



Trade Manual

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Welcome to RealNZ

We create extraordinary experiences in the south of New Zealand, connecting guests with the power of nature and helping the world fall in love with conservation.

We understand that experiencing Aotearoa New Zealand's unique natural landscapes 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.

That spirit has been with us from the beginning. In 1954, Les and Lady Olive Hutchins started a small tourism company in Fiordland, sharing its wild beauty with visitors from around the world. Their belief was simple: when people truly experience remarkable places, they are more likely to love, respect, and protect them.

More than 70 years on, that belief still guides us. Our deep roots in these places come with a real responsibility to keep what matters alive: the landscapes, wildlife, heritage, and stories that give these places their meaning. We take responsibility for the places we operate in, leading conservation on the ground and embedding it into our business.

Today, we welcome guests into Ata Whenua Fiordland, Whakatipu Waimāori Queenstown, Rakiura Stewart Island, and Wānaka. We measure our success by what they leave with: a sense of wonder, a lasting connection to nature, and a stronger desire to protect it. That is what makes a journey with RealNZ as real as it gets.



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. 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.

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Keep it Real.

Keep it Real means keeping what matters alive – not just nature, but the heritage and stories that give it meaning.

For RealNZ, this is how we operate.

We take responsibility for the places we're part of – leading conservation on the ground and building it into our business. From predator control to species protection, our commitment is active and ongoing.

Every experience is designed to build connection and a deeper sense of responsibility for these places and further afield.

Why it matters for our partners

Working with RealNZ means aligning with a business actively protecting the environments your customers come to experience.

- Stronger stories to sell – Conservation adds depth, meaning and differentiation to every experience
- Real impact – Our work is hands-on, measurable and embedded in how we operate
- Future-focused – Protecting these places helps ensure their long-term appeal and viability

Together, we're not just bringing people here – we're helping keep these places real for generations to come.

10,000+
predators removed

since the start of our
trapping programmes

43,000+
native trees planted

across key sites at Walter Peak,
Cardrona and Treble Cone

\$260,000
raised in 2025

to help protect the critically
endangered pukunui
(Southern NZ dotterel)
on Rakiura Stewart Island

\$162,438
raised

for projects in Milford Sound,
Doubtful Sound and Walter
Peak through Wet Jacket Wines
"Putangi" bottle sales

**This year, we're raising funds
to help bring**

**kiwi pukupuku/
little spotted kiwi**

**home to Tamatea
Dusky Sound.**

Keep it Real.

Find out more about our
projects and how you can
contribute at
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Ata Whenua Fiordland

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Getting to Piopiotahi Milford Sound



Departing from
Queenstown
Te Anau

- Ergonomically designed seats are reclinable with air-conditioning
- Well-timed breaks with photo opportunities
- Experienced local drivers provide entertaining and informative English commentaries
- Modern coaches featuring spacious seating and a glass roof for unobstructed views 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

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





Piopiotahi Milford Sound Business Class

In collaboration with Altitude Tours

Departing from
Queenstown or Te Anau

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.

This is more than sightseeing; it's a deeply immersive, care-led encounter with the soul of Fiordland. Glide through ancient landscapes, hear stories passed down through generations, and savour a chef-curated tasting menu that captures the wild essence of the region. Every detail at every part of the journey, from thoughtful design to personalised hosting, is crafted to elevate the experience and create lasting connection.

Highlights:

- Small group size with dedicated host
- Travel in glass-roof Mercedes vehicles, custom-built for ultimate comfort with in-seat amenities and complimentary Wi-Fi
- Scenic stops in Fiordland National Park, handpicked for exceptional views and natural wonders
- Freshly baked morning tea and barista coffee in Te Anau
- Glass of Cloudy Bay Pelorus sparkling wine as you arrive in Milford Sound, followed by a seasonal five-course tasting menu inspired by Fiordland
- 2-hour cruise onboard our premium vessel, with reserved lounge seating, spacious viewing areas and design inspired by the landscapes and culture of Aotearoa
- 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

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

Step aboard for a welcoming glass of Cloudy Bay Pelorus 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 Cloudy Bay Pelorus 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

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.

Departing from
Milford Sound



Connections from Queenstown and Te Anau

Departures
Year round

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
- Select from Classic, Signature or Business Class cruises to perfectly match your clients' needs
- 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 family shared cabins with shared bathroom facilities





Pātea Doubtful Sound Wilderness Cruise

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:

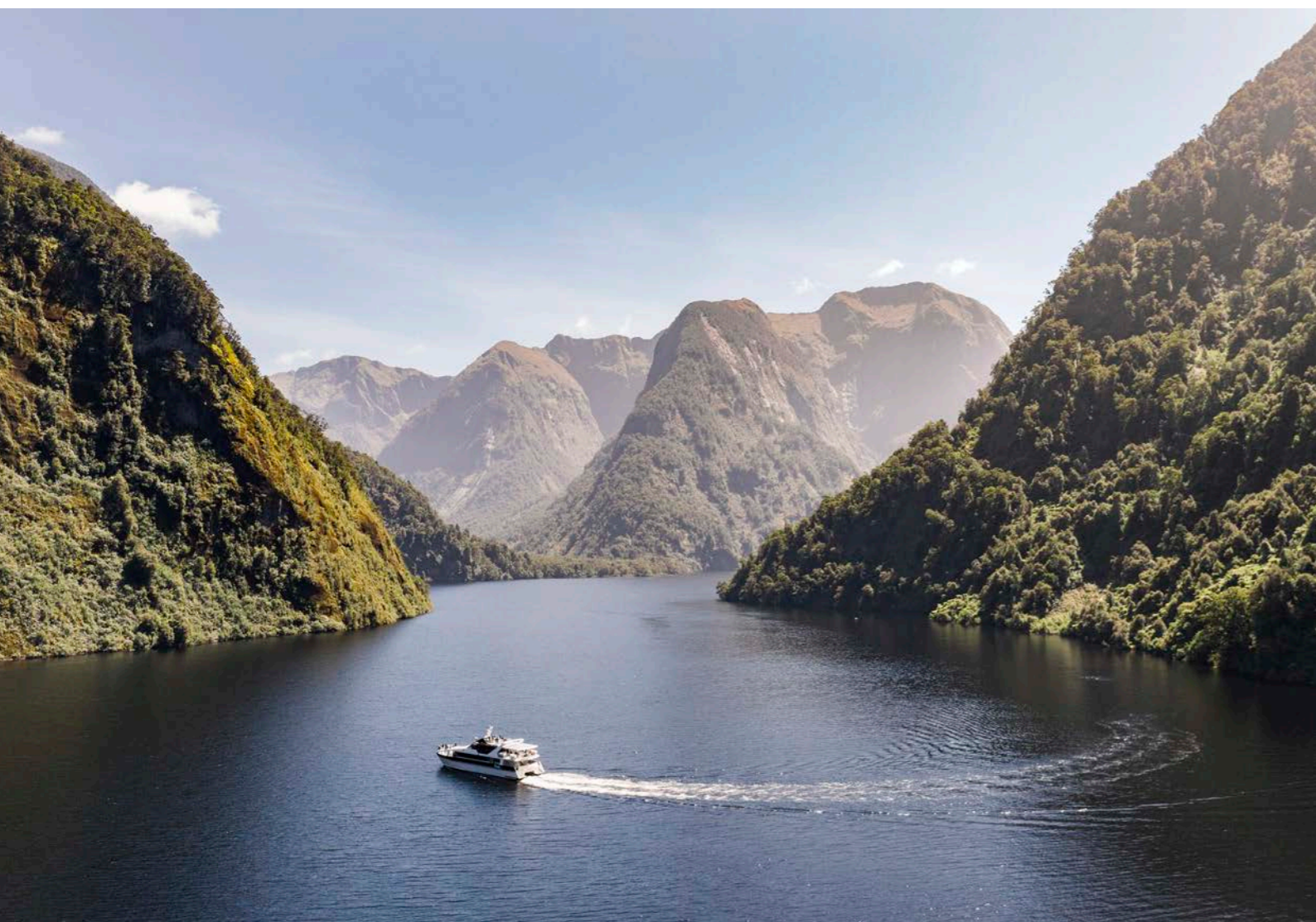
- A fiord three times longer, located in an area ten times larger than Milford Sound
- 45-minute cruise across island-studded Lake Manapouri
- 45-minute coach journey over Wilmot Pass, a 671-metre-high Southern Alps crossing through rainforest
- 2.5 hour cruise through a secluded fiord onboard a purpose-built 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

Departures

Year round from Manapouri



Connections from Queenstown and Te Anau





Pātea Doubtful Sound Overnight Cruise

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.

Departing from
Manapouri

Departures

One night cruise: September - April

Two night cruise: October, April, May, August



Connections from Queenstown and Te Anau

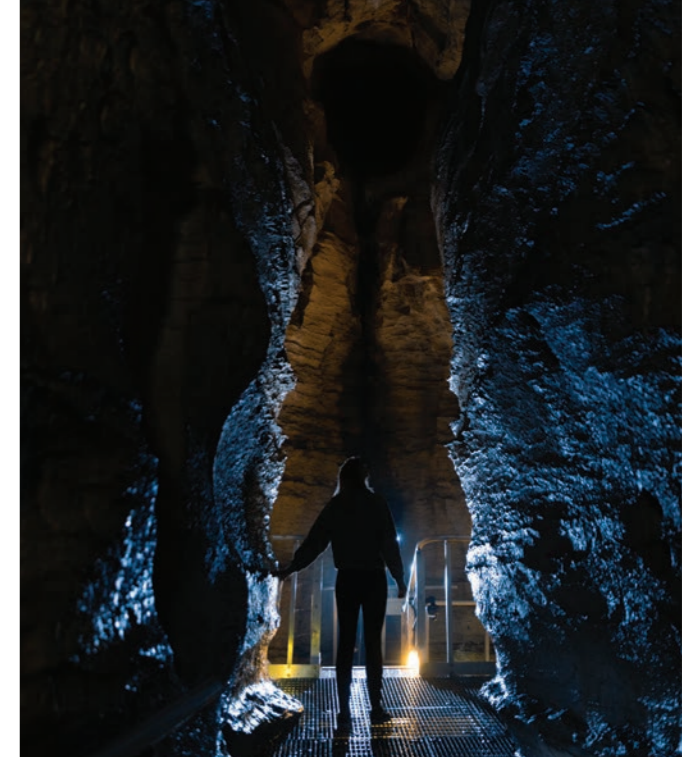
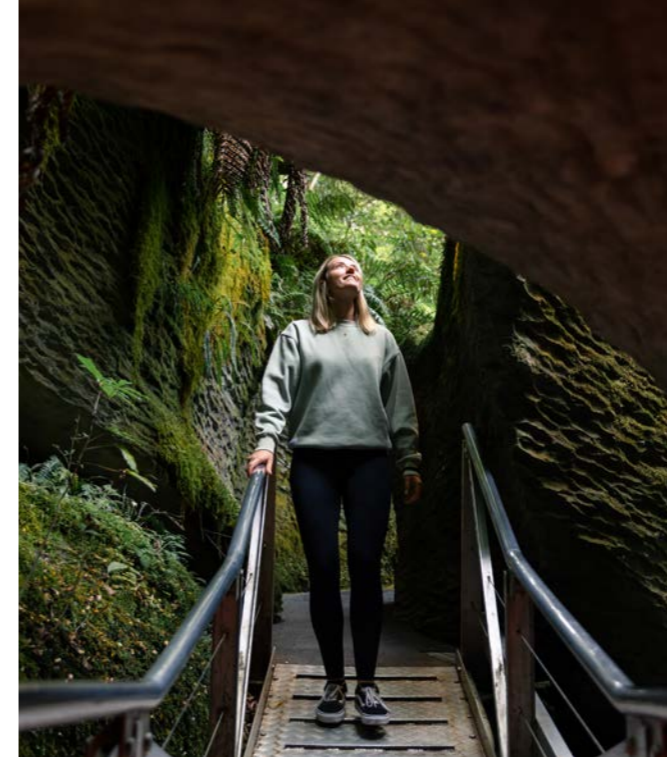
Highlights:

- 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

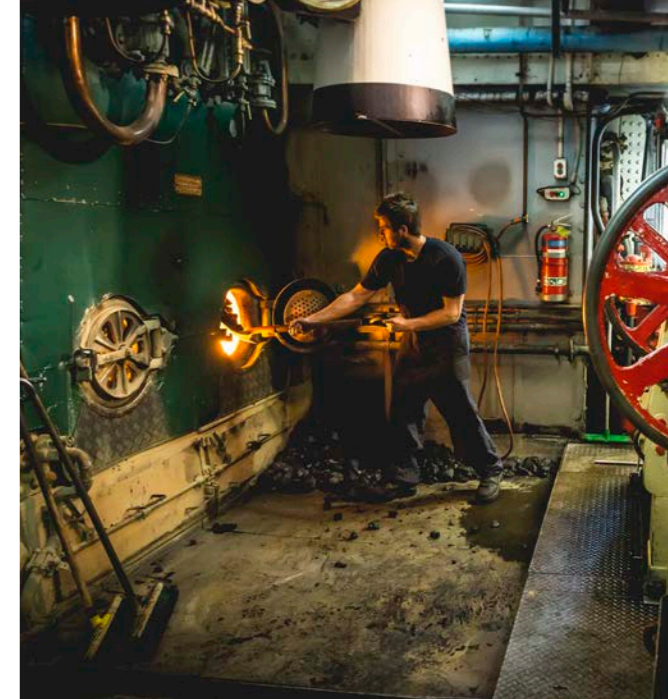
Some crouching and bending is required at the entrance to the cave and steps are involved. Suitable for people aged 5+. Photography and filming is not permitted in the caves. Check-in closes 5 minutes prior to departure.





Whakatipu Waimāori Queenstown

- TSS Earnslaw Steamship Cruise
- Spirit of Queenstown Lake Cruise
- Walter Peak Gourmet BBQ Dining
- Walter Peak Farm Tour
- Walter Peak Garden to Table 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 Whakatipu 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 Whakatipu 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

Step aboard the Spirit of Queenstown for a relaxed, unhurried cruise on Lake Whakatipu. 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 Whakatipu 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.

Departures
November - April

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

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.

Departures
Year round

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.

