

# RealNZ Events Guide

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# Welcome to RealNZ

## Explore the Real New Zealand

RealNZ offers some of the most unforgettable New Zealand experiences in some of the most unbelievable places, all conveniently located in the South Island of Aotearoa New Zealand.

We are proud to offer a wide range of customisable experiences that cater to every guest. Choose from cruising in a secluded fiord to picture-perfect conference settings, and pumping adrenaline in our adventure capital to an unforgettable evening of cocktails and dinner. Relax; we have you covered.

Our experienced RealNZ events team provide a smooth one-stop shop when it comes to curating your next event. Working across all RealNZ locations, they have the portfolio and expertise to create more than events - they craft extraordinary experiences you won't find anywhere else in the world.

### Why book with us?

- Our goal is to help the world fall in love with conservation
- A dedicated events team with local expertise and strong events background
- Bespoke quotes and proposals allowing you to curate your event experience
- Trusted Family owned business with over 60 years of experience
- A strong and diverse experience portfolio
- Seamless transitions between experiences
- One simple invoice for everything
- High standard and quality of experience

Reach out to our events team at [events@realnz.com](mailto:events@realnz.com)

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# Bringing you closer to nature

Nature will change your perspective, whether you are by a thundering waterfall or on the shore of a crystalline lake. You will feel alive, reinvigorated, and changed.

Our brand recognises nature's importance and offers a portfolio of experiences that have been crafted to inspire, transform, and invite you to fall in love with New Zealand.

We have stayed true to our founders Les and Olive Hutchins, who felt the same when our journey began in 1954. They pioneered a movement to show people the power of real places and the need to love, cherish and respect them.

Our experiences are as real as they get. Take a closer look and see for yourself.

# Where we operate



RealNZ began in 1954, when Les and Olive Hutchins, two of New Zealand's first conservationists, decided to buy a tourist company in Fiordland.

Our founders hoped that if they showed guests the power of natural New Zealand, it would inspire more people to protect it. We still hope, believe, and are doing the same work today, in Ata Whenua Fiordland, Whakatipu Waimāori Queenstown, Rakiura Stewart Island, Wānaka, and Ōtautahi Christchurch.

When people protect and revitalise nature, it revitalises its visitors. We work closely with the Department of Conservation and support a variety of projects, such as restoring land at Walter Peak and Cooper Island, eliminating predators on Stewart Island, and protecting wildlife in Fiordland.

We hope that all our experiences allow people to leave feeling alive, inspired, and grounded, with a newfound respect for our natural world.







# Whakatipu Waimāori **Queenstown**

- TSS Earnslaw and Walter Peak
- Queenstown Rafting
- Queenstown Jet
- Queenstown Water Taxis







# TSS Earnslaw and Walter Peak High Country Farm

## Location

Whakatipu Waimāori Queenstown

## Season

All year

## Max capacity

250 – 300



The TSS Earnslaw and Walter Peak High Country Farm are two of Central Otago's most unique and iconic venues. Pair them together to create an unforgettable taste of Queenstown.

Our century-old, and iconic steamship, the TSS Earnslaw, is the perfect venue to transform any event into a magical one.

The TSS Earnslaw is the only twin-screw coal-fired passenger-carrying vessel operating in the Southern Hemisphere. We have made a commitment to decarbonise the steamship and move to a sustainable fuel source over the coming years, so experience this historic vessel in its original form while you can.

On the western shores of Lake Whakatipu stands our historic Homestead Restaurant, which has the style and charm of a bygone era. Offering a variety of private rooms and exclusive hire options, guests can dine by a roaring fireplace or bask in the sun in our conservatory or terraces overlooking the lake. On the farmland also stands our purpose-built amphitheatre, a great venue for award shows or celebrity speaker sessions.

Walter Peak High Country Farm is easily accessed from Whakatipu Waimāori Queenstown via the TSS Earnslaw, charter vessel, helicopter, or a fixed-wing scenic flight.

## Event suggestions

- Exclusive charter cruise and gala dinners
- Awards ceremonies and celebrity speaker events
- Incentive programs
- Team building activities
- High Country Breakfast and brunches
- Weddings and celebrations

Entertainers such as live bands, solo musicians, speakers, comedians, dancers, and magicians are all welcome, and our events team can recommend fantastic local talent.



## Food and Beverage

### TSS Earnslaw and Walter Peak High Country Farm

The TSS Earnslaw and The Colonel's Homestead Restaurant offer a curatable dining experience. They are both equipped and fully licensed, with on-site catering.

