

FIRST LIGHT TRAVEL



Your South Pacific Travel Specialists



7-DAY SNOW SAFARI TOUR

There's 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 Christchurch, before we head off to Mt Hutt. In the evenings you are welcome to relax at the accommodations, soak in the local hot tub, cook in, eat out, go partying 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 the road – just let your tour guide know, they'll be happy to help. However we can't always guarantee availability when booking on the road, so 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 Christchurch 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 at the Lodge on the last day so you are not in a rush once we go our separate ways. You are welcome to finish your tour in Queenstown – we can arrange extra accommodation here as well. You can continue to ski but you won't be able to keep any hire gear that we have given you. 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 2-person private room costs \$499. The cost is per room, so if you share the room with someone else you can split the cost between you.

Note that due to unforeseen weather conditions, changes may need to be made to the itinerary en route. 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

ALL 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, knowledgeable and passionate about NZ

SMALL GROUPS

because you're more than just a number!

AWESOME INCLUSIONS

6 lift passes to 6 different mountains

Advice to improve your skiing or snowboarding technique

Hot pools entry in Tekapo

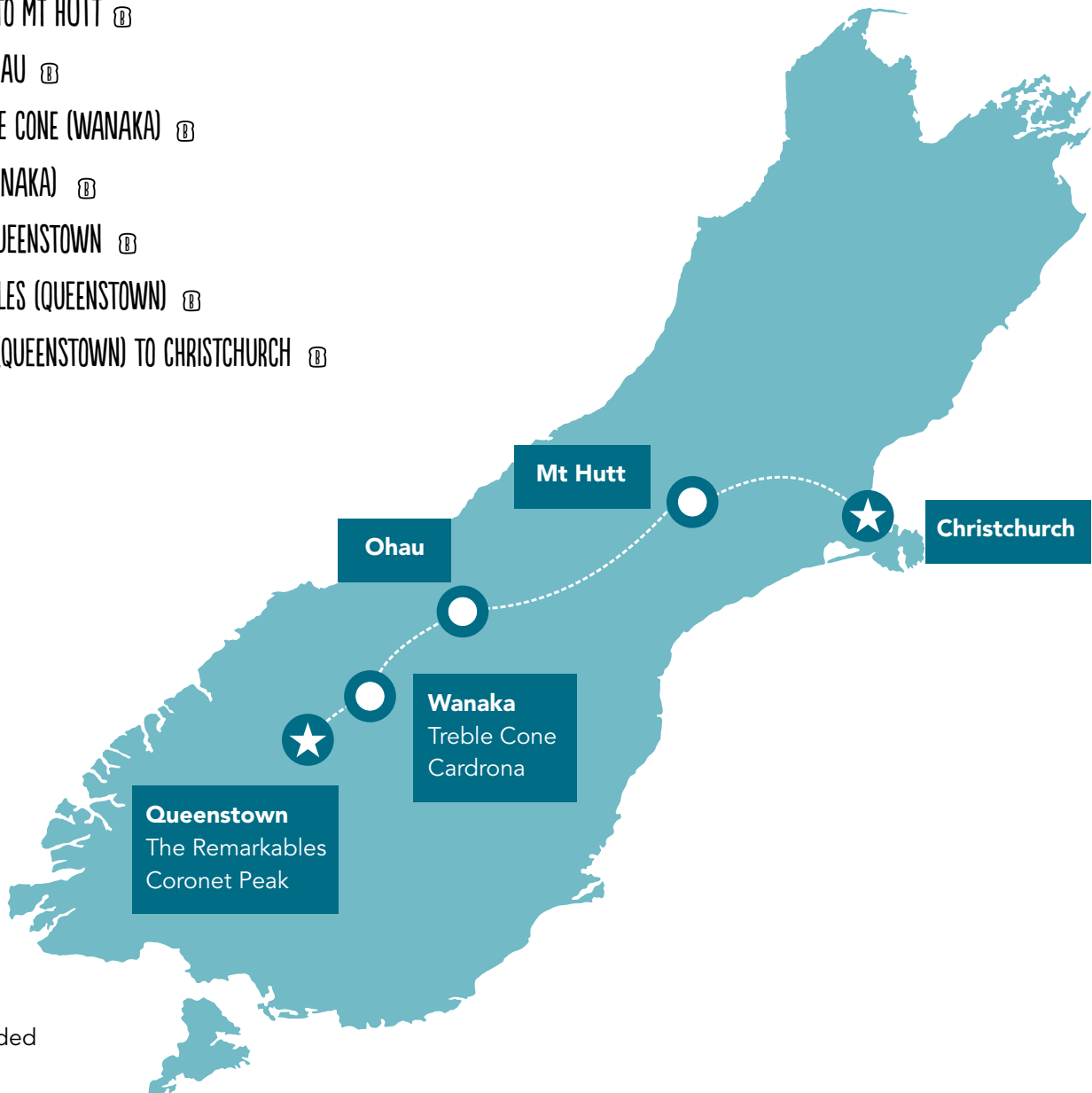
Lessons and equipment hire (if selecting the Beginner Pack)

Equipment hire (if selecting Lift Pass + Hire Pack)



ITINERARY SUMMARY

- DAY 1 – CHRISTCHURCH TO MT HUTT **B**
- DAY 2 – MT HUTT TO OHAU **B**
- DAY 3 – OHAU TO TREBLE CONE (WANAKA) **B**
- DAY 4 – CARDRONA (WANAKA) **B**
- DAY 5 – WANAKA TO QUEENSTOWN **B**
- DAY 6 – THE REMARKABLES (QUEENSTOWN) **B**
- DAY 7 – CORONET PEAK (QUEENSTOWN) TO CHRISTCHURCH **B**



B Breakfast included



MT HUTT | OHAU

DAY 1 – CHRISTCHURCH TO MT HUTT

Kia ora and welcome to Christchurch! Your tour starts bright and early at 6 am, so we promise no cheesy introductions! With a whole day on the slopes ahead of us, we waste no time in leaving to drive to Mt Hutt. On the way, your guide will make a stop at the ski/board hire shop to collect any equipment required.

