

## South Island Snow Safari Tour – 7 days/ 6 nights Christchurch/ Queenstown

Price: From NZ\$1,999 per person

If you've been looking for an epic guided snow tour in New Zealand, stop your search! Whether you're new to the snow or an experienced snow hound, we have it all right here packaged up for you. Our expert guides will take you across the South Island's best ski towns: Christchurch, Lake Tekapo, Ohau, Wanaka and Queenstown.

### Included in this journey:

We provide everything you need for the ultimate, stress-free week on the snow in New Zealand:

- ✓ All transport and mountain transfers
- ✓ 6 x lift passes to 6 different mountains
- ✓ Expert tour manager
- ✓ Small group of 16 passengers max
- ✓ 6 nights high-end hostel accommodation (dorm share as standard)
- ✓ Breakfasts

### Day 1: CHRISTCHURCH TO LAKE TEKAPO - MOUNT HUTT

Kia Ora and welcome to Christchurch! Your tour starts bright and early at 6am, so we promise no cheesy introductions! With a whole day on the slopes ahead of us, we waste no time driving to Mt Hutt. On the way, your guide will make a stop at the ski/board hire shop to collect any equipment required.

Located high in the Southern Alps, Canterbury's Mt Hutt Ski Area receives some of the lightest and driest powder in Australasia. A big mountain (365 skiable hectares) with great terrain, this ski field is an awesome winter experience for first timers and seasoned powder hounds.

There are plenty of adrenalin-pumping black diamond runs on the South Face, presenting extreme skiers and boarders with as many different challenges as they can handle. The wide, open trails provide easy learning for novice skiers and excellent terrain to build on your existing skills. Tonight, we overnight at beautiful Lake Tekapo.

INCLUDED: Breakfast | Lift Pass

### OPTIONAL ADD-ONS

- Ski + poles hire (choice of standard or premium equipment)
- Board + boots hire (choice of standard or premium equipment)
- Clothing hire (jacket + pants, also available individually)
- Beginner or novice lessons (each includes 2 x 2 hour lessons)
- Helmet hire

### SLOPE INFO

#### Mt Hutt

Levels: 25% Beginner, 50% Intermediate, 25% Advanced

Height: 2075m

Vertical: 683m

Skiable Area: 365ha

## Day 2: LAKE TEKAPO TO WANAKA - OHAU/MT DOBSON/ROUNDHILL

Today we take you to Ohau, a remote ski field that can be found midway between Christchurch and Queenstown.

Ohau caters for all abilities, with snow ratings of 20% beginner, 50% intermediate and 30% advanced. From the highest point of 1825m, there is a 400m vertical fall to the base via 'The Boulevard', which is a wonderful ride for beginners on a safe, groomed trail as wide as a highway. Intermediates can choose the zig-zag 'Luge', and experts can push the limits on the 'High Traverse' and 'Escalator'.

Ohau can offer exquisite dry powder snow and epic terrain – and will get you away from the tourist trail to experience an awesome range of ski fields.

Day 2 also has alternative field options in order to make sure that all experience levels are catered for, with Mount Dobson and Roundhill also offering amazing skiing and boarding.

In the evening we drive to Wanaka, ready to start Day 3 bright and early.

INCLUDED: Breakfast | Lift Pass

### SLOPE INFO

#### Ohau

Difficulty: 20% Beginner, 50% Intermediate, 30% Advanced

Height: 1825m

Vertical: 400m

Skiable Area: 125ha

## Day 3: WANAKA - TREBLECONE

Treble Cone lies within the heart of the Southern Alps, with amazing views across the beautiful lakeside town of Wanaka.

It is also the largest ski area in the South Island with plenty of varied terrain. Spread over three large basins, there are trails to suit all ages and abilities. For those newer to snow sports, there is a purpose-built learner area and long, groomed beginner and intermediate trails. And for the more experienced skiers and boarders, there are numerous natural half pipes on the upper mountain as well as challenging advanced runs and ungroomed powder. Treble Cone is notable for its Home Basin Express chairlift, so you can enjoy more runs per day than anywhere else. The saddle quad chair lift offers the highest lift-accessed terrain, longest groomed intermediate runs, and highest vertical drop in the South Island.



Renowned for dry powder and plenty of it, Treble Cone receives an average annual snowfall of 5.5m and has an average maximum snow depth of 3.25m. Its proximity to the Southern Alps means reliable snow conditions and weather, and just as importantly, its geography means it is protected from the bitterly cold southerly winds. In the evening, Wanaka is an après-ski haven, with a huge number of places to dine, drink and dance the night away.

INCLUDED: Breakfast | Lift Pass

#### **SLOPE INFO**

##### **Treble Cone**

Levels: 10% Beginner, 45% Intermediate, 45% Advanced

Height: 1960m

Vertical: 700m

Skiable Area: 550ha

#### **Day 4: WANAKA TO QUEENSTOWN - CARDRONA**

Cardrona is renowned among skiers and boarders for inspiring terrain and dry natural snow. With 345 hectares of wide, undulating trails, open slopes, steep chutes and awesome terrain parks, there's something here for all to enjoy.