At The Homestead Restaurant, our resident chefs create an exquisite gourmet BBQ, working closely with suppliers to provide the best seasonal produce. With 'farm-to-table' values, the restaurant champions food provenance. The more local, the more delicious, from succulent meats cooked on the open BBQ, to a range of fresh salad and vegetable dishes. Finish your meal with a selection of irresistible desserts, New Zealand cheeses and freshly brewed tea and coffee.

If you want to elevate your event further, our Shared Platter Menu option offers a smorgasbord of treats, tailored to your needs, and delivered straight to your table.

### We also offer options for

- Dining experiences
- Breakfast/brunch
- Morning and afternoon tea
- Canapés, finger food and platters

An extensive wine list featuring acclaimed and local Aotearoa New Zealand wines, along with a variety of craft beers, soft drinks, juices, and espresso coffees, are available, as are tailored beverage packages.







# Walter Peak High Country Farm



Situated alongside The Homestead Restaurant, Walter Peak High Country Farm has extensive grounds, with professionally landscaped gardens. The area is perfect for accommodating anything from relaxing lawn games to competitive team-building sessions. Our friendly farm animals are also around to keep you company throughout the day.

## Tailored team building

We also offer even more adventurous team opportunities such as archery, target shooting, and whip cracking.







# Queenstown Rafting

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## Location

Whakatipu Waimāori Queenstown

## Season

November – April

## Max capacity

180

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Whitewater rafting is a must-do for anyone searching for an adrenaline high in the adventure capital of Aotearoa New Zealand. Embark on a human versus nature battle of willpower in one of the most scenic environments in the world.

Don't just take photos of the river; take on the river. Hold on to your paddles and raft the water that jet boats fear. With three rivers to choose from, and a variety of unique rapids, we have the rafting experience for you:

### Shotover river – grade 3-5 rapids

The mighty Shotover River in the infamous Skippers Canyon is well-known for its cliff edges, scenery, and gold mining history, making the drive to the experience a big part of the fun. Encounter the whitewater action and soak up the atmosphere, with a climactic raft through a 170-metre tunnel. Opt to go full action-hero and transport your guests into the canyon via a helicopter.

### Kawarau river – grade 2-3 rapids

For all Lord of the Rings fans, choose to paddle through serene middle-earth, and go on the hunt for iconic film locations. Raft under the world's first Bungy operation and enjoy Aotearoa New Zealand's longest commercially rafted rapid. With heaps of whitewater action, chances to swim rapids and options to go cliff jumping, the Kawarau is a real feel-good experience the whole team can get behind.

### Landsborough rafting – grade 3-5 rapids

Immerse the team in the real rugged wilderness of the West Coast on a three-day guided rafting adventure. Paddle through grade 3-5 rapids in the Landsborough Valley, taking in the surrounding dense rainforest, hanging glaciers, and native wildlife. Relax at the end of the day's activities with well-deserved three-course meals, local wine, and a helicopter flight included. A perfect mix of tranquillity and pure adventure.

This trip has a limited number of participants, with a group capacity of 12 adventurers, making it a perfect corporate team-building activity.











# Queenstown Jet

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## Location

Whakatipu Waimāori Queenstown

## Season

All year

## Max capacity

70

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Discover a fresh perspective of Whakatipu Waimāori Queenstown when racing across its waters and down the Kawarau River at speeds of up to 90kmph, packing in plenty of those famous 360-degree spins, and exploring further than any other jet boat.

Jet boating is the perfect team experience starting right in the heart of Whakatipu Waimāori Queenstown Bay or at a selection of waterfront hotels. Surprise your guests with an epic transfer between locations, or an arrival experience, setting up your day in Whakatipu Waimāori Queenstown for a massive win.

We can jet you through the Kawarau River's gorges and canyons further than anyone else – 44km towards Gibbston Valley. If the unique landscapes don't take your breath away, then the speed certainly will, with twin V8 engines, 820 horsepower and speeds up to 90kmph, our 360-degree spins will have you screaming for more.

Exceed expectations with this iconic New Zealand experience, one that shouldn't be missed.











# Queenstown Water Taxis

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## Location

Whakatipu Waimāori Queenstown

## Season

All year

## Max capacity

75

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Queenstown Water Taxis offer exclusive water transport to any location or experience on Lake Whakatipu. Ditch the coach on the busy roads and take the lake instead, speeding easily across the scenic route.









