



Pedaltours

Dispatch

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Welcome to Pedaltours 'Dispatch' a brief newsletter we will send on occasion to keep our Pedaltours customers up to speed with our activities.

Welcome to our November 2017 Dispatch! We are excited to bring you news of our latest tours to Czech Republic and Austria. Our first New Zealand tour this season will be with a Japanese group, we look forward to hosting them! Finally we thought you might enjoy reading of our Tour Development Manager's stunning cycle trip through Croatia.



New season

The new Pedaltours season (2017/ 2018) has just started with a successful Czech Republic and Austria tour.

We began cycling in the historic City of Prague (Czech Republic) and finished 12 days later in stunning Salzburg, Austria. The tour explored the medieval towns and cities of the Czech Republic with its impressive castles and continued via a myriad of cycle lanes, before heading for the lakes and mountains in Austria. Our clients were extremely happy with the tour – Janet from Canada reported back "All food was excellent. I was very happy with the bike. I cannot say more on the quality of our guide and driver. They were superb". If you're interested in joining this tour next year, check it out [here](#).



On the subject of European tours, just a reminder that we are also launching our [Croatia](#) tours next year. We have a selection of tours ranging from 4 to 15 days running the length of the country. Our Tour Development Manager Sue returned recently from a recce trip and writes about it [here](#).

Japanese tour

To kick-start the tour season in New Zealand we are looking forward to engaging with our first group of Japanese clients next month.

They have chosen to ride a custom tour based on a condensed version of our North Island Beaches and Volcanoes tour with highlights such as Rotorua, renowned for its geothermal activity, Taupo, and the famous Waitomo glow worm caves. Our North Island tours cover a diverse range of the country from the sea to the mountains with rural countryside and vineyards and wineries in between. Tours vary in length from 8 to 16 days.

If you would like to join one of our fabulous North Island tours – check them out [here](#).



Did you know that we specialise in custom tours? We are running several custom tours this coming summer in New Zealand, including a hike and bike tour with a few other activities thrown in. We can put together a custom tour for you in any of the following countries – New Zealand, Australia (Tasmania), Vietnam, India, Czech & Austria, and Croatia. If you're looking for that special tour, then do [get in touch](#), we would love to create the trip of a lifetime for you.

Croatia on two wheels



Earlier this year I poured over maps, checked out satellite pictures, read countless reports and reviews, conducted lengthy email discussions with various locals and slowly a new cycle tour for Pedaltours in Croatia came together.

Initially, Croatia's beauty was briefly hidden by Thunderstorms but for most of the 2 weeks, we were rewarded with stunning views, sparkling waters, quaint villages, and the magical ancient architecture often seen in the tourist brochures which didn't disappoint in reality.

Traveling in September meant we avoided the high season rush, both on the roads and in the bigger towns of Split and Dubrovnik. Both these cities are breath-taking and dangerous to visit with credit cards in hand! They have many impressive historic sights and experiences to enjoy as well as local arts and crafts to admire and acquire.

Based on our extensive cycling we were able to easily justify the daily ice-creams, local cheeses and traditional lemon cream cake (often accompanied or preceded by some excellent local wines and beers!). We were surprised with the great culinary delights. The seafood and especially the local squid and the fresh fish were superb.

We island hopped our way down the coast using ferries of all shapes and sizes. We enjoyed vastly different landscapes and experiences. The towns and villages were all clearly well loved with very little rubbish or dirt and delightfully free of graffiti or any form of advertising paraphernalia.

On the mainland, we enjoyed some lovely rural cycling on quiet country roads and also made time to visit two of Croatia's well known national parks. The first, Paklenica, is a mecca for rock climbers and Krka, is famous for a cascading tier of waterfalls, accessed by boat or on foot and well worth a visit despite it being the day of the unseasonal thunderstorm.

Croatia is rightly gaining a reputation as a great destination for cyclists so when you're considering your next 2-wheeled adventure click the link below to have a look at the itineraries on our website and you should find an option to suit both your budget and time available.

Sue, Tour Development Manager

For more information check out our Croatia tours [here](#).



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