

## Explore the Mountains Ski Package

Stay 7 nights in centrally located accommodation and then build your own package to suit.

Starts in: Queenstown  
 Finishes in: Queenstown  
 Length: 8days / 7nights  
 Accommodation: Motels  
 Can be customised: Yes

This itinerary can be customised to suit you perfectly. We can add more days, remove days, change accommodations, mix it up, add activities to suit your interests or simply design and create something from scratch. Call us today to get your custom New Zealand itinerary underway.



### Inclusions:

- Includes: Late model rental cars
- Includes: Fully inclusive rental car insurance (excess may apply)
- Includes: Unlimited kms
- Includes: GPS navigation
- Includes: Airport & ferry terminal rental car fees
- Includes: Additional drivers
- Includes: Comprehensive tour pack (detailed itinerary, driving instructions, map/guidebooks, brochures)
- Includes: 24/7 support while touring New Zealand
- Included activity: 5 Day Lift Superpass with NZ Ski



## Day 1



### Collect your rental car

This tour can be priced with any of the rental cars available in our fantastic range, from economy hatchbacks to prestige saloons and SUV's.

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### Arrive to Queenstown and collect your NZSki MyPass from the Snow Centre

Welcome to Queenstown for your winter ski or snowboarding holiday. It's not just the skiing that makes Queenstown a fantastic winter destination, there's also the spectacular scenery, amazing adventures and endless activities to keep you entertained when you're not on the slopes. After each action-packed day, you'll also find a superb variety of cafes and restaurants to relax and refuel at.

Today we recommend you visit the Snow Centre located on the ground floor of the Station Building at 9 Duke St and collect your MyPass card. This will save you heaps of time tomorrow as you'll avoid the morning queues and can head straight to the mountain with more time to ski and ride. When you visit the Snow Centre please take your Ski New Zealand itinerary with you as the Snow Centre staff will need the reference number for this. You will need to pay \$5 for each MyPass card and each person in your group receives their own card. All your lift passes, rental equipment, lessons, shuttle transfers etc will be loaded onto your card.

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### SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Million Dollar Lake Cruise

Cruise to the end of Lake Wakatipu in Queenstown and see more scenery, more mountains and more sights. You'll enjoy fascinating commentary including intriguing stories and the history of the area. You'll journey on a luxury heated launch and there's a bar on site for refreshments.

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## Day 2



### 5 Day Lift Superpass with NZ Ski

The New Zealand Superpass is the most flexible lift pass in New Zealand, giving you access to ski and ride at three of South Island's mountains – Coronet Peak, The Remarkables, and Mt Hutt. Get more choice, more fun, and more snow time with your NZ Superpass, and make the most of your New Zealand ski holiday!

You can decide on the day whether you're skiing The Remarkables or Coronet Peak while you are in Queenstown. Another option is visiting the Guest Services Desk to swap one of your Superpass days for a Twilight Pass. With so much flexibility and freedom, you'll have an awesome time no matter the weather. And if you find that your legs aren't going to hold up to the 5th day of skiing, no worries you can swap a Superpass day for credit towards thrilling off-mountain activities, great shopping, and some of the best bars and restaurants in Queenstown.

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### Driving Instructions from Queenstown to Coronet Peak Ski Field

From Queenstown, it's a 20-minute drive to Coronet Peak Ski Area. From the centre of town it's well sign-posted to Coronet Peak, approximately 13km out of town. The road to the ski field is a sealed alpine road, snow chains must be carried.

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## Coronet Peak Ski Field

Want to challenge yourself on exciting terrain in some of the best conditions in the Southern Hemisphere? Then Coronet Peak should be top of your list. This theme park created by mother nature offers gripping trails and extensive snowmaking facilities, making for complete snow coverage on multiple trails. Coronet is also home to night skiing for a different take on these roller coaster trails try it under lights. For those just getting to know the snow the dedicated learner and novice areas make finding your snow feet easy and all gear can be hired on the mountain. With 25% beginners, 45% intermediate, and 30% advanced, Coronet Peak has the trail for you. For a break from the snow, enjoy live music at the base building, or wet your whistle with a hot chocolate or cold beverage at Heidi's Hut. The pizza and pasta meals are great for warming you up and giving you an energy boost for the afternoon. There are regular shuttles to and from Queenstown, which is only a 20-minute drive away.

