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**BUNGEE JUMPING QUEENSTOWN**

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# SOUTH ISLAND ZEALAND NEW



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I have loved the past eleven weeks of biking and hiking New Zealand. On the North Island I pedaled the Karangahake Gorge, visited the Hobbiton Shire, climbed the Tongariro Crossing, and loved city life in Wellington. On the South Island I have hiked the Queen Charlotte Track, the Abel Tasman Track, and summited Mount Angelus. I cycling the Rainbow Crossing to Christchurch, went tramping in Arthur's Pass NP, and sat in the Copland Track hot springs. Today, I bus south to Queenstown.





February 28th: I slept really well last night after I made my decision and discussed it with the guys that I should take a rest day here in Haast and then a bus to Queenstown.



I'm sad to break the momentum of cycling with Andy and Adam, but really glad that I'm listening to my body and not my ego. Besides, I've cycled 3,000km and that was my goal.

February 29th: I slept until 9am while it was raining hard outside. I did a slow yoga session, cooked rice and eggs, and booked a bus ticket to Queenstown tomorrow.

With the clearing blue skies I walked out of Haast to the local waterfalls, but too cold to swim. Just as I'm loving the sunshine, a dark cloud brings a cold drizzle.

Back at the hostel, I mended a hole in my socks, and finished reading Even's *Horse Whisperer*. It's so nice to take a rest day and recharge before the city chaos.





March 1st: I stowed my bike under the bus and took a comfy seat next to a huge window, happy with my decision to enjoy four sunny days in Queenstown then to pedal in pain.



This is the first bus I have taken in New Zealand, so I had no idea that it would stop along the way for so many photo opportunities - looking down the Haast River Valley.





The bus climbed steep mountain switchbacks until we reached the saddle of Haast Pass. After a few snowflakes, the clouds opened up to reveal the top of Mt. Haast at 1,587m.



We cruised past Lake Wanaka where I saw the most beautiful peninsula camping site.



Next we stopped along the shore of Lake Hawea and marveled at the lapis blue water.



We stopped at a huge fresh fruit market with a bounty of yummy summer fruits for sale.



At 6pm we finally arrived in downtown Queenstown. I found a great hostel with a hot tub on the back patio where I soaked for an hour in the drizzle and watched the hazy sunset.



March 2nd: I slept until 10am, made hot coffee and muesli, and did a slow yoga session while the rain clouds lifted to reveal a stunning view of the snowcovered mountains.

Thank you for joining me on this 15-page free preview to visit Queenstown, to continue the adventure with me bungee jumping, purchase the full 50-page eBook at Amazon.com.

Won't you join me for my next adventure to visit Brisbane and start cycling across Australia?

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