



## **WILD COAST CYCLE TOUR**

### **Chintsa to Qora**

**Suggested dates: Spring tide dependant**

#### **Arrival day**

- A guide will meet you at East London Airport for a transfer back to Buccaneers, Chintsa, the starting point of your trail.
- Afternoon at your leisure enjoying Chintsa and surrounds
- 6pm Briefing at the bar before dinner
- Equipment check.
- Over night.

#### **Day 1: Chintsa to Morgan Bay (App 40km)**

- Depart Chintsa after a light breakfast on a beach section for Rooival (departure to coincide as closely as possible with spring low tide)
- Single track, dual off-road track and portage sections bring us to Haga Haga. The portage is a 5km rocky shores traverse and porters are used to carry bikes over this section.
- Haga Haga to Morgan Bay heads inland, traversing the beautiful farm of Frank Cockin (access still to be confirmed by owner)
- Final section of ride is on good gravel into Morgan Bay where we will overnight at Morgan Bay Hotel

#### **Locals enjoying a group of riders near Chintsa**

Day 1 provides an interesting variety of riding from long beach sections in the morning to the inland loop through a private farm with a range of plains game roaming the hillsides.



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### **Day 2: Morgan Bay to Wavecrest Hotel (App 30km)**

- Morgan Bay to Kei Mouth for the ferry crossing over the Great Kei River
- Follow an interesting variety of gravel, sledging paths and single track routes that take us through the Gxara River valley near the mouth and on to Qolora and “the Gates”
- Passing the Jacaranda shipwreck of 1971 takes us through the secondary dune palm forest and on to Kobonqaba River Mouth
- From Kobonqaba to the Nxaxo River we stick to the dune palm forest paths
- A broad range of technical levels will present riders with a challenging but fun day that ends at the Wavecrest Hotel
- An optional afternoon canoe trip on the Nxaxo River is offered

### **Day 3: Wavecrest to Qora Mouth (Kob Inn) (App 27km)**

- Departing Wavecrest Hotel we head along a short beach section past Sandy Point and on to Cebe, a quaint holiday village set on the rough shores of the Wild Coast
- A short inland traverse and fun downhill brings the group to the mouth of the Cebe and Gqungu Rivers
- Tide dependant we will ride or portage the short beach section before heading into the Gqungu forest past Stony Point.
- Following single track coastal paths, and sandy tracks through the dune forest we emerge at Mazeppa Bay.
- From Mazeppa Bay we stick as close to the beach and ocean until the mouth of the Qora River where we will cross by ferry.
- Overnight at Kob Inn Hotel



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#### **Day 4: Return to Chintsa/East London, departing mid-morning.**

- Based on departure flights from East London the morning will be at your leisure enjoying Kob Inn the beach and estuary.
- Return to Chintsa or East London by road.

#### **Notes:**

**A backup vehicle will travel with riders' extra equipment for the overnight stops. Riders will be primarily self sufficient on each leg of the ride and lunches will be in the form of packed lunches and will be enjoyed as picnic type lunches along the route. Should we encounter any major problems or emergencies along any leg, the backup vehicle will be called into the nearest possible point for assistance.**

**Luggage will be transferred by backup vehicle.**

**Accommodation is based on a shared basis should you require a private room a single supplement rate will apply.**

**Distances are approximates as weather and tides dictate actual routes that will be ridden.**

**Due to the nature of this tour and the remote environment, it is recommended that all participants are insured for casavac emergencies.**

**Fitness – As the routes are a combination of beach, gravel road and single track, riders should have experience in all of these riding conditions. Riders should be able to competently ride 40 km on a single outing before partaking in this trip.**

**The trip excludes mountain bikes, our experience has shown that guest prefer to ride their own bikes. It is important to have your bike serviced properly before the trip. Helmets and gloves are a must and riders will not be allowed to ride without this essential equipment.**

**Should you require a bike please do not hesitate to contact us.**

**Please note it is impossible for the vehicle to follow the exact route and due to the ruggedness of the coast the back up vehicle can only access the coast at certain places.**

#### **Tour includes:**

- ✓ Professional lead mountain bike guide
- ✓ Support guide
- ✓ Porters for day 1
- ✓ Backup vehicle & bike trailer
- ✓ Accommodation
- ✓ Meals
- ✓ Return transfer to Chintsa/East London

#### **Tour excludes:**

- Mountain bikes
- Mountain bike accessories & personal safety gear (helmets, gloves etc.)
- Mountain bike spares
- Cleaning equipment
- Snacks & drinks on route
- Bar drinks
- Personal insurance

**AHJ will gladly handle all pre and post tour air travel requirements.**

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