

RUMBLING



ADVENTURES
NEW ZEALAND

SOUTHERN TRAILBLAZER

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SOUTH ISLAND**



Rumbling Adventures NZ brings you the Southern Trailblazer Tour – passes, rivers, and trails that redefine adventure riding



Southern Trailblazer – South Island Odyssey

Six days. 1,500+ km. More than 20 river and creek crossings. At least 50% dirt and gravel. This isn't a cruise, it's the South Island's toughest backcountry, carved into an adventure built for grit.

Ride light and hard with your gear hauled by a support vehicle as you tackle high-country passes, hidden valleys, and remote trails that test skill, stamina, and determination. Each night, the day's battles give way to a hot meal, a warm shower, and the camaraderie of fellow riders.

The route is mapped, but not rigid - if the group craves more challenge or a detour into the unknown, we make it happen. This is your journey, your clash with the wild. This is no easy ride. It's a proving ground. Where the South Island turns riders into trailblazers.

Details: **Intermediate riders with gravel-riding experience** • Difficulty **1-3** • **6 days / 7 nights** • **1500+ km** • Min. **3 riders**



RIDER DIFFICULTY SCALE



Level 1 – Easy Adventure

Smooth gravel, light dirt. Beginner-friendly.



Level 2 – Intermediate

Gravel roads, some ruts, and a few shallow water crossings. Basic off-road confidence needed.



Level 3 – Advanced

Mixed gravel and dirt with occasional rocky sections and moderate water crossings. Good stamina recommended.



Level 4 – Extreme

Challenging backcountry with mud, steeper climbs, and deeper crossings. Best for riders with solid off-road experience.





SCHEDULE:

ARRIVAL DAY – Christchurch – The Gathering

Pick up from Christchurch Airport and transfer to your accommodation. Meet the crew, get briefed, and feel the excitement building for the journey ahead.

DAY 1 – Christchurch to Kurow – The Long High-Country Ride

Breakfast at 7:30 AM, departure at 8:30 AM | 320 km

Tackle MacKenzie's Pass and Hakataramea Valley on your way to Kurow. Scenic, challenging, and a perfect warm-up for what's ahead.

DAY 2 – Kurow to Alexandra – Danseys & Dust

Breakfast and ready to leave at 8:30 AM | 200 km

Cross Danseys Pass and ride the historic Old Dunstan Road into Alexandra, traversing landscapes straight out of The Lord of the Rings. Rugged terrain, high-country vistas, and plenty of dirt under your tires.

DAY 3 – Alexandra Loop – The Obelisk & Nevis Challenge

Departure at 8:30 AM | 344 km

Climb Old Man Range, navigate Duffers Saddle, and tackle the Nevis Valley before returning to Alexandra. Epic tracks, technical challenges, and unforgettable scenery.

DAY 4 – Alexandra to Kurow – Riding Through Middle-earth

Departure at 9:00 AM | 203 km

Ride via Lindis Pass, through landscapes straight from a fantasy saga. High-country riding that tests skill, focus, and courage.

DAY 5 – Kurow to Geraldine – Black Forest Expedition

Departure at 8:00 AM | 190 km

Journey through Black Forest Station. Fast-flowing tracks, rocky climbs, and a true taste of backcountry adventure.

DAY 6 – Geraldine to Christchurch – The Last High-Country Run

Departure at 8:30 AM | 280 km

Through Lees Valley and remote gravel backroads, riding over terrain reminiscent of The Lord of the Rings. The final day is a fitting test of stamina and skill.

DEPARTURE DAY – Christchurch – The Farewell

Departure at 9:30 AM | Christchurch Airport drop-off

Memories, dust, and high-country stories travel with you home — a week of adventure to remember forever.

INCLUSIONS:



Motorcycle



Fuel



Support Vehicle



Guide



Accommodation



Transfers



Motorcycle Insurance



Tolls



Breakfast



EXCLUSIONS:



Travel
Insurance



Riding Gear



Meals



Flights





WHAT IS INCLUDED?

Our staff have designed and planned this ride based on their previous adventure experience and travels through the South Island of New Zealand.

Your Adventure Includes:

6 Days / 1,500+ KM of Riding

Six days of epic South Island trails, river crossings, and backcountry challenges.