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## Day 3



### Driving Instructions from Queenstown to The Remarkables Ski Field

From Queenstown it's a 40 minute drive to the Remarkables Ski Area. From the centre of town drive towards the airport, then continue over the Kawarau River and continue on the main road until you see the well signposted entry for the Remarkables Ski Area Access Road. The road to the ski field is a sealed 14 km alpine road, snow chains must be carried.

### The Remarkables Ski Field

The Remarkables offers a laid-back atmosphere which is fantastic for families and those new to skiing or snowboarding. Located just 45 minutes from Queenstown, the Remarkables features a fantastic network of trails with wide, gentle slopes for beginners of all ages and big mountain runs for the experts in the family. With 30% beginners, 40% intermediate and 30% advanced, the Remarkables offers challenges for all levels and for those wanting to progress quickly, the friendly team of instructors can be with you every step of the way. While you're up there don't forget to check out the purpose-built snow tubing lanes before you round off with a steaming hot chocolate or drink at Remarkables cafe. With regular shuttles from Queenstown, lessons for 4yrs+ and complete gear hire on the mountain, this is a fun and easy day out for visitors to the South Island.

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## Day 4



### Another Day at Coronet Peak Ski Field

You have already had a taster of what Coronet has to offer now is time to get out and start exploring. Head over to Greengates Express to find a big nature playground full of features.

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## SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Shotover Canyon River Jet Boat Adventure

Riding the iconic 'Big Red' Jet Boat through the narrow Shotover Canyon is an exhilarating experience not to be missed. Your skilled jet boat driver pushes the boat to 85 kph, skimming across shallow water and past towering canyon walls. This 25 minute white water ride includes 360 degree spins and maximum thrills.

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## SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Gondola, Buffet Lunch and 5 Luge Rides with Skyline Queenstown

Overlooking Queenstown and Lake Wakatipu from 450 metres up is the Skyline complex. A breathtaking gondola ride makes the steady climb from the town and delivers you to the viewing decks, restaurant and gift shop complex. For an exhilarating ride before lunch take the luge back down the mountain. The 800 metre luge track winds through the trees finishing at the main complex where you'll be dining. Lunch at the Skyline Restaurant is one of Queenstown's highlights and a perfect place to celebrate with family and friends! The buffet menu offers a wide variety of New Zealand's best cuisine.

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## Day 5



### Explore Queenstown

Well-known as New Zealand's 'adventure capital', Queenstown is home to a range of adventures, from the world's first and most famous bungy jumps to jet boat thrills, white-water rafting, and skydiving. However, Queenstown offers far more than a fast-paced, action-packed holiday. Settled on the shores of beautiful Lake Wakatipu beneath a soaring panorama of the Remarkables Mountain Range, this alpine town is surrounded by a plethora of historic, gastronomic, and scenic wonders. Take a stroll through the beautiful lakefront parks and gardens, browse through market stalls on weekends, dine in wonderful al-fresco restaurants, or ride on the 100-year-old historic Steamship - TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak Station. Take the Queenstown Gondola up to Bob's Peak and soak up the panoramic views of the magnificent lake and mountain ranges. And after all of that, if you do want the adrenaline rush, Queenstown is known for taking your pick from the Shotover Jet, Canyon Swing, Zipline, Luge, or Heli-ski.

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## SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Harris Mountains Heli-Ski - Intro 3 Run Day

The mountains surrounding the world-renowned resort towns of Queenstown and Wanaka feature thrilling backcountry terrain and dramatic scenery. Enjoy an unforgettable day with 3 runs of heli-ski or heli-board bliss. Runs vary between 1500 to 2500 vertical feet of treeless skiing in sheltered basins, bowls and wide rolling mountain flanks. This 3 run experience is a day focused on taking your time to enjoy the alpine playground. It is important you read and understand the risks associated with this activity. For more information click [here](#).

