

Odyssey Stage Descriptions

Stage 1: New Zealand

Auckland to Christchurch (28 days-Jan 5 to Feb 1).

Fly into Auckland to begin a spectacular month of cycling in one of the friendliest and most scenic countries in the world. Spend a night with Maori natives, count lots of sheep and cattle, explore glaciers up close and spend time in adventure oriented Queenstown, where bungie jumping was invented. New Zealand is one of the most appealing bicycling countries in the world and should not be missed. World riders begin their tour in Los Angeles, California on Jan. 1, 2003.

Stage	Day	Wkday	Date	Overnight Communities	Rest/ Cycling Days	Aprox Travel Days	Accum Daily Kms	Accum Stage Kms	Aprox Odyssey Kms	Daily Miles	Accum Miles
1	Sat	5-Jan-03	Auckland		1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2	Sun	6-Jan-03	Auckland layover day		1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
3	Mon	7-Jan-03	Waikaramu		1	94.1	94.1	94.1	58.3	58.3	58.3
4	Tue	8-Jan-03	Taranago		1	126.0	220.1	220.1	78.1	136.5	136.5
5	Wed	9-Jan-03	Rotorua		1	83.0	303.1	303.1	51.5	187.9	187.9
6	Thu	10-Jan-03	Taupo		1	83.4	386.5	386.5	51.7	239.6	239.6
7	Fri	11-Jan-03	Taupo layover day		1	0.0	386.5	386.5	0.0	239.6	239.6
8	Sat	12-Jan-03	Waioara		1	110.1	496.6	496.6	68.3	307.9	307.9
9	Sun	13-Jan-03	Palmerston North		1	133.9	630.5	630.5	83.0	390.9	390.9
10	Mon	14-Jan-03	Ohau		1	65.0	695.5	695.5	40.3	431.2	431.2
11	Tue	15-Jan-03	Wellington		1	80.0	775.5	775.5	49.6	480.8	480.8
12	Wed	16-Jan-03	Wellington layover day		1	0.0	775.5	775.5	0.0	480.8	480.8
13	Thu	17-Jan-03	St Arnaud via Pictou (Ferry)		1	134.5	910.0	910.0	83.4	564.2	564.2
14	Fri	18-Jan-03	Murchison		1	65.0	975.0	975.0	40.3	604.5	604.5
15	Sat	19-Jan-03	Westport		1	60.0	1,035.0	1,035.0	37.2	641.7	641.7
16	Sun	20-Jan-03	Punakaiki		1	60.0	1,115.0	1,115.0	49.6	691.3	691.3
17	Mon	21-Jan-03	Hokitika		1	137.3	1,252.3	1,252.3	85.1	776.4	776.4
18	Tue	22-Jan-03	Franz Joseph Glacier		1	134.7	1,387.0	1,387.0	83.5	859.9	859.9
19	Wed	23-Jan-03	Franz Joseph Glacier layover day		1	0.0	1,387.0	1,387.0	0.0	859.9	859.9
20	Thu	24-Jan-03	Franz Joseph Glacier layover day		1	0.0	1,387.0	1,387.0	0.0	859.9	859.9
21	Fri	25-Jan-03	Haast		1	147.0	1,534.0	1,534.0	91.1	951.1	951.1
22	Sat	26-Jan-03	Makarora		1	80.0	1,614.0	1,614.0	49.6	1,000.7	1,000.7
23	Sun	27-Jan-03	Wanaka		1	63.2	1,677.2	1,677.2	39.2	1,039.9	1,039.9
24	Mon	28-Jan-03	Queenstown		1	112.3	1,789.5	1,789.5	69.6	1,109.5	1,109.5
25	Tue	29-Jan-03	Queenstown layover day		1	0.0	1,789.5	1,789.5	0.0	1,109.5	1,109.5
26	Wed	30-Jan-03	Queenstown layover day		1	0.0	1,789.5	1,789.5	0.0	1,109.5	1,109.5
27	Thu	31-Jan-03	Christchurch (Bus)		1	0.0	1,789.5	1,789.5	0.0	1,109.5	1,109.5
28	Fri	1-Feb-03	Christchurch layover day		1	0.0	1,789.5	1,789.5	0.0	1,109.5	1,109.5

Stage 2: Australia

Tasmania, Sydney & The Great Barrier Reef (24 days-Feb 2 to 25).

After circling much of the island of Tasmania, Australia's southern-most state, we will make a stop in Sydney to enjoy its sights and active nightlife. Then, it's off to northern Queensland to pedal along the world renowned Great Barrier Reef, the largest living organism in the world. Along with cycling, there will be time for hiking, exploring, diving or just kicking back.

