



Trade Manual

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Welcome to RealNZ

We are your southern New Zealand tourism operator, offering real experiences, showing the power of nature, and helping the world fall in love with conservation.

We understand that experiencing New Zealand's quintessential nature is important to your guests. Whether they want to stand beside the thundering waterfalls of Milford Sound, or on the shores of crystalline Lake Whakatipu, our experiences will make them feel alive, reinvigorated, and changed.

Our founders, Les and Lady Olive Hutchins were original champions of this message. In 1954, they began a small tourist company in Fiordland, which would later become RealNZ, and they showed their guests the power of real places and how special New Zealand's nature is. So special, that we, and those who experience it, feel the need to love, cherish and respect it.



Where we operate



Why RealNZ?

Guests are at the heart of everything we do at RealNZ, and we believe every guest should leave with a great story to tell. Recognised as New Zealand's number one tourism operator by the Tourism Industry Association, and with thousands of five-star reviews, we are a trusted, locally owned business committed to the future of New Zealand tourism. By delivering world-class experiences, we help the world fall in love with conservation – one guest at a time.

What Does This Mean for Your Clients?

- Diverse Experiences:** From group bookings to exclusive events, we offer a variety of customer-centric experiences.
- Local Expertise:** With over 70 years of experience, we are the South Island specialists.
- Dedicated Support:** Our wholesale reservations team is experienced in managing trade bookings.
- Seamless Bookings:** Access our RealNZ booking system with live inventory for instant confirmations.
- Marketing Material:** Gain access to our online library of images, videos and promotional materials.
- Safety and Resources:** We provide Health & Safety and Risk Information Packs, an Annual Trade Manual, and regular email updates to keep you informed.

Our people

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Doing Real Good

We work closely with both the Department of Conservation (DOC) and our local communities. We contribute significant funds to conservation work, and support a variety of projects, such as trapping, conserving habitats, recovering species, and clean-up initiatives.



As a tourism company, we believe we have a responsibility to help the world fall in love with conservation. While we help our guests understand the importance of conservation, we also implement key conservation projects to help restore and protect New Zealand's natural environment.

RealNZ Conservation Ball

- Our annual black-tie event, where 100% of the ticket price supports critical conservation initiatives
- Since its launch in 2015, the event has raised nearly \$664,000, making a significant impact on conservation efforts
- 2023: \$175k raised to support the relocation of the Kākāriki Karaka to Pukenui Anchor Island
- 2024: \$150k raised for the release of Takahē into the Rees Valley
- 2025: This year, we will be raising funds to protect the critically endangered pukunui (Southern NZ dotterel) on Rakiura Stewart Island

"Putangi" Conservation Wines

- In 2022, we introduced Wet Jacket's 'Putangi' Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris as our conservation wines
- \$10 from every bottle sold is donated to a conservation project in Pātea Doubtful Sound, Piopiotahi Milford Sound, or Whakatipu Waimāori Queenstown
- Wet Jacket Wines also donate 50% of their cellar door tasting fees to these projects
- As of February 2025, Wet Jacket Wines have donated \$20,668 from their cellar door, and we have sold 7,456 bottles of 'Putangi' wine, donating \$74,560

Walter Peak Land Restoration Project

- Almost 90ha of invasive wilding pines were removed and logged to stop them from infesting the iconic Lake Whakatipu landscape
- Wilding pines are considered a major threat to the South Island high country's ecosystem, competing with native plants for sunlight and water and degrading the natural landscape
- Over 21,500 native shrubs and trees have been planted and we continue to restore Walter Peak High Country Farm to its real high-country heritage



Predator Free Rakiura (Stewart Island)

- Our Chief Conservation Officer at RealNZ, Paul Norris, is a co-chair of the Predator Free Rakiura Project
- The group has an ambitious goal to rid the island of introduced predators to help more than 20 threatened species
- The project aims to free Stewart Island of rats, possums, feral cats and hedgehogs, and is one of the most complex projects of its type anywhere in the world
- We also run a trap line at Little Glory/Ocean Beach with a total of 186 traps that have removed 1,417 predators to date

The Kārearea Project

- Led by Cardrona Alpine Resort, this is a long-term scientific study of the health of the 'threatened, nationally vulnerable' Kārearea/NZ Falcon, our only endemic raptor species
- We study and identify breeding pairs, try to capture and band them, and are currently monitoring 24 pairs, with 23 chicks fledged from 14 nesting attempts
- The project has a great deal of community involvement and engagement and has scientific oversight by Parker Conservation, who are experts in native bird species

