



## 7-DAY SNOW SAFARI TOUR

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There are no wild animals on this safari - just tonnes of beautiful snow!

It's an early start on Day 1 as we meet at 6am for breakfast in Queenstown, before we head off to the Remarkables. Each evening, you are welcome to relax at your accommodation, cook in, eat out, enjoy the nightlife or even night skiing... whatever takes your fancy.

As you build your tour online, you will see many optional activities available to add - but remember, none of these are compulsory. Not sure which activities to choose? No problem. Once you've paid a deposit and secured your seat you can add activities anytime until 45 days prior to departure.

Activities can also be purchased on tour - just let your tour guide know, they'll be happy to help. As we can't always guarantee availability when booking on tour, we suggest if there are any activities you definitely want to do that you pre-book them.

As the tour starts early in the morning, you can opt to stay at our accommodation in Queenstown the night before the tour - only having to walk downstairs on the day the tour starts makes for a stress-free morning.

Likewise, you can book an extra night of accommodation on the last day so that you are not in a rush once we go our separate ways.

If you'd prefer room to yourself, you can upgrade to a private room for the duration of the tour. Upgrading your accommodation to a private room starts from \$649.

Note that due to unforeseen weather/snow conditions, changes may need to be made to the itinerary. Luckily, our tour guides are super flexible pros, so they'll make sure you have a good time no matter where the trip takes you.

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# TOUR INCLUSIONS

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- ▶ 6 lift passes to 6 different mountains.
- ▶ 6 nights of accommodation in dorm share style rooms.
- ▶ 7 breakfasts.
- ▶ 1 dinner.

## ALL HAKA SNOW TOURS INCLUDE

### ORIENTATION TOUR OF EVERY MOUNTAIN

We give you the low-down on every location.

### ALL TRANSPORT AND MOUNTAIN TRANSFERS

Taking you to our favourite snow locations.

### BREAKFAST EVERY DAY

Heaps of options for everyone (you too, vegans!)

### HIGH-END HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION

Dorm share, upgrades available.

### EXPERT TOUR MANAGER

Friendly snow experts who are passionate about NZ.

### SMALL GROUPS

Because you're more than just a number!