Stage	Day	Wkday	Date	Overnight Communities	Rest/ Cycling Days	Aprox Travel Days	Accum Daily Kms	Accum Stage Kms	Aprox Odyssey Kms	Daily Miles	Accum Miles
1	Sat	2-Feb-03	Christchurch-Hobart,Australia		1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,879.5	0.0	0.0
2	Sun	3-Feb-03	Hobart layover day		1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,879.5	0.0	0.0
3	Mon	4-Feb-03	Bothwell		1	97.6	97.6	97.6	60.5	60.5	60.5
4	Tue	5-Feb-03	Cressy		1	111.0	208.6	208.6	88.8	129.3	129.3
5	Wed	6-Feb-03	Georgina Town		1	72.9	281.5	281.5	45.2	174.5	174.5
6	Thu	7-Feb-03	St Helens		1	131.4	412.9	412.9	51.5	256.0	256.0
7	Fri	8-Feb-03	St Helens layover day		1	0.0	412.9	412.9	0.0	256.0	256.0
8	Sat	9-Feb-03	Bicheno		1	77.9	490.8	490.8	34.3	304.3	304.3
9	Sun	10-Feb-03	Buckland		1	119.0	609.8	609.8	73.8	378.1	378.1
10	Mon	11-Feb-03	Port Arthur		1	112.0	721.8	721.8	69.4	447.5	447.5
11	Tue	12-Feb-03	Hobart		1	125.0	846.8	846.8	77.5	525.0	525.0
12	Wed	13-Feb-03	Hobart to Sydney (Flt 1)		1	0.0	846.8	846.8	0.0	525.0	525.0
13	Thu	14-Feb-03	Sydney layover day		1	0.0	846.8	846.8	0.0	525.0	525.0
14	Fri	15-Feb-03	Sydney layover day		1	0.0	846.8	846.8	0.0	525.0	525.0
15	Sat	16-Feb-03	Sydney to Townsville (Flt 2)		1	0.0	846.8	846.8	0.0	525.0	525.0
16	Sun	17-Feb-03	Townsville layover day		1	0.0	846.8	846.8	0.0	525.0	525.0
17	Mon	18-Feb-03	Ingham		1	112.4	959.2	959.2	69.7	594.7	594.7
18	Tue	19-Feb-03	Cardwell		1	58.0	1,017.2	1,017.2	36.6	630.3	630.3
19	Wed	20-Feb-03	Flying Fish Point		1	101.0	1,118.2	1,118.2	62.6	692.9	692.9
20	Thu	21-Feb-03	Tiarara Falls		1	124.6	1,242.8	1,242.8	77.5	770.5	770.5
21	Fri	22-Feb-03	Port Douglas		1	128.7	1,371.5	1,371.5	84.0	854.5	854.5
22	Sat	23-Feb-03	Port Douglas layover day		1	0.0	1,371.5	1,371.5	0.0	854.5	854.5
23	Sun	24-Feb-03	Cairns		1	59.4	1,427.2	1,427.2	36.8	884.9	884.9
24	Mon	25-Feb-03	Cairns layover day		1	0.0	1,427.2	1,427.2	0.0	884.9	884.9

Stage 3: Southeast Asia North

Hong Kong to Ho Chi Minh City via China (33 days-Feb 26 to Mar 30).

This is one of the most fascinating stages of Odyssey. Hong Kong is as modern as they come, while mainland China is still adjusting to its Western visitors. Pedal along some of the most unusual landscapes on earth as people cheer and treat us like heroes. Then cross into Vietnam to explore a country filled with some of the most welcoming and industrious people on earth.