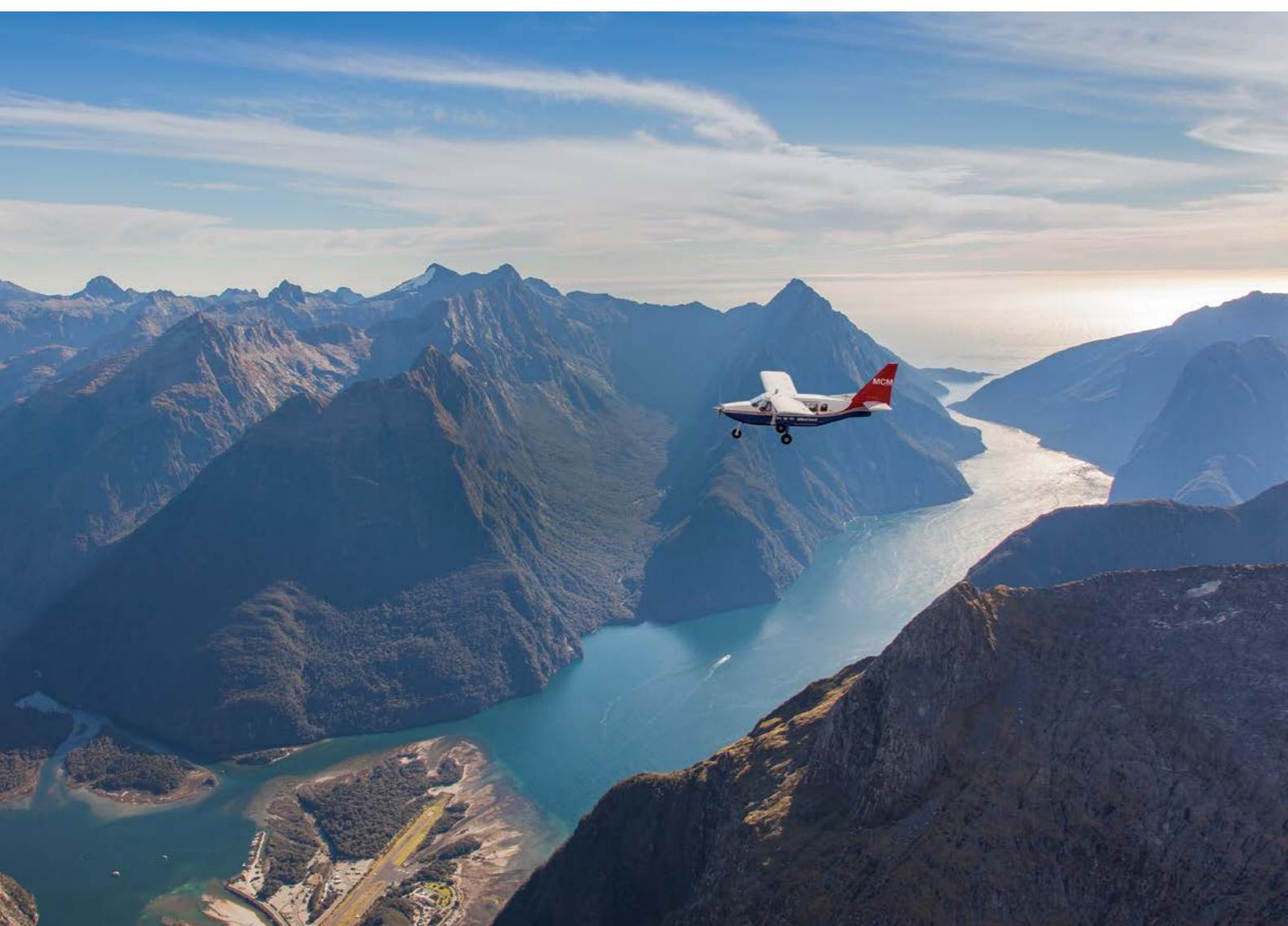
Plant A Seed

- This project restores and regenerates the mauri (lifeforce) of the mountain by revegetating areas of past earthworks and scars on the upper mountain and returning them to a thriving and biodiverse landscape
- Our focus is planting along the road corridor of Cardrona and Treble Cone, particularly around the shuttle car parks and lower creek areas
- Involves local schools, educating kids on horticulture and kaitiakitanga (guardianship)
- Over 7,200 natives have been planted to date



Ata Whenua Fiordland

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Getting to Piopiotahi Milford Sound



Departing from
Queenstown
Te Anau

Coach with us, take a flight or travel independently. Every journey to Milford Sound is memorable when you cross the Te Wāhipounamu UNESCO World Heritage Area.

Stop on your journey to see:

- Mirror Lakes: Famous for mountain reflections on windless days
- The Divide: Mountain pass across the Southern Alps
- Monkey Creek: Taste fresh water straight from the alpine source
- Homer Tunnel: 1,250 metres long with a 1 in 10 gradient

Location and number of stops may vary

By coach:

Guests hop straight off our coaches and onto our Milford Sound cruises, guaranteeing both a relaxing and amazing experience.

- Complimentary accommodation pickups available in Queenstown



- Ergonomically designed seats are reclinable with air-conditioning
- Well-timed breaks with photo opportunities and a short walk along Mirror Lakes
- Experienced local drivers provide entertaining and informative English commentaries
- Bullet coach available: Features a glass roof and spacious seating, angled toward expansive windows to provide an unobstructed view of incredible scenery

By fixed-wing or helicopter:

Fly your guests between Queenstown and Milford Sound for a spine-tingling experience watching Fiordland's dramatic scenery unfold. Hop onto our cruise to get the close-up of Milford Sound.

- Enjoy remarkable views across glacial-fed valleys and dramatic mountainous landscapes on the way to Milford Sound. The return journey travels over valleys of rainforest and high-country farmland
- Unparalleled viewing from every seat on the aircraft with informative English commentary
- All aircrafts are particularly suited for flying over rugged, mountainous terrain such as the spectacular Southern Alps
- All flights are subject to weather conditions

Elevate your experience with Milford Sound Business Class: travel in high-end glass-roof Mercedes vehicles, custom-built for ultimate comfort with in-seat amenities and complimentary Wi-Fi.

See page 15 for more detail



Visual representation



NEW

Piopiotahi Milford Sound Business Class

In collaboration with Altitude Tours

This is Milford Sound, elevated – immersive, indulgent, and unforgettable.

Departing from
Milford Sound

Departures
Year Round



Embrace the spirit of Milford Sound in this exclusive tour, where rich storytelling and intimate encounters with the land and sea create an experience like no other.

From the moment you step onto your high-end transfer in Queenstown, your journey becomes part of the adventure – with cultural storytelling, scenic stops and exceptional service. Spacious reclining seats, curated refreshments, and panoramic windows ensure you travel in style.

In Milford Sound, immerse yourself in the iconic beauty with a glass of New Zealand bubbles in hand, aboard the masterfully redesigned MV Sinbad. Relax in our elegant lounge, indulge in a generous selection of canapés, and take in the fresh Fiordland air from the top deck as expert storytelling brings the history, wildlife, and legends of this extraordinary place to life.

Highlights:

- Small group size for a tailored experience
- High-end glass-roof Mercedes vehicles, custom-built for ultimate comfort with in-seat amenities and complimentary Wi-Fi
- Freshly baked morning tea and barista coffee in Te Anau
- Scenic stops in Fiordland National Park, handpicked for exceptional views and natural wonders
- 2-hour cruise onboard our premium vessel, with reserved lounge seating, spacious viewing areas and design inspired by the landscapes and culture of Aotearoa
- Glass of Mumm Central Otago Blanc de Noirs as you step onboard
- Generous selection of curated canapés showcasing the finest local flavours
- Delve into local culture, discover natural wonders and spot native wildlife with our knowledgeable hosts
- Choose to return via scenic fixed-wing flight or helicopter ride for a truly spectacular end to the day



Piopiotahi Milford Sound Premium Cruise

Departing from
Milford Sound

Departures
Year round - Available on demand

Enjoy Milford Sound with our exclusive 2-hour premium cruise onboard the beautifully redesigned MV Sinbad.

Step aboard for a welcoming glass of Central Otago Mumm sparkling wine before settling in to cruise the eighth wonder of the world. Indulge in a generous selection of locally sourced canapes from the comfort of your reserved, lounge seating and take in the stunning waterfalls and towering cliffs through panoramic windows or the spacious outside viewing areas. Listen to stories of rich history and culture, learn about natural wonders and native wildlife, and talk with expert hosts to deepen your understanding of this UNESCO World Heritage site.

Highlights:

- Glass of local Mumm sparkling wine on arrival
- Small group size for tailored experience
- Spacious viewing areas, both inside and outside
- Premium vessel with sustainable, Māori-led design
- Reserved lounge seating, your own space
- Carefully curated menu of locally sourced bites
- Knowledgeable host and nature guide





Piopiotahi Milford Sound Day Cruise

Departing from
Milford Sound



Connections from Queenstown and Te Anau

Departures
Year round



No photo of Milford Sound can prepare your guest for the feeling of really being there. Soak up one of the world's most beautiful, majestic and untouched places. With its immense scale and natural beauty, guests will leave the fiord with a newfound respect for nature.

