



SKI ITINERARY – QUEENSTOWN TO CHRISTCHURCH - 6 DAYS

Day 1

Queenstown (D)

“Kia Ora” and Welcome to New Zealand!

If you have just arrived into New Zealand, you will be met at the airport by a Green Realm Travel representative, who will assist with your private transfer to the **St Moritz**.

Queenstown, a region of exceptional and diverse beauty, is a leading resort in the South Island, with inveterate world travellers regarding it as one of the premier scenic areas in the world. Backed by steep mountains, Queenstown lies in the curve of Lake Wakatipu at the head of its own small horse-shoe shaped bay. It is the South Island's principal resort, drawing visitors the year round with its lake and mountain scenery, exhilarating climate, changing seasons and wide range of excursion possibilities.

Today is at your leisure to relax and enjoy Queenstown. You may wish to choose from an optional activity, such as:

- ✚ ½ day Skippers Canyon adventure by 4WD
- ✚ Kawarau Jet Boat Ride
- ✚ Golf at Millbrook – 18 holes
- ✚ TSS Earnslaw Cruise & BBQ Lunch at Walter Peak Station

This evening you will dine in house at the **St Moritz** restaurant.

**Accommodation: St Moritz - One Bedroom Alpine Suite Lakeview
(2 nights)**

*The **St Moritz** captures the essence of the Grand Mercure philosophy by embracing its stunning natural setting – offering individuality, highly attentive service, premiere accommodation and fine cuisine. The hotel has a quintessentially alpine feel featuring tastefully stylish interiors inspired by its dramatic lake and mountain views.*

Its suburb central location ensures easy access to the vibrant township of Queenstown yet offers unrivalled serenity away from the hustle and bustle.

Recipient of the prestigious Distinction Award (NZ Tourism Awards) it is no wonder St Moritz is considered one of Queenstown's premiere hotels.

This morning you will board your luxury transport and travel to either **Coronet Peak** or the **Remarkables** ski fields, dependent on the weather.

Coronet Peak's diverse terrain, fantastic views and a cosmopolitan ambience create a superb winter experience for every level of snow sport enthusiast. Regarded by many as the birthplace of South Island skiing. Coronet Peak is host to many sporting and social events including the Southern Hemisphere's winter celebration, the American Express Queenstown Winter Festival. It is also the training ground of New Zealand's National Ski Team.

The Remarkables Ski Area offers a true alpine experience in three sunny bowls where 220 skiable hectares of terrain spreads across 700 hectares of reserve. It is a great place to soak up the winter sun and watch the playful antics of New Zealand's native parrot, the Kea.

You will then re-board your luxury coach/minivan and return to your hotel in Queenstown.

In the evening you will stroll across from the hotel a short distance to the steamer wharf, here you will enjoy dinner at a well known Queenstown restaurant. Return to the **St Moritz** is at your own leisure.

Accommodation: St Moritz - One Bedroom Alpine Suite Lakeview

Upon waking you have the choice of a full continental or cooked buffet breakfast at the hotel restaurant.

In the morning you will board your luxury coach/minivan and travel to **Cardrona Alpine Resort**.

Cardrona is renowned for great natural snow due to a higher elevation and its southerly aspect. This is further enhanced through snowmaking in the main basin. Cardrona is an incredible playground for freestyle skiers and boarders and a great mountain for beginner and intermediate abilities.

Later, you will re-board your luxury transport and travel to the **Cardrona Hotel** where you will enjoy canapés along with some mulled wine in front of a glowing fire.

Later, you will re-board your luxury coach/minivan and travel to Wanaka. On arrival into Wanaka you will be taken directly to your accommodation for check in.

This evening you will enjoy dinner in house at the **Grand Mercure Oakridge** restaurant.

