



Learn to Ski at Cardrona Alpine Resort

The perfect introduction to ski! This 5 day tour includes all you will need to keep the kids warm, and mum & dad enjoying the slopes. Based in the stunning winter wonderland of Wanaka, with 3 days at Cardrona Alpine Resort. Included are lift passes, rental equipment, lessons, and free time on the mountain to enjoy your new sport. In the evening you can relax at the stunning Wanaka Hotel, located just a few minutes walk from the lake, playground, bars and restaurants.



Starts in: Queenstown
Finishes in: Queenstown
Length: 5days / 4nights
Accommodation: Hotel 3 star
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: Afterhours emergency support while touring
Included activity: Cardrona - First Timer Day Package
Included activity: Cardrona & Treble Cone - Rental Clothing & Accessories
Included activity: Cardrona - Lift Pass, Full Day Group Lessons and Rentals Package



Day 1



Collect Rental Car

Choose a car to best suit your needs from our fantastic rental car range. From compact economy, hatchbacks to prestige SUVs.

Queenstown to Wanaka

Leaving Queenstown you head over New Zealand's highest sealed road, Crown Range Road before dropping into Wanaka. During winter months the Crown Range Road experiences alpine conditions, so you need to be prepared before driving this road. As it is New Zealand's highest sealed road it can be prone to ice and snow. There are many signs advising the road conditions so take notice of these or ask locally if the road is fine to be driven that day. The alternative route via the Kawarau Gorge (State Highway 6) is just 20 minutes longer. The golden rule is check and drive to the conditions. If you have snow chains with your rental vehicle please make sure you know how to fit them.

Arrive into Wanaka and collect your lift pass

Wanaka offers more than just incredible skiing – spectacular scenery, thrilling adventures, and endless activities await. Beyond the slopes, a diverse selection of cafes and restaurants provide the perfect place to unwind and recharge after each action-packed day. Pick up your pass today from the Cardrona x Treble Cone Wanaka Office and save valuable time tomorrow! Skip the morning lines and head straight to the slopes for more skiing and riding.

Your accommodation: Wanaka Hotel

Situated right in the heart of Wanaka, only a couple of minutes walk to the town center and lakefront. Beautiful garden or lake-facing rooms and great facilities.



Day 2



Cardrona - First Timer Day Package

Cardrona is perfect for first timers with easy learner lifts and wide open beginner trails with beautiful views. This package includes rental equipment, a learner's area ski lift pass, and two group lessons with a professional instructor. Your 2-hour morning lesson teaches the basics, including how to master sliding, stopping, and turning safely and effectively on gentle slopes. The 2-hour afternoon lesson is to further develop your skills and to support you as you explore more terrain.

Cardrona & Treble Cone - Rental Clothing & Accessories

Make life simpler and hire your clothing for the Cardrona/ Treble Cone ski field up the mountain. Cardrona has a huge range of the latest ski and snowboard gear for a great day out. Hire up the mountain and have the option of dropping off in Wanaka or Queenstown at the end of your ski holiday.

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Day 3



Cardrona - Lift Pass, Full Day Group Lessons and Rentals Package

If you have skied or snowboarded for more than one day, can 'stop and change direction' and enjoy the support of lessons or want to improve as quickly as possible then this is the package is for you. You'll have 2 days' access to the entire mountain with an all mountain lift pass, rental equipment included and the benefit of 2 x two hour group lessons each day. This package is coordinated to build a solid foundation so that you can make progress quickly. And rest assured you'll soon remember the movements even if you only ever skied once, many years ago.

Cinema Paradiso - Suggested Activity

Feel like a relaxing night, take yourself to the movies, Cinema Paradiso is not your average cinema. A classic movie theatre with comfy old sofas, an old Morris Minor car, and a cafe & bar serving delicious meals before, during, or after the movie. A great option for days when the weather is not so great up the ski field, especially for families! Paradiso provides a novel experience - they even have a half-time intermission where you can get homemade ice cream, a hot chocolate, or a freshly baked cookie! Tickets can be purchased at your own expense at the cinema prior to the session or up to a few days before the movie you wish to see. The seating is unallocated, so if you arrive early you get the pick of the couches, chairs, and cinema seating.

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Day 4



Third Day at Cardrona Alpine Resort

Keep an eye out for the terrain parks and decide if today's the day to try a new trick or two. With so much to explore, your day at Cardrona promises even more fun, adventure, and unforgettable moments on the snow. Don't forget to stop for a warming hot chocolate at one of the mountain cafes and share stories of your ski adventures with fellow snow enthusiasts.

Started in the 1970s Cardrona ski field is the dream child of the Lees, a local farming family. In 1978, they installed the first tow rope on the mountain and added an access road with a suitable gradient for even a bus to travel along. The field went from strength to strength with the introduction of the fields first snow groomer in 1981 and double chair lift in 1983. By the end of the 80s snowboarders had also caught on that there was fun to be had and the county's first international halfpipe was built above the learners' area. Since then Cardrona ski field has gone from strength to strength and is opening up more terrain all the time.

Cardrona Hotel Dinner

If you feel like spoiling yourself and learning about the area's history we recommend taking yourself out for lunch or dinner at The Cardrona Hotel, one of New Zealand's oldest and most iconic hotels which sits between Queenstown and Wanaka on the stunning Crown Range Road. Nestled in a beautiful mountain valley, the town of Cardrona boasts a rich and vibrant history: settled in the 1860s as hundreds of hopeful prospectors flooded into the valley chasing gold, the Cardrona Hotel was one of four hotels quickly established to offer accommodation, food, livery services and a coaching-stop for miners and travellers. With the short-lived gold mining boom beginning to wind down in the late 1800s, the area quietened down, with the Cardrona Hotel eventually becoming the sole remaining hotel in the valley. In more recent times the township of Cardrona has seen a resurgence in visitors, people clamouring to get a taste of old the old town feel, stopping in for a pint or delicious meal and a few fantastic photo opportunities in the quaint village that harkens back to a time of hope, gold and good fortune.

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Return your vehicle to Queenstown Airport

Explore more of Queenstown before dropping your rental car at the airport depot and continuing your onward journey.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Queenstown Skyline Gondola Ride

Hop aboard the Skyline Gondola - the steepest cable car lift in the Southern Hemisphere! From which you can take in the awe-inspiring views of this spectacular landscape. Sit back and relax as you enjoy panoramic views of The Remarkables, Walter Peak, Cecil Peak, Coronet Peak and the magnificent Lake Wakatipu.

Tour details

Departures:	Daily
Tour type:	South Island Self Drive
Starts:	Queenstown
Finishes:	Queenstown
Tour length:	5
Accommodation:	Hotel 3 star
Car/transport type:	

Included activities

Includes	3 day lift pass for Cardona Ski field
Includes	3 days ski/snowboard and boots hire
Includes	3 ski or snowboard lessons

Accommodation summary

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