Highlights:

- Cruise between 1hr 30 minutes - 2 hours, with plenty of time to look out for native wildlife, such as seals, dolphins and penguins
- Explore the full length of the fiord, past St Anne's Point Lighthouse and out to the Tasman Sea (weather permitting)
- Get up close to the waterfalls and the fiord's sheer cliff faces
- A variety of purpose-built Fiordland vessels available with expansive outdoor viewing decks and comfortable interiors with uninterrupted views
- Hot and cold locally-sourced food options, including seasonal lunch boxes, international and Indian buffets, a la carte menus, and Japanese-style obento boxes
- Licensed bar onboard with soft drinks, hot drinks and New Zealand wines and beers
- Flight connections from Queenstown multiple times daily (subject to weather)
- Download the RealNZ app before cruising to access expert multilingual audio commentary



Piopiotahi Milford Sound Overnight Cruise

Departing from
Milford Sound

Departures
September - May



Connections from Queenstown and Te Anau



Spend the night aboard the iconic Milford Mariner and wake up to dawn in one of the most beautiful places on earth. With plenty of time to view the UNESCO World Heritage area's spectacular waterfalls, rainforest, mountains and wildlife, it's the ultimate Milford Sound experience.

Highlights:

- Experience the magnitude of Milford Sound all to yourself when day visitors depart
- An extended cruise means a longer time visiting the habitats of native marine life, such as seals, penguins and dolphins
- Dedicated nature guide onboard, with specialist knowledge about the region's history, flora and fauna, and conservation, ensuring an informative trip for all guests
- Cruise the full length of Milford Sound at a leisurely pace, past St Anne's Point Lighthouse and out to the Tasman Sea (weather permitting)
- Explore the fiord up close by kayak or tender boat
- Learn in-depth Milford Sound history and geography from the nature guide's presentation after dinner
- Meet like-minded people on this once-in-a-lifetime, interactive, and relaxed experience
- Fly-back options available from Milford Sound to Queenstown after overnight cruise

About the Milford Mariner

- Enjoy a buffet dinner inspired by Fiordland, offering appetisers, salads, hot dishes, carvery meats, seafood and a selection of desserts and cheeses (vegetarian and dietary options available)
- Licensed bar onboard
- Full cooked breakfast with continental options
- 28 twin/double cabins with ensuite bathrooms and two triple/quad cabins with shared bathroom facilities



Pātea Doubtful Sound Wilderness Cruise

Departures

Year round from Manapouri



Connections from Queenstown and Te Anau



Doubtful Sound, one of New Zealand's most remote fiords, offers a rare wilderness few get to experience, made accessible through our unforgettable single-day adventure.

Cruise along pristine waterways surrounded by untouched nature, native wildlife, towering peaks and powerful waterfalls.

Highlights:

- A fiord three times longer, located in an area ten times larger than Milford Sound
- 45-minute cruise across island-studded Lake Manapouri
- 45-minute coach journey over Wilmot Pass, a 671-metre-high Southern Alps crossing through rainforest
- 2.5 hour cruise through a secluded fiord onboard a purpose-built catamaran with a comfortable interior and spacious decks
- Onboard nature guide with specialist knowledge of local flora and fauna
- Look out for the resident pod of bottlenose dolphins and the permanent colony of New Zealand fur seals
- Licensed bar onboard, with cold food options available, such as seasonal lunch boxes and local cheese platters

*Inner Fiord Cruise option available seasonally



Pātea Doubtful Sound Overnight Cruise

Departing from
Manapouri

Departures

One night cruise:

September - April

Two night cruise:

October, April, May, August



Connections from Queenstown and Te Anau

Wake up in comfort, immersed in the breathtaking wilderness of Fiordland National Park. Towering peaks, lush rainforest, and native wildlife surround you, making an overnight cruise the ultimate way to experience this UNESCO World Heritage wonder.

Travel deep into one of New Zealand's most pristine and isolated destinations. This is your chance to travel beyond the 'everyday'. Choose to stay one or two nights in a location you'll never forget.

Highlights:

- Cruise the full length of the fiord all the way to the Tasman Sea (weather permitting)
- Explore Doubtful Sound up close by kayak or tender boat
- Enjoy a picturesque 45 min cruise across Lake Manapouri
- A scenic 45-minute coach over Wilmot Pass to Deep Cove
- Dedicated onboard nature guide, with specialist knowledge about the region's history, flora and fauna, and conservation, ensuring an informative trip for guests
- Stay longer on a two night cruise and gain more chances to spot penguins, seals and dolphins

About the vessel

- Licensed bar onboard
- Buffet dinner onboard the Fiordland Navigator and three-course dinner onboard the Wanderer, both including salads, hot dishes, carvery meats, seafood and a selection of desserts and cheeses (vegetarian and dietary options available)

- Full breakfast included with cooked & continental options

- Cruises operate onboard two different vessels:



Fiordland Navigator - 26 twin/double cabins with ensuite bathrooms

Wanderer - 14 twin cabins and 2 family quad cabins with shared bathroom facilities



Te Anau Glowworm Caves

Departures

Year round



Hidden beneath the Murchison Mountains on Lake Te Anau's western shores is a network of caves lit by a multitude of glowworms. Visit an underground world of sculptured rock, rushing water and a glowworm grotto.

Take a cruise across Lake Te Anau and disembark on the western shore, walk through native bush and into an underground magical world of waterfalls and limestone passages before reaching the glowworms to watch their bioluminescent display.