A wide area of the mountain is serviced by chair lifts, so access is easy. Cardrona's three basins offer wide-open spaces and a mixture of terrains that are suitable for snowboarders and skiers of all abilities. On-mountain facilities include five cafes, a shop, hire facilities and a workshop.

With over 20 national and international skiing and snowboarding events held at Cardrona each year, it's definitely one of the top mountains in New Zealand.

INCLUDED: Breakfast | Lift Pass | Dinner

#### **SLOPE INFO**

##### **Cardrona**

Levels: 25% Beginner, 50% Intermediate, 25% Advanced

Height: 1860m

Vertical: 600m

Skiable Area:



### **Day 5: QUEENSTOWN**

Today we catch our breath and see Queenstown, take part in some adventure activities, or go heli-skiing. You are welcome to hit the slopes again but your lift pass for today is not included in the tour price.

If you can't bear to be away from the snow for a day, there are a number of highly recommended heli-ski options. These will take you to untouched powder in the area. A trip to Milford Sound is also a great way to spend the day. Either way, your bucket list is about to take a serious hit!

**INCLUDED:** Breakfast

**OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:** Heli-skiing | Canyoning | Horse trekking | Canyon swing | Bungy (Kawarau or Nevis) | Paragliding | Skydiving | Milford Sound trip | Extreme jet boating | Lord of the Rings 4WD Safari | Dart River Funyaks | Ski Tasman Glacier

### **Day 6: QUEENSTOWN - CORONET PEAK**

Coronet Peak is the oldest and most developed ski area in the South Island. Spread across a broad mountain, the field is wide and sunny with an astounding variety of runs, and the on-field facilities are some of the best around. Everything is designed to ensure you make the most of skiing and boarding. Everyone can ski like a pro at Coronet Peak – there are dedicated slopes for first-timers, long, wide groomed trails and plenty of choice for more experienced skiers. Once you know the ropes, you'll enjoy the vertical off the express quad, or exploring the rolling terrain with plenty of dips and drops for great variety. For boarders, Coronet Peak is a natural terrain park, full of endless hits and powder stashes.

Exclusive night skiing is available on Fridays and Saturdays until 10pm. As the sun sinks slowly in the west, the lights come on and the fun begins – again!

#### **SLOPE INFO**

##### **Coronet Peak**

Levels: 30% Beginner, 40% Intermediate, 30% Advanced

Height: 1649m

Vertical: 462m

Skiable Area: 280ha

### **Day 7: QUEENSTOWN - THE REMARKABLES**

Wide open trails, native kea, powder snow, spectacular views, sun-drenched terrain and unforgettable runs. There's terrain here like you have never seen and if you're willing to work your legs a little, you'll discover super long off-piste runs.

The Remarks (as it's known to the locals) is set in a vast natural amphitheatre high in the rugged ranges at the eastern end of Queenstown's Lake Wakatipu. Being so far up is a major plus, giving the ski field a long, reliable season – and the north facing aspect makes it a natural sun-trap. The highest ski field in Queenstown at 1943m, the Remarks has something for everyone, including one of the most memorable runs in New Zealand – the long, fast sweep called 'Homeward Bound'.

The Remarkables ski area boasts a new international standard Super Pipe for advanced level riders and skiers. The 150m long, 22m wide pipe is triple the size of the existing terrain park at the top of Sugar Bowl Basin. The expanded Xbox Terrain and Rail Park and other features, combined with the big mountain possibilities, make The Remarkables the logical choice for the freeriders out there.

**INCLUDED:** Breakfast | Lift Pass



## SLOPE INFO

### The Remarkables

Levels: 30% Beginner, 40% Intermediate, 30% Advanced

Height: 1943m

Vertical: 357m

Skiable Area: 220ha

OPTIONAL ADD-ONS: Extra night accommodation in Queenstown

\*\*\*Tour Ends\*\*\*

### General notes & conditions:

All prices from, twin share & subject to availability. All optional activities at own expense.

**Please call us for more details, availability and rates.**

### TOP 10 REASONS TO COME ON OUR TOUR

1. Forget about hiring cars and using chains – all our snow tours include daily transport direct from your accommodation to the snow.
2. Stop looking for accommodation – your accommodation is pre-booked and guaranteed by us. We own our very own nationwide backpacker chain, which are award winning hostels, with super friendly staff.
3. Sit back and relax after a hard day on the mountain and be taken to your next destination.
4. Included breakfast – on our Tour, your guide will have breakfast waiting for you in the morning, so you'll have heaps of energy for the day ahead!
5. Make great new mates. We restrict our tours to a maximum of 16 people, as our core philosophy is that small groups make for a far better experience.
6. Our Tour Manager will tell you about the best secret spots and powder stashes – they know the mountains like the back of their hand.
7. When you hire gear with us, you use it for the entire tour, so you only need to get fitted out once.
8. Talk to your guide if you want any extra lessons – these can be easily arranged.
9. Pre-book any extra activities you want to do, and we guarantee you a spot.
10. We know the best places to eat and drink, so don't hesitate to ask your guide – they are there to make your life awesome!