**Accommodation: Grand Mercure Oakridge - 1 Bedroom Suite
(2 nights)**

*If you're looking for relaxation, a climate encompassing magnificent snow in winter, glorious sun during summer and with world-class outdoor pursuits, all surrounded by spectacular scenery, then set your sights on **Grand Mercure Oakridge Resort** in beautiful Wanaka.*

Grand Mercure Oakridge Resort Lake Wanaka is a luxury hotel with a difference. The resort features heated rock pools, seven hot tubs, 25 m lap pool, Sanctuary Day Spa and two restaurants to provide guests with a unique and relaxing experience amidst raw nature.

Grand Mercure Oakridge Resort Lake Wanaka is a premium hotel spread over 6.5 Ha of land in a stunning mountain setting, featuring an extensive range of accommodation including self catering deluxe apartments with 173 Rooms.

Upon waking you have the choice of a full continental or cooked breakfast at the hotel restaurant.

This morning you will board your luxury coach/minivan and travel to **Treble Cone ski field**.

Treble Cone is the home of New Zealand's most exhilarating snow and winter experience, with the largest skiable terrain, longest groomed trails and the highest vertical rise in the South Island. On the edge of the majestic Southern Alps, Treble Cone ski area offers outstanding views across Lake Wanaka and Mt Aspiring, an award winning cafe and unparalleled Snow School clinics that will keep you fizzing.

You will then re-board your luxury coach/minivan and travel back to Wanaka.

This evening is at your own leisure, you may wish to dine at one of Wanaka's many fine restaurants or in house at the **Grand Mercure Oakridge** restaurant.

Accommodation: Grand Mercure Oakridge - 1 Bedroom Suite

Upon waking you have the choice of a full continental or cooked breakfast at the hotel restaurant.

Today you will depart in your luxury coach/minivan for your journey to Christchurch via Mt Cook. Your journey begins by following the Kawarau River to the township of Cromwell. You then cross the Lindis Pass, which links northern central Otago with Mt Cook and the Mackenzie Country. This inland route winds through some of the most evocative hill country to be found in New Zealand, with the forever-present Southern Alps splitting the South Island distinctly into west and east. You will follow the shoreline of the Lake Pukaki, a stunning turquoise glacier lake before arriving at Mt Cook village and stopping at the **Hermitage Hotel** for your set menu lunch.

At The Hermitage you will also experience the **Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre**.

*Spectacular views of Aoraki Mount Cook, New Zealand's tallest mountain, and the surrounding National Park / World Heritage Area make **The Hermitage Hotel** one of the world's most stunning destinations.*

*A tribute to Sir Edmund Hillary, humanitarian, ambassador and one of the world's greatest explorers, the **Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre** showcases the Aoraki Mount Cook region, its people and its place in the universe. Designed to educate and entertain, the centre features a spectacular state-of-the-art 3D movie, New Zealand's first full dome digital Planetarium and Museum which documents the pioneering heart of the region and features the impressive Hillary Gallery.*

The Hillary Gallery depicts Sir Edmund's longstanding connection with the region and touches upon his achievements, expeditions and life's work. It was here he climbed his first major mountain, achieved a number of impressive first ascents including the difficult south face of Mount Cook, and trained for his Everest and Antarctic expeditions.

There will also be time for optional activities such as taking a scenic helicopter or fixed wing flight to view hanging glaciers and rivers of moving ice.

You will then continue through this windswept plateau of rolling tussock country, via the townships of Fairlie and Geraldine to today's destination of **Terrace Downs High Country Resort**.

This evening you will enjoy dinner in house at the **Terrace Downs High Country Resort** restaurant.

Accommodation: Terrace Downs High Country Resort - 1 Bedroom Suite (1 night)

Terrace Downs is located in one of the most naturally beautiful places on earth, at the base of Mt Hutt overlooking the Rakaia Gorge; Terrace Downs offers an incomparable luxury leisure experience. Its 550 acres of unique New Zealand High Country provide peace and seclusion just 50 minutes drive from Christchurch Airport. Terrace Downs conserves as well as shares its environment. Sumptuous, modern facilities, deluxe accommodation in Villa Suites and Fairway Chalets, and an 18-hole championship golf course nestle in a pristine and unique landscape.

