

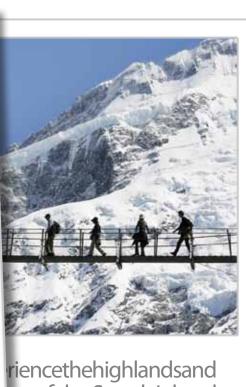
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Ultimate South Island Guided Tour

With such a massive range of things to see and places to go on offer in New Zealand, this guided tour manages to distil the raw materials down, to form the most refined and invigorating experience possible. Breathtaking alpine passes, snow covered mountains, expansive valleys, rugged coastlines and cool, crisp, shady rivers. Visit the imposing South Island glaciers, experience the 'adrenaline capital of the world' and gaze upon the majesty of Mount Cook.

The intricate Fiordland vistas of the far south will keep you fascinated, the vibrant cities and towns will keep you captivated, and the wonderful, welcoming local residents will keep you intrigued and coming back for more.

Unrivalled scenery and unsurpassed riding through some of the most breathtaking regions of one of the most beautiful countries on earth; all via the best mode of transport known to man ...the motorcycle!





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Christchurch

Christchurch is the largest city on the south island and a place steeped in neogothic heritage and natural splendour. This beautiful 'garden city' offers something for everyone. History, culture, natural attractions and mother nature at her best in the surrounding hills and intricate coastline.

Harbour cruises, swimming with dolphins, soaking up the atmosphere, experiencing the fine dining or simply relaxing. There's no better place to start an epic south island motorcycle tour!