# Ata Whenua Fiordland

- Piopiotahi Milford Sound Cruises
- Pātea Doubtful Sound Cruises
- Te Anau Glowworm Caves









# Piopiotahi Milford Sound Cruises

## Cruises

Overnight or day cruises

## Location

Piopiotahi Milford Sound

## Season

All year

## Max Capacity

Varied – ranging from 50 to 300

As one of the world's most majestic places, nothing can prepare you for the exhilarating experience of being in Piopiotahi Milford Sound. It has been lovingly nicknamed the 13th wonder of the world, where taking the journey there is a quintessential part of the place itself.

RealNZ offers a range of cruise vessels to suit any group and can customise your experience to suit your needs. From taking one of our coaches along the spectacular Milford Road, before joining a breathtaking day cruise on the fiord, to chartering one of our overnight vessels for a bucket list experience. Choose to take a fixed-wing plane or helicopter directly to or from your cruise to have an experience of a lifetime.

Our Milford vessels specialise in local Fiordland cuisine, with the food and beverage being a highlight of the experience. Choose and curate your dining experience from the 'Best of Fiordland' selection, and pair it with a 'conservation wine', which donates a part of the profit to conservation projects in Fiordland.











# Pātea Doubtful Sound Cruises

## Cruises

Overnight or day cruises

## Location

Pātea Doubtful Sound

## Season

All year

## Max Capacity

Varied – ranging from 50 to 135

Pātea Doubtful Sound is where it all began for RealNZ in 1954. It was our first and founding experience, an untouched piece of paradise that made our founders, Les and Olive Hutchins, fall in love with nature and begin their journey to create RealNZ.

As New Zealand's best-kept secret, Doubtful Sound remains an unspoilt wilderness where Bottlenose Dolphins are frequently sighted alongside our vessels, Fur Seals lounge on rocky outcrops, and, sometimes, Fiordland Crested Penguins can be spotted taking a dip in the water.

Nestled deep in Fiordland, Doubtful Sound is an adventure to travel to. With a cruise across the stunning Lake Manapouri, and a spectacular drive over the alpine Wilmot Pass, guests are guaranteed to be awed by its beauty and to fall in love with it, just like Les and Olive did.









# Te Anau Glowworm Caves

## Location

Te Anau

## Season

All year

## Max capacity

78

Travel beneath the Murchison Mountains on Lake Te Anau's western shores and discover a real hidden gem; the subterranean network of caves, illuminated by thousands of glowworms.

A visit to this underground system transports you to another world. Though the caves are 12,000 years young, they are still being carved by the force of the river that flows through them. The result is twisting limestone passages exhibiting sculpted rock, whirlpools and a roaring underground waterfall.

Deep inside the caves, beyond the noise of the water, thousands of glowworms inhabit a silent hidden grotto. They produce a glittering display that is truly extraordinary. Drift in silence below the shimmering creatures in a small vessel steered in complete darkness by our expert guides.











# Rakiura Stewart Island

## Location

Rakiura Stewart Island

## Season

All year



If it's a flying visit to the 'real' South Island of Aotearoa New Zealand, or if you're looking for a longer island retreat, we can provide your guests with a complete island itinerary to experience the best that Rakiura Stewart Island has to offer.

Located beyond the southernmost point of New Zealand's South Island, Rakiura Stewart Island is a cruisy one-hour daily ferry service from Bluff. Aboard our comfortable catamarans, large parties can easily zip between Bluff and Rakiura Stewart Island, where they may have opportunities to spot sea birds and seals.

The Island is New Zealand's ultimate eco-tourism destination well off the beaten track, but only 30 km from the southern tip of the South Island. Most of the island's lush forest, rocky coastlines and creamy golden sand beaches are protected within the Rakiura National Park. Settlement is mainly confined to Oban, the only township on the island.



## Wild Kiwi Encounter

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Set out on a quest to encounter the legendary wild kiwi in their natural habitat. Depart from Halfmoon Bay before dusk and catch the sunset over the ocean. Once on the water, enjoy a twilight cruise, reaching Little Glory Cove as night falls.



During the cruise, pass Ulva Island (Rakiura's predator-free wildlife sanctuary) and learn about the native wildlife endemic to the shores. Once at Little Glory Cove, follow the Nature Guide by starlight through the coastal forest to the kiwi's beach haunt. Tune into the sounds of the forest, and here, in the darkness, you may spot the Rakiura Tokoeka (kiwi) typically found searching for food.

## Ulva Island Explorer

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Enjoy a leisurely cruise of Paterson Inlet, tracing unspoiled beaches and hidden coves, before exploring the unmissable Ulva Island Birdlife Sanctuary.

Once on the island, feel immersed in the forest, and be spellbound by the Weka (native woodhen), Bush Robins, rare Saddlebacks, and Yellowheads, amongst other rare and endangered

species. Enjoy a minimum 45-minute guided walk through the protected habitat of some of Aotearoa New Zealand's rarest plant species.