# ITINERARY SUMMARY

**DAY 1 - QUEENSTOWN | THE REMARKABLES**

**DAY 2 - QUEENSTOWN | CORONET PEAK**

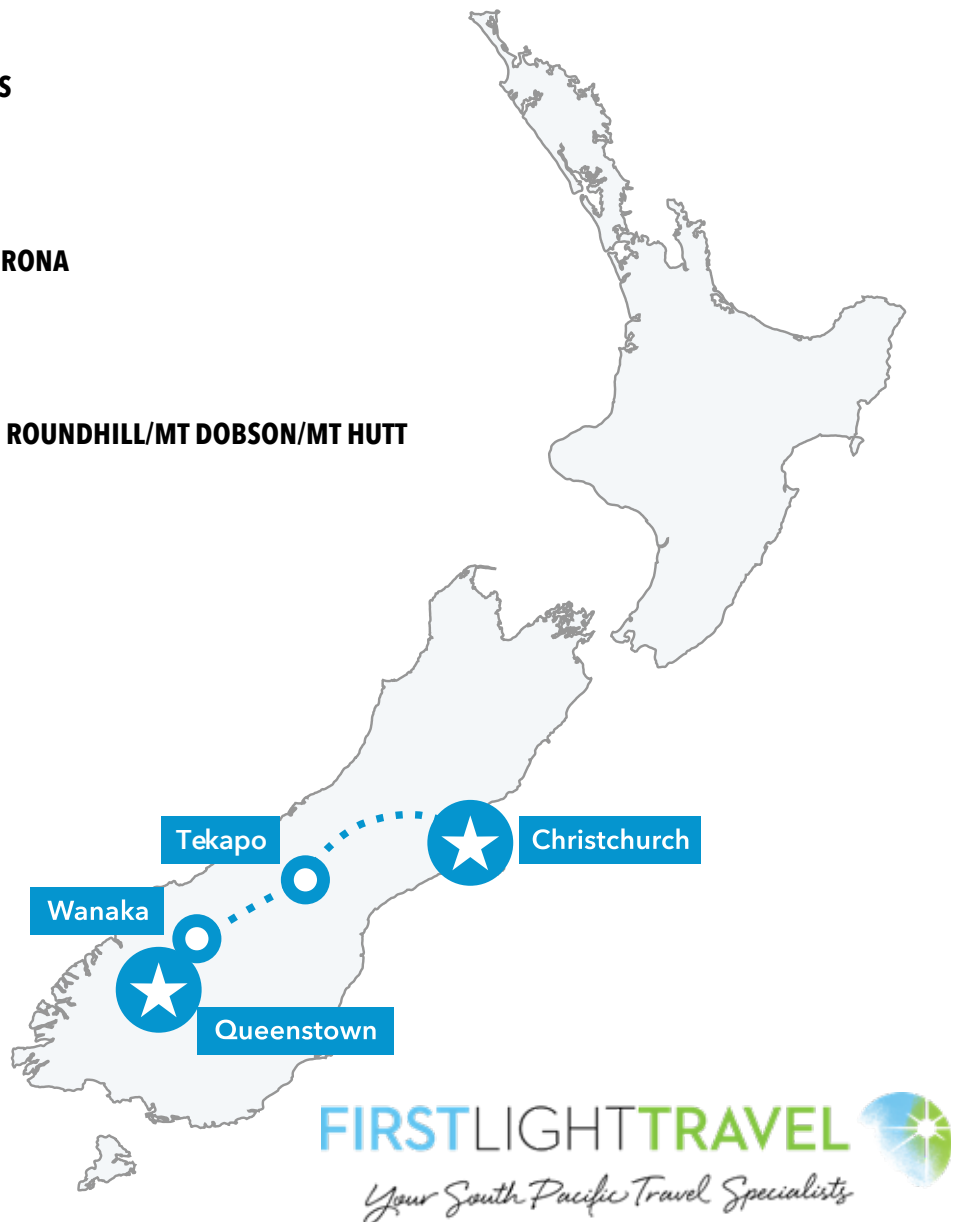
**DAY 3 - QUEENSTOWN**

**DAY 4 - QUEENSTOWN TO WANAKA | CARDRONA**

**DAY 5 - WANAKA | TREBLE CONE**

**DAY 6 - WANAKA TO LAKE TEKAPO | OHAU**

**DAY 7 - LAKE TEKAPO TO CHRISTCHURCH | ROUNDHILL/MT DOBSON/MT HUTT**





# QUEENSTOWN

## DAY 1 - QUEENSTOWN THE REMARKABLES

Kia ora and welcome to Queenstown! 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 The Remarkables. On the way, your guide will make a stop at the ski/board hire shop to collect any equipment required.

On offer today for your delight: wide open trails, native Keas, powder snow, spectacular views, sun drenched terrain and unforgettable runs. There's terrain here like you have never seen before, and, if you're prepared to exercise the legs a little, you will discover some of the longest off-piste runs around.

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 1935 metres, The Remarks has something for everyone as the terrain offers challenges for skiers of all abilities, including one of the most memorable runs in New Zealand: the long, fast sweep called Homeward Bound.

The Remarks is a great place to learn to ski, with a series of sheltered bowls all accessed by chair lifts; nearly three quarters of the slopes are rated beginner to intermediate. There are also plenty of off-piste challenges if you're more inclined towards the extreme.

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 free riders 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

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



## QUEENSTOWN

### DAY 2 - 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 and long, wide groomed trails with 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.

#### INCLUDED

Breakfast  
Lift Pass  
Dinner

#### SLOPE INFO

##### Coronet Peak

Difficulty: 30% Beginner, 40% Intermediate, 30% Advanced  
Height: 1649m  
Vertical: 462m  
Skiable Area: 280ha

### DAY 3 - QUEENSTOWN

Today is a chance to catch your breath and see Queenstown, take part in some adventure activities, or go heli-skiing. You are welcome to continue skiing or boarding but your lift pass is not included in the tour price.

There are several well-recommended heli-ski options: 4 runs or 8 runs (see our website for pricing). These will take you to untouched powder in the area.