7 Nights Accommodation

Twin-share comfort included. Single rooms available on request.

Breakfast with Coffee

Start each day fueled and ready for the adventure ahead.

Pick-Up & Drop-Off

We collect you in Christchurch and drop you back — stress-free travel.

Motorcycle of Your Choice

Adventure-ready bikes, fully equipped for rugged terrain and backcountry thrills.

Full Motorcycle Insurance

Ride with complete peace of mind.

Expert Guides

Seasoned riders with local knowledge and Emergency Locator Beacons.

GPS-Ready Routes

Pre-ridden trails with optional extras for those chasing more adventure.

First Aid Support

Trained guides ready for any medical needs.

Mechanical Assistance

Quick fixes on the trail to keep you rolling.

Rumbling Adventures T-Shirt

Take home a memento of your epic journey through New Zealand's wild backcountry.

PRICES



YAMAHA TENERE 700 (X4)

NZD \$6750



BETA 390 RR (X1)

NZD \$6750



KTM 500 EXC-F (X1)

NZD \$6850



HUSQVARNA 701 ENDURO (X2)

NZD \$6850



RIDER REQUIREMENTS:

- 21 Years of age or over
- Hold a full motorcycle license
- Supply their own Riding/safety gear
- Comply with the Terms, Policies and Conditions of Rumbling Adventures NZ
- Dirt Riding experience on a medium size adventure motorcycle is preferable
- Riders are responsible for their own meals and drinks (Excluding Breakfast)

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PAYMENT:

- A NZ\$1,500.00 deposit is payable on booking. We will send out an invoice via email with bank transfer and credit card options for payment
- All deposits are non refundable
- The ballance of the payment is due 30 days before the ride starts. This can be paid by cash, credit card or bank transfer
- A Bond of NZD2,500.00 is required per motorcycle hire at the commencement of the ride. (See Insurance terms and conditions on website)
- All prices include New Zealand Goods and Services Tax (GST) of 15%

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CHECK LIST:

- ☐ Riding gear- Helmet, boots, gloves, jacket, pants, etc.
- ☒ Night 1 Accommodation - Kurow
- ☒ Night 2 Accommodation - Alexandra
- ☒ Night 3 Accommodation - Alexandra
- ☒ Night 4 Accommodation - Kurow
- ☒ Night 5 Accommodation - Geraldine
- ☒ Night 6 Accommodation - Christchurch
- ☐ Travel Insurance - Recommended, but not required
- ☐ Payment for own meals and drinks (Excl. Breakfast)
- ☐ Casual clothes and toiletries

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Waitotara Valley Estate Ltd, trading as Rumbling Adventures New Zealand, is dedicated to providing a safe, enjoyable, and unforgettable experience. Please review the following terms and conditions carefully. By booking with us and using our services, you agree to these terms.

Bookings are accepted with the understanding that the client acknowledges the potential risks involved in motorcycle riding and operating an adventure motorcycle.

Waitotara Valley Estate Ltd, trading as Rumbling Adventures New Zealand, reserves the right to modify or amend the terms and conditions at any time without notice. Any changes will be effective immediately.

"Waitotara Valley Estate Ltd, trading as Rumbling Adventures New Zealand" (hereafter referred to as 'RUMBLING ADVENTURES') and "You" (hereafter referred to as 'RIDER') accept these terms and conditions as a binding contract between Rumbling Adventures New Zealand and yourself.

BOOKING AND CANCELLATION POLICY

1.1 Booking Policy

- All prices are in New Zealand Dollars (NZD).
- A deposit of NZD 1,500 is required to secure a RIDER's spot and confirm motorcycle selection from available models. Deposits are non-refundable and can be made via credit card or bank transfer.
- An invoice for the outstanding balance will be sent to the RIDER, with full payment due 30 days or more before the ride departure date. Payments can be made via bank transfer or credit card.
- Credit card payments incur a 3.3% surcharge.
- If the final payment is not received 30 days before the start of the tour, the deposit will be forfeited, and the booking canceled.
- A bond of NZD 2,500 per motorcycle hire is required at the commencement of the ride. (See insurance terms and conditions.)
- All prices include New Zealand Goods and Services Tax (GST) of 15%.