Highlights

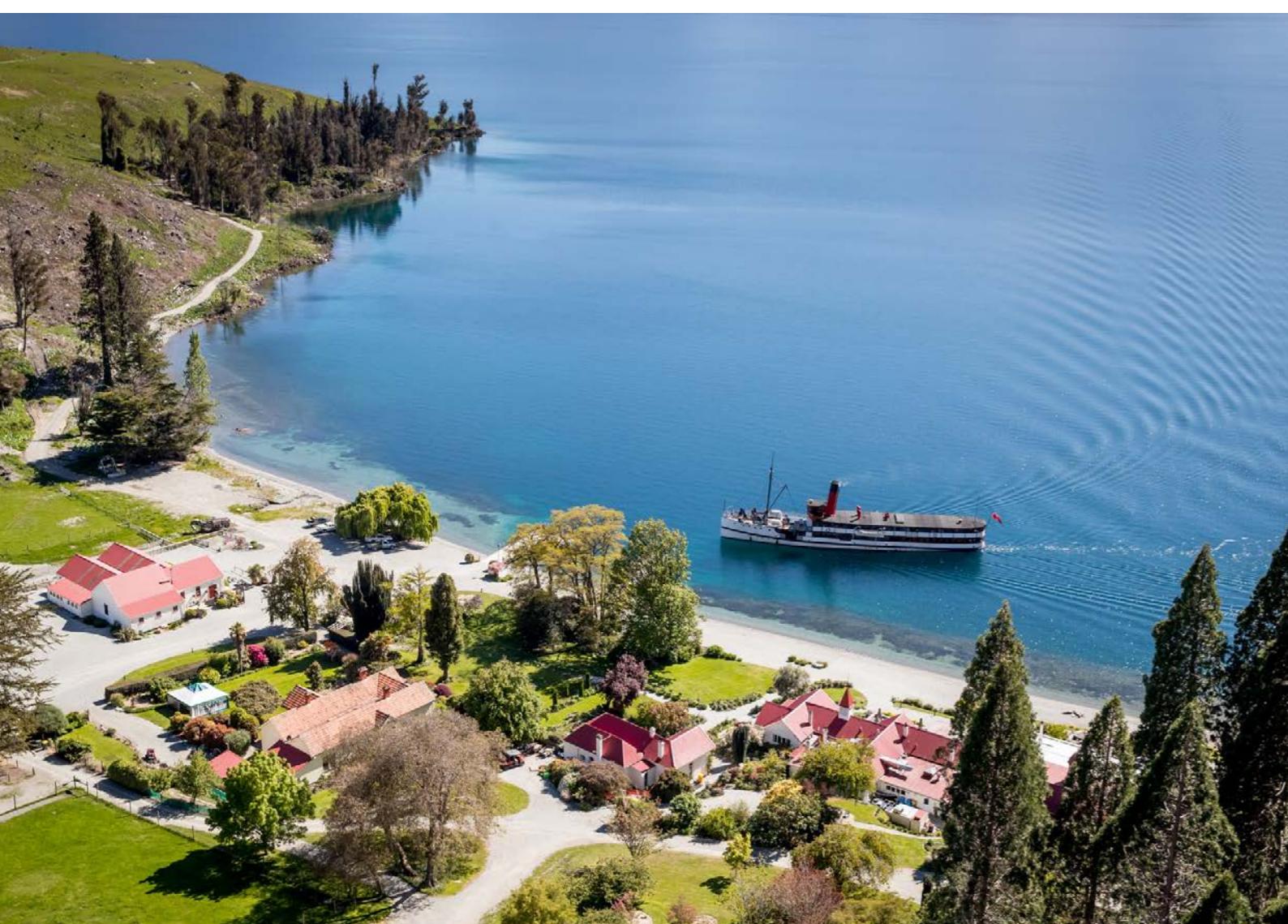
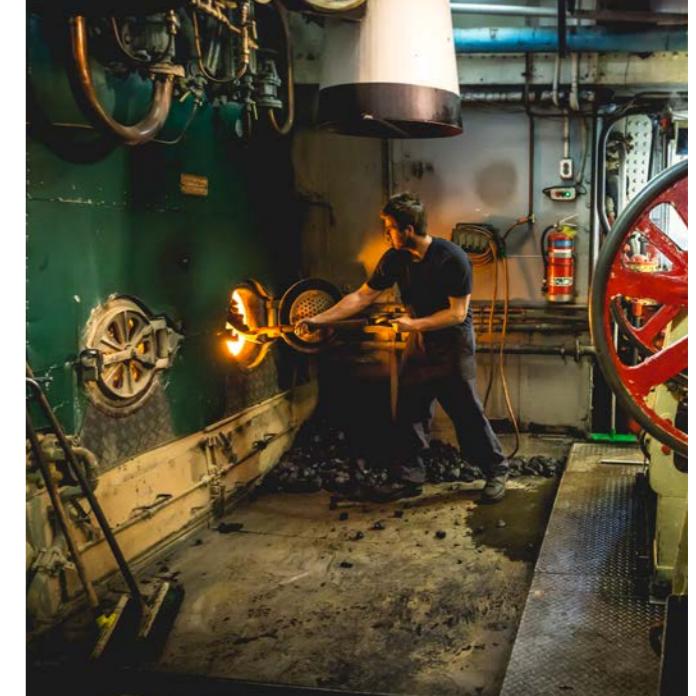
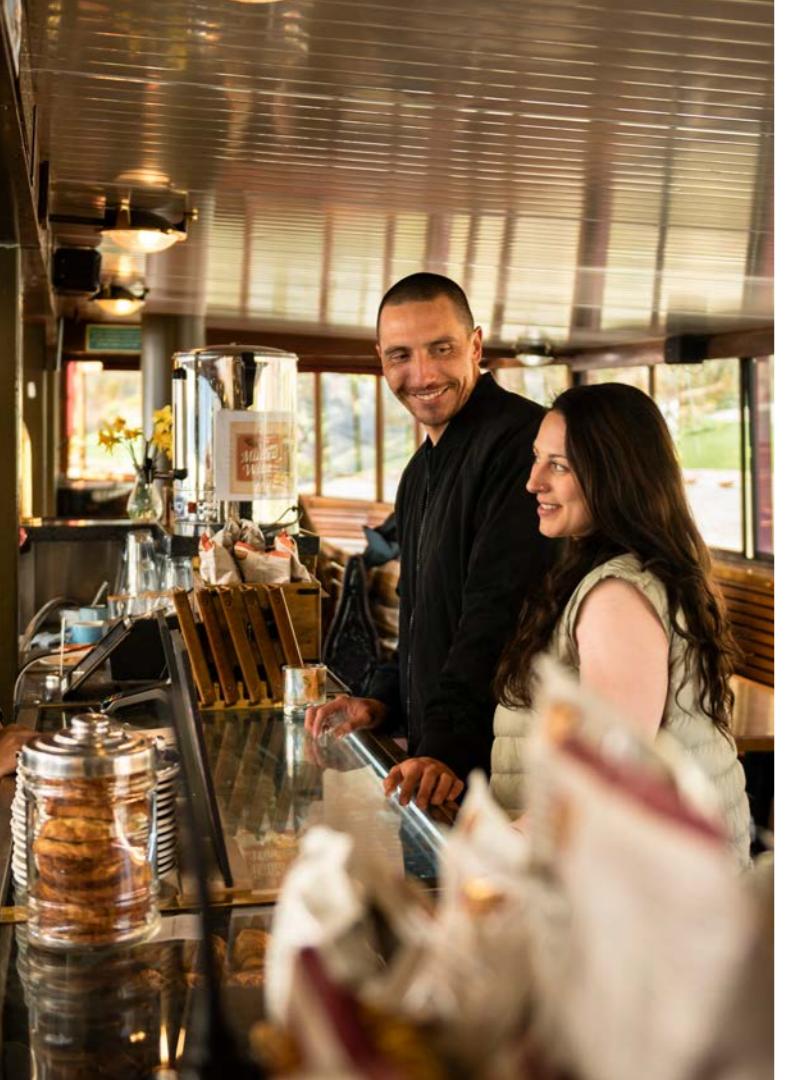
- 25-30 minute catamaran cruise across Lake Te Anau to the western shores
- At Cavern House, learn about the surrounding mountains, the cave network and Māori legends
- In small groups, explore the caves still being carved by the force of the river flowing through them.
- Led by an expert nature guide, learn about the formation of the caves
- View the limestone passages with whirlpools and underground waterfalls
- Board a small boat and drift into the grotto where clusters of glowworms glitter

Some crouching and bending is required at the entrance to the cave and steps are involved. Suitable for people aged 5+. Photography and filming is not permitted in the caves.



