

# SKIING AND SNOWBOARDING

Queenstown and Wānaka Travel Trade Training



Wānaka



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# SKIING AND SNOWBOARDING OVERVIEW

Nestled in the heart of the Southern Alps, Queenstown and Wānaka together create New Zealand's premier ski destination. With four world-class resorts within 20–90 minutes' drive of each town, the region offers something for every ability and style, from first turns on gentle learner slopes to challenging off-piste descents.

The ski season runs from early June to mid-October, with snowmaking technology extending reliable conditions throughout. Visitors can choose between Coronet Peak, The Remarkables, Cardrona Alpine Resort, and Treble Cone, each offering its own unique terrain, facilities, and atmosphere.

Alongside these alpine resorts, the region also offers Snow Farm, New Zealand's dedicated cross-country ski area, and world-class heli-skiing across vast, untouched backcountry terrain. Beyond the slopes, both towns deliver vibrant après-ski scenes, world-class dining, and high-quality services including equipment hire, lessons, and mountain transport, setting the benchmark for a complete winter holiday.



# CORONET PEAK



Located just 20 minutes from Queenstown, Coronet Peak is New Zealand's first commercial ski field, featuring wide-open slopes and rollercoaster terrain, making it the ultimate playground for skiers and snowboarders.

Queenstown's local mountain offers a variety of terrain for all levels and on-mountain facilities including restaurants, cafés, bars, and gear hire, set against the grand backdrop of the Whakatipu Basin.

As the home of Night Ski, Coronet Peak lights up for skiing after dark with epic sunsets and great vibes – it's après-ski, Queenstown style.

# THE REMARKABLES



Experience big mountain terrain, sun-soaked chutes and untouched snow at The Remarkables.

Just 45-minutes from Queenstown, The Remarkables offers terrain and facilities to suit first-timers to seasoned skiers and snowboarders, with over 385ha of terrain to explore, sun-soaked slopes, modern facilities, cafes, restaurants and an Ice Bar.

Boasting seven terrain parks, a large learner's area and the new Shadow Basin Express chairlift, The Remarkables continues to enhance access and experiences across the mountain. It's all about fun, families, freestyle and finding your freedom.

# CARDRONA ALPINE RESORT



Cardrona Alpine Resort, located between Queenstown and Wānaka, is New Zealand's largest ski resort, approximately 60 minutes' drive from Queenstown and 35 minutes from Wānaka.

The resort is ideal for beginners and intermediates, with 465ha of wide-open trails spread over three basins. A new chairlift into Soho Basin has opened an additional 150ha in 2025.

Cardrona Alpine Resort also offers eight distinctly different cafés, a fully licensed kids' centre, on-mountain accommodation, lessons and packages, and a fully equipped rental department. Four terrain parks, two halfpipes, and a gravity-cross course complete the ski and snowboard offering.

# TREBLE CONE



Treble Cone, Wānaka's premier ski area is famous for its long, groomed runs and legendary off-piste terrain.

Located 30 minutes' drive from Wānaka and approximately 90 minutes from Queenstown, Treble Cone is a must-do for ski enthusiasts. Boasting 700m of vertical, four basins, and 550ha to explore with unrivalled views over Lake Wānaka and the Southern Alps, the mountain delivers a world-class ski and snowboard experience.

On-mountain retail, gear hire, and a range of dining options ensure clients have a seamless and enjoyable visit.

# SNOW FARM



Located in the Pisa Conservation Area, just 35 minutes' drive from Wānaka, Snow Farm is New Zealand's only dedicated cross-country ski area. With over 55km of groomed trails suited to both classic and skate-style skiing, the mountain offers experiences for beginners through to seasoned Nordic enthusiasts.

Families and groups will enjoy the Snow Fun Zone with tubing and snow play, while four backcountry huts provide unique overnight adventures in the alpine. On-site facilities include lessons, gear hire, trail passes, a winter café, and detailed trail mapping for safe and enjoyable exploration.

# HELI SKIING



Heli-skiing in Queenstown and Wānaka takes winter adventure to new heights. With access to 16 mountain ranges across the Southern Alps, clients can carve untouched powder in spectacular backcountry terrain.

Fully guided packages range from three to ten runs, with terrain to suit confident intermediates through to experts. Wide bowls, rolling powder fields, and steep chutes ensure variety, while scenic helicopter flights reveal glaciers, peaks, and valleys in every direction.

Departing from both Queenstown and Wānaka, heli-skiing combines safety, expert guiding, and world-class alpine scenery to deliver a once-in-a-lifetime winter experience.

# BEYOND THE SLOPES

## RENTAL, LESSONS AND TRANSPORT

Getting on the slopes in Queenstown and Wānaka is easy, with everything visitors need close at hand. In-town and on-mountain rental centres provide top-quality skis, snowboards, boots, helmets and apparel across all four major ski areas. Qualified instructors offer private and group lessons for every ability, while regular shuttles and mountain transport connect the towns to each resort. From first-timers to seasoned skiers, clients can enjoy a seamless winter experience from base to peak.

## APRÈS SKI

Winter in Queenstown and Wānaka is just as much about the atmosphere as it is about the slopes. The region comes alive after dark with welcoming après-ski scenes. Think snug firelit bars, craft breweries and elegant cocktail lounges pouring Central Otago wines alongside creative seasonal menus. With more than 150 restaurants, bars and cafés between them, Queenstown and Wānaka offer endless ways to unwind, connect and celebrate a day in the mountains.

