

*Your Official Visitor Guide*  
**Queenstown**



*feel the  
inspiration*



# Welcome

Surrounded by majestic mountains and nestled on the shores of crystal clear Lake Wakatipu, Queenstown is known for its breath taking scenery, vast range of experiences, cosmopolitan vibe and friendly local hosts.

With a reputation as the Southern Hemisphere's premier four season lake and alpine visitor destination, our region offers you so much choice that no two days need ever be the same.

Queenstown has the perfect mix of action and relaxation. This is a place to enjoy family fun, romance, invigoration and adrenaline-fuelled adventure.

So, come and create your own adventure.

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# About Queenstown

*Escape from the everyday*

***The core to every Queenstown holiday is escape, removing yourself from your day to day and reinvigorating your body, mind and spirit in our stunning place.***

Queenstown's stage is the magnificent landscapes and vast mountain ranges, where you can feel its energy and make the most of the exciting experiences available to you.

This is a place where you'll feel welcomed by our warm hospitality, our open minds and our innovative and cosmopolitan outlook.

For as long as man has settled here, a uniquely pioneering spirit has shaped our Queenstown region. These early explorers included the Maori, who travelled south in search of Pounamu (native jade), then the first European settlers favoured the area for its rich grazing grounds, before gold was discovered and Queenstown and Arrowtown were propelled into the international spotlight for the first time in the 1860s.

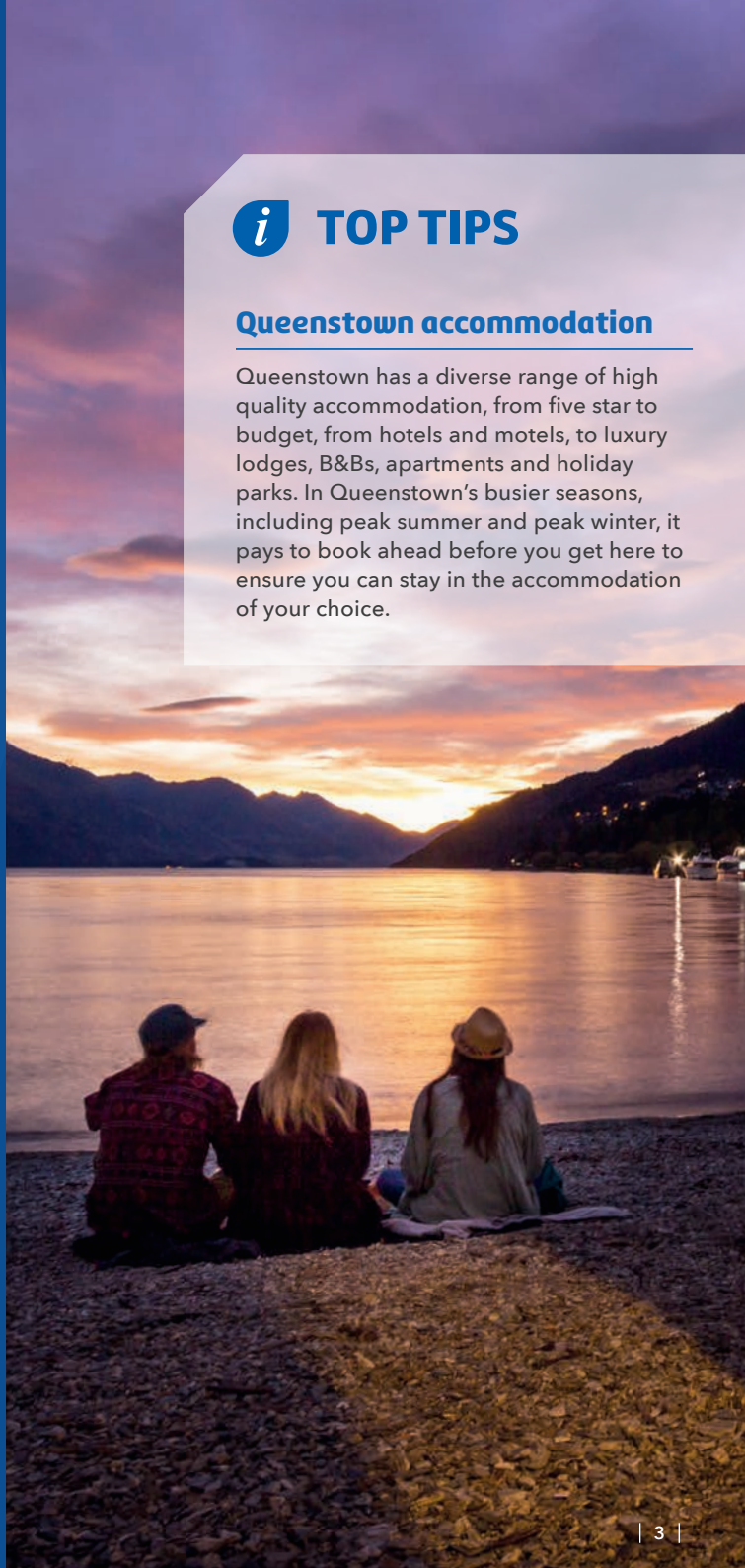
Since then our pioneering spirit has introduced adventure seekers to the thrill of mind-bending activities of all kinds.

 **Find out more at**  
[queenstownNZ.nz](http://queenstownNZ.nz)

## TOP TIPS

### **Queenstown accommodation**

Queenstown has a diverse range of high quality accommodation, from five star to budget, from hotels and motels, to luxury lodges, B&Bs, apartments and holiday parks. In Queenstown's busier seasons, including peak summer and peak winter, it pays to book ahead before you get here to ensure you can stay in the accommodation of your choice.



# Useful information

## Queenstown Airport Taxis

10km from Queenstown centre, allow 15 minutes to drive there.

## Air transport

Air New Zealand, Qantas, Jetstar and Virgin Australia fly internationally into Queenstown from the East Coast of Australia. There are daily direct domestic connections from Christchurch, Wellington and Auckland.