Upon waking you have the choice of a full continental or cooked breakfast at the hotel restaurant.

This morning you will board your luxury coach/minivan and travel to **Mt Hutt Ski Area** to ski.

Mt Hutt Ski Area receives some of the lightest and driest powder in Australasia. It typically enjoys one of the longest ski seasons in the Southern Hemisphere. With more than 365 skiable hectares, Mt Hutt offers plenty of variety and every facility for snow sport enthusiasts. A big mountain with great terrain, Mt Hutt offers an awesome winter experience for all levels of skiers and riders.

Or, you may prefer to remain at **Terrace Downs High Country Resort** and choose from an optional activity, such as:

-  18 hole championship golf course
-  Day spa
-  Discovery Jetboat
-  Horse Safaris
-  Segway tours
-  Salmon and trout fishing
-  Blokarting
-  Archery
-  Clay Pidgeon Shooting

Later in the day, you will re-board your luxury coach/minivan, and continue the journey north. The route takes you across the patchwork quilt Canterbury Plains to Christchurch City. On arrival into Christchurch you will be transferred to the airport for your flight out.

Or, if you would like to stay on and enjoy Christchurch for a few more days Green Realm Travel can arrange your accommodation and activities on your behalf, prices upon request.

END OF SERVICES



Queenstown to Christchurch - 6 Day Ski Tour

- ❖ Group size 1 – 6 guests: The tour price is NZD\$3,896.00 / AUD\$3,042.00 based on a per person, TWIN share basis
- ❖ Group size 1 – 6 guests: The tour price is NZD\$4,839.00 / AUD\$3,777.00 SINGLE traveller
- ❖ Group size 7 – 18 guests: The tour price is NZD\$2,631.00 / AUD\$2,054.00 based on a per person, TWIN share basis
- ❖ Group size 7 – 18 guests: The tour price is NZD\$3,507.00 / AUD\$2,738.00 SINGLE traveller
- ❖ Valid for travel from 01 May 2009 – 30th October 2009
- ❖ Minimum group size is 3 people to a maximum of 18 people if single coach/minivan transportation is a requirement. Otherwise group size is subject only to availability and capacity of the hotels, ski fields and restaurants as specified in the itinerary.
- ❖ Prices are quoted in New Zealand dollars, including GST Tax of 12.5%
- ❖ Prices quoted in Australian Dollars are based on today's exchange rate, and are subject to prevailing exchange rate at time of payment.
- ❖ Surcharges may apply over public holiday and special event dates.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ✚ ACCOMMODATION: On a share twin basis, as specified in the itinerary
- ✚ MEALS: Breakfast (4), Lunch (1), Dinner (4) as detailed in the itinerary
- ✚ SKI and LIFT PASSES: for all listed ski fields as specified in the itinerary
- ✚ ENTRANCE FEES: General sightseeing as specified in the itinerary, Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre, après ski at Cardrona Hotel
- ✚ GST: Government Goods & Services Tax of 12.5%. Subject to change.
- ✚ HOTEL PORTERAGE
- ✚ AIRPORT TRANSFERS: Private transfer service for pickup from Queenstown Airport and return to Christchurch Airport

WHAT'S EXCLUDED

- ✚ DOMESTIC OR INTERNATIONAL AIRFARES
- ✚ SKI EQUIPMENT / CLOTHING HIRE
- ✚ OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES
- ✚ ADDITIONAL BEVERAGES with meals, such as wine, beers, fruit juices
- ✚ TIPS AND GRATUITIES
- ✚ ITEMS OF A PERSONAL NATURE such as telephone calls, laundry etc
- ✚ AIRPORT DEPARTURE TAX

GREEN REALM TRAVEL

Reserves the right to amend certain components of a touring day to enhance the experience of the guest and if it is operationally necessary.



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