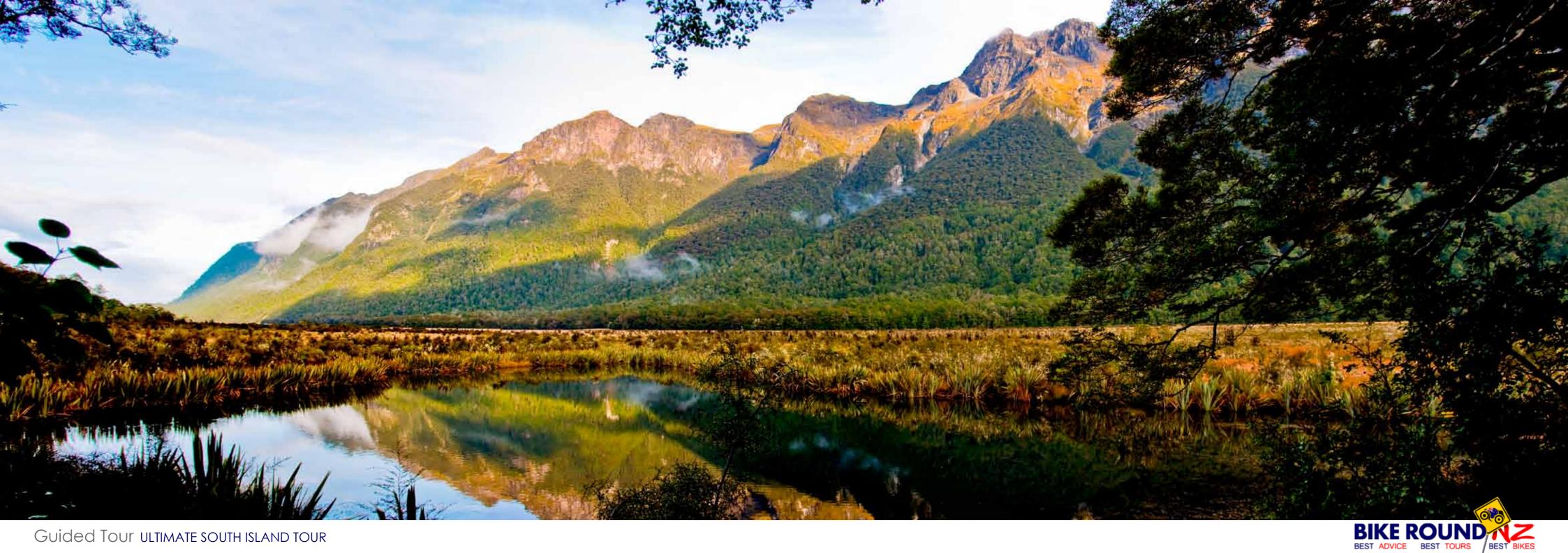


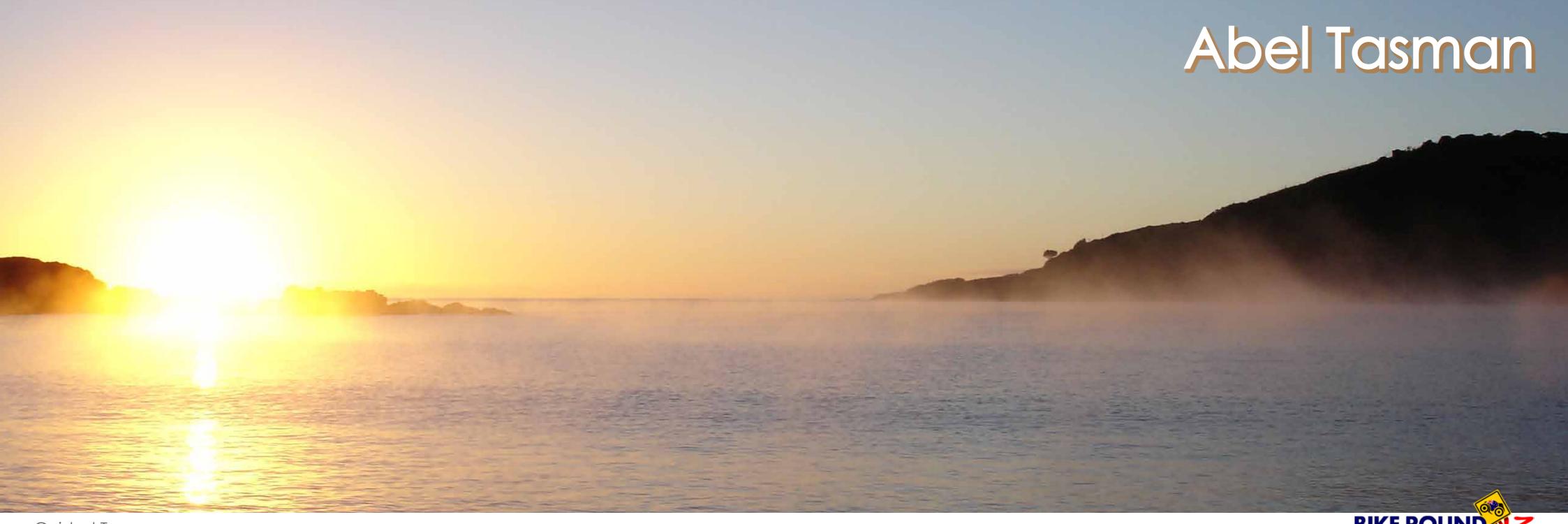












Abel Tasman

A once little known region of New Zealand the Abel Tasman National Park is a place that well deserves its new found reputation. A perfect blend of physical exertion and beach life make Abel Tasman a highlight of the South Island.

