An action-packed journey from New Zealand’s adventure capital to the peaks of Aoraki Mount Cook

AT A GLANCE

- 8 days/7 nights
- World-class downhill mountain biking
- Bungy jumping and canyon swinging
- Ice climbing on New Zealand’s highest mountain
- Whitewater rafting in pristine rivers
DAY 1 | QUEENSTOWN
Fly into Queenstown and spend a relaxing afternoon exploring the picturesque town, surrounded by mountains and nestled on the shores of clear Lake Wakatipu. Or freshen up with a bike or hike on one of the town’s many scenic trails.

Top Tip: Start as you mean to go on with a thrilling jet boat airport transfer.

DAY 2 | QUEENSTOWN
Rent a mountain bike and explore the Queenstown Bike Park. The Skyline Gondola takes the hard work out of it by dropping riders almost 500 metres above central Queenstown. The 30+ km trail network winds and drops through exotic and regenerating native forest with views across Lake Wakatipu to the jagged Remarkables mountains.

Top Tip: Queenstown is a winter sports mecca. If you’re an experienced skier or boarder and you arrive in winter, explore open bowls and steep chutes on a heli-ski adventure.

DAY 3 | QUEENSTOWN – GLENORCHY – QUEENSTOWN
Skip your morning coffee and jump New Zealand’s highest bungy instead! Set in spectacular surroundings, the Nevis bungy offers a 134-metre plunge with an 8.5-second freefall. Right next door you can swing 300m over the canyon by yourself or tandem with a friend. This afternoon get off the beaten track in Glenorchy, just 40-minutes from Queenstown. Enjoy a breath-taking jet boat ride through Mount Aspiring National Park – hold on tight while your driver does full 360° spins.

Top Tip: If you have more time, spend a night in Glenorchy and enjoy a full day of jet-boats and kayaking in one of New Zealand’s UNESCO World Heritage areas.

DAY 4 | QUEENSTOWN
Battle the currents on a white-knuckled, journey down turbulent rapids. There are several different rivers to choose from in Queenstown, with rafting options from grade 2 to 5. Stunning scenery is guaranteed on all of them. Once your nerves have settled, go on a high-speed ride in a semi-submersible shark on Lake Wakatipu, reaching speeds of up to 80km/h.

Top Tip: After all that action, spend the evening soaking in a private hot pool under the stars.
**DAY 5 | QUEENSTOWN**

Experience the thrill of a helicopter ride to the top of a mountain range, then enjoy the ride downhill on a heli-biking adventure. From natural trails and steep track, technical rock, undulating mountain grass slopes to 4WD trails, there’s a downhill to suit every competent mountain biker. Or take to the skies with a skydive over Queenstown – the views don’t get better than at 15,000ft!

*Top Tip:* If you’ve never skydived before, take a test drive at the indoor wind funnel with iFLY.

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**DAY 6 | QUEENSTOWN – WANAKA**

Queenstown - Wanaka  🚗 67km / 1 hour

Make your way to picture-perfect Wanaka, for a day of advanced via ferrata climbing. Designed for experienced adventurers with a great head for heights, this climb takes you all the way to the top of a waterfall, before a helicopter takes you back down off the mountain.

*Top Tip:* Wanaka’s lakeside setting and proximity to Mt Aspiring National Park make it the ultimate base for adrenaline activities. Skydiving, jet boating, 4WD and skiing are just some of the activities on offer.

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**DAY 7 | WANAKA – AORAKI MOUNT COOK**

Wanaka - Aoraki Mount Cook  🚗 209km / 2 hours 35 min

Today’s drive will take you past the turquoise shores of Lake Pukaki to Aoraki Mount Cook. There are many ways to explore Sir Edmund Hillary’s training ground – ice climbing, heli-snowshoeing, or a glacier ice trek. You don’t have to be a mountaineer to enjoy the scenery – there are various short alpine walks. Or take a boat across the terminal lake of the Tasman Glacier and explore the area in an all-terrain vehicle.

*Top Tip:* Explore the southern stars in this International Dark Sky Reserve on a stargazing tour.

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**DAY 8 | AORAKI MOUNT COOK – CHRISTCHURCH**

Aoraki Mount Cook – Christchurch  🚗 332km / 4 hours 15 min

Take the scenic drive to Christchurch, with a stop at sparkling Lake Tekapo. Visit Christchurch Adventure park for world-class mountain biking trails, ziplining or just taking in the scenery from the 1.8-kilometre chairlift. Spend your final night in Christchurch before flying out from Christchurch International Airport.

*Top Tip:* If you have a bit more time, take an overnight trip to Hanmer Springs. This alpine village offers lots of adrenaline-fuelled activities. But it’s best known for its natural hot pools and stunning landscapes, the perfect way to soothe any aching muscles at the end of your trip.