## Village and Bays Tour

Explore Oban Village and its surrounding bays with a local guide. This is the best introduction to Rakiura Stewart Island.

Unspoiled, serene, and brimming full of stories, Rakiura Stewart Island is well worth this introduction. Hop off the bus for short walks, and plenty of photo stops along the way. Discover the history of the island, spot the European, Māori and American cultures and stand on top of Observation Rock with its stunning views of Golden Bay, Paterson Inlet and Ulva Island. Your local guide will also provide insight into unique island life.



## Stewart Island Lodge

Nestled against the bush but just five minutes' walk from the village centre, the Stewart Island Lodge, on top a small hill, commands the best views across Halfmoon Bay and Foveaux Strait.

The Lodge can comfortably accommodate up to 12 guests, with its six king or twin bedrooms, all keeping ensuites. Enjoy the lodge's continental breakfast,

complimentary transfers and cosy guest lounge with an expansive balcony, perfect for your group's social events.







# Cardrona Alpine Resort

- Conference in the Mountains
- Summer
- Winter







## Conference in the Mountains

### Location

Cardrona Alpine Resort

### Season

All year

### Max capacity

70

Founded in 1980, Cardrona Alpine Resort is Aotearoa New Zealand's most popular ski area, and there's more than meets the eye.

Cardrona Alpine Resort is also open for summer conferences, providing accommodation and activities.

Start your conference by inspiring your guests and escape the everyday in this extraordinary alpine location. Combined with some epic summer activities, on-resort accommodation, and a curated dining menu, it is easy to treat your guests to an unforgettable event experience.

Conference spaces are available in a variety of options and can accommodate up to 70 attendees.





**CARDRONA**

ALPINE RESORT / NEW ZEALAND







# Summer

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## Location

Cardrona Alpine Resort

## Season

December – March

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When summer rolls around, the snow melts and transforms the destination into a whole new world. With our high altitude situated between Queenstown and Wānaka offering stunning and unique 360 views of the Lakes District all year round, Cardrona Alpine Resort provides a spectacular backdrop that elevates any event to the next level.

Summer experiences are varied at Cardrona. Either catch a leisurely lift to the top of the mountain and take a wander through alpine meadows, dial up the excitement and tear down the hill on a vast network of mountain bike trails, or try your hand at 'the coolest thing to do in New Zealand, and opt to mountain cart down. At night, watch the sky come alive with immense alpine sunsets, and experience the cosmos with a magnificent stargazing experience. With on-mountain resort apartments and an extensive list of craft beers and wines to accompany mouth-watering cuisine, you might never want to leave.



**CARDRONA**  
ALPINE RESORT / NEW ZEALAND







# Winter

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## Location

Cardrona Alpine Resort

## Season

June – October

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At Cardrona Alpine Resort, everyone's a VIP – from beginners and families to Olympic and X Games athletes.

Cardrona's three vast basins are home to wide, open terrain as well as the Southern Hemisphere's most extensive terrain parks and pipes. Easily commute up the high altitude and some of NZ's best snow conditions with Aotearoa New Zealand's first cabin-style lift – McDougall's Express Chondola.

Home to world-class facilities, Cardrona has four terrain parks at progressive levels, including a World Cup Slopestyle course. We're also home to Australasia's only 22ft Olympic standard Halfpipe, a 12-14ft International Halfpipe and a giant Big Air jump, guaranteed to leave you in awe.

Come be welcomed with genuine kiwi hospitality after an easy drive from Queenstown/Wānaka, or take advantage of our transportation options available.







# Ōtautahi Christchurch

- International Antarctic Centre
- Events
- Meetings
- Day Attractions



INTERNATIONAL





# International Antarctic Centre

## Location

Ōtautahi Christchurch

## Season

All year

## Max capacity

600

The International Antarctic Centre is New Zealand's gateway to Antarctica. It allows guests to plunge into the world's most remote continent, with immersive experiences that invite guests to see, feel, and fall in love with Antarctica.

Conveniently located next to Christchurch International Airport, the International Antarctic Centre is a unique venue making a difference.

Using passion, innovation and imagination, our centre transports guests to an other-worldly continent, giving every person the opportunity to become an Antarctic explorer. Brave an Antarctic storm, go off-road in a Hägglund, befriend a husky, chat with the penguins, and experience Antarctica from all four dimensions in our 4D cinema. Depart with a head full of knowledge and a heart full of inspiration, just like the legendary explorers before you.