## Airport shuttles

Are available for transfers to your accommodation and the Queenstown centre from the airport.

## Rental cars

All major franchises are within the terminal and most other companies will provide airport pick up/drop off service.

## Taxis

Are available at all times, approximately NZ\$40 from the airport to the town centre.

## Bus

The Connectabus bus service links the airport with many local hotels and central points around the town.

## Other transport options

Limousines, private charters or other vehicles can easily be arranged.

## Arriving in Queenstown by car or motorhome

Follow state highway 6 from Frankton to Queenstown's centre. Refer to maps section for route and parking options.

## INFO CENTRES

### Discover Queenstown

38 Ballarat Street  
Queenstown  
T: +64 3 441 1137

### Info & Track

37 Shotover Street  
Queenstown  
T: +64 3 442 9708  
[www.infotrack.co.nz](http://www.infotrack.co.nz)

### i-Site Visitor Information Centre

Clock Tower  
Cnr Camp & Shotover Streets  
Queenstown  
T: +64 3 442 1100  
[www.queenstowni-site.co.nz](http://www.queenstowni-site.co.nz)

### QBook

74 Shotover Street  
Queenstown  
T: +64 3 409 2969  
[www.qbooknz.com](http://www.qbooknz.com)

### Southern Lakes Info Centre

Southern Lakes Info Centre  
Cnr Shotover & Rees Streets  
Queenstown  
T: +64 3 442 7640

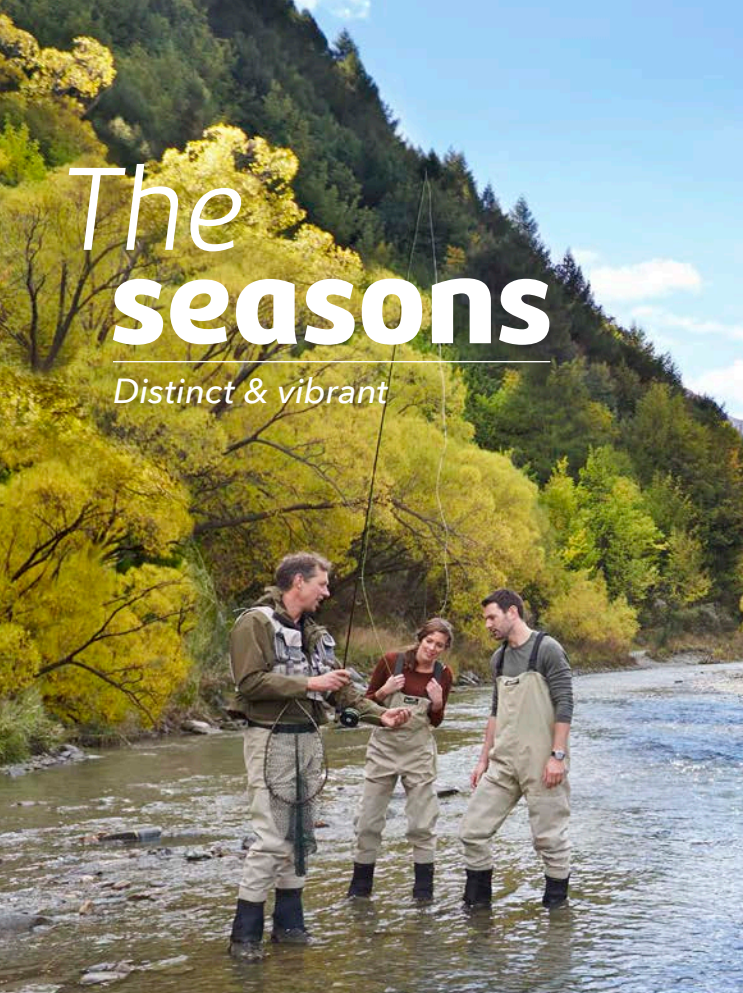
### The Station Information Centre

Cnr Camp & Shotover Streets  
Queenstown  
T: +64 3 442 5252  
[www.thestation.co.nz](http://www.thestation.co.nz)

 **Find out more at**  
[queenstownNZ.nz/getting-around](http://queenstownNZ.nz/getting-around)

# The seasons


*Distinct & vibrant*




## Spring



Longer, warmer days with crisp clear mornings allow you to make the most of each day. Whether it is the sights and smells of spring blossoms, enjoying the playful spring snow, relaxing with some retail therapy or a round of golf - all add to the vibrant atmosphere of the spring season.

 **DATES**  
1 Sept - 30 Nov


 **TEMPERATURES**  
Range between  
8°C - 22°C (48°F - 75°F)



## Summer

Summer is about exploration. Dawn breaks at 5am allowing plenty of time to discover the many walking tracks, wineries, biking trails, adventure activities or a spot of al fresco dining that Queenstown and its majestic landscapes are renowned for.

 **DATES**  
1 Dec - 28 Feb

 **TEMPERATURES**  
Range between  
20°C - 30°C (70°F - 90°F)






## Autumn



The clear settled days and cool evenings make way for the stunning hues of reds and golds that blanket the region in autumn. The season creates the perfect backdrop to sit back and enjoy a glass of Pinot Noir or stroll along the lakefront.

 **DATES**  
1 Mar - 30 May

 **TEMPERATURES**  
Range between  
5°C - 25°C (41°F - 77°F)




## Winter



Clear blue skies and cold temperatures create the perfect conditions on any one of our four internationally renowned ski areas coupled with over 220 off-mountain activities and a vibrant apres-ski atmosphere - Queenstown is the ideal destination for your next winter holiday.

 **DATES**  
1 Jun - 31 Aug

 **TEMPERATURES**  
Range between  
0°C (or colder) - 8°C  
(32°F - 50°F)

 **Find out more at**  
[queenstownNZ.nz/seasons](https://queenstownNZ.nz/seasons)

# Where to stay

Feel at home

**Queenstown offers you a huge range of accommodation styles to help you settle in to our place.**



## Hotels & boutique hotels

Queenstown has many hotel options within the town centre, and along the shores of Lake Wakatipu.



