



SKI ITINERARY – CHRISTCHURCH TO QUEENSTOWN - 6 DAYS

Day 1

Christchurch (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 **Millennium Hotel**.

Christchurch, “The Garden City”, has many well-tended parks, reserves and squares but the civic love of beauty is often more apparent in the fresh lawns and burgeoning gardens of the suburban streets. The pioneering folk of an earlier era had a thought for the future when they planted seedlings which have grown into mighty oaks and elms, soaring poplars and graceful willows, now seen in every part of the city. Much of the charm of this city starts and finishes with the beautiful Avon River that runs through the suburbs and the city, providing an almost rural atmosphere in the heart of the city.

This afternoon is at your leisure to enjoy Christchurch.

This evening you will dine in house at **The Millennium Hotel** restaurant

Accommodation: Millennium Hotel - Executive Suite (1 night)

Millennium Hotel Christchurch is a Qualmark rated 5 Star luxury hotel located in the iconic and picturesque Cathedral Square. Just across from the Christchurch Cathedral, the hotel is in the heart of the city - with all that the central business district has to offer for attractions, shopping and entertainment. While other facilities in the city such as the Christchurch Convention Centre, Town Hall, Arts Centre and Casino are just a few minutes walk from the hotel.

The rooms are all fitted with the most elegant and stylish quality fixtures and furnishings, from the marble in the bathrooms to the ceramic vases and lamps in the bedrooms. A refurbishment of all rooms was carried out late in 2006 has ensured a continuation of the Millennium's high standards and reputation.

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

This morning you will be picked up by luxury coach/minivan from your hotel and you will travel to **Mt Hutt** ski area for a day on the slopes.

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.

After your day skiing/boarding you will re-board your luxury coach/minivan and travel to **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 night)

Terrace Downs High Country Resort 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 nestle in a pristine and unique landscape.

Onsite activities include blowkarting, clay pigeon shooting, 18 hole championship golf course, horse treks, day spa and archery range.

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

Today you will depart Terrace Downs aboard your luxury coach/minivan and travel to Aoraki Mt Cook, New Zealand's highest mountain. You will journey along the shores of Lake Pukaki, a turquoise glacier lake to the Mt Cook Village. On arrival at Mt Cook you will enjoy a set menu lunch at **The Hermitage Hotel**, overlooking Mt Cook.

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

You will then journey through to Wanaka, crossing 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.

On arrival into Wanaka you will be taken directly to the **Grand Mercure Oakridge Resort** for check in.

Wanaka is a skier's paradise with the world class ski-resorts of Cardrona and Treble Cone only a short drive. You will marvel at the contrast of Lake Wanaka with the towering mountains and the après ski scene with friendly locals and visitors alike.

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

Accommodation: Grand Mercure Oakridge (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 your hotel restaurant.

This morning you will board your luxury transport 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.

After your day on the slopes you will travel back to Wanaka.

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

Accommodation: Grand Mercure Oakridge

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

This morning you will board your luxury coach/minivan and travel to **Cardrona Alpine Resort** for a day on the slopes.

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.

Afterwards, you will travel through to Queenstown, following the dramatic Kawarau River into the 'playground' of New Zealand. On arrival into Queenstown you will be taken directly to the **St Moritz** to check in.

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.

In the evening you will stroll a short distance to the steamer wharf, to 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
(1 night)**

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.






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

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 Lindauer 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.

Alternatively, you may wish to try one of the many optional activities Queenstown has to offer:

-  Queenstown Combo
-  Golf at Millbrook Resort or Jacks Point
-  The Kawarau Jetboat experience
-  Skyline Gondola
-  A cruise on Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw

Queenstown Combos combine Queenstown's leading adventure activities. This is the best option to experience the ingenuity of New Zealanders. Combos may include options of helicopter flights, jet boating, rafting, bungee jumping, skydiving, river surfing, canyon swing, mountain biking, Skyline gondola and luge. Combos are designed for all levels of adventure offering clients better value and improved use of their time.

Alternatively, you may wish to try the optional activity of going heli-skiing with **Harris Mountains heli-ski**.

Harris Mountains Heli-ski. New Zealand's most experienced heli-ski and heli-board company, with an extensive variety of exclusive terrain to ski or board in Queenstown, Wanaka and Mount Cook. Using the highest available terrain offers variety and guarantees reliable snow conditions. From first time heli-skiers to those wanting to ski maximum vertical, HMM's qualified and experienced guides will take you to terrain to suit your ability.

Later, you will either be transferred to your conference hotel or to Queenstown airport for your flight.

Or, if you would like to stay on and enjoy Queenstown for a few more days Green Realm Travel can arrange your accommodation, additional ski passes & limousine transport to Queenstown Airport, prices on request.

END OF SERVICES



Christchurch to Queenstown – 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 (Goods & Services 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 (5), Lunch (1), Dinner (4) as detailed in the itinerary
- ✚ SKI and LIFT PASSES: for all listed ski fields.
- ✚ 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 Christchurch Airport and drop off to Queenstown 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.



Accommodation

CHRISTCHURCH

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