Whakatipu Waimāori Queenstown

- TSS Earnslaw Steamship Cruise
- Spirit of Queenstown Lake Cruise
- Walter Peak Gourmet BBQ Dining
- Walter Peak Farm Tour
- Walter Peak Eco Experience
- Walter Peak Horse Trek
- Queenstown Rafting



TSS Earnslaw Steamship Cruise

Departures

Year round*

A cruise on the lovingly nicknamed 'Lady of the Lake' is a great day for the whole family. Originally launched in 1912, a journey on this vintage vessel is a memorable trip back in time.

With over 100 years of steam-powered journeys under her belt, the TSS Earnslaw is believed to be the oldest passenger-carrying twin-screw steamer still operating in the Southern Hemisphere.

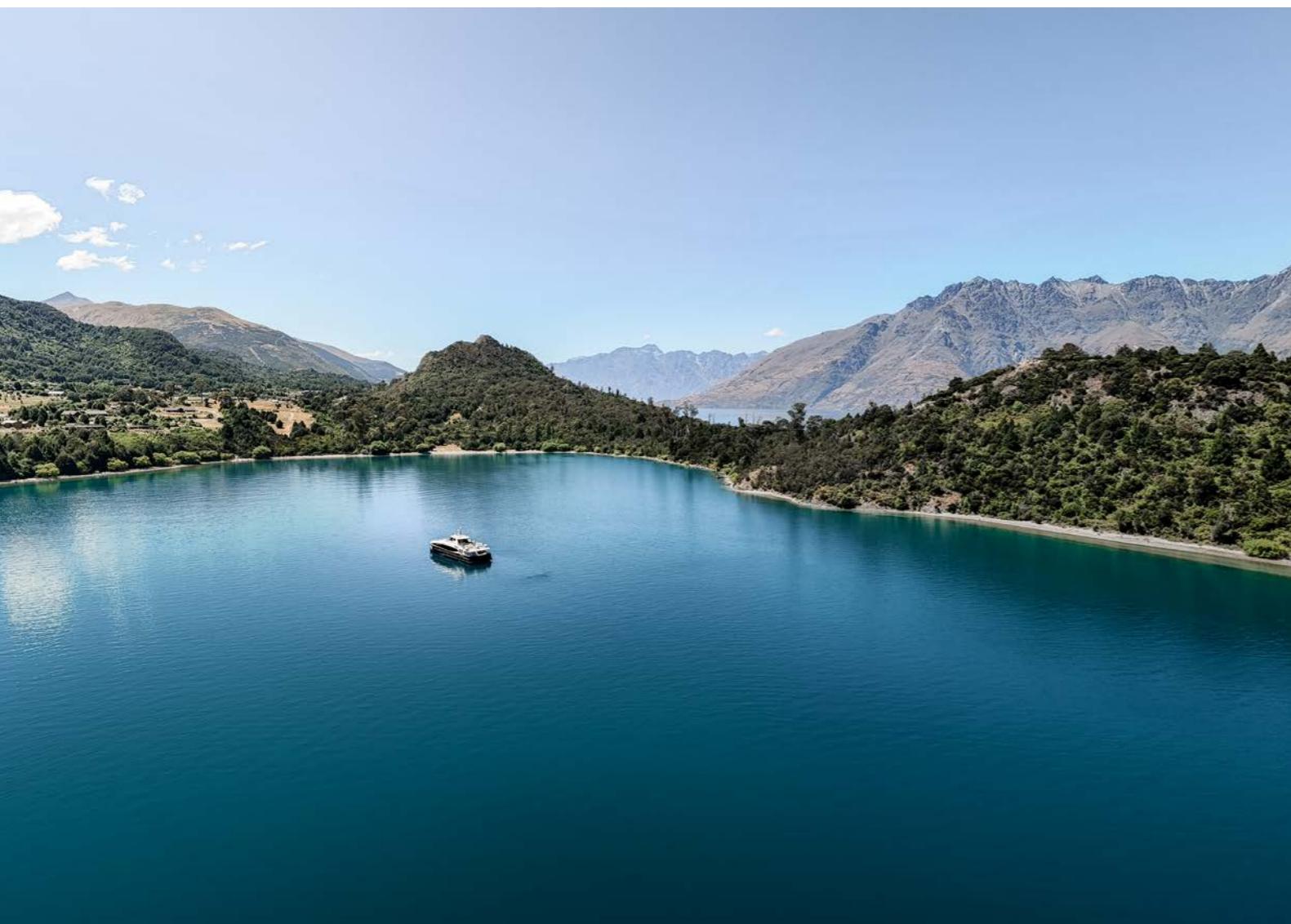
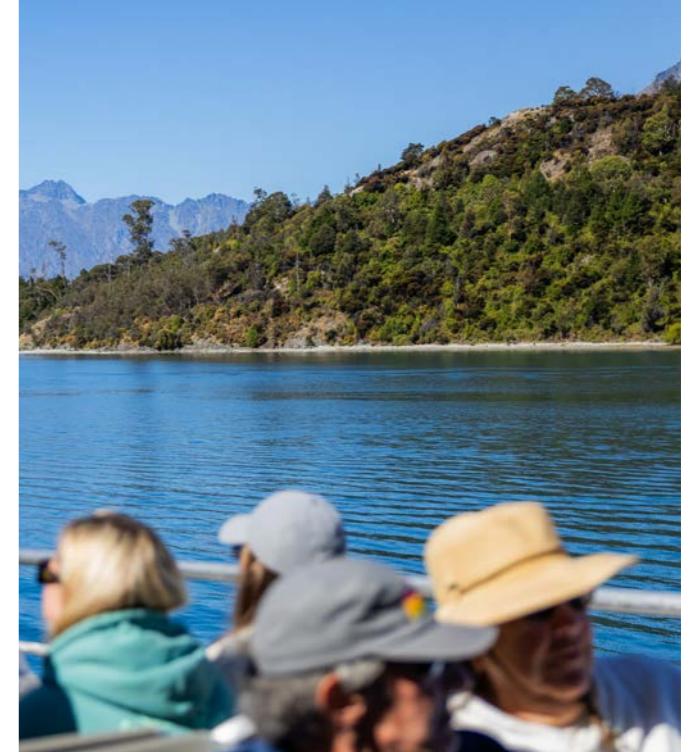
While you're cruising on a piece of history, you can soak in the stunning panoramic mountain views on the decks, watch as the stokers fuel and operate inside the engine room from the viewing platform, and learn about the history of the steamship in the on-board museum.

The TSS Earnslaw makes daily trips across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak High Country Farm. On arrival, stay on board, or upgrade to disembark and experience high-country farming life and delicious dining options.

Highlights

- Cruise across Lake Wakatipu onboard the iconic vintage steamship
- Explore the two spacious viewing decks and take in the spectacular scenery travelling to Walter Peak
- Watch the engine room in action from the viewing platform, with steam engines, glowing fireboxes, and coal stokers at work
- Step into the Fo'c'sle gallery, a personal museum of the boat's colourful past
- Enjoy delicious snacks and drinks available for purchase at the Promenade Café and licensed bar
- Onboard English commentary

*TSS Earnslaw will undergo annual maintenance during winter months when the cruise will not run.