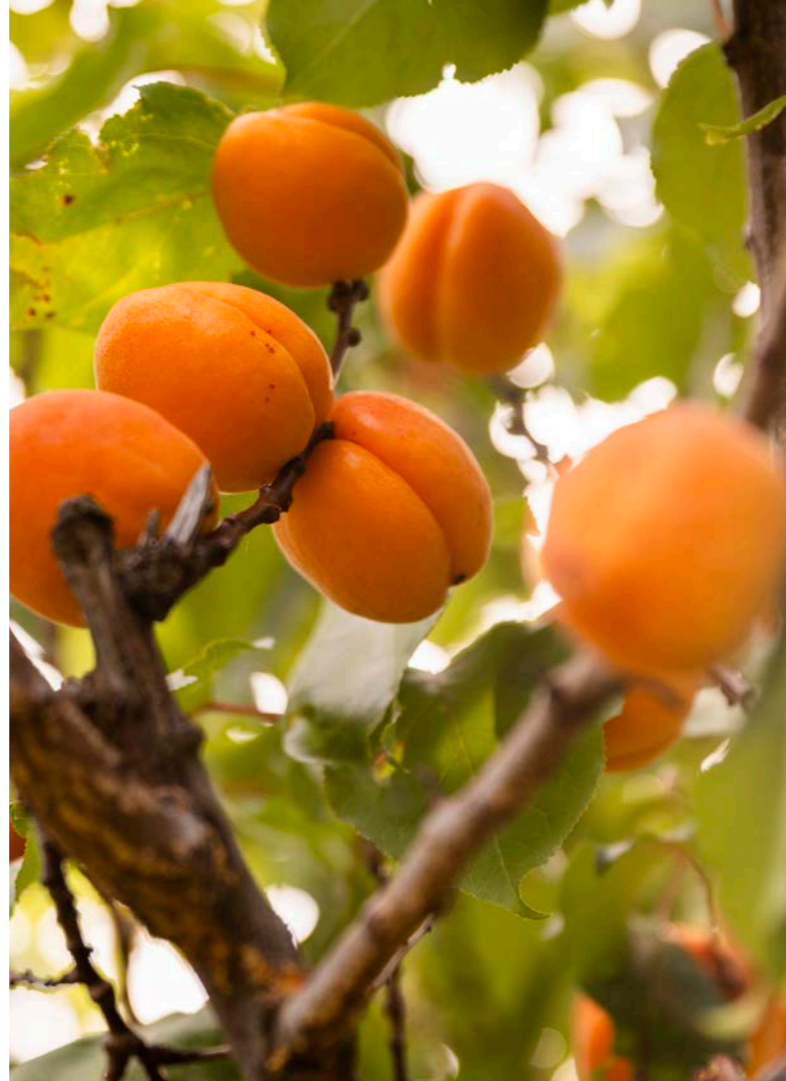
Situated on the picturesque shores of Lake Whakatipu, with a colonial homestead and beautiful lakeside gardens, Walter Peak High Country Farm is the perfect place to spend a relaxing few hours. Join one of our rural hosts for a walking tour of the farmyard, watch sheepdogs in action and enjoy a delicious,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

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

Upon arrival, the friendly rural team welcomes guests, guiding them through the beautiful gardens and sharing stories of Walter Peak's history. Wander the kitchen gardens and orchard to discover the locally grown produce and native plants, before relaxing at The Potting Shed with a high-country tea selection featuring homegrown and locally sourced treats. Guests are also invited to contribute to the area's ongoing conservation efforts by planting a native tree on the peninsula.

Departures
November - April

Highlights

- Return lake cruise aboard the historic TSS Earnslaw or the modern Spirit of Queenstown
- Discover the expansive gardens and sample fresh produce straight from the vegetable beds and orchard
- Learn about New Zealand's native wildlife and conservation efforts with an expert host
- Indulge in generous garden platters featuring homegrown produce and locally sourced treats
- 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
October - April

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 Whakatipu 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.





**Real
nz** **Rakiura
Stewart Island**

- Getting There
- Ulva Island Explorer
- Village and Bays Tour
- Wild Kiwi Encounter
- Wild Kiwi and Culture Encounter
- Guided Wilderness Walk
- Rakiura Day Trip



Getting to Rakiura Stewart Island

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 tītī.

- 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

Discover Ulva Island, a haven for rare and endangered species.

Cruise past unspoiled beaches and hidden coves before stepping ashore on Ulva Island with a local guide. Walk the forest and beach trails through one of New Zealand's most precious bird sanctuaries – home to saddlebacks (tīeke), yellowheads (mohua), Stewart Island robins (toutouwai), parakeets (kākāriki), and kākās, alongside some of the country's rarest plant species. Along the way, keep an eye out for seals, sea lions, seabirds, and penguins.

Departures
September - May

- Return coastal cruise on a catamaran to Ulva Island Birdlife Sanctuary
- 1.5 hour guided walk through native forest and sandy beaches
- Listen and look out for rare native birds - learning their calls and behaviour from your guide
- Spot marine wildlife during the cruise and on the island
- 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.

Join our friendly local guides on a comfortable mini-bus tour as they share their in-depth knowledge of the island's unique environment and heritage. With plenty of opportunities to step off the bus for short walks and photo stops, you'll fully immerse yourself in the wonders of this remarkable place.

- 1.5 hour guided journey on board a modern minibus
- Learn about Māori and European history whilst enjoying the natural beauty
- Local guides share informative and entertaining insights, stories and anecdotes
- Visit Lee Bay - the gateway to Rakiura National Park
- Enjoy the sights of Horseshoe Bay and views from Observation Rock to Golden Bay, Paterson Inlet and Ulva Island





Wild Kiwi Encounter

Experience Rakiura Stewart Island's remote coastline and native bush as day turns to night in search of the elusive Rakiura tokoeka (southern brown kiwi).

Before the sun sets, embark on a sea cruise along the coastline and past the smaller neighbouring islands, spotting marine wildlife as you go. Learn about behaviour, habitat and conservation of the Rakiura tokoeka from knowledgeable guides as you walk through forest and beaches by torchlight.

Departures
October - April

- Return evening cruise on a comfortable vessel
- Look for native wildlife on the water and on land
- Informative presentation on Rakiura tokoeka
- Guided walk through coastal forest and sandy beaches
- Guided nocturnal viewing of wild Rakiura tokoeka
- 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

Explore Oneke, "The Neck" – a place of deep cultural significance, beautiful coastal landscapes, and wild Rakiura tokokeka (southern brown kiwi).

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 as night falls. Relax in the Whare (shelter) for a warming cup of cocoa, tea or coffee before your return cruise to Oban.