## Lodges

For the ultimate lake and alpine experience, pick one of New Zealand's top lodges nestled along the edges of Lake Wakatipu or within the town centre.

## Motels

Ideal for self-drive visitors, there are a large number of motels dotted around town.

## B&B

Enjoy the homeliness of a bed and breakfast in Queenstown or in its surrounding townships Arrowtown, Kingston and Glenorchy.

## Apartments & private rentals

From private luxury homes high in Queenstown's hills designed by world-renowned architects, to serviced apartments in the heart of town, there's options for all travellers.



## Holiday parks

Travelling with a camper or a car and a tent? Look no further than one of Queenstown's well-equipped holiday parks.

## Backpackers

The budget conscious traveller can escape to Queenstown and meet fellow travellers at any of our backpackers (hostels).



**Find out more at**

[queenstownNZ.nz/accommodation](https://queenstownNZ.nz/accommodation)

# Queenstown must do's



Stimulate all five of your senses when you discover all there is to do in Queenstown – here are our top ten picks.

#queenstownlive



## Hit the shops

Search for locally crafted art, homewares and clothing at our markets or visit our boutique shops.

[queenstownNZ.nz/  
shopping](https://queenstownNZ.nz/shopping)



## Feel the rush

Leap from a bridge, swoosh down rapids or speed between high canyon cliffs for a thrill.

[queenstownNZ.nz/  
adventure](https://queenstownNZ.nz/adventure)



## Unwind like a local

Find hidden bars in alleyway precincts or lakefront hotspots after dusk.

[queenstownNZ.nz/  
bars-and-clubs](https://queenstownNZ.nz/bars-and-clubs)



## Pamper yourself

Soak in a hot pool or indulge in a relaxing, invigorating wellness experience.

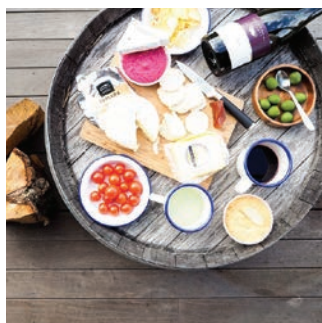
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relaxation](https://queenstownNZ.nz/relaxation)



## Get out on the water

Skim, glide high above or slowly cruise across stunning Lake Wakatipu.

[queenstownNZ.nz/  
water-activities](https://queenstownNZ.nz/water-activities)



## Taste the local flavours

Indulge in the rich flavours of our place, from the lakes and rivers, and the land.

[queenstownNZ.nz/  
wine-and-dine](https://queenstownNZ.nz/wine-and-dine)



## Head for the hills

Work up a sweat on our world class hiking trails, or race downhill by bike.

[queenstownNZ.nz/  
walking-hiking](https://queenstownNZ.nz/walking-hiking)



# Our mountains

*Skiing & snowboarding*



**What better way to immerse yourself in the majesty of Queenstown than with a ski escape?**

Four incredible ski areas, and a dedicated Nordic snow park in our region, cater to every level of skier or snowboarder.

For learners there's dedicated beginner areas and world class instructors, and for the more experienced shredders there are steep slopes and chutes just begging to be ridden.

Each field lets you relax amongst the beauty with fireside bars or sunny decks for a post-ski mulled wine, or recharge for lunch ahead of the afternoon's runs.

## Coronet Peak

With incredible views of the Wakatipu Basin, Coronet Peak offers skiers diverse terrain, and is just a 20 minute drive from Queenstown. Whatever your skiing or boarding level there's something for you – even a mountain top bar for those bluebird days.

## The Remarkables

Home to an extensive range of terrain, The Remarkables is a relaxed and fun ski field. It's known to be great for families, with facilities for kids of all ages and a brand-new modern base building with incredible views for relaxing during the day.

## Snow Farm

This Nordic ski area offers cross-country skiing and skating in high rolling hill country across the Cardrona valley.

## Cardrona Alpine Resort

Known for its chilled vibe and wide-ranging terrain, Cardrona also has an excellent terrain park, half pipes and steep chutes. You can even stay the night in its alpine apartments.



## Treble Cone

Treble Cone is the South Island's largest ski area, with varied terrain spanning three basins, and off-piste riding that some say is 'unrivalled', an ideal choice for advanced skiers and boarders.

## Heli-skiing

Cutting first tracks is many a skier or boarders dream, and a day heli-skiing can see that dream come true all day long. There are thousands of hectares of untouched powder just minutes from Queenstown airport by helicopter, an intermediate or advanced skier's paradise.



**Find out more at**  
[queenstownNZ.nz/winter-sports](https://queenstownNZ.nz/winter-sports)

# Leading Mountain

Resorts of the World



**Queenstown is proud to be a member of the Leading Mountain Resorts of the World global partnership.**

The cooperative also includes Val Gardena in the Italian Dolomites, Saas-Fee in the Swiss Alps, Åre in Sweden and Banff/Lake Louise in Canada.

Each resort is internationally recognised for its majestic alpine surroundings, unrivalled skiing and boarding as well as four distinct seasons making them great year-round destinations.

Season pass holders at any of the Leading Mountain Resorts can ski for half price at the other resorts through the 'Endless Winter' discount programme.



## Åre

Comprised of the three Swiss villages of Duved/Tegefjäll, Åre and Åre Björnen, Åre is the premier Nordic mountain destination.

## Banff

Canada's spectacular Banff National Park is a truly unique destination. You will be hard pressed to find a finer balance of unspoiled wilderness and refined amenities.

## Saas-Fee

Majestic 4,000 metre peaks, glaciers so close you could almost touch them, a deep blue sky: that's the Saas Valley.

## Val Gardena

Val Gardena is a top tourist resort in both summer and winter. Located in the Dolomites, part of the Italian Alps, this UNESCO World Natural Heritage site is a prime holiday destination.