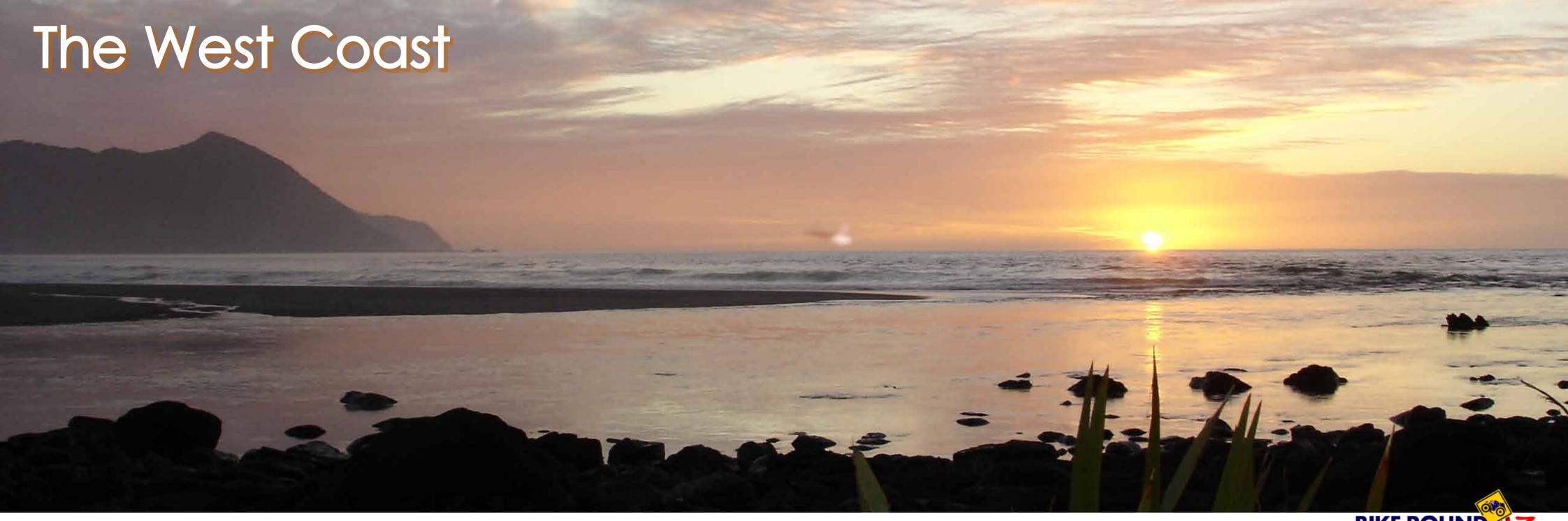
Golden beaches washed clear by crystal blue waters, fringe an area liberally sprinkled with caves, potholes and rolling limestone hills. Sunbathing, swimming and snorkelling can be a welcome break from the saddle, or if you're hankering after something a little more challenging, there are plenty of walking trails close at hand.













The West Coast

The West Coast is an untamed place of wild rivers, lush rainforest, glaciers and geological marvels, rugged beaches and high mountain peaks. Hemmed in by the energetic Tasman sea to the west and towering peaks, lush rainforest and bush to the east, the whole area is never more than 50km wide along the whole stretch of the South Island.

The locals are a bunch of independent, fiercely self-reliant, unfailingly friendly and hospitable people. Enjoy their company along the way, but expect a lot of unspoilt wilderness as there are only 31,000 residents in the whole region!

The 'Pancake Rocks' and blowholes at Punakaiki are among the West Coast's most famous sights, formed by the relentless actions of wind and rain over thousands of years they truly are a sight worth seeing.

There are plenty of opportunities to stretch your legs off the bike along the way. Scenic walks that explore the surf pounded beaches, native forest, lakes and natural hot pools will ensure that there's never a dull moment.