A trip to Milford Sound is likewise 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



## WANAKA

### DAY 4 - WANAKA 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

#### SLOPE INFO

##### Cardrona

Levels: 25% Beginner, 50% Intermediate, 25% Advanced  
Height: 1860m  
Vertical: 600m  
Skiable Area: 345ha

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### DAY 5 - WANAKA TREBLE CONE

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

Treble Cone is the largest ski area in the South Island, with plenty of exhilarating skiing and snowboarding terrain. Spread over three large basins, there are trails to suit all ages and abilities.

From the purpose-built learner area and long, groomed beginner and intermediate trails, to numerous natural half pipes on the upper mountain, challenging advanced runs and ungroomed powder, there's plenty for everyone.

Treble Cone boasts New Zealand's fastest quad chairlift, so you can enjoy more runs per day than anywhere else. The saddle quad chairlift 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 5.5 metres and has an average maximum snow depth of 3.25 metres. 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





## LAKE TEKAPO / CHRISTCHURCH

### DAY 6 - LAKE TEKAPO OHAU

Today we take you to Ohau, a remote ski field which 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 1,925 metres, there is a 400-metre vertical fall to the base via 'The Boulevard' (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 the 'Escalator'.

Ohau offers exquisite dry powder snow terrain and gets you off the tourist trail to experience the awesome range of ski fields available in the South Island of New Zealand.

#### INCLUDED

Breakfast  
Lift Pass

#### SLOPE INFO

##### Ohau

Difficulty: 20% Beginner, 50% Intermediate, 30% Advanced  
Height: 1825m  
Vertical: 400m  
Skiable Area: 125ha

### DAY 7 - CHRISTCHURCH ROUNDHILL

Today we head to one of the Mackenzie Country's best kept secret. Roundhill has the highest vertical drop in Australasia 783M. Also boasts one of NZ's widest pistes and offers terrain to suit all capabilities

We ski / snowboard until approx. 3pm when we then make the journey back to Christchurch, aiming to arrive by approximately 8pm where you are welcome to book an extra night's accommodation.

#### INCLUDED

Breakfast  
Lift Pass

#### SLOPE INFO

##### Roundhill

Levels: 20% Beginner, 45% Intermediate, 35% Advanced  
Height: 2133m  
Vertical: 783m  
Skiable Area: 550ha

#### OPTIONAL ADD-ONS

Extra night accommodation in Christchurch.



## FAQ

### WHAT IS THE TOUR BUS LIKE?

We normally use a Mitsubishi Rosa, with a trailer for all your gear. As we only fill the bus to a maximum of 16 people, there are always some extra seats to spread out!

### WHO ARE THE TOUR GUIDES?

Our tour managers are all passionate snow enthusiasts and they are there to ensure you have the best time possible. Each one as awesome as the next, you can check out their profiles on our website to get to know them.

### WHAT HAPPENS IF A MOUNTAIN IS SHUT?

We make amendments to our tour route on the rare occasions that any mountains are shut or have poor conditions – going to a different mountain when possible. If not possible, we will refund the wholesale rate for your day lift pass.

### I'M A BEGINNER. IS THIS TOUR SUITABLE FOR ME?

Yes. If after your two initial lesson days you still feel you would like more instruction, we can organise this for you on the day. The price is from approximately NZ\$55 per person for a group lesson.

### WHAT IS THE HIRE GEAR LIKE?

Skis are from 4FRNT, Atomic and Salomon. Boards are from Burton and Academy. Poles are from Scott. Clothing is from Aggression and ski boots are from Nordica. Equipment/gear will be hired on the morning of day one and you will have the same gear for the duration of the tour, which means you can get used to it and progress much quicker. Your gear will be matched to suit your ability and experience.

### CAN YOU HELP ME OUT FOR EXTRA DAYS BEFORE AND AFTER THE TOUR?

Yes, we can arrange trips to Mt Hutt near Christchurch with accommodation in Methven, or time at Coronet Peak or The Remarkables, with accommodation in Queenstown.

### WHAT IS THE SIZE OF A SNOW TOUR GROUP?

The maximum size of a Snow Safari tour is 16 people.





## TOP 10 REASONS TO COME ON A HAKA SNOW 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, Haka Lodge 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 a Haka 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 8 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 whole 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. These can be booked on the road, but during peak season popular activities often sell out.
- 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!