Departures

November - March

- Return evening cruise on a comfortable vessel
- Exclusive access to remote Oneke, "The Neck"
- Guided walk along beaches and through forests as day turns to night
- Storytelling of Maori and European history and culture
- Guided nocturnal viewing of wild Rakiura tokoeka (Stewart Island Brown Kiwi)
- 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.

Walk the wilderness of Oneke, "The Neck", with local guides who bring to life the layered history of this remote, culturally significant corner of Rakiura Stewart Island.

Cruise along the coastline from Oban to Oneke, where this small-group, guided walk begins. Explore coastal and native bush trails with local guides sharing stories of Rakiura Māori and European history, early settlement, and connections to the land. Experience native wildlife, learn about traditional plant use, and witness ongoing conservation and restoration efforts, all framed by a formal whakatau (Māori welcome) at the start of the journey.

- Return sea cruise on a comfortable vessel
- Exclusive access to remote and secluded Oneke
- 3-hour coastal and native bush 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.



Rakiura Stewart Island Day Trips

New for this year, these experiences are designed to help guests slow down, look closer, and notice more. With a full day to explore the island at a relaxed pace, guests leave having truly connected with its native wildlife, landscapes, and stories.

There are two day trip options to choose from, both begin and end with a ferry trip across the Foveaux Strait, looking out for mollymawks (albatross) and dolphins. Both are designed to go beyond sightseeing – offering a more intimate connection with Rakiura.

Departing from
Bluff

Duration
8 hours

Departures
Summer season



Connections from Invercargill

Option 1: Canopy + Sanctuary

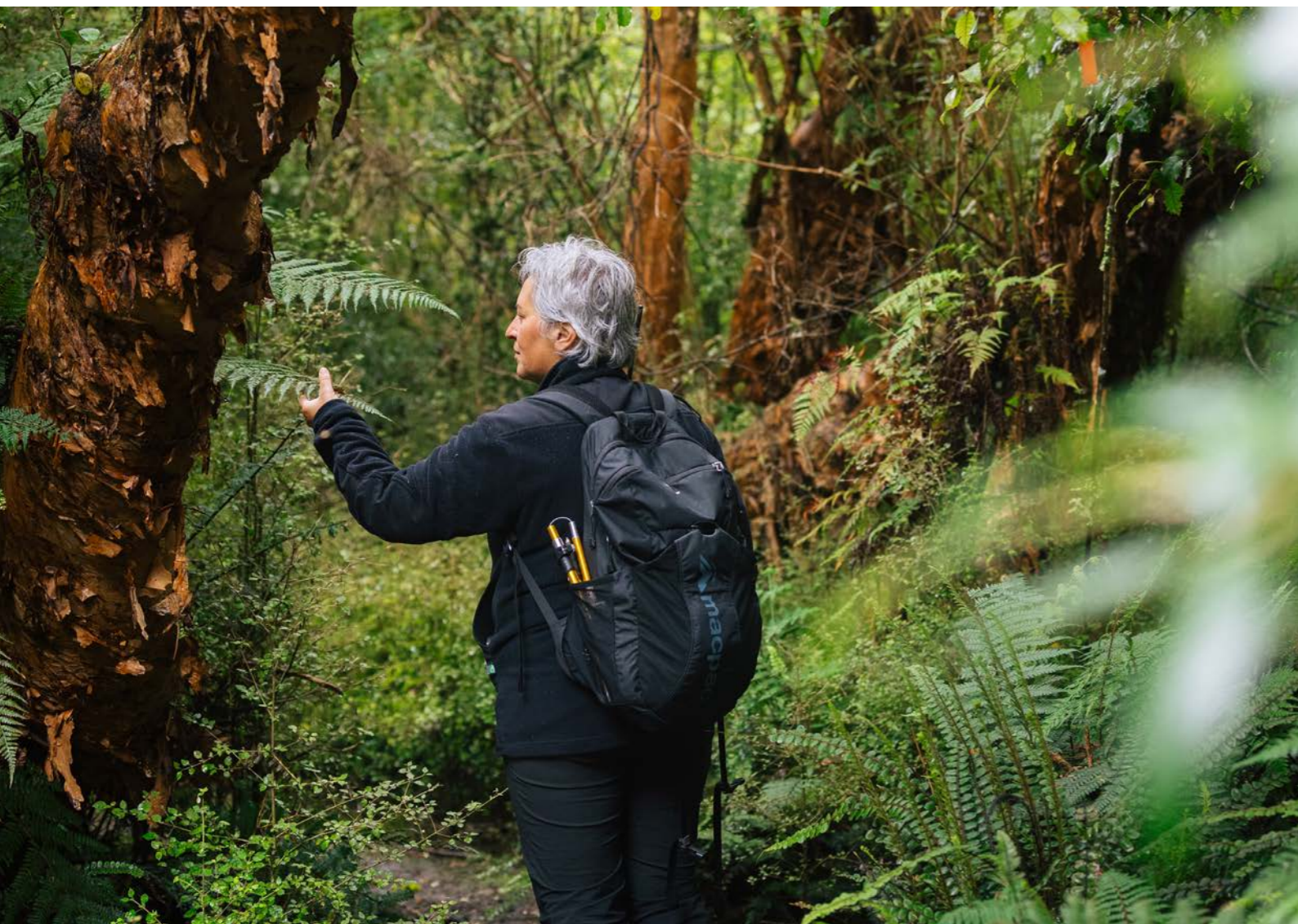
- **Village & Bays Tour:** Learn the rich Māori and European history of the island whilst visiting beautiful and significant viewpoints around the settlement of Oban
- **Ulva Island Explorer:** Venture beneath the canopy of Ulva Island's ancient forest looking and listening for rare native birds in the protected sanctuary

