

Queenstown Beginner Ski Holiday

Introduce your family to the thrill of skiing or snowboarding in Queenstown this winter! With affordable motel accommodations and beginner-friendly slopes, it's the perfect time to create lasting memories on the mountain. Whether it's their first time on skis or a board, Queenstown offers a range of gentle runs and experienced instructors to help your kids find their snow legs. Plus, motels provide a budget-conscious base for your winter adventure, allowing you to focus on the fun and excitement of the slopes without breaking the bank.



Starts in: Queenstown
 Finishes in: Queenstown
 Length: 5 days / 4 nights
 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: All coach transport
- Includes: All pick ups/drop offs at destinations
- Includes: Afterhours emergency support while touring
- Included activity: Private Transfer Queenstown Airport to your Accommodation
- Included activity: Remarkables Mountain Transport Return Pass with NZ Ski
- Included activity: First Timer One Day Package at The Remarkables with NZSki
- Included activity: Remarkables Mountain Transport Return Pass with NZ Ski
- Included activity: 1 Day Lift Superpass with NZ Ski
- Included activity: Equipment Rental with NZ Ski
- Included activity: Full Day Group Lesson The Remarkables with NZ Ski
- Included activity: Gondola and 3 Luge Rides with Skyline Queenstown
- Included activity: Private Transfer Queenstown Accommodation to Airport (LSQ)

Day 1



Queenstown

Queenstown known in Māori as Tāhuna, is home to many adrenaline-inducing activities. Nestled on the shores of Lake Wakatipu, this alpine town has very distinct seasons, and most adrenaline-filled activities can be accessed year-round. Queenstown is home to jet boating, bungy jumping, rafting, skydiving, paragliding, and even indoor thrills. If you want that rush - head out on the Shotover Jet, dive off the Nevis Bungy, freefall on the Canyon Swing, or Zip line the Gondola. While arguably the brightest gem in New Zealand's crown, Queenstown offers far more than an action-packed getaway. If you're looking for a slightly slower pace, there are plenty of recreational activities, including hiking and biking trails to explore, guided tours, boat cruises, scenic flights, or spa and wellness options to help you get away. Head to the lakefront, eat at one of the al fresco eateries, and soak up the local vibes; catch a ride on the iconic 100-year-old steamship the TSS Earnslaw; or take the Skyline Gondola and enjoy bird's-eye views of the Remarkables mountain ranges and Lake Wakatipu. Pack a picnic and go for a hike, only 20 minutes from Central Queenstown, Coronet Peak opens for summer sightseeing. You can ride the Peak Gondola to the top for panoramic views and hike the trails, or go for a bike ride on many excellent biking trails. In winter, Queenstown becomes a world-class winter resort, with four ski areas and a range of activities, bars, restaurants, and ways to relax and unwind.

Private Transfer Queenstown Airport to your Accommodation

On arrival you will be met by a private driver and delivered to your Queenstown accommodation.

Arrive in Queenstown and collect your NZSki MyPass

Queenstown is the perfect destination for your winter ski or snowboarding holiday. Immerse yourself in breathtaking scenery, exhilarating adventures, and endless off-slope activities. We recommend you collect your NZSki MyPass Card prior to arriving on the mountain to avoid the morning queues, leaving you more time to ski and ride. You can collect your MyPass Card at the Queenstown Snow Centre located at 25 Shotover St. All of your lift passes, rental equipment, lessons and shuttle transfers will be loaded onto your card. If you are unable to visit Guest Services and collect your MyPass in advance, please scan the barcode in your Order Confirmation at the Self-Service Kiosks located in the base buildings at Coronet Peak, The Remarkables and Mt Hutt or in the Queenstown Snow Centre. The kiosk will print MyPass cards for your entire group, allowing you to head straight to the lifts!

SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Time Tripper Cinematic Experience

Queenstown's only underwater experience takes you on a journey through time and legend beginning many millions of years ago. Your time travel pilot will guide you back 90 million years, through the time of the dinosaurs, take you to when New Zealand was formed, fly you deep into the earth when the Southern Alps were created and through the glacier that carved out Lake Wakatipu. Ending in present-day Queenstown, you then experience adventure activities you can do – all from the comfort of your rumbling seat!

You then experience 10 – 15 minutes of underwater viewing where you can feed the famous diving ducks, slinky eels and rainbow & brown trout that lie beneath.

Your accommodation: Blue Peaks Lodge

Blue Peaks Lodge offers well equipped self contained rooms with a fantastic location overlooking Queenstown and is just an easy five minutes walk to the Queenstown lakefront.



Day 2



Remarkables Mountain Transport Return Pass with NZ Ski

Relax and enjoy the scenic journey to and from The Remarkables aboard one of the dedicated buses. NZSki Snowline provides a return trip from your Hotel to the slopes every day of the season (weather and conditions permitting), giving you a comfortable and safe alternative for getting to the snow. No need to bother with chains or road conditions, instead you can sit back and rest up in preparation for your active day ahead and enjoy the incredible views.

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% beginner slopes, 40% intermediate and 30% advanced, the Remarkables offers challenges for all levels. 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.

First Timer One Day Package at The Remarkables with NZSki

If you have never been on snow before this is the package for you! You'll learn to slide with confidence whilst having fun. Under the expertise of your Snowsports instructors, you will be introduced to your equipment and the environment. You will learn the basic skills of staying upright, stopping, riding the surface lifts, and perhaps start to change direction.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Clothing Rental with NZ Ski

Everything you need is available directly on the mountain, no need to carry it all up. You'll find the latest clothing gear to keep you warm and comfortable on the mountain. If you want to swap, exchange, upgrade or if you find something's not quite right, they'll take care of it on the spot. There is the added flexibility of returning your rental clothing to Coronet Peak, The Remarkables or the Queenstown Snow Centre, irrespective of where you picked it up. If you want to get fitted out the day before you start skiing or boarding, and know that you have your gear early, pick it up at Snowbiz in Queenstown.