Spirit of Queenstown Lake Cruise

Departures

December - March



Step aboard the Spirit of Queenstown for a relaxed, unhurried cruise on Lake Wakatipu. With panoramic open-deck views and a route that takes you across the lake towards Walter Peak High Country Farm, this truly is the best-value scenic cruise in Queenstown.

Enjoy uninterrupted views of the Southern Alps and explore the hidden gems of Lake Wakatipu as our skipper shares the area's rich history. Whether you're exploring with family, friends, or a loved one, this cruise is a must-do to see Queenstown's vistas in all their glory.

Highlights

- Queenstown's most affordable scenic lake cruise takes you further for less
- Relaxed 1 hour 30-minute cruise
- Take in uninterrupted panoramic views from our open-top deck
- Sit back and relax with snacks, hot drinks and cold beverages available from the onboard café and bar
- Upgrade to enjoy a cheese or charcuterie board
- Pause at Bob's Cove – a hidden gem with turquoise waters and native bush*
- Learn the lake's secrets with live commentary from your skipper
- Upgrade in advance to disembark at Walter Peak High Country Farm

*Cruise route is subject to weather conditions.



Walter Peak Gourmet BBQ Dining

Departures

Year round



Make a reservation at Queenstown's premium dining experience, and cruise across Lake Whakatipu to the shores of Walter Peak High Country Farm.

Enjoy the picturesque setting at our lakeside, colonial building. Grab a plate and feast on a selection of local and homegrown produce, from wood-fired meats and seasonal vegetables, to cheese, charcuterie, and fresh breads. Toast with a glass of local wine or craft beer and top it off with dessert, before heading over to the amphitheatre for our farm dog show.

Highlights

- Lunch or dinner buffet of local and homegrown produce at the Homestead Restaurant
- Lakeside dining on the shore of Walter Peak High Country Farm, with views of vibrant Queenstown
- Return scenic cruise across Lake Whakatipu
- Dinner and a show: relax after dessert with a skillful farm dog show
- Visit the High Country Gift Store to find the perfect keepsake
- Duration: 3 hours 30 mins - 4 hours

Your vessel

Select the vessel of your choice to cruise across Lake Whakatipu:

- **TSS Earnslaw** - the only vintage twin-screw passenger-carrying steamship in the Southern Hemisphere
- **Spirit of Queenstown** - modern catamaran with open-top deck and uninterrupted panoramic views

Both vessels will undergo annual maintenance during the winter months.



Walter Peak Farm Tour

Departures

Year round



Explore this working high country farm, providing a number of authentic experiences perfect for the curious traveller.

Situated on the picturesque shores of Lake Whakatipu, with a colonial homestead and beautiful lakeside gardens, Walter Peak High Country Farm is the perfect place to spend a relaxing few hours. Join one of our rural hosts for a walking tour of the farmyard, watch sheepdogs in action and enjoy a delicious, freshly baked afternoon tea.

Highlights

- Scenic 45-minute cruise across Lake Whakatipu onboard the historic TSS Earnslaw or the modern Spirit of Queenstown
- Hosted walking tour of the farmyard to watch and feed the friendly farm animals
- Be entertained by the farm dog sheep herding demonstration and seasonal sheep shearing in the amphitheatre
- Morning or afternoon tea freshly baked from the Homestead Kitchen
- Find a memorable souvenir to take home from the High Country Gift Store

Both vessels will undergo annual maintenance during the winter months.



Walter Peak Eco Experience

Departures

December - March

Take a scenic cruise across Lake Whakatipu to Walter Peak High Country Farm, one of Queenstown's most picturesque eco destinations.

Upon arrival, our friendly rural team will welcome you and guide you through the lush gardens, sharing insights about the locally grown produce and native plants. You'll also have the opportunity to plant a native tree, contributing to the area's ongoing conservation efforts, before relaxing with a high-country tea selection featuring homegrown and locally sourced treats.

Highlights

- Return lake cruise aboard the historic TSS Earnslaw or the modern Spirit of Queenstown
- Discover the expansive market garden and learn how fresh produce goes from garden to plate
- Learn about New Zealand's native wildlife and conservation efforts with an expert host
- Indulge in a high tea selection of homegrown and locally sourced treats
- Choose to stroll along the reforested peninsula and plant a native seedling or relax in the beautiful grounds





Walter Peak Horse Trek

Departures

October - April

Take in the sights when you take the reins of your adventure. Head off on a relaxing meander along the peninsula and through farmland, and create a holiday highlight.

Our experienced guide will take you on a horse trek across rolling high-country farmland to a spectacular lookout location with views of Lake Whakatipu and the surrounding mountains..

- Suitable for all abilities, including first-time riders
- Experience includes scenic cruise onboard the TSS Earnslaw or Spirit of Queenstown to Walter Peak Farm
- Small group size, personalised experience (six per guide)
- After the trek, enjoy morning or afternoon tea baked fresh from the Colonel's Homestead
- Scenic 40-minute horse trek across rolling country

Height and weight restrictions apply

Both vessels will undergo annual maintenance during the winter months.





Queenstown Rafting

Departures

November - March*

*October & April available on demand

Navigate rapids and brace for waves as you soak up the stunning scenery. There's a rafting experience for everyone, with two different rivers and three experiences to choose from.

Shotover River GRADE 3–5 RAPIDS

- Depart Queenstown and drive through the iconic Skippers Canyon towards the headwaters of the Shotover River
- Learn about the gold mining history and paddle between steep cliff walls as you raft Grade 3-5 whitewater rapids with expert rafting guides
- Raft through the famous 170m Oxenbridge tunnel
- Finish with a splash down Cascade Waterfall

Minimum age, weight and water competency required.

Kawarau River GRADE 2 – 3 RAPIDS

- Paddle and swim down grade 2-3 whitewater rapids
- New cliff-jumping section for adventure junkies (optional and weather dependent)
- Tackle the famous 400m Dog Leg rapid – the longest commercially rafted rapid in New Zealand
- Hot showers post-trip at the Rafting Base

Minimum age, weight and water competency required.



Jet to Raft – Kawarau River GRADE 2–3 RAPIDS

- Embark on the most seamless and iconic combo in town, and tick two of Queenstown's most thrilling water activities off your bucket list
- Jump on a 25-minute jet boat ride from Queenstown across Lake Wakatipu and onto the Kawarau River
- At the end of your jet boat journey, hop into rafts and paddle through Grade 2 – 3 rapids including the longest commercially rafted rapid in New Zealand – Dog Leg Rapid
- Enjoy spectacular scenery in 'The Lord of the Rings' filming locations, and options to swim and raft under the famous A J Hackett Kawarau Bungy Bridge
- This trip is ideal for first-time rafters or groups of mixed abilities and ages

Minimum age, weight and water competency required.



Rakiura Stewart Island

- Ferry Service
- Ulva Island Explorer
- Village and Bays Tour
- Wild Kiwi Encounter
- Wild Kiwi and Culture Encounter
- Guided Wilderness Walk



Stewart Island Ferries

Departures

Year round



Whether it's a day-long adventure or a multiple-day excursion, expect a complete island itinerary to experience the best Rakiura Stewart Island has to offer.