Option 2: Coast + Culture

- **Guided Wilderness Walk:** Discover the wilderness and layered history of Oneke on a guided coastal and native bush walk through this remote, culturally significant headland.
- **Village & Bays Tour:** Learn the rich Māori and European history of the island whilst visiting beautiful and significant viewpoints around the settlement of Oban

What's Included

- Return ferry from Bluff to Oban on board purpose-built catamaran
 - Departs Bluff 9:15am
 - Departs Oban 4pm
- 2 x RealNZ experiences with knowledgeable local guides
- Picnic lunch served in dedicated indoor or outdoor area with harbour views



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- Cardrona Alpine Resort Winter
- Cardrona Alpine Resort Summer
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Cardrona Winter

Location

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

Season

June – October

Cardrona is the biggest and best* ski resort in New Zealand with 615ha of skiable terrain across six basins, including the newly opened Soho Basin. Founded in 1980, Cardrona welcomes skiers and snowboarders of all ages and ability levels - from first timers and families to advanced skiers and 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.

*Voted NZ's Best Ski Resort at the World Ski Awards 2025

Why Cardrona?

- Consistently better snow conditions, thanks to our higher altitude and easterly facing basins
- One of New Zealand's largest Snow Sports Schools with private, group and premium lesson options available for all abilities
- Leader in kids' facilities with childcare from 3 months to 14 years and lessons for under 5s
- Learner-friendly with two magic carpets and 'McDougall's Chondola' - a chairlift featuring gondola cabins - making it easy for beginners and sightseers to get up the mountain
- Four terrain parks, two halfpipes and one Big Air jump, catering to everyone from those beginning in the parks through to professional athletes
- A wide range of the latest ski and snowboard gear available to rent
- Purpose-built retail store on the mountain for gear, clothing, accessories and gifts
- Nine distinctly different cafés and restaurants, catering to all diets and appetites
- Effective bus transport from Queenstown and Wānaka, as well as free mountain shuttles from the bottom of the road

New for 2026

- **Soho Basin:** extensive additional snowmaking infrastructure for greater snow reliability and four new groomed trails
- **Base area upgrades:** an internal walkway from ticket office to atrium, and a heated, sealed courtyard to improve guest comfort off the slopes
- 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
- Terrain by ability:
 - 20% Beginner
 - 35% Intermediate
 - 25% Advanced
 - 20% Expert



Cardrona Summer

BIKE PARK
CARDRONA

Location

Allow 60 minutes from Queenstown
Allow 35 minutes from Wānaka

Season

Dec – Mar

Mountain Biking

Take on our vast network of downhill trails by bike, polish your skills with lessons, or watch the professionals compete in events throughout summer.

- Ride high-altitude terrain with lift-accessed trails at 1860m
- Descend 345m on mountain bike trails
- Take on the 10km long peak to pub downhill trail
- Beginner to advanced level, flow and technical trails

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 it's a great experience for the whole family.

- As many uplifts as you want for two hours
- 3km of mountain cart trails, three trails to choose from
- Relax in the the base area with drinks, treats and epic views

Walking and Sightseeing

Catch a return 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.

- 360-degree views of the Southern Alps, including Queenstown and Lake Whakatipu
- Access to four walking trails
- Sit on the picture-perfect Cardrona Swing
- Catch a return gondola to the base if sightseeing only

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's the second biggest resort in the South Island, with the longest groomed run, the most vertical metres and unrivalled views over Lake Wānaka and the Southern Alps. Famed for its challenging steep slopes, natural halfpipes, and legendary off-piste terrain, Treble Cone sits firmly on the bucket lists of many intermediate and advanced skiers and snowboarders. It's also an excellent place to learn, with quiet beginner slopes and expert instructors on hand.

Why Treble Cone?

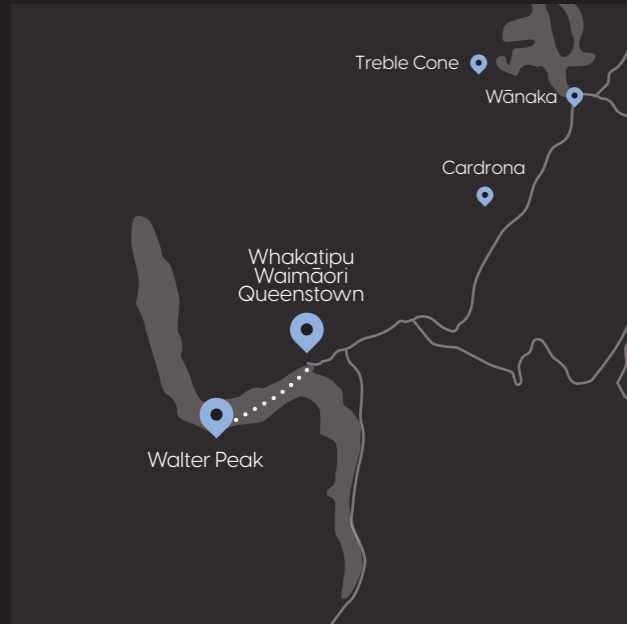
- The second biggest ski area in New Zealand's South Island with 700m of vertical and 550ha of terrain
- Terrain for all abilities from uncrowded groomed slopes to steep challenging chutes
- Group and private lessons for all abilities, including first-timer packages, to take your skiing and riding to the next level
- A variety of delicious on-mountain dining options, barista coffee and a fully licensed bar featuring local craft beers
- A wide range of the latest ski and snowboard gear available to rent
- On-mountain retail store for clothing, accessories and gifts
- Effective bus transport from Queenstown and Wānaka, as well as free mountain shuttles from the bottom of the road