**Find out more at**  
[leadingmountainresorts.com](http://leadingmountainresorts.com)



# Adventure

*Push your limits*



***Queenstown is the perfect place to dare to try something new...***

Feel more alive than ever while taking on some of our adventure pursuits, choose from air, water or land activities that will get your blood racing.

Go sailing, hiking, white water rafting, jetboating, bungee jumping, skydiving, ziplining, climbing, paragliding, parasailing... the options are nearly endless, and your days can be filled with mind-bending activities of all kinds.



**Find out more at**  
[queenstownNZ.nz/adventure](http://queenstownNZ.nz/adventure)



# In the skies



## Flights



Queenstown Lakes is a hub of scenic flight options. Fly over the Remarkables, to your favourite ski field, or head to Milford Sound for the ultimate air adventure, landing on a remote beach or glacier along the way. Both scheduled and charter services are available year-round.

## Adrenaline



Skydiving over Glenorchy or the Remarkables, hang gliding, paragliding and parasailing or even daring aerobatic flights – the airborne adventure options are plentiful.

## Hot air



Hot air ballooning at sunrise is an incredible experience, made even more so by the amazing and diverse landscape below. Dip and rise around the lakes and the mountains, watching the world go about its morning below.

***For a bird's eye perspective of Queenstown's grandeur, take to the skies on a scenic flight or embark on a thrilling air activity.***

Climb high above the mountain tops and see hidden lakes, or watch rivers flow between jagged peaks. Or if an adventure is what you're after, take a leap of faith with a skydive, or gently glide to the ground paragliding or hang gliding.



**Find out more at**  
[queenstownNZ.nz/air-activities](https://queenstownNZ.nz/air-activities)

# On the water



## Surrounded by beautiful lakes and rivers...

Queenstown is an ideal destination for all your favourite water activities.

What better way to experience and really get amongst this place but on the water?

Lake Wakatipu is a hive of aquatic activity year-round, and being on the water will give you a real sense of place, of where you are on the earth.



### Cruising

Take a cruise on Lake Wakatipu's turquoise waters, on a number of vessels, including a vintage steamship, a state-of-the-art catamaran or a small cruise vessel. Or go further afield to Fiordland and cruise on Doubtful or Milford Sounds.



### Rivers

Skim across Queenstown's braided rivers on a thrilling jet boat ride, or rush down rapids on a rafting adventure.



### Fishing

Our rivers and lakes are plentiful with salmon and trout for keen anglers, or casual fishing alike. Take a boat charter or find a spot along the water's edge to wade in and cast a line.



### Adventure

Need a water-based thrill? There's a number of adventure activities, from parasailing to jet boarding, and diving beneath the water in a shark-like submersible jet craft.



Find out more at  
[queenstownNZ.nz/water-activities](https://queenstownNZ.nz/water-activities)

# On the land



**Sightseeing tours and trips are the best way to truly get under Queenstown's skin and mingle with fellow travellers.**

Take a trip with experts in their field, whether it's the region's pioneering past in gold mining, our film set locations, or the special wine and food produced from our soils.



## Scenic tours

Head into the hills and remove yourself from the everyday on a 4WD tour of some of our most stunning scenery, from Glenorchy to Queenstown Hill, Arrowtown and Gibbston.



## By bike

Queenstown Lakes is renowned for its scenic cycling options. Hire a bike for a day or two and take to the trails solo, with your group or with the help of a guide to lead the way.



## By horse

Visit a working country station and meander about by horseback, or wade into the rivers on a guided horse trek. It's on these tours you really get a feel for Queenstown's frontier past.



## Walk

Let the trail be your guide or join a group with a leader and trek into the mountains, following the rivers, spying the glaciers. Take up the challenge of a multi-day walk and even climbing adventures high in the peaks.



**Find out more at**  
[queenstownNZ.nz/tours](https://queenstownNZ.nz/tours)

# On the green

## *Come to Queenstown for a golfing experience that dreams are made of.*

Immerse yourself in some of the most beautiful and scenic courses in the world, from the first to the 19th hole.

From immaculate greens, to naturally rolling fairways with rugged mountain peaks as a backdrop, Queenstown has golfing options to suit every level of player. Choose from six local courses with distinctly different outlooks, all within a 25 minute drive from Queenstown, or book a golf package or tour where every detail is taken care of, and you'll be guided by locals with extensive knowledge.

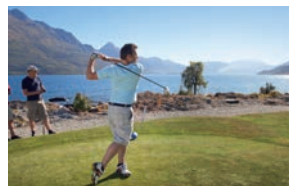
### Millbrook Resort

Immaculately groomed greens amidst rolling hills and surrounded by mountain vistas, Millbrook offers 27 championship holes and a range of luxurious accommodation, dining and relaxation options.



### The Hills

The ultimate in exclusive golfing, The Hills is owned by jewellery magnate Sir Michael Hill. The course is complemented by Hill's vast sculpture and art collection.



### Jacks Point

This 18-hole course has sweeping views up the razorback Remarkables, and winds its way through wetland, tussock, rocky outcrops and native bush. The lakeside clubhouse houses a golf shop and a relaxed restaurant with a seasonal menu.

### Arrowtown

A quintessential country course, Arrowtown is nestled in the crook of the hills on the outskirts of Arrowtown. Mingle with locals playing a casual round.

### Queenstown Golf Course

This 18-hole par 72 course is accessible by car or water taxi! Set at the end of the picture-perfect Kelvin Heights Peninsula, surround by Lake Wakatipu's deep blue, it offers lessons for all stages of the game and video analysis.

### Frankton Golf Centre

Home to Queenstown's driving range and a nine-hole short course, the family-friendly centre is ideal for all abilities, right beneath the jets coming in to land at the nearby airport.



Find out more at  
[queenstownNZ.nz/golf](http://queenstownNZ.nz/golf)



# Events

JAN

## Rhythm & Alps

A two day music festival to ring in the New Year, featuring both international and local acts in the Cardrona Valley, 40 minutes north of Queenstown.