Located beyond the southern tip of New Zealand is Rakiura Stewart Island. Though this picturesque island is well off the beaten track, Oban, the only township on the island, is only 30 kilometres from Bluff, and about an hour's ferry ride away.

Most of Stewart Island's lush forest, rocky coastlines and creamy golden sand beaches are protected within the Rakiura National Park, which makes up a huge 85% of the island. This makes the secluded island one of New Zealand's ultimate eco-tourism destinations and a real adventure in nature.

Getting there

The daily ferry service travels across the Foveaux Strait between Bluff and Oban, Stewart Island.

Our ferry service uses comfortable catamarans, where along the journey, you can keep an eye out for wildlife, particularly seabirds such as the mollymawk and titi.

- Up to three departures per day during summer
- Up to two departures per day during winter
- Return coach connections available from Invercargill



Ulva Island Explorer

Departures

September - May

Enjoy a leisurely informative cruise into beautiful Paterson Inlet, viewing unspoiled beaches, hidden coves, and sea life before exploring Ulva Island Bird Sanctuary.

- Cruise on a catamaran into Paterson Inlet past coastal beaches
- On Ulva Island, enjoy a forest and beach walk with a local nature guide through the Island, home to weka, bush robins, rare saddlebacks and yellowheads amongst other rare and endangered species
- Ulva Island is also a protected habitat for some of New Zealand's rarest plant species
- Throughout the experience, keep a look out for sea birds, seals, sea lions, and penguins
- Picnic lunch option available for purchase

Suitable to link to the last ferry, so can be done in one day if preferred.





Village and Bays Tour

Departures
Year round

Explore Oban township and its surrounding bays with a local guide and enjoy the best introduction to Rakiura Stewart Island.

- Unspoiled, incredibly beautiful, and full of entertaining stories, Rakiura is worth a local's informal and entertaining introduction
- An insight into island life, discover the history and the integration of Māori, European and American cultures
- Time for short walks and photo stops throughout the tour, including a walk to the gateway of the Rakiura National Park at Lee Bay
- Enjoy the sights of Horseshoe Bay, the views from Observation Rock to Golden Bay, Paterson Inlet and Ulva Island



Wild Kiwi Encounter

Departures
October - April



Before the sun sets, embark on a sea cruise to spot marine life before disembarking at Little Glory Cove. Walk through beach and forest at night with our experienced nature guide, and try to find tokoeka (southern brown kiwi) by torchlight.

- At sunset, depart Oban for a sea cruise, searching for marine life around Stewart Island's smaller neighbouring islands
- At Little Glory Cove, walk with your nature guide across the peninsula and through coastal forest looking for kiwi by torchlight
- Arrive at a secluded sandy beach to look out for kiwi, and watch the celestial show above
- Enjoy an informative presentation on kiwi
- Departures are weather dependent

Suitable for ages 15 years and over. A level of fitness and sturdy shoes are required to navigate native and uneven bush trails in the dark.



Wild Kiwi and Culture Encounter

Departures

November - March

Embark on a one-of-a-kind adventure and explore Oneke as day turns to night. Listen to stories of the island's rich Maori and European history and culture, before searching for Rakiura tokoeka (Stewart Island brown kiwi) as night falls. Relax in the Whare (shelter) for a warming cup of cocoa, tea or coffee before your return cruise to Oban.

- Exclusive access to remote Oneke, "The Neck"
- Return cruise from Oban onboard comfortable vessel
- Guided walk along beaches and through forests as day turns to night
- Storytelling of Maori and European history and culture
- Listen for and spot kiwi by torchlight
- Enjoy a hot cup of cocoa, tea or coffee before departing
- Departures are weather dependent

Suitable for ages 15 years and over. A level of fitness and sturdy shoes are required to navigate native and uneven bush trails in the dark.



Stewart Island Guided Wilderness Walk

Departures

November - March

Available to charter year-round. Minimum numbers apply.

Embark on a guided small-group adventure to uncover the fascinating stories of Oneke, located on Rakiura Stewart Island.

Begin your experience with a short sea cruise to this secluded, special and remote area full of unique history, beautiful coastal landscapes, and native wildlife. Your local guide will take you along trails from regenerative bush to rugged beach, tell stories of the island's rich Māori and European history, and keep a lookout for native wildlife.

- Return sea cruise on a comfortable vessel
- Exclusive access to remote and secluded Oneke, 'The Neck'
- Half-day coastal and forest walk with a local guide
- Conservation stories and wildlife spotting
- Discover the unique Māori and European history of the area

Suitable for ages 15 years and over. A level of fitness and sturdy shoes are required to navigate native and uneven bush trails in the dark.



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Māunga Mountains

- Cardrona Alpine Resort Winter
- Cardrona Alpine Resort Summer
- Treble Cone



Cardrona Winter

Location

Allow 60-90 minutes from Queenstown
Allow 35 minutes from Wānaka

Season

June – October



Cardrona is now the biggest ski resort in New Zealand with 615ha of skiable terrain, including Soho Basin which opens this winter. Founded in 1980, Cardrona welcomes skiers and snowboarders of all ages and ability levels - from first timers and families, right through to professional athletes. It is renowned for wide, open slopes that are home to some of New Zealand's best learner facilities, and the Southern Hemisphere's most extensive terrain parks and halfpipes.

Why Cardrona?

- Consistently better snow conditions, thanks to our higher altitude and easterly facing basins
- McDougall's Chondola a chairlift featuring gondola cabins, making life easy for sightseers and first-timers. Ratio of 1:4 cabins:chairs
- One of New Zealand's largest Snow Sports Schools, helping beginners to advanced, and young to old, with private, group and premium lesson options available
- Four different terrain parks, two halfpipes and one Big Air jump, catering to everyone from those beginning in the parks through to professional athletes
- Leader in kids' facilities with childcare from 3 months to 14 years and lessons for under 5s
- A huge range of the latest ski and snowboard gear in our four rental locations - Wānaka, Queenstown, Cardrona and Treble Cone
- Effective bus transport from Queenstown and Wānaka, as well as free mountain shuttles
- Nine distinctly different cafés and restaurants, catering to all diets and appetites

New for 2025

- 150 hectares of terrain accessed by a new 6-seater express chairlift in Soho Basin
- Refurbished retail store and new purpose-built home for Noodle Bar with 140 additional seats
- T-bar lift in the Main Basin for faster laps of Big Bucks, Lil' Bucks, Gravity Cross and Racecourse
- Removal of capacity limitations and improved flexibility on riding both mountains

Mountain Statistics

- Highest lifted point: 1860 metres
- Longest run: 4.2 kilometres
- Skiable area: 615 hectares
- 615 hectares of wide, open, undulating terrain, steep chutes and world-class terrain parks. The mountain is:
 - 20% Beginner
 - 35% Intermediate
 - 25% Advanced
 - 20% Expert



Cardrona Summer

BIKE PARK
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Location

Allow 60 minutes from Queenstown
Allow 35 minutes from Wānaka

Season

Dec – Mar

As New Zealand's most popular ski area, there's even more to Cardrona Alpine Resort than the snowy season. When the snow melts in summer, experience the wide-open slopes in a whole different way.