Located high in the Southern Alps, Canterbury's Mt Hutt Ski Area receives some of the lightest and driest powder in Australasia. A big mountain (365 skiable hectares) with great terrain, this ski eld is an awesome winter experience for first timers and seasoned powder hounds.

There are plenty of adrenalin-pumping black diamond runs on the South Face, presenting extreme skiers and boarders with as many different challenges as they can handle. The wide, open trails provide easy learning for novice skiers and excellent terrain to build on your existing skills.

SLOPE INFO

Mt Hutt

Difficulty:
25% Beginner, 50% Intermediate, 25% Advanced

Height: 2075m
Vertical: 683m
Skiable Area: 365ha

OPTIONAL ADD-ONS

Ski clothing and gear hire

DAY 2 – MT HUTT TO OHAU

Today we take you to Ohau, a remote ski field that 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 1925 metres, there is a 400-metre vertical fall to the base via 'The Boulevard', which is 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 can offer exquisite dry powder snow and epic terrain – and will get you away from the tourist trail to experience an awesome range of ski fields available on the South Island.

Day Two does have two alternative Fields as options (Mt Dobson and Roundhill) in order to make sure that all experience levels are catered for.

In the evening we drive to Wanaka so we are ready to start Day 3 bright and early.

SLOPE INFO

Ohau

Difficulty:
20% Beginner, 50% Intermediate, 30% Advanced

Height: 1825m
Vertical: 400m
Skiable Area: 125ha



WANAKA: TREBLE CONE | CARDONA

DAY 3 – OHAU TO 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 is notable for its Home Basin Express 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.

SLOPE INFO

Treble Cone

Difficulty:

10% Beginner, 45% Intermediate, 45% Advanced

Height: 1960m

Vertical: 700m

Skiable Area: 550ha

DAY 4 – CARDRONA TO QUEENSTOWN

Cardrona is renowned among skiers and boarders for inspiring terrain and dry natural snow. With 320 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, we may make slight amendments to our tour itinerary if we feel any events would add value to your Haka Snow Safari experience.

SLOPE INFO

Cardrona

Difficulty:

25% Beginner, 50% Intermediate, 25% Advanced

Height: 1860m

Vertical: 600m

Skiable Area: 345ha



QUEENSTOWN: THE REMARKABLES

DAY 5 – QUEENSTOWN

We break up your tour to give you a chance to catch your breath and see Queenstown, take part in some adventure activities, or go heli-skiing. You are welcome to hit the slopes again but your lift pass for today is not included in the tour price.

There are a number of well-recommended heli-ski options. These will take you to untouched powder in the area. A trip to the Milford Sound is also a great way to spend the day.

Either way, your bucket list is about to take a serious hit!

OPTIONAL ADD-ONS

Heli-skiing	Paragliding
Canyoning	Skydiving
Horse trekking	Milford Sound trip
Canyon swing	Extreme jet boating
Bungy (Kawarau or Nevis)	

DAY 6 – THE REMARKABLES

Wide open trails, native kea, powder snow, spectacular views, sun drenched terrain and unforgettable runs. There's terrain here like you have never seen and if you're willing to work your legs a little, you'll discover super long off-piste runs.

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 Remarkables ski area boasts a new international standard Super Pipe for advanced level riders and skiers. The 150-metre long, 22-metre 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 freeriders out there.

SLOPE INFO

The Remarkables

Difficulty:
30% Beginner, 40% Intermediate, 35% Advanced

Height: 1943m
Vertical: 357m
Skiable Area: 220ha

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QUEENSTOWN: CORONET PEAK

DAY 7 – CORONET PEAK TO CHRISTCHURCH

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- old 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, long, wide groomed trails and 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

Exclusive night skiing is available on Friday and Saturdays until 10pm. As the sun sinks slowly in the west, the lights come on and the fun begins.

We ski/snowboard until mid-afternoon, when we then make the journey back to, aiming to arrive back in the Garden City by approximately 10.30pm

You have the option of booking an extra night's accommodation in Christchurch or extending your stay in Queenstown post-tour.

SLOPE INFO

Coronet Peak

Difficulty:
30% Beginner, 40% Intermediate, 50% Advanced

Height: 1649m
Vertical: 462m
Skiable Area: 280ha

OPTIONAL ADD-ONS

Extra night's accommodation in Queenstown or Christchurch



FAQ

WHAT IS THE TOUR BUS LIKE?

We normally use a 22-seater 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 for lounging about!

WHO ARE THE TOUR GUIDES?

Our tour managers are all passionate snow-enthusiasts with heaps of experience in guiding. They are there to ensure you have the best time possible. Head guide Mike Burton is a current international snowboard judge and was the guide for the Quiksilver Team when they travelled NZ with us – and as for the rest of the team, you can check out their profiles online 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 very poor conditions – going to a different mountain if at all possible. If not possible, we will refund the wholesale rate for your 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 hence 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 Remarks, with accommodation in Queenstown.

WHAT IS THE SIZE OF A SNOW TOUR GROUP?

The maximum size of a snow tour is 16 people. We book out in advance during peak season so our average numbers can be very close to 16.



TOP 10 REASONS TO COME ON A 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 a 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 show you the best secret spots and powder stashes – they know the mountains like the back of their hand, and they can give you tuition and advice to improve your technique.
- 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 definitely 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!

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