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## SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Milford Sound Cruise and coach tour from Queenstown

Return luxury coach transport from Queenstown to Milford Sound, with a 1 hour 40 minute Cruise along the full length of the fiord. On boarding a Real Journeys luxury glass-roofed coach in Queenstown or Te Anau, you will enjoy a relaxing trip along the shores of Lake Wakatipu and through the rolling countryside to Te Anau. The coach driver provides an informative commentary. After a morning tea break in Te Anau, where you have the option of purchasing refreshments, the coach continues along the spectacular Milford Road. There is time for photo stops and short walks along the way. On reaching Milford Sound, you board the modern, spacious vessel for a leisurely cruise in the fiord. The cruise provides excellent viewing opportunities and plenty of time is available to enjoy waterfalls, rainforest, mountains and the wildlife. During the cruise your friendly crew provide commentaries in several languages and point out the sights such as Mitre Peak and the Pembroke Glacier.

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## SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Appellation Boutique Wine Tour

Experience a tasting journey through three of Central Otago's incredibly scenic and varying wine sub-regions; Gibbston, Bannockburn and Cromwell. Visit three boutique vineyards, tasting their unique cool climate wines and discover why the Central Otago region has become world-renowned in its own right.

Indulge at a fourth vineyard restaurant for a platter-style lunch, savouring the finest and freshest produce, accompanied with a wine flight. There will also be an opportunity to retrace history when you stroll through the charming historical settlement of Old Cromwell.

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## Day 6



### Another Day at The Remarkables Ski Field

Time to really find out why this ski field is called The Remarkables, explore all the trails and see if you can find the Stash House.

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### SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Twilight Wine & Craft Beer Tour with Altitude Tours

Visit three unique locations around Queenstown and Gibbston with a minimum of 12 tastings of some of the finest drops in the region. If beer is more your thing then bounce from vines to hops and taste some local craft beers instead. Better yet, it departs at 3.45pm meaning you can still go out paddle-boarding or bungee jumping in the morning, or even fly in from out of town. Shared antipasto platters are also included at the final stop, a perfect starter for once you finish the tour and head into town for a meal (or more wine).

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## Day 7



### Last Day.... Coronet or Remarks, you choose?

Ensure you tick off all the runs/hikes you want to get in today. Whether you hike to the summit of Remarks which is directly off the Shadow Basin Chair to get breath-taking views of Queenstown and enjoy the ride down from the top. Or explore the epic terrain that the Rocky Gully T-Bar opens up at Coronet Peak and enjoy lunch at Heidi's Hut.

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### SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - The Original Onsen Evening Session

Enjoy the most memorable experience in Queenstown and surround yourself with a sky of stars and 14 Japanese lanterns as you soak up the warm waters of the Onsen Hot Pools. Nestled high into a cliff-side overlooking the magnificent Shotover River canyon, the experience is all about unwinding and soaking-up Queenstown's spectacular scenery, enjoying the pure waters and the fresh mountain air as your mind and body surrenders to the deep penetrating warmth and gentle massage of the private pools. Water temperature is set according to the day - generally between 37.8C on a hot day, to 39.8C during a snow-storm and in the summer one of the pools is kept cold for those who relish the thought of a cold plunge!

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## Day 8



### Explore Arrowtown

One of the most picturesque settlements in New Zealand, Arrowtown sits alongside the gold-bearing Arrow River. Established in 1862 during the height of the Otago gold rush, the settlement grew quickly as pioneers constructed cottages, shops, hotels and churches, more than 60 of which can still be seen today. A special highlight is the Chinese settlement at the edge of the river. Built by Chinese miners from 1868, this area of restored shelters and buildings paints a picture of earlier times. It is a living historic settlement with many stories to tell. Wander the tree-lined streets of restored cottages and explore gold mining sites. In April and May Arrowtown ignites with colour as deciduous trees prepare for winter and a festival held in the last week of April celebrates the town's seasonal beauty and glittering history.

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### Your final morning in Queenstown before driving to the airport and catching your next flight

Depending on when your flight departs you might have time for one last Queenstown adventure before dropping your car off at the airport and catching your flight.

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## Tour details

Departures:	Daily
Tour type:	South Island Self Drive
Starts:	Queenstown
Finishes:	Queenstown
Tour length:	8
Accommodation:	Motels
Car/transport type:	

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## Included activities

Includes	5 day Superpass skiing or snowboarding at Queenstown ski fields
Includes	Spirit of Queenstown Scenic Cruise with Wine & Cheese Platter

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## Accommodation summary

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