## Glenorchy Races

Glenorchy Race Day is a true southern kiwi experience that has become an iconic local event.

## Lake Hayes A&P Show

A fun day out for the family on one of the most beautiful showgrounds in the country, overlooking Lake Hayes.

MAR

## The Motatapu

An off-road sporting event that attracts thousands each year. There's an ultra-run, marathon, mountain bike, miner's trail run, and triathlon events, something for all levels.

## Queenstown Bike Festival

An annual gathering of mountain biking enthusiasts, with great spectator events and participation rides on Queenstown's trails.



## New Zealand Golf Open

New Zealand's premier golfing event played at The Hills and Millbrook Resort. A great spectator event for golf fans.

## Gibbston Food & Wine Festival

APR

## Arrowtown Autumn Festival

A community event to celebrate the vibrancy of autumn.

JUN

## American Express Queenstown Winter Festival

Welcoming the arrival of winter in true Queenstown style. It is a ten day extravaganza of Queenstown's unique culture and community. Winter starts here and we're proud of it.



AUG

## Audi Quattro Winter Games

Another biennial event showcasing the world's top snow and ice athletes. The next games is in 2017.

## Gay Ski Week QT

Revellers from around the world come to celebrate the Southern Hemisphere's largest winter Pride event.

## The Northface Peak to Peak

OCT

## Queenstown International Jazz Festival

A celebration of jazz and blues starring world class musicians from around the world.

NOV

## Queenstown International Marathon

This marathon takes in the highlights of the Queenstown Lakes region, set beneath the renowned Crown and Remarkables mountain ranges.



Find out more at  
[queenstownNZ.nz/events](http://queenstownNZ.nz/events)



# Walking & hiking

Stretch those legs



**Queenstown's mountains, lake and river trails, or valleys are waiting for your footprints...**

Walking and hiking will really immerse you in the landscape. Take the time to walk in nature and hear the sounds of our environment, and see the true nature of Queenstown – majestic, uninterrupted beauty.

**See page 34 for more info on trails.**



## Short walks

Take any number of short walks from the town centre, including the Tiki Trail up to Bob's Peak (and the welcome gondola ride back down to town), or up Queenstown Hill to seek out the Basket of Dreams.

## Into the hills

Get out into the hills to find mirror-calm lakes, traverse ridges and feel like you're in the middle of nowhere when all you've done is descend into a valley, or hike around a small peak.

## Lake meandering

Complete a loop track around picturesque lakes, take in the grandeur of seeing the landscape reflected in the water below, and soak up the atmosphere by the crystal clear waters of our region's lakes.

## Multi-day odyssey

Queenstown is a starting point, or a rewarding end to many of New Zealand's Great Walks, multi-day adventures including the Routeburn near Glenorchy, and the Kepler and Milford tracks further afield.



**Find out more at**  
[queenstownNZ.nz/walking-hiking](http://queenstownNZ.nz/walking-hiking)

# Biking

Ride & explore



**Get on your bike and explore the mountains, lakes and valleys of Queenstown...**

Queenstown has a wide selection of trails from family-friendly meandering paths to tough downhill tracks.

We're also home to New Zealand's first gondola-assisted trails on Bob's Peak, and in the summertime the ski fields offer some excellent riding opportunities – there's even the option to go heli-riding, the ultimate shuttle run.

**See page 34 for more info on trails.**



## Park life

Expertly crafted bike parks are a hub of fun throughout the year, and particularly during the annual Bike Festival held in autumn, great for spectators and participants alike.

## Trail magic

Some of New Zealand's most scenic riding can be found along the beautiful Queenstown Trail, one of the New Zealand Cycle Trails' Great Rides. Queenstown is also the start of the Around the Mountains trail.

## Cuisine by bike

Combine a ride with a culinary adventure, take the trails to Gibbston's renowned wineries, cellar doors and restaurants, and get a shuttle back to town at the end of the day.

## For a day or more

With rides lasting from a couple of hours to a couple of days, there's something for all adventurers, both independent and guided. Head to Glenorchy on a multi-day adventure on the stunning winding road that follows Lake Wakatipu's shores.

**Find out more at**  
[queenstownNZ.nz/biking](https://queenstownNZ.nz/biking)

# Trail map

The Queenstown Trail network



QUEENSTOWN TRAIL



## Map Legend

Lake Wakatipu Ride

Jack's Point Ride (DOC Trail)

Arrow River Bridges Ride

Gibbston River Trail

Lake Hayes Circuit

Countryside Ride

Twin Rivers Ride

Commuter Trail

queenstowntrail.co.nz

# Taste

Queenstown



**Delectable food and a great night out are always on the menu in Queenstown.**

There are over 150 restaurants, bars and cafés to choose from in the Queenstown region with everything from fine dining restaurants offering premium, local artisan fare to family-friendly eateries catering to everyone's tastes.



## Café life

Whether it's a languid breakfast by the lake or lunch to keep the adrenaline fires burning, there's a café to suit all tastes. From the health conscious in need of something virtuous, to delicious cabinet pastries, sandwiches or pastas.



## Fine dine

Queenstown is home to many award-winning chefs and restaurants, pairing a relaxed Kiwi attitude with finest in fresh flavours.



## Sweet tooth

Satisfy your craving for sweetness, there's gourmet ice cream and intricate dessert boutiques – even a sweet shop.

## TAKEAWAY TIME

*Grab a gigantic burger and meander down to the lakefront, or pick up some sushi, a pie and a pastry. There's takeaway options on every corner.*



**Find out more at**  
[queenstownNZ.nz/wine-and-dine](http://queenstownNZ.nz/wine-and-dine)



# Shop

*Boutiques, markets & galleries*



**Find that special token of your visit, or a gift for a friend back home – the shopping range in Queenstown is as diverse as it is inspiring.**



## Fashion

Queenstown boasts shopping on an international scale, with luxury brands, iconic New Zealand design stores, souvenirs, clothing and adventure equipment all centrally located in the compact CBD.