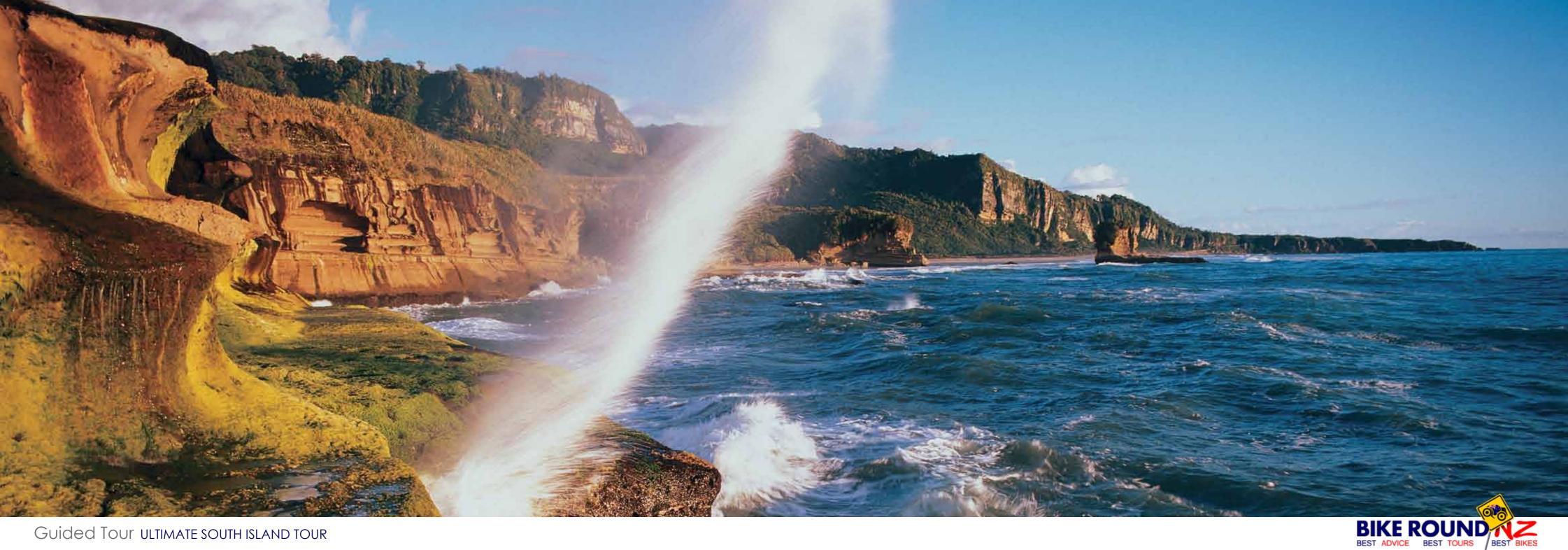








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Hamner Springs

amner Springs is the centre of the Hurunui district of New Zealand. The area offers a diverse landscape ranging from towering snow-capped peaks, through to breathtaking ocean views and whale watching at Kaikoura.

The town itself is built on a popular natural hot spring which was discovered in the late 19th century, and which now offers a luxurious way to ease any aches and pains you might have from your time spent in the saddle, exploring this fascinating area of New Zealand.











Westland National Park

The ride over the Alps via the beautiful Haast Pass, through the Westland National Park is probably one of the best motorcycling road you can imagine. The route twists around steep slopes with breathtaking views over the glacier lakes of Hawea and Wanaka, then down into the lakeside town of the same name. Peaks that are over 3000 metres high relax into lowland rainforest at the edge of the Tasman Sea, this area is an exquisitely beautiful slice of wilderness.

After experiencing the fantastic riding in the area, you'll arrive at two of the fastest moving glaciers in the world - 'Fox' and 'Franz Josef'. Tumbling rivers of ice, streaking down the valleys towards the sea at a rate of up to four metres per year. There are plenty of great bush walks or hikes out onto the ice, but the best way to see the glaciers themselves is via helicopter.

Of course just because the glaciers are in a hurry doesn't mean you should be.

