Summer at Cardrona is known for its unique mountain biking and mountain carting experiences. Take on our vast network of downhill trails by bike, polish your skills with lessons, or let professional athletes throughout our summer events provide the entertainment.

If biking isn't your thing, try your hand at mountain carting. Have more fun on three wheels and cruise down our dirt trails on specially designed mountain carts. Cardrona is the only place in New Zealand to offer fun like this and is a great experience for the whole family.

Alternatively, catch a gondola cabin to the top of the mountain and take a relaxed wander through alpine meadows or dial it up and hike through the mountain. Finish with a sit-down on New Zealand's most scenic seat: our very own Cardrona swing.

Local accommodation is also available at The Brownston Wānaka – the perfect place to stay to make the most of summer in the Southern Lakes. The property boasts lake and mountain views, with comfortable modern facilities right in the heart of town.



Treble Cone

Location

Allow for 90-120 minutes from Queenstown
Allow 35 minutes from Wānaka

Season

June – September



Epic terrain meets breathtaking views

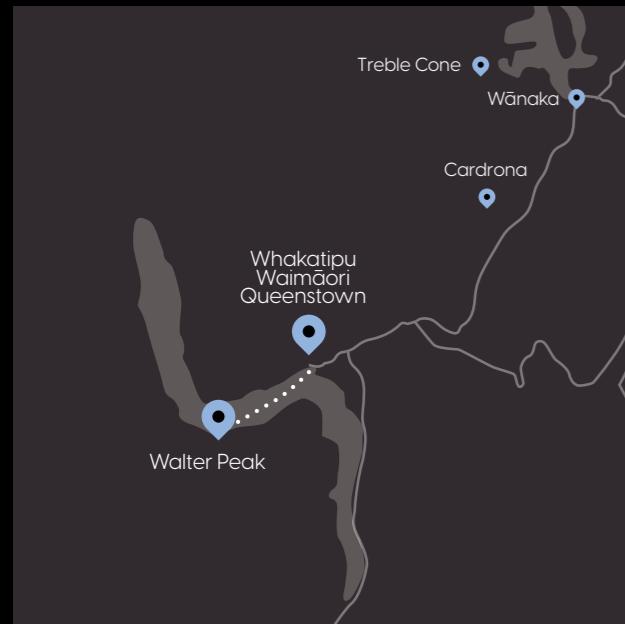
Treble Cone is the home of skiing in Wānaka, founded back in 1968 by local ski enthusiasts. It is the second largest ski area in the South Island in both terrain and vertical metres. Famed for its challenging steeps, natural halfpipes, and legendary off-piste terrain, Treble Cone sits firmly on the bucket lists of many intermediate and advanced skiers and snowboarders. Treble Cone is also home to one of the world's best skiing backdrops, with breathtaking views of Lake Wānaka and the Matukituki Basin.

Why Treble Cone?

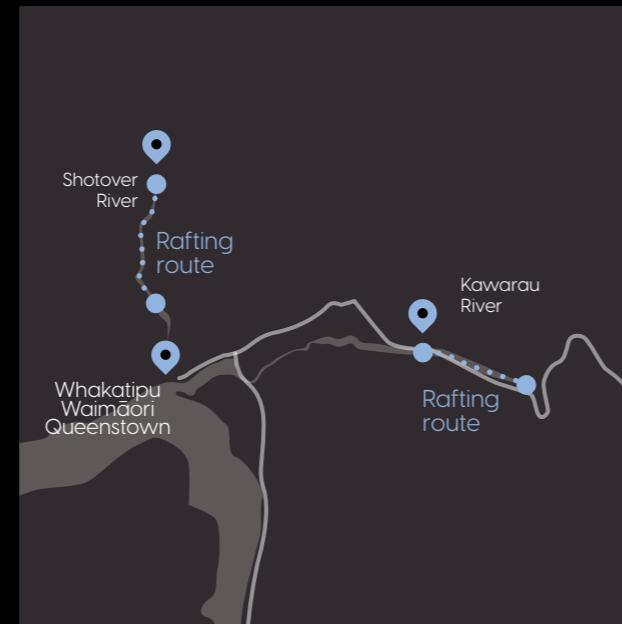
- The second biggest ski area in New Zealand's South Island, Treble Cone offers skiers and snowboarders 700 metres of vertical and 550 hectares of terrain
- Known for its long and uncrowded groomed runs, outstanding off-piste terrain, stunning views and consistent snow, Treble Cone is a must-do experience for skiers and snowboarders
- Stunning backdrop. It's not just the terrain that will take your breath away, the views out over the Southern Alps and Lake Wānaka will too
- Private lessons for all ability levels to take your skiing and riding to the next level including first timer packages
- A huge range of the latest ski and snowboard gear in our four rental locations, at our Wānaka and Queenstown ticket offices and on-mountain rentals
- A variety of delicious on-mountain dining options, barista coffee and a fully stocked bar featuring local craft beers
- Effective bus transport from Queenstown and Wānaka, as well as free mountain shuttles

Mountain statistics

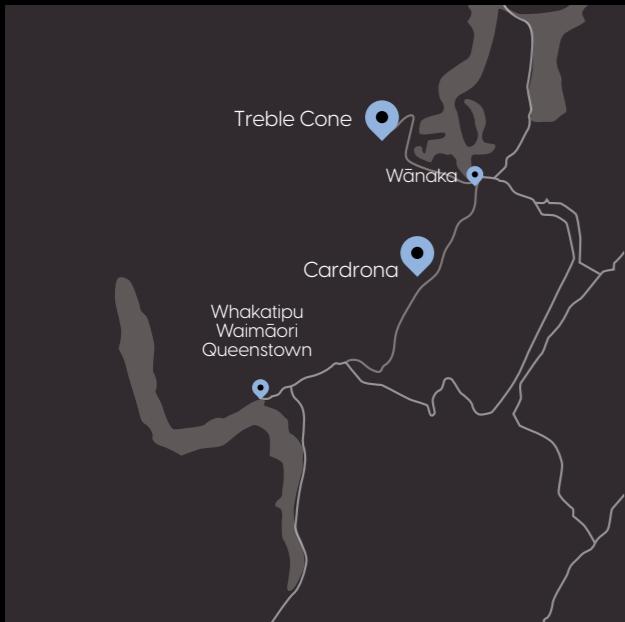
- Summit Elevation: 2088 metres
- Lift Elevation: 1960 metres
- Base Elevation: 1260 metres
- Longest Run: 4 kilometres
- 550 hectares of terrain:
 - 10% Beginner
 - 30% Intermediate
 - 40% Advanced
 - 20% Expert



Whakatipu Waimāori Queenstown and Walter Peak



Queenstown Rafting - Shotover and Kawarau Rivers



Cardrona Alpine Resort and Treble Cone



Rakiura Stewart Island



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