## Art & culture

Immerse yourself in the local art scene on a tour of our best galleries, or explore the galleries dotted further afield around our region. Select a special gift of pounamu (New Zealand jade) from one of our specialty stores.

## Arrowtown & Glenorchy

Arrowtown boasts an eclectic range of boutiques, gift and craft shops – perfect to find one-of-a-kind objects or luxury clothing item. Meanwhile Glenorchy boasts an array of possum skin clothing, accessories and homewares.

## Sports & outdoors

As one of the Southern Hemisphere's premium ski and outdoor pursuit areas, there's an accompanying array of high quality outdoors and sports gear available in Queenstown.

## Food & drink

Select a premium vintage to send home, and pick up tasty condiments and cheeses to pair with a picnic meal by the water's edge. Queenstown's delicatessens are known for their delicious accompaniments and local produce.



## To market

Check out the craft markets held each weekend by the lakeside or at the foot of the razorback Remarkables.



**Find out more at**  
[queenstownNZ.nz/shopping](http://queenstownNZ.nz/shopping)



# Pamper

*Relax, recharge & renew*

***Let go of the everyday  
and breathe in a new  
lease on life in paradise.***

Queenstown's spa and wellness options range from day-long mini-retreats, to an immersive seven-day journey – even spa treatments and yoga in the mountains with luxurious helicopter transfers are available.

Be pampered at one of Queenstown's luxurious day spas, sink into a therapeutic hot pool, or treat yourself to a selection of therapies at a local beauty salon.



**Find out more at**

[queenstownNZ.nz/relaxation](https://queenstownNZ.nz/relaxation)



# After dusk

*Feel the vibe*

**Experience Queenstown's legendary evening life with a night out at any (or all!) of the local bars and nightclubs.**

Settle in for the evening at a cosy wine bar or a friendly pub, or gear up and go bar-hopping in central Queenstown, discovering the best and busiest bars on the way. Queenstown bars and clubs often have live music and DJs.

There's a vibrant atmosphere in Queenstown any night of the week – get out and mingle with travellers and locals alike.



**Find out more at**

[queenstownNZ.nz/bars-and-clubs](http://queenstownNZ.nz/bars-and-clubs)

# Film

Set the scene



**Queenstown has been the stage for many global cinematic hits...**

From The Lord of the Rings trilogy to Wolverine and even Bollywood super-hits.

This is your opportunity to find yourself in the mountains and landscapes that helped make these films so beautiful.

There are a range of experiences available to film buffs, from specialised film tours, horse treks and guided walks to self-led drives to the heart of Queenstown's film sets.



## Fantasy

The epic Lord of the Rings trilogy really put Queenstown on the film stage – put yourself in a hobbit's place in Arrowtown, Glenorchy, Paradise and the jagged Remarkables. Or escape to Narnia's fantasy world.

## Bollywood

India's gigantic film industry, and fans around the world, fell in love with the region when it starred alongside Sonam Kapoor and Imran Khan in the Bollywood hit I Hate Luv Storys and Queenstown continues to be a popular Bollywood destination.

## Action

Wolverine once prowled the stunning land around Glenorchy and the spectacular scene where his hideout was blown up is now untouched by the remains of the filmset – leaving the stage set for you to visit.

## Music videos and commercials

International pop stars like Taylor Swift have made Queenstown the set of their music videos, joined by local musicians and television commercials for cars and beverages.



**Find out more at**  
[queenstownNZ.nz/film](http://queenstownNZ.nz/film)



# Arrowtown

*Where history meets nature*



## ***Steeped in history and a special kind of old-world charm...***

Arrowtown is just a short trip from Queenstown, but a world away at the same time.



The cobbled main street of Arrowtown is a destination in itself, a hub of cafés, boutiques, art studios, award-winning and diverse restaurants, a boutique cinema and the fabulous Lakes District Museum.



The discovery of gold in the Arrow River in the 1800s brought miners in their droves to find their fortune, building the foundations of the Arrowtown we know today, and putting the river on the Map.



**Find out more at**  
[arrowtown.com](http://arrowtown.com)

## **i TOP TIPS**

### **Heritage**

Immerse yourself in Arrowtown's history at the Lakes District Museum, or take a stroll to the Chinese miners' cottages.

### **Shopping**

Peruse the main street for local boutiques, gift stores, craft shops and fresh local produce and explore the alleyways and staircases branching in every direction.

### **Walking**

Arrowtown is a hub for walking options, take a short stroll along the Arrow River, or head into the hills towards Mace Town, Saw Pit Gully or take in the views from Tobin's Track.

### **Tasty treats**

From street side fruit stalls, hearty tavern fare paired with craft beer, to award-winning fine dining, Arrowtown has foodies covered. Pick up some locally produced treats from many stores.



# Glenorchy

*The head of the lake*



***The incredible 45 minute drive is an experience in itself...***

Glenorchy lies at the top of Lake Wakatipu's northern arm.



Nestled on the water's edge where the braided Dart River feeds into Lake Wakatipu, and surrounded by snow-capped mountains, in Glenorchy you'll feel like you're in a movie set, and you just might be!

Famous as the backdrop for many films, including *The Lord of the Rings*, and even in a music video from pop mega-star Taylor Swift, you can really immerse yourself in the incredible scenery with a walk, horse ride or jetboating adventure.



**Find out more at**  
[glenorchycommunity.co.nz](http://glenorchycommunity.co.nz)

## TOP TIPS

### Walking

Glenorchy is the gateway to Mt Aspiring National Park, and the start of world-famous multi-day hikes including the Routeburn, one of New Zealand's precious Great Walks.