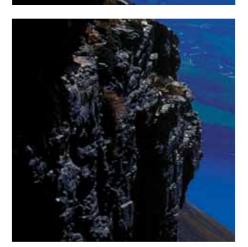


















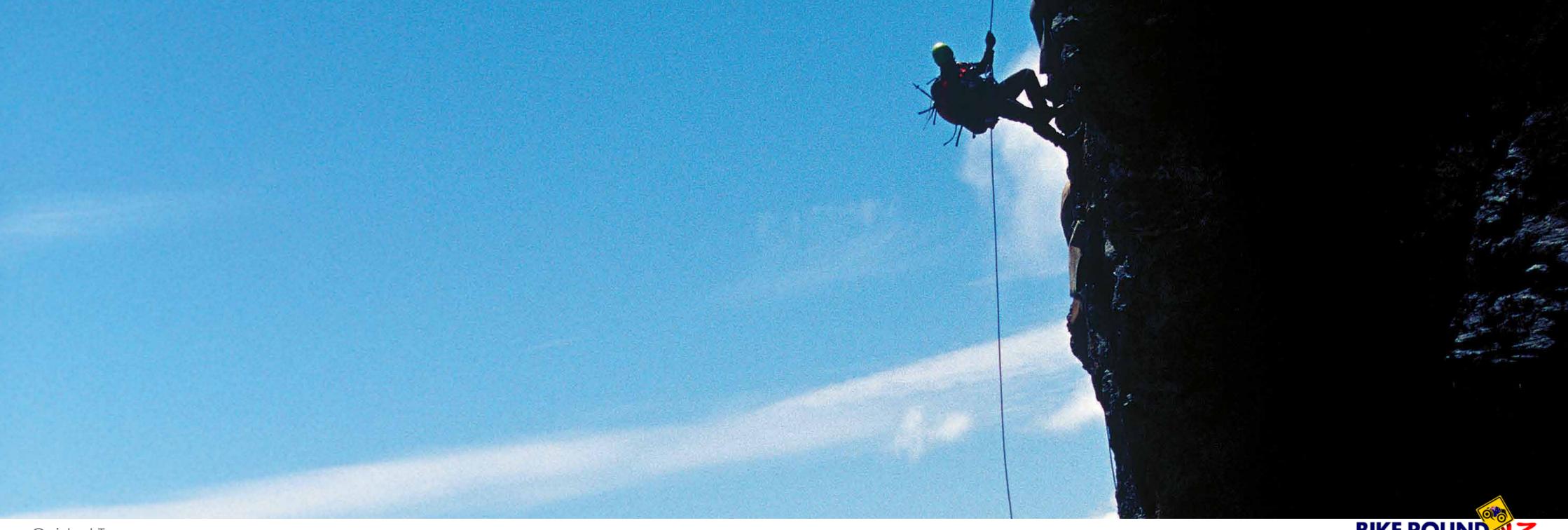
The aptly titled 'adrenaline capital of the world' has plenty to keep you busy, and is situated right on the shores of the majestic 'Lake Wakatipu' which forms the perfect backdrop to any of the thrilling activities on offer.

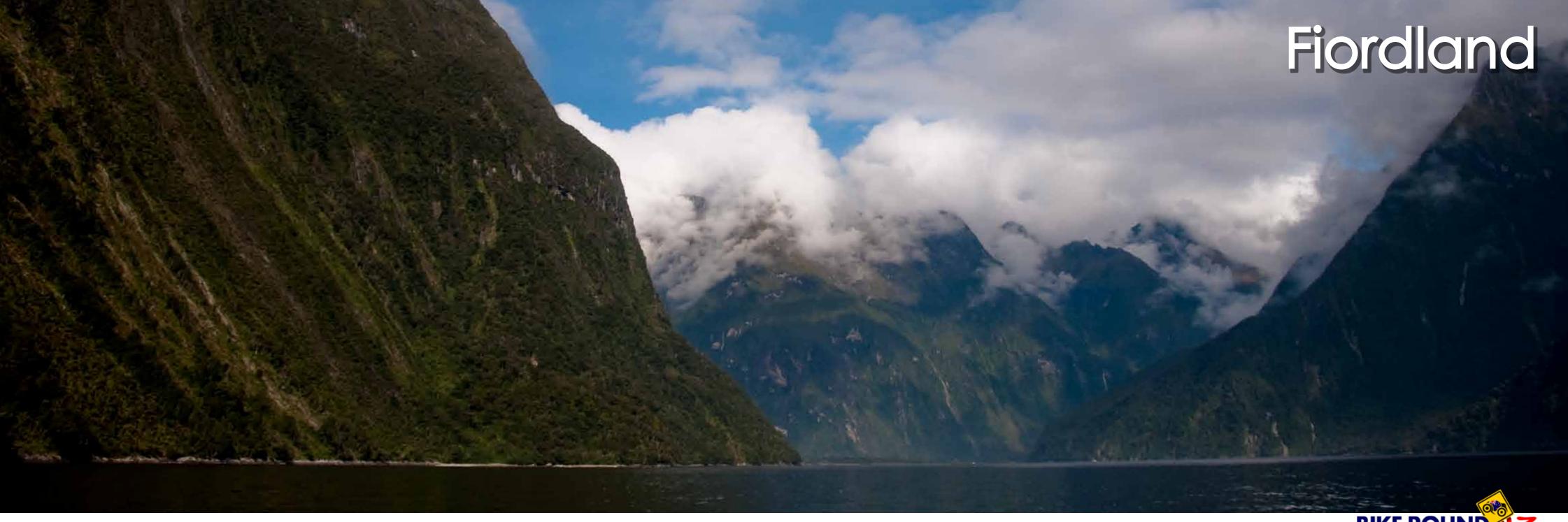
If biking round New Zealand wasn't exciting enough as it is, you can choose from bungy jumping, jet-boating, white-water rafting, river surfing, white-water sledging, paragliding, parachuting, canyoning, mountain biking and aerial sightseeing to name but a few of the activities on offer. An extra day spent in the area would ensure you get the best of what's available.

