoubt Road.
1.7	144.3	STRAIGHT at Jct Hilltop Rd. CAUTION fast descent ahead.
0.9	145.2	STRAIGHT to follow Redoubt Rd at rotary.
0.7	145.9	CROSS over Hwy 1.
0.2	146.1	Road becomes Wiri station Rd (Hwy 2)0 at light.
0.9	147.0	STRAIGHT to follow Hwy 20 at Jct Druces/Lambie Dr at light.
0.7	147.7	RIGHT onto Plunket Ave.
1.0	148.7	STRAIGHT to follow Plunket at Jct Liverpool at rotary.
0.6	149.3	LEFT onto Puhinui Rd at yield sign "T".
0.4	149.7	RIGHT onto Cambridge Terrance.
0.1	149.8	LEFT onto Bridge St.
0.2	150.0	LEFT onto Kenderdine Rd.
0.1	150.1	RIGHT Puhinui Rd.
0.7	150.8	RIGHT onto Wyllie Rd.
0.5	151.3	LEFT onto Pah Rd.
0.7	152.0	RIGHT onto Ferndown Ave.
1.1	153.1	LEFT at yield sign at "T".
0.2	153.3	RIGHT onto Skipton St.
1.5	154.8	LEFT onto Massey Rd.

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0.2	155.0	CROSS over the Hwy 20 Motorway.
2.7	157.7	CROSS over the Hwy 20 Motorway at light.
0.3	158.0	LEFT into the Hotel Grand Chancellor for 2 nights before returning to the USA. Arrive at check-in
	158.0	Today's Distance
	1742.0	Total Stage in Kilometers
	27,700.7	Total Trip Kilometers

Services:	Auckland is the largest city in New Zealand and has most anything you want. We are very close airport. The best way to town is to share a cab. There is also a bus for \$12 or \$20 return. Ask about scheduled bus service.
Camping:	We are two to a room for two nights.
Toilets:	In rooms.
Showers:	In rooms.
Dinner:	Dinner will be in one of the Hotel Grand Chancellor's conference rooms from 6:00 to 7:00 pm each evening.
Breakfast:	Breakfast will be in one of the Hotel Grand Chancellor's conference rooms from 8:00 to 9:00 am each morning.
Tomorrow:	We will likely depart Auckland about 1:30 pm, so we will need to be packed by 8 am and be at the airport by 10:00 am. We will pedal the 4.2 kms to the airport. Bike lane most of way. Probably arrive in USA just after leaving New Zealand and will bus from airport to hotel.

Day 351 Auckland to Honolulu, Hawaii, USA (arrive day before)

16-Dec Sat

Kms Accum *To Auckland Airport*

0.1	0.1	RIGHT from the hotel onto main road.
0.3	0.4	RIGHT onto George Bolt Memorial Drive (Hwy 20 A) towards Airport at light. Shoulder is a bike lane.
1.0	1.4	STRAIGHT to follow George Bolt Memorial Drive at Montgomerie Rd at light.
1.8	3.2	STRAIGHT towards Terminals at rotary.
0.4	3.6	RIGHT onto Tom Pierce Dr towards the International Terminal at light.
0.3	3.9	BEAR LEFT towards Terminal. CAUTION Speed Bumps.
0.3	4.2	Arrive at the International Terminal for check-in.
	4.2	Today's Distance
	1746.2	Total Stage in Kilometers
	27,704.9	Total Trip Kilometers