# Meetings and Events

## Location

Ōtautahi Christchurch

## Season

All year

## Max capacity

600



A location fit to be an event planner's dream, the International Antarctic Centre is conveniently located next to Christchurch International Airport, for ease, space, free parking, and inspiration.

Our venue is a unique location for gatherings of all shapes and sizes.

Events Suggestions include:

- Gala dinners
- Networking Events
- Product Launches
- Winter Christmas
- Day Meetings.

Events Spaces include:

- 4D theatre
- HD Theatre
- Antarctic 101 ballroom with projection capabilities
- Meeting and Conference rooms.

With bespoke catering, ice bars, theming, and a highly experienced events team guiding you along the way, the International Antarctic Centre looks forward to hosting your next event.

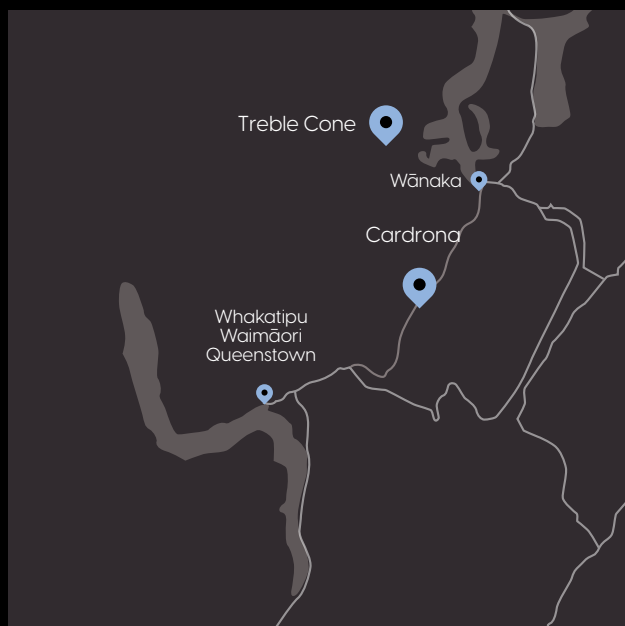




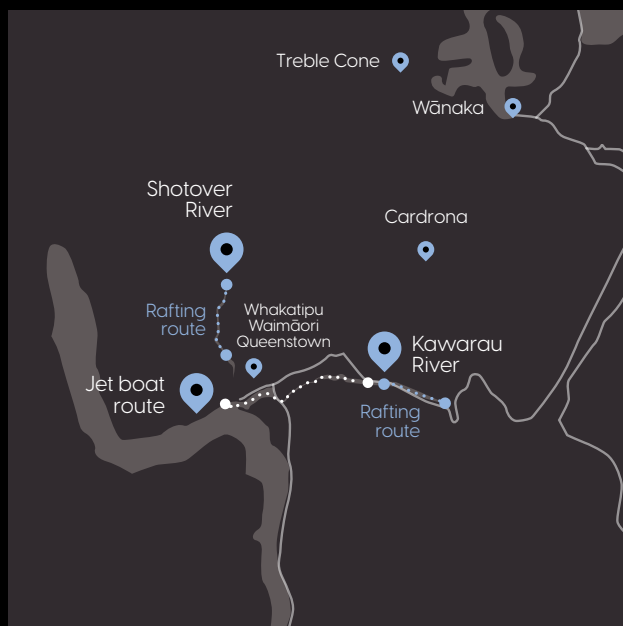
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Whakatipu Waimāori Queenstown and Walter peak



Cardrona Alpine Resort and Treble Cone



Kawarau, Shotover River Rafting and Jet Boating



- By Coach —————
- By Plane - - -
- By Boat .....
- Rafting .....



BASIS: The times and distances are calculated for a driver travelling at 80/100km/hr on open roads. The above are approximate. Your time may vary. Please allow extra time for photos, short walks, rest stops and road conditions.

Routes are indicative only.



# Testimonials

## Arinex

The team at Arinex love working with RealNZ! There is so much variety in their products so something for everyone from relaxed to high-end. The RealNZ team are always happy to tailor experiences for our incentive groups, so each group is special. It is a one-stop shop which makes our job easy. The staff on site are helpful and friendly, and our groups always love the different experiences they have from RealNZ.

## IDNZ

RealNZ is such a great partner for IDNZ. To be able to come to them for several of our incentive needs as a "one-stop shop" makes the planning and operating process extremely streamlined. Always reliable and a pleasure to work with, it's great to be able to continually depend on RealNZ for so many aspects of our programs.





# Join us and fall in love with nature

Get ready to get closer, feel connected, and be moved by nature. Contact our events team now to find out how they can create a bespoke experience for you.

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