1.2 Cancellation Policy

1.2.1 Participant Cancellation

- If canceled more than 30 days before the start of the ride, the RIDER will be refunded all payments made, less the non-refundable deposit.
- If canceled within 30 days of the start date, 100% of the ride cost will be forfeited.
- If the RIDER is a no-show at the scheduled start time, 100% of the ride cost will be forfeited.
- We recommend the RIDER obtains personal travel insurance to cover any unforeseen circumstances that might prevent attendance.

1.2.2 Ride Cancellations

- RUMBLING ADVENTURES reserves the right to cancel any scheduled ride at any time due to insufficient participation, severe weather, natural disasters, pandemics, or any other reason.
- In the event of a ride cancellation, RUMBLING ADVENTURES will:
- Notify the RIDER immediately.
- Not be liable for any additional costs or losses incurred by the RIDER due to the cancellation. This includes, but is not limited to, other accommodation reservations, travel costs, and other pre-planned expenses.
- Offer an option to reschedule another ride or provide a refund of the ride deposit and ride balance, less any deposits paid for pre-booked accommodation, activities, and admin fees, which will constitute a full settlement.

2. TOUR REQUIREMENTS

- A full motorcycle license valid for riding in New Zealand, or an international driver's permit, is required.
- The minimum age is 21 years old.
- Our rides are not suitable for beginner riders; RIDERS should have off-road riding experience and be capable of handling a mid-size adventure motorcycle off sealed roads.

3. MOTORCYCLE CHOICE & AVAILABILITY

- RUMBLING ADVENTURES provides the motorcycles for the tour.
- Available motorcycle models will be confirmed at the time of booking.
- Motorcycles are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and your preferred model may not be available at the time of booking.

4. RIDER FITNESS, HEALTH & SAFETY

By entering into a ride contract with RUMBLING ADVENTURES, the RIDER confirms that they are in suitable physical and mental condition to participate without posing a risk to themselves or others. The RIDER:

- Is responsible for riding at their own pace and within their experience level at all times.
- Must not exceed local traffic laws, speed limits, or their riding experience level.
- Is prohibited from exceeding laws in relation to the consumption of alcoholic beverages while operating any vehicle/ motorcycle during a ride, or the taking of ANY drugs that may impair judgement while riding.

5. INSURANCE TERMS & CONDITIONS

5.1 Motorcycle Insurance

Full comprehensive motorcycle insurance is included for motorcycles belonging to RUMBLING ADVENTURES.

5.2 Security Deposit (Bond)

- A bond of NZD 2,500 is required per motorcycle at the start of the ride. This sum is fully refundable if the motorcycle and accessories are returned undamaged. Any damage costs will be deducted from the bond, with the remaining balance refunded. The RIDER's maximum liability is limited to the bond plus any recovery costs. Payments by credit card will incur a 3.3% surcharge.
- The bond must be paid in full by credit card, debit card, cash, or electronic funds transfer and will be held for the duration of the ride.

6. EVENT INFORMATION

RUMBLING ADVENTURES reserves the right to accept or deny any individual from participating. RUMBLING ADVENTURES does not discriminate based on sex, race, or religion. However, RUMBLING ADVENTURES owners, operators, or riding guides may deny continuance of the tour if the RIDER is deemed a danger or disruption to themselves, the group, or the public. Any RIDER denied continuance is responsible for their own accommodation, meals, airport shuttle services, and other incurred costs. No refunds will be issued to any RIDER denied continuance. RUMBLING ADVENTURES reserves the right to cancel a participant's tour and motorcycle rental agreement at any time if it is reasonably believed that the RIDER's driving is negligent, careless, or likely to cause danger.

7. EXTRA FEES & CHARGES

Traffic and/or parking violations during or after the ride are the RIDER's responsibility. These must be paid by the RIDER or will be charged to the RIDER's nominated method of payment.

8. PRIVACY POLICY

RUMBLING ADVENTURES values your privacy and complies with the Privacy Act 2020. We are committed to treating your information as confidential, storing it securely, and allowing you access to check and correct your information. We take all reasonable steps to maintain your trust.