### Adventure

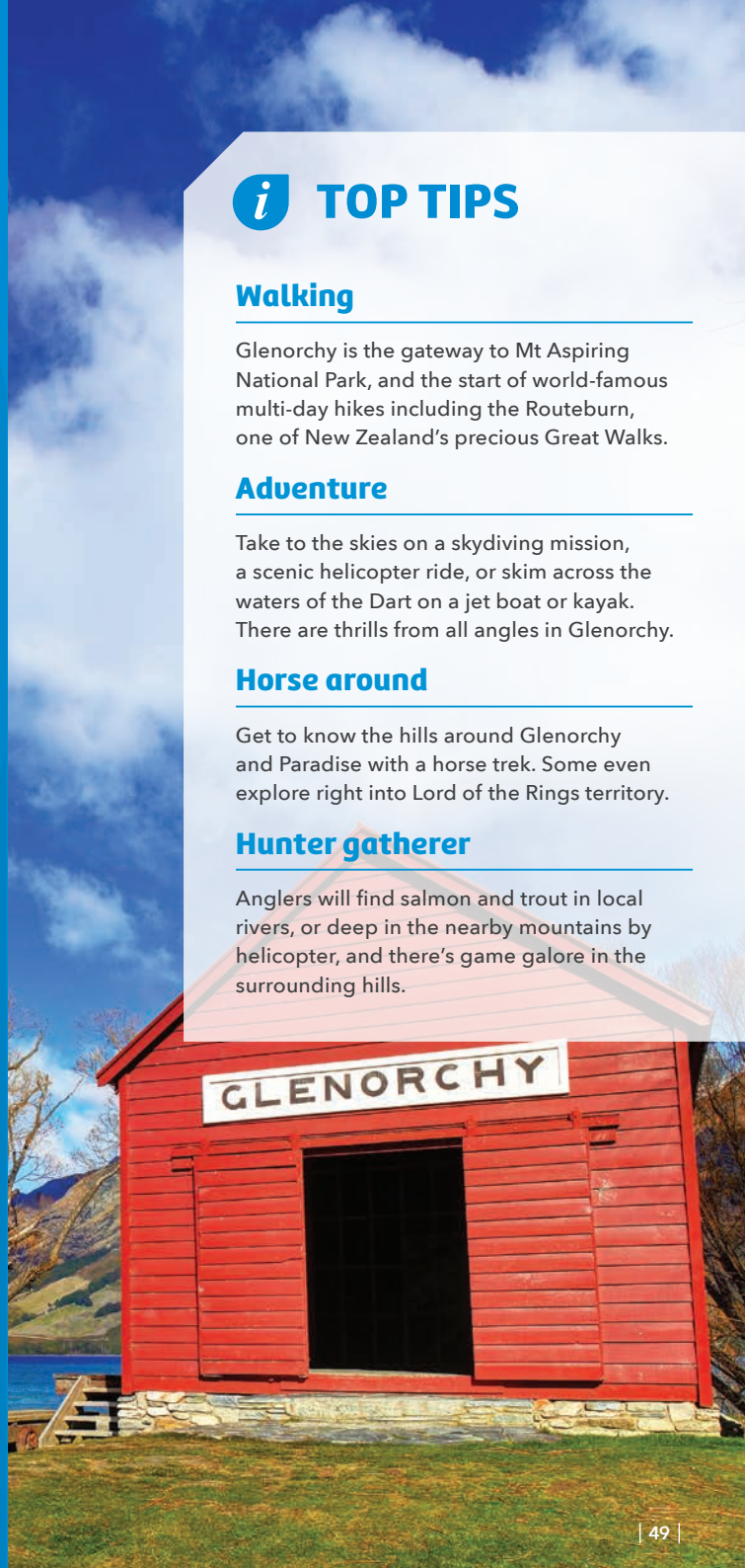
Take to the skies on a skydiving mission, a scenic helicopter ride, or skim across the waters of the Dart on a jet boat or kayak. There are thrills from all angles in Glenorchy.

### Horse around

Get to know the hills around Glenorchy and Paradise with a horse trek. Some even explore right into Lord of the Rings territory.

### Hunter gatherer

Anglers will find salmon and trout in local rivers, or deep in the nearby mountains by helicopter, and there's game galore in the surrounding hills.



# Kingston, Wanaka & Fiordland

*Mountains, lakes & fiords*



## Kingston

At the southernmost point of Lake Wakatipu lies Kingston, a popular spot with locals and visitors alike.

There's walking tracks, bike rides and gorgeous picnic spots ideal as a base for boating and fishing. Take your time on the drive down and stop at lakeside rest stops and soak up the views.



## Wanaka

Over the Crown Range lies Wanaka, a picturesque lakeside town with amazing walks, water activities and some great shopping.

Known as the world's first protected 'lifestyle reserve' Wanaka is a beautiful year-round destination, and another gateway to the spectacular Mt Aspiring National Park.



Wanaka is also home to the biennial Warbirds over Wanaka air show, the largest of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere.



## Fiordland

Fiordland is a nature lover's paradise – and home to Milford Sound, Doubtful Sound and the famous Mitre Peak.

Accessible by road for a full-day trip, or by scenic flight over the mountains, there are even options for overnight cruises when you might just be welcomed to the water by a pod of dolphins, or spy a yellow-eyed penguin on the rocks.

# Connectivity times

## Travelling within New Zealand

You'll find the Southern Lakes region in the southwest corner of New Zealand's South Island. Queenstown sits on the 45th parallel, nestled on the shores of Lake Wakatipu below The Remarkables mountain range.

There are multiple daily flight connections from New Zealand's main centres of Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch.