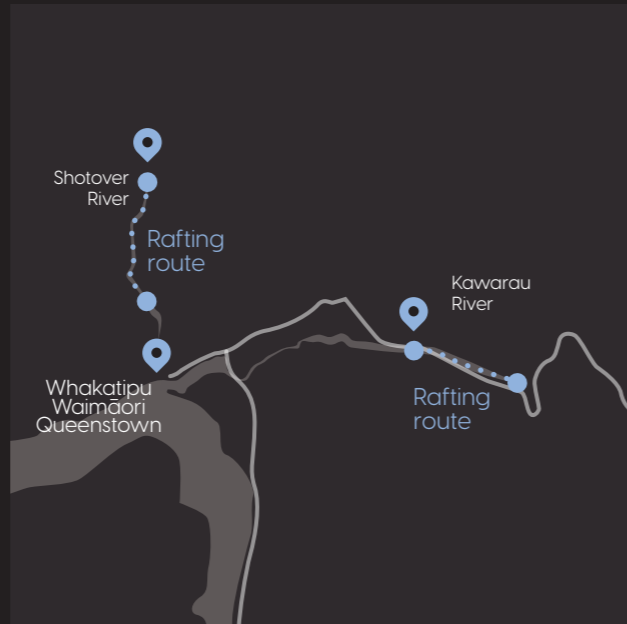
Mountain statistics

- Summit Elevation: 2088 metres
- Lift Elevation: 1960 metres
- Base Elevation: 1260 metres
- Longest Run: 4 kilometres
- Terrain by ability:
 - 10% Beginner
 - 30% Intermediate
 - 40% Advanced
 - 20% Expert

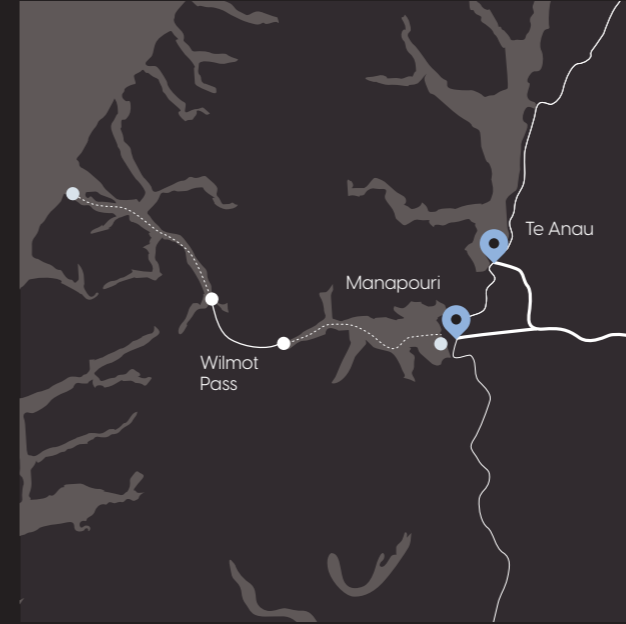




Whakatipu Waimāori Queenstown and Walter Peak



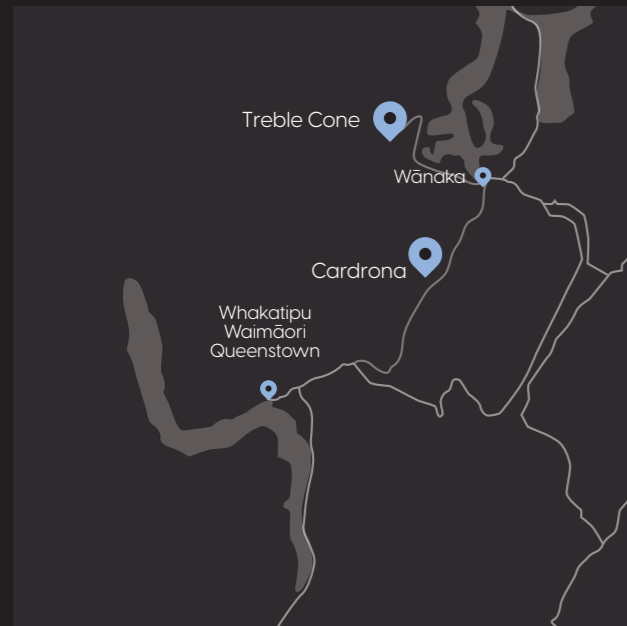
Queenstown Rafting - Shotover and Kawarau Rivers



