

HIKING

Queenstown and Wānaka Travel Trade Training



Wānaka



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SHORT WALKS

Queenstown and Wānaka are surrounded by landscapes that make even the shortest stroll unforgettable. Within minutes of each town centre, clients can step into alpine scenery, tranquil gardens, or lakeside tracks, making walking one of the easiest ways to connect with nature.

In Queenstown, options range from gentle lakeside paths to hillside climbs with rewarding alpine views. Wānaka complements this with its own collection of short trails, from easy lakeside wanders beneath snow-capped peaks to quick ascents that deliver sweeping panoramas of the lake and Southern Alps.

Accessible year-round and suitable for all ages, short walks in Queenstown and Wānaka offer relaxed ways to experience the beauty of the outdoors. Whether enjoyed as a morning stroll, an afternoon leg-stretch, or a calm pause between adventures, these walks are simple yet memorable experiences that immerse clients in the landscapes.



DAY WALKS

For clients with a day to explore, Queenstown and Wānaka offer a wealth of trails that showcase the diversity and beauty of their alpine settings. Tracks lead through native forests, alongside rivers, past waterfalls, and up into high country ridgelines, all within easy reach of town.

Queenstown offers day hikes that deliver sweeping alpine vistas and tranquil valleys, while Wānaka provides access into Mount Aspiring National Park, where journeys through beech forest reveal glaciers, tumbling icefalls, and dramatic peaks. Both destinations also provide guided options, allowing clients to explore safely while learning more about local ecology, history, and cultural heritage.

Whether your clients prefer a steady lakeside track or a more challenging climb into alpine terrain, these day walks combine accessibility with unforgettable scenery. They are ideal for travellers who want to spend a full day outdoors yet still return to the comfort and amenities of town.



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MULTI DAY HIKES

For clients seeking a deeper immersion in New Zealand's landscapes, Queenstown and Wānaka provide access to some of the country's most iconic multi-day hikes. Queenstown is the gateway to three of New Zealand's Great Walks – the Milford, Kepler, and Routeburn Tracks, each combining alpine scenery, pristine lakes, and dramatic mountain passes.

Wānaka complements this with direct access to Mount Aspiring National Park, part of the Te Wāhipounamu UNESCO World Heritage Area. Here, multi-day journeys take clients through glacier-carved valleys, ancient beech forests, and soaring alpine ridgelines, offering a true sense of remoteness and discovery.

Guided options are widely available, providing expert knowledge, logistical support, and cultural storytelling. For something more exclusive, heli-hiking opens up remote wilderness, from glacier walks on ancient ice to panoramic alpine summits, with some experiences including overnight camping under the stars.

Practical services ensure ease of access, with hotel transfers, track transport, and local gear hire available. Department of Conservation (DOC) offices also provide up-to-date track information, safety guidance, and visitor support.