For the more mellow visitor, Queenstown has some of the best restaurants on the South Island, fascinating sightseeing tours, spa treatments, boutique shopping and much, much more...









Fiordland

Superb roads and heart arrestingly awesome scenery must mean you're in Fiordland, one of the most dramatic and beautiful regions of New Zealand. This indescribably picturesque area was carved out by glaciers over 100,000 years ago and is on every tourist's agenda.

Waterfalls cascade into the deep black flords, immeasurably ancient rainforest clings to the slopes of the mountains and shimmering lakes hold secrets just waiting to be discovered. A region untouched by time, and seemingly crafted specifically for motorcycle touring.

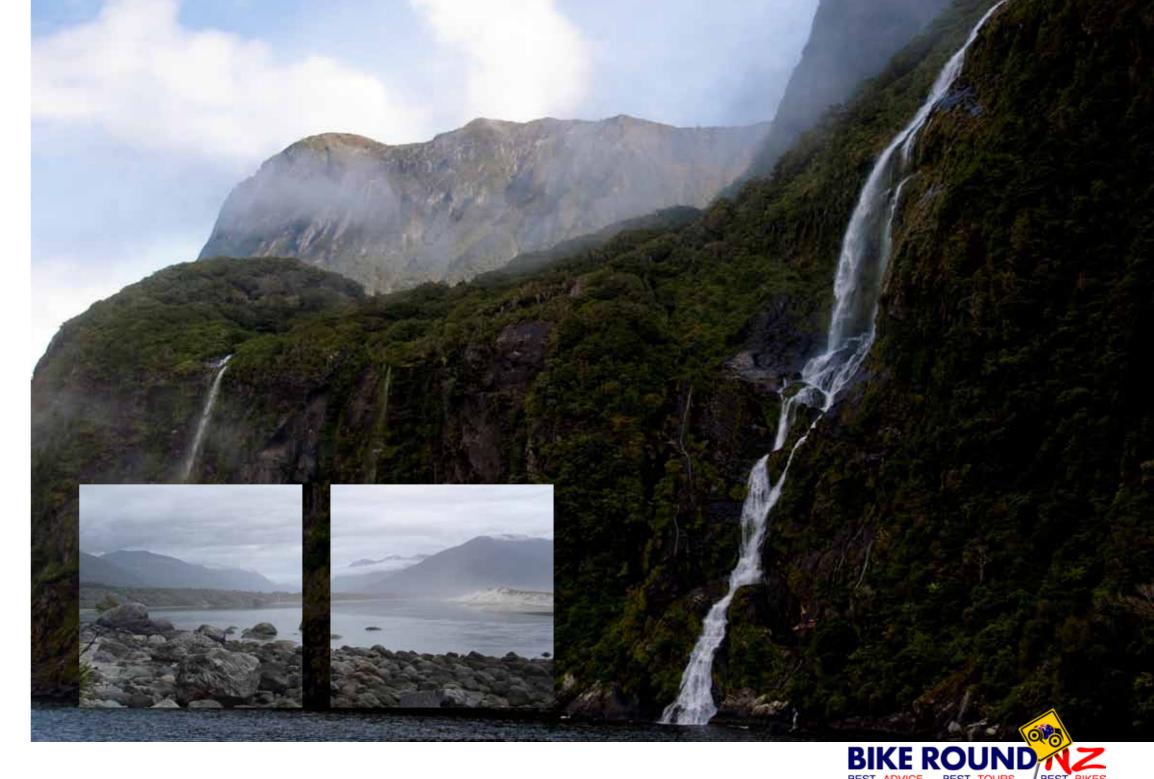
Visit Milford Sound for a spectacular cruise, investigate the smaller flords by kayak or simply explore the area on your bike. There is only one main road in and out but you won't mind, you'll spend ages pulling over and admiring the scenery.