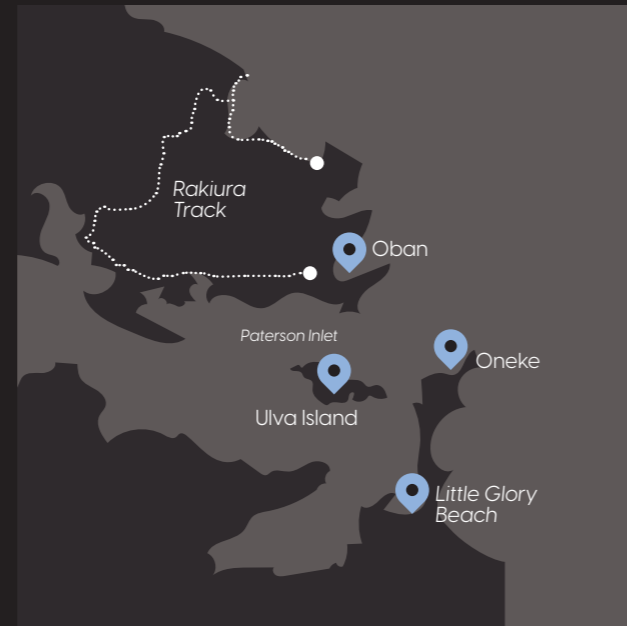
Doubtful Sound - Manapouri to Doubtful



Milford Sound Journey from Queenstown



Cardrona Alpine Resort and Treble Cone

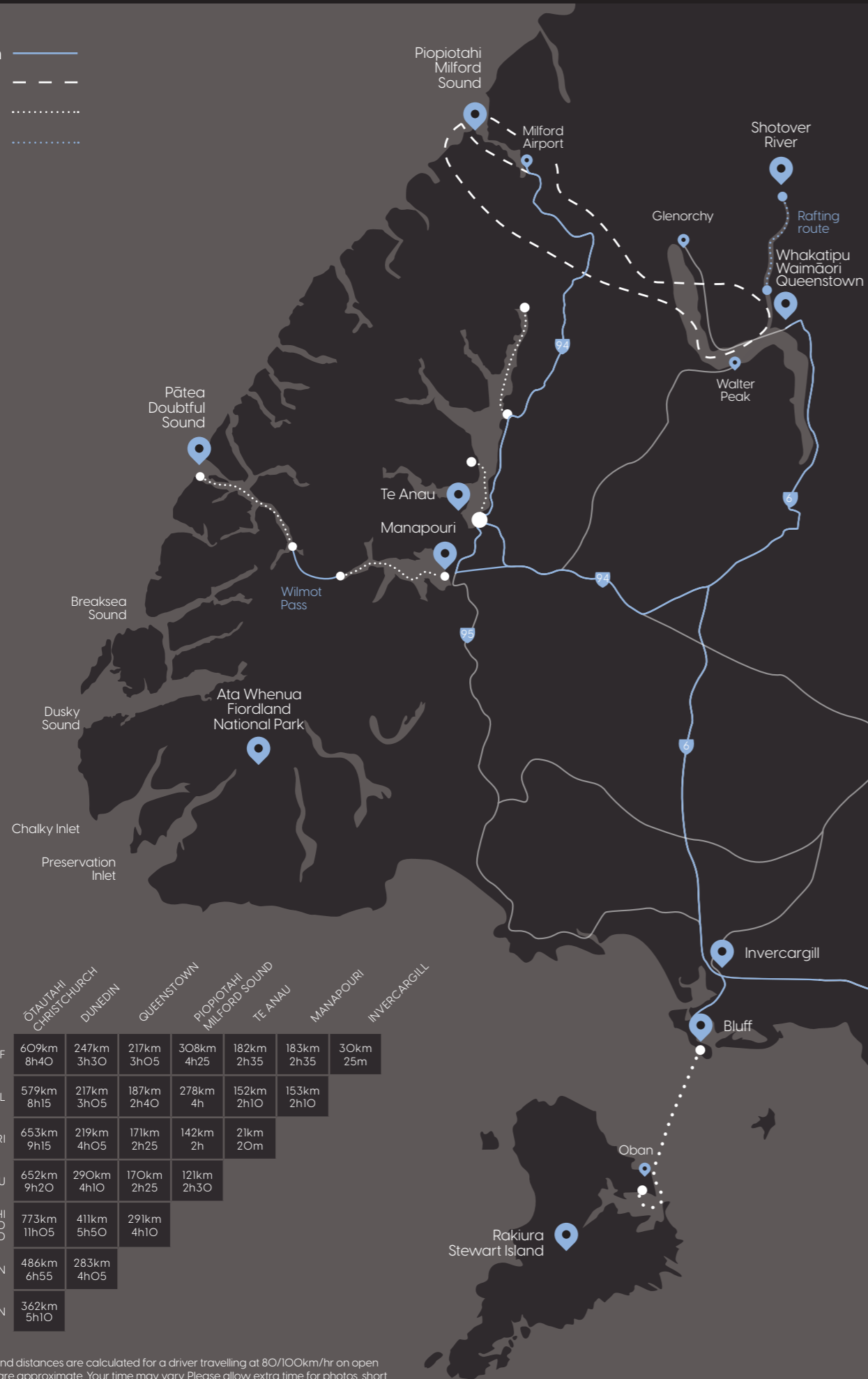


Rakiura Stewart Island



Milford Sound - Day Cruises
(subject to weather)

- 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.





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