

SIGHTSEEING

Queenstown and Wānaka Travel Trade Training



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LAND

Slowing down to appreciate the region's spectacular natural beauty is one of the most rewarding ways to experience Queenstown and Wānaka. Sightseeing tours and activities offer the perfect opportunity to explore the wider region, uncover local history, and take in unforgettable landscapes.

In Queenstown, visitors can take a gondola high above town for breathtaking views, wander the historic streets of Arrowtown or explore goldmining heritage on a 4wd off road adventure. The charming township of Glenorchy, set at the head of Lake Whakatipu, offers lakeside serenity and cinematic backdrops. Central Otago's celebrated wine country is also within easy reach, with guided tours and cellar door tastings across six distinct sub-regions.

Wānaka offers its own slower-paced discoveries. Visitors can enjoy guided nature walks, connect with local stories and culture, and explore the pristine lakeside township. The region's wide-open spaces and mountain backdrops create a sense of calm, while boutique food, wine, and creative encounters add richness to every visit.



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WATER

The Queenstown and Wānaka region is defined by their breathtaking waterways, offering countless ways to experience their beauty.

In Queenstown, clients can enjoy leisurely cruises across Lake Whakatipu, exploring hidden bays and mountain-framed vistas. Milford and Doubtful Sounds are also accessible, with multiple operators offering day trips or overnight cruise options departing from Queenstown. Kayaking, paddleboarding, or simply relaxing lakeside are easy ways to connect with the region's alpine setting.

In Wānaka, the sparkling waters of Lake Wānaka and nearby Lake Hāwea invite exploration at a gentler pace. Scenic lake cruises, guided kayaking, and stand-up paddleboarding reveal quiet bays and pristine mountain reflections. For families, swimming spots and lakeside picnic areas offer simple pleasures in stunning surroundings.



AIR

Soaring above the Southern Lakes reveals perspectives few ever forget. Scenic flights, by helicopter or fixed-wing aircraft showcase glaciers, alpine passes, and remote wilderness.

From Queenstown, clients can take short flights over the Remarkables or full-day excursions into Fiordland, often landing on dramatic beaches, remote farms, or pristine glaciers. Snow landings high in the Southern Alps add to the thrill, with flights available year-round.

Wānaka offers its own scenic flight experiences, with helicopters and planes departing from Wānaka Airport to reveal Mount Aspiring National Park, alpine glaciers, and sweeping valleys. With fewer operators, the experience is often more intimate, highlighting the region's strong sense of place and connection to the land.