Please note: you can not hire out gloves, goggles or sunglasses for hygiene reasons. Please bring your own or these items can be purchased from the retail outlets on each ski area, or in town.

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1 Day Lift Superpass with NZ Ski

The New Zealand Superpass is the most flexible lift pass in New Zealand, giving you access to Coronet Peak, The Remarkables, Mt Hutt along with Snowplanet, Turoa, Whakapapa, Porters, Roundhill, Mt Dobson, and Ohau ski areas. Get more choice, more fun, and more snow time with your New Zealand Superpass, and make the most of your New Zealand holiday!

The New Zealand 1 Day Superpass is your ticket to fun both on or off the mountains. The New Zealand Superpass can also be used as a Twilight Pass on applicable days at Coronet Peak (visit the Guest Services Desk to swap to a Twilight Pass). If you decide not to ski you can also swap your New Zealand Superpass for credit towards a selection of off-mountain activities, retail stores, bars and restaurants in Queenstown.

Want to ski a little longer, don't own your own gear or snow clothing, or not sure if your skills are up to scratch? No worries, just get in touch and we can help you add additional days, rentals, or lessons.

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Equipment Rental with NZ Ski

Everything you need is available directly on the mountain, no need to carry it all up. You'll find the latest gear, and the on-site technicians keep it in top condition. If you want to swap, exchange, upgrade, or if you find something is not quite right, they'll take care of it on the spot.

Full Day Group Lesson with NZ Ski

You'll be placed in a group of similar abilities and under the expertise of your Snowsports instructors, you'll build on your basic skills, grow in confidence on challenging terrain, and iron out any bad habits.

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Day 4



Explore Queenstown

Today is free to explore the many adventures that Queenstown has to offer. 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. You may also like to enjoy a helicopter or fixed-wing flight over the snow-capped mountains and turquoise lakes. Queenstown is well-known as the adventure capital of New Zealand, if you want the adrenaline rush, take your pick from the Shotover Jet, Skydive, Canyon Swing, Zipline, Luge, or Heli-ski.

Gondola and 3 Luge Rides with Skyline Queenstown

In the heart of Queenstown, located 450 metres above town in the Ben Lomond Scenic Reserve is the Skyline Complex. A gondola ride to the summit makes for awe-inspiring views of the city surround. Arrive at the complex and wander the outside viewing decks for a picture perfect outlook. Then onto the Luge! The 800 metre luge track offers an exhilarating journey through banked corners, tunnels and dippers.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Wilderness Snowmobiling Adventure Queenstown

This two and a half hour fully guided snowmobile adventure departs from Glacier Southern Lakes Helicopters hangar at Queenstown Airport, taking you on an exhilarating 13 minute flight (approximately) across the western face of the Remarkables Mountain Range, over the Hector Mountains, and across the Nevis River Valley, where you land at the base of the Garvie Mountains.

After landing at the snowmobile base you will gear up (you will be provided with warm overalls, helmets, gloves, and boots) and have a safety briefing with your guide. Your guide will ensure you can operate your snowmobile safely and comfortably. You are then lead through the sparse backcountry, along the central most inland mountain range in New Zealand, cruising to an altitude of up to 6,000ft above sea level. Stunning scenery and views will astound throughout the whole experience. With stops along the way for some amazing photo opportunities of the spectacular landscape.

The snowmobile tour will move at a pace comfortable for everyone. The snowmobiles are modern Polaris machines, they are easy to operate and your guide is right there if you need any assistance. Upon arriving back to Snowmobiles base, finish your tour with a return helicopter ride back to Queenstown. It is important you read and understand the risks associated with this activity. For more information please click here.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Walter Peak Gourmet BBQ Dining - Motorised Vessel with RealNZ

Enjoy a quintessential Kiwi experience, a delicious gourmet BBQ buffet dinner, and a farm demonstration in a stunning lakeside setting. Take in the stunning views of Lake Wakatipu and its surroundings as you cruise across the lake to the historic Walter Peak high country farm. Enjoy the ambiance of the heart of the stately homestead while your Colonel's Homestead Restaurant chef prepares a gourmet BBQ meal. Your seasonal menu includes an extensive selection of local New Zealand produce, including succulent meats and a selection of delicious vegetables and salads. Complete your meal with your choice of delicious desserts, or New Zealand cheeses. After dinner, watch the farm dogs in action with a sheep-herding demonstration and say hello to the other farm animals. Finally, cruise home under the southern stars and enjoy the fresh night air as the lights of Queenstown draw ever closer.

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Day 5



Private Transfer Queenstown Accommodation to Airport (LSQ)

You will be collected from your hotel and transferred to Queenstown airport.

Farewell from Aotearoa / New Zealand

Bid farewell to Aotearoa / New Zealand, taking with you unforgettable memories of its breathtaking landscapes and incredible adventures. In Māori, it is said mā te wā, which is not goodbye, it is see you soon!

Tour details

Departures: Daily
Tour type: NZ Ski Package
Starts: Queenstown
Finishes: Queenstown
Tour length: 5
Accommodation: Motels
Car/transport type:

Accommodation summary

Day 1 Blue Peaks Lodge
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Day 4 Blue Peaks Lodge