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1	Wed	26-Feb-03	Cairns to Hong Kong		1	0.0	0.0	0.0	3,206.7	0.0	0.0
2	Thu	27-Feb-03	Hong Kong layover day		1	0.0	0.0	0.0	3,206.7	0.0	0.0
3	Thu	28-Feb-03	Hong Kong layover day		1	0.0	0.0	0.0	3,206.7	0.0	0.0
4	Fri	1-Mar-03	Wuzhou, China (Ferry & Bus)		1	0.0	0.0	0.0	3,206.7	0.0	0.0
5	Sat	2-Mar-03	Xindu		1	95.0	95.0	95.0	3,401.7	58.9	58.9
6	Sun	3-Mar-03	Zhongshan		1	95.9	190.9	349.6	59.5	118.4	118.4
7	Mon	4-Mar-03	Yangshuo		1	110.2	301.1	3,607.8	68.3	186.7	186.7
8	Tue	5-Mar-03	Yangshuo layover day		1	0.0	301.1	3,607.8	0.0	186.7	186.7
9	Wed	6-Mar-03	Guilin		1	63.8	364.9	3,671.6	39.6	226.2	226.2
10	Thu	7-Mar-03	Guilin layover day		1	0.0	364.9	3,671.6	0.0	226.2	226.2
11	Fri	8-Mar-03	Longsheng		1	94.0	458.9	3,765.6	58.3	284.5	284.5
12	Sat	9-Mar-03	Longsheng layover day		1	0.0	458.9	3,765.6	0.0	284.5	284.5
13	Sun	10-Mar-03	Rong'an (Chang'an)		1	132.9	591.8	3,898.5	82.4	366.9	366.9
14	Mon	11-Mar-03	Luzhou		1	110.7	702.5	4,009.2	68.6	435.6	435.6
15	Tue	12-Mar-03	Heshan		1	100.0	802.5	4,109.2	62.0	497.6	497.6
16	Wed	13-Mar-03	Binwang		1	90.0	892.5	4,199.2	55.5	553.4	553.4
17	Thu	14-Mar-03	Nanning		1	86.6	979.1	4,285.8	53.7	607.0	607.0
18	Fri	15-Mar-03	Nanning to Hanoi, Vietnam (Bus)		1	0.0	979.1	4,285.8	0.0	607.0	607.0
19	Sat	16-Mar-03	Hanoi layover day		1	0.0	979.1	4,285.8	0.0	607.0	607.0
20	Sun	17-Mar-03	Hue (Train)		1	0.0	979.1	4,285.8	0.0	607.0	607.0
21	Mon	18-Mar-03	Hue layover day		1	0.0	979.1	4,285.8	0.0	607.0	607.0
22	Tue	19-Mar-03	Danang		1	115.0	1,094.1	4,400.8	71.3	678.3	678.3
23	Wed	20-Mar-03	Quang Ngai		1	125.0	1,219.1	4,525.8	77.5	755.8	755.8
24	Thu	21-Mar-03	Tay Hoang (Bus)		1	0.0	1,219.1	4,525.8	0.0	755.8	755.8
25	Fri	22-Mar-03	Nha Trang		1	121.0	1,340.1	4,646.8	75.0	830.9	830.9
26	Sat	23-Mar-03	Nha Trang layover day		1	0.0	1,340.1	4,646.8	0.0	830.9	830.9
27	Sun	24-Mar-03	Phan Rang		1	108.0	1,448.1	4,754.8	67.0	897.8	897.8
28	Mon	25-Mar-03	Da Lat		1	132.0	1,580.1	4,886.8	81.8	979.7	979.7
29	Tue	26-Mar-03	Da Lat layover day		1	0.0	1,580.1	4,886.8	0.0	979.7	979.7
30	Wed	27-Mar-03	Phan Rang		1	110.0	1,690.1	4,996.8	68.2	1,047.9	1,047.9
31	Thu	28-Mar-03	Phan Thiet		1	146.0	1,836.1	5,142.8	90.5	1,138.4	1,138.4
32	Fri	29-Mar-03	Ho Chi Minh City (pedal about 115 kms, bus into city)		1	115.0	1,951.1	5,257.8	71.3	1,209.7	1,209.7
33	Sat	30-Mar-03	Ho Chi Minh City layover day		1	0.0	1,951.1	5,257.8	0.0	1,209.7	1,209.7

Stage 4: Southeast Asia South

Phuket, Thailand to Singapore via Malaysia (25 days-Mar 31 to Apr 24).

The Malay Peninsula offers great cycling along warm coastal routes inhabited by very friendly people. The beaches are fantastic. Pedal from exotic Thailand and its Buddhist culture into the more conservative Muslim areas of Malaysia and Singapore. The weather will be great and the hotels are first rate.

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1	Sun	31-Mar-03	Ho Chi Minh City to Phuket, Thailand		1	0.0	0.0	0.0	5,257.8	0.0	0.0
2	Mon	1-Apr-03	Phuket layover day		1	0.0	0.0	0.0	5,257.8	0.0	0.0
3	Tue	2-Apr-03	Phuket layover day		1	0.0	0.0	0.0	5,257.8	0.0	0.0
4	Thu	4-Apr-03	Krabi		1	68.0	180.3	5,438.1	42.2	111.8	111.8
5	Fri	5-Apr-03	Thung Song		1	120.0	300.3	5,558.1	74.4	186.2	186.2
6	Sat	6-Apr-03	Nakhon Si Thammarat		1	60.0	360.3	5,618.1	37.2	223.4	223.4
7	Sun	7-Apr-03	Nakhon Si Thammarat layover day		1	0.0	360.3	5,618.1	0.0	223.4	223.4
8	Mon	8-Apr-03	Hua Sai		1	70.0	430.3	5,688.1	43.4	266.8	266.8
9	Tue	9-Apr-03	Songkhla		1	95.0	525.3	5,783.1	58.9	325.7	325.7
10	Wed	10-Apr-03	Patani		1	97.0	622.3	5,880.1	60.1	385.8	385.8
11	Thu	11-Apr-03	Narathiwat		1	99.0	721.3	5,979.1	61.4	447.2	447.2
12	Fri	12-Apr-03	Narathiwat layover day		1	0.0	721.3	5,979.1	0.0	447.2	447.2
13	Sat	13-Apr-03	Kota Bharu, Malaysia		1	67.2	788.5	6,046.3	41.7	488.9	488.9
14	Sun	14-Apr-03	Merang (Sutra Beach Resort in Terengganu State)		1	139.2	927.7	6,185.5	86.3	575.2	575.2
15	Mon	15-Apr-03	Merang layover day		1	0.0	927.7	6,185.5	0.0	575.2	575.2
16	Tue	16-Apr-03	Dungun		1	90.0	1,017.7	6,275.5	55.8	631.0	631.0
17	Wed	17-Apr-03	Kijal (Southern Terenggamu)		1	80.0	1,097.7	6,355.5	49.6	680.6	680.6
18	Thu	18-Apr-03	Kuantan		1	94.9	1,192.6	6,450.4	58.8	739.4	7