APPROXIMATE  
FLIGHT TIME FROM  
AUSTRALIA

3  
HRS



110  
MINS

AUCKLAND

80  
MINS

WELLINGTON

45  
MINS

CHRISTCHURCH

APPROXIMATE  
FLIGHT TIMES TO  
QUEENSTOWN



# South Island drive times

Travel at your leisure



## TOP TIPS

- We drive on the left-hand side of the road
- Safety belts are compulsory for all passengers
- It's illegal to use a cellphone while driving in New Zealand
- Refer to NZTA website for the latest updates to the upper South Island driving routes

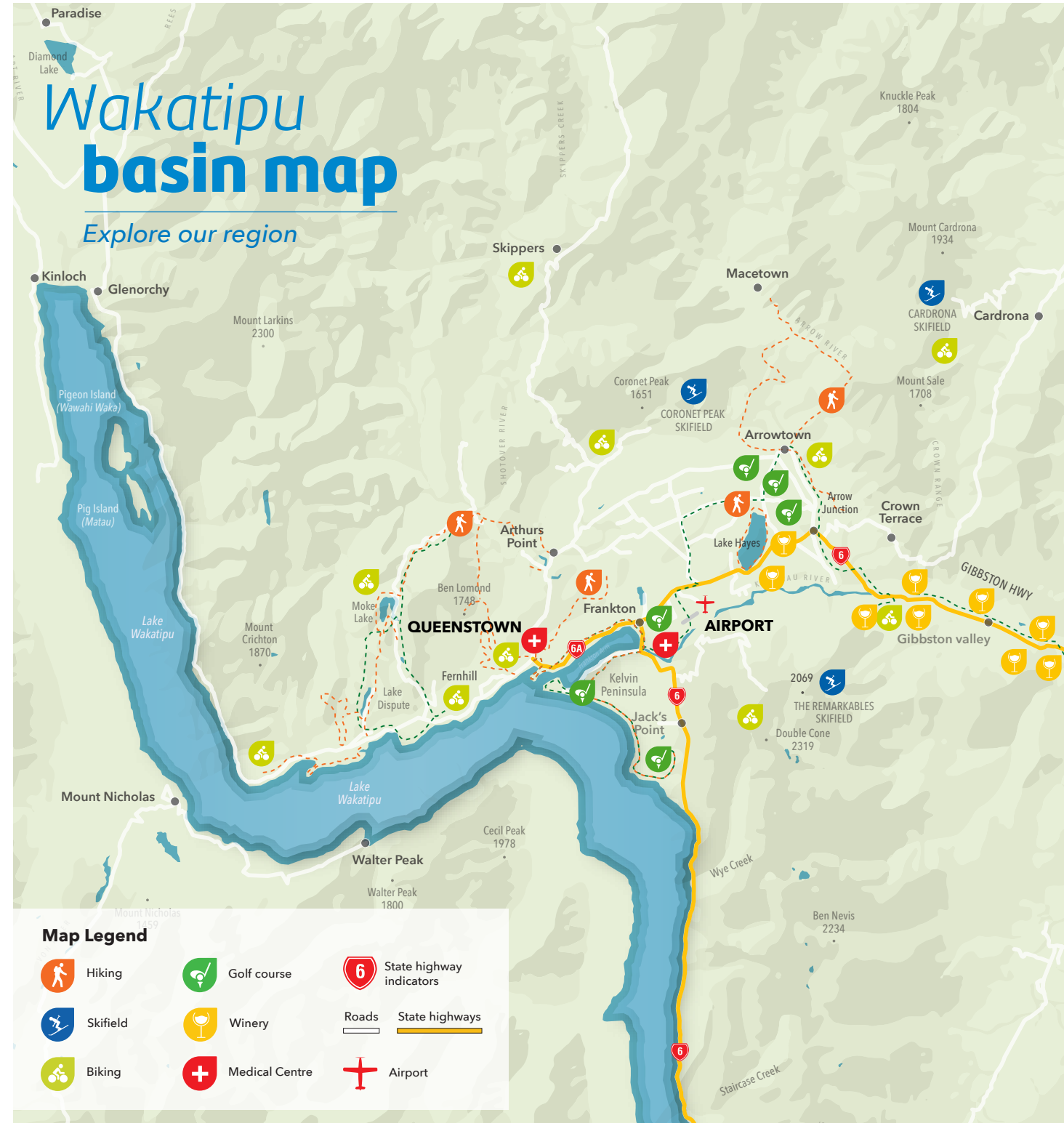
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Distance chart in kilometres (top) & driving times in hours / minutes (bottom)

# Wakatipu basin map

Explore our region



## Map Legend

- Hiking
- Golf course
- Skifield
- Winery
- Biking
- Medical Centre
- State highway indicators
- Roads
- Airport

# Queenstown central map

Welcome to our place



# Helpful information

## Emergency

Ambulance, Fire and Police T: 111

## Queenstown Police

11 Camp Street, Queenstown T: 03 441 1600

## Lakes District Hospital

20 Douglas Street, Frankton T: 03 441 0015

## Banks

Trading banks are open Monday to Friday, 9:00am - 4:30pm, and some in Queenstown are open on weekends.

## Bureaux De Change

Open seven days a week, 8:00am - 6:30pm  
ATM - 24 hour automated teller machines are widely available.

## Churches

Saint Peters (Anglican) T: 03 442 8391  
Saint Andrews (Presbyterian) T: 03 441 4250  
Saint Josephs (Catholic) T: 03 443 8414

## Citizens Advice Bureau

Cnr Stanley and Ballarat Streets T: 03 442 6799

## Luggage Storage

Bag storage is available at Queenstown Airport or Info & Track in downtown Queenstown year round. Kiwi Discovery offer luggage storage during the summer months.

## Parking

See the maps section.

## Post Office

13 Camp St, Queenstown T: 0800 501 501  
Monday to Friday, 8:30am - 5:30pm  
and Saturday 9:00am - 4:00pm.

## National Directory

T: 018

## International Directory

T: 0172

## Queenstown Airport

T: 03 450 9031

## Public Holidays

New Year	1 January 2 January
Waitangi Day	6 February
Otago Anniversary	20 March 2017 26 March 2018 25 March 2019
Anzac Day	25 April
Good Friday	14 April 2017 30 March 2018 19 April 2019
Easter Monday	17 April 2017 2 April 2018 22 April 2019
Queen's Birthday	1st Monday in June
Labour Day	4th Monday in October
Christmas Day	25 December
Boxing Day	26 December

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