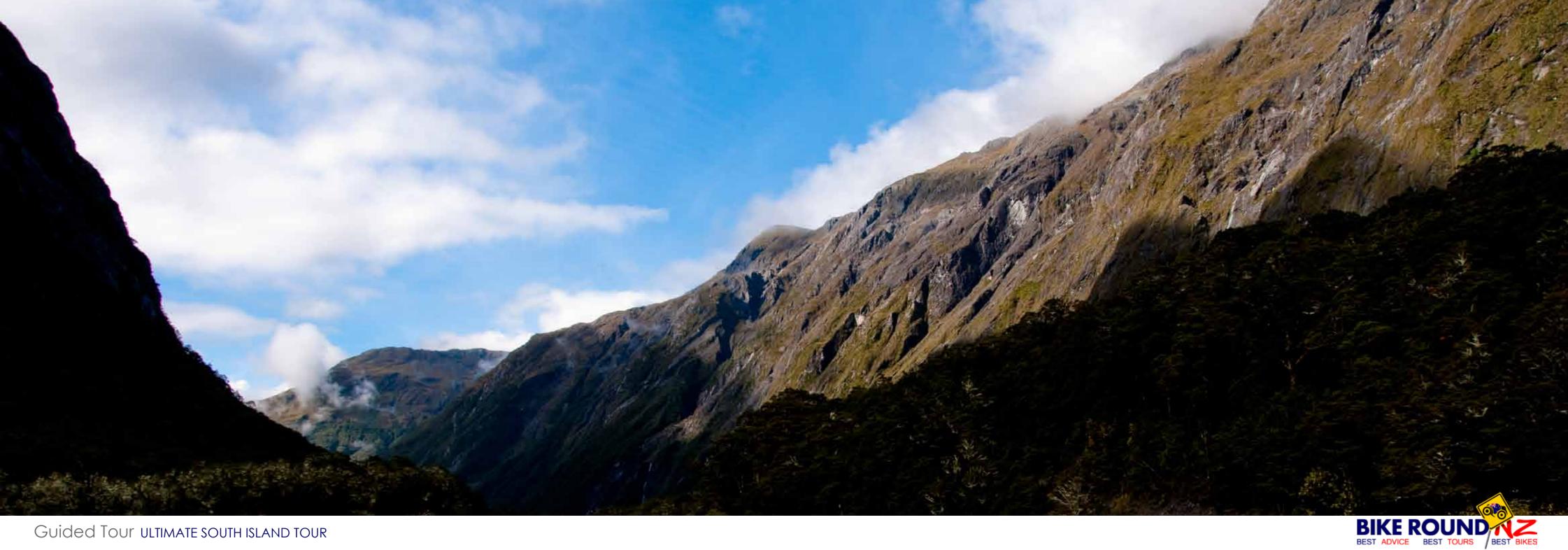




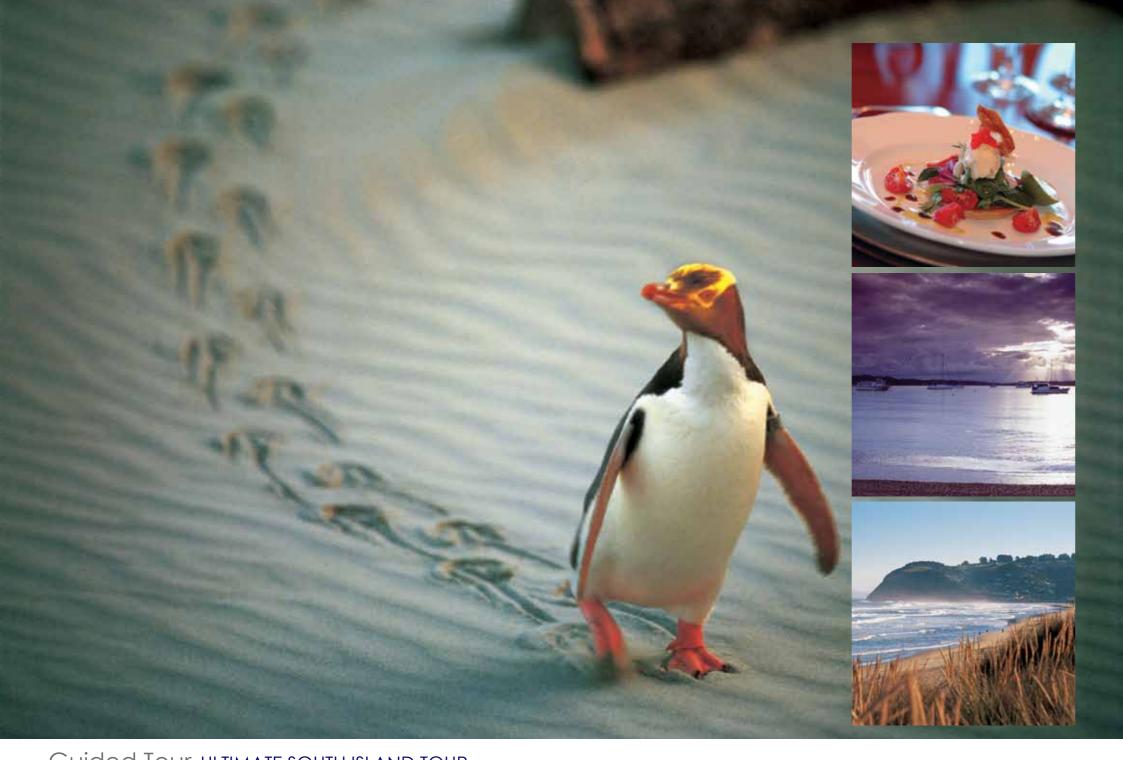












Dunedin

Dunedin is the second largest city on the South Island, positioned at the head of the Otago Harbour and surrounded by remnants of thankfully long extinct volcanoes. Dunedin possesses grand Victorian architecture, the steepest street in the world and a few yellow eyed penguins scattered about for good measure.

A walk up Baldwin Street with its 1 in 1.266 gradient will have you ready to get back into the saddle for the amazing ride towards Mount Cook.









Mount Cook / Aoraki

One of the first, and arguably most impressive things you will see in New Zealand, Mount Cook will get you in the right frame of mind for riding the fantastic alpine roads which surround this natural marvel. At 3,574 metres high Mount Cook dominates the surrounding area for miles around, gazing down on the 'Four Peaks Range' and motorcyclists alike as they enjoy the twisting roads, turquoise lakes, snow capped mountains and everything else this World Heritage Area incorporates.

A ski plane flight over the Tasman Glacier would be a good opportunity to get a birds eye view of the sort of terrain you'll be riding over as you explore what New Zealand has to offer.





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