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Travel deal: Bicycle race in New Zealand

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The deal: The Pioneer is a seven-day inaugural mountain bike stage race through New Zealand's Southern Alps, beginning in Christchurch and ending in Queenstown (about 358 miles).

Cost: \$2,499 per person or \$4,998 per team; pre- and post-race accommodations package available (from \$99) in Christchurch and Queenstown via Pacific Attitude.

What's included: Accommodations (eight host towns include Geraldine, Fairlie, Lake Ohau and Snow Farm); meals; bike wash and storage; on-course support and aid stations; monetary prizes to the winning team.

When: Jan. 31 to Feb. 6.

Information: thepioneer.co.nz and pacificattitude.com.