

# SKIING IN AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND



**Aotearoa New Zealand has developed a deserved reputation as an international skiing destination, with snow experiences to suit every level of skier or snowboarder.**

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## WHY CHOOSE A NEW ZEALAND SKI HOLIDAY?

The New Zealand ski season runs from June to October – great for visitors from the northern hemisphere who want to escape the heat of summer.

New Zealand ski fields tend to be less crowded than those in the northern hemisphere, meaning queues are comparatively short. There are plenty of wide open bowls and gentle slopes for first-time skiers. And for the more adventurous, Aotearoa offers spectacular off-piste skiing and an exciting range of heli-skiing opportunities.

Ski fields are located close to major towns and cities. So if skiers want to enjoy a day off the slopes there are plenty of attractions and activities, such as cycling, boat cruises and cultural experiences, all within easy reach.

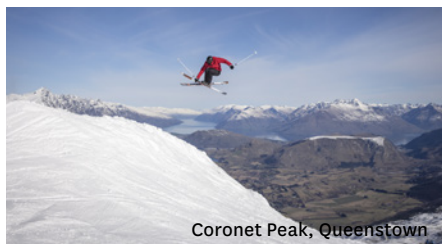
## PLANNING A NEW ZEALAND SKI HOLIDAY

Pre-booking flights, accommodation, transport and activities is recommended. Accommodation options include luxury lodges, hotels, apartments, motels, backpackers and hostels.

If visitors don't have their own gear or prefer not to bring it with them, quality skis, snowboards, clothing and accessories are easy to hire.

Transport to and from the maunga (mountain) is simple with regular shuttles available from main centres to major ski fields. Visitors who plan on hiring a rental vehicle must ensure they are familiar with all of New Zealand's unique road rules and driving conditions, and carry snow chains at all times.

For tips on driving in Aotearoa in winter visit [newzealand.com](https://www.newzealand.com)





The Remarkables, Queenstown



Cardrona, Queenstown



Tūroa, Mt Ruapehu

## NORTH ISLAND SKI FIELDS

### WHAKAPAPA SKI AREA

**Location:** 20 minutes' drive from National Park Village, 45 minutes from Ohakune or 1 hour 20 minutes from Taupō.

Whakapapa Ski Area on the north-western slopes of Mt Ruapehu is New Zealand's largest ski area with 550ha of skiable terrain. The dedicated learner's area (Happy Valley) makes Whakapapa ideal for beginner skiers and snowboarders.

[mtruapehu.com](http://mtruapehu.com)

### TŪROA SKI AREA

**Location:** 20 minutes' drive from Ohakune, 45 minutes from National Park Village or 2 hours from Taupō.

Tūroa Ski Area on the south-western slopes of Mt Ruapehu has Australasia's biggest vertical descent (722m) and lift-accessed back country terrain. A small learner's area caters to beginners, while the intermediate and advanced terrain keeps experienced skiers and snowboarders entertained all day.

[mtruapehu.com](http://mtruapehu.com)

## SOUTH ISLAND SKI FIELDS

### MT HUTT

**Location:** 1 hour 45 minutes' drive from Ōtautahi Christchurch.

Mt Hutt is one of the largest and highest ski areas in the South Island. It is perfect for skiers and snowboarders of every age and ability. Mt Hutt features a network of progressive terrain parks and dedicated learning facilities making it perfect for families.

[mthutt.co.nz](http://mthutt.co.nz)

### CORONET PEAK

**Location:** 25 minutes' drive from Tāhuna Queenstown.

Coronet Peak is the closest mountain to Tāhuna Queenstown. Stunning high points and rolling trails offer seasoned skiers and snowboarders excellent terrain to explore. Coronet Peak offers the longest resort opening hours in New Zealand and thrilling night skiing.

[coronetpeak.co.nz](http://coronetpeak.co.nz)

### THE REMARKABLES SKI AREA

**Location:** 45 minutes' drive from Tāhuna Queenstown.

The Remarkables is known for its friendly atmosphere, high altitude and north-facing sunny slopes. As well as plenty of space for beginners, The Remarkables has extensive freestyle features across three dedicated terrain parks, including the southern hemisphere's only Stash, a Burton signature terrain park.

[theremarkables.co.nz](http://theremarkables.co.nz)

### CARDRONA ALPINE RESORT

**Location:** 35 minutes' drive from Wānaka or 1 hour drive from Tāhuna Queenstown.

Cardrona has superb, wide terrain spread across three main valleys, which also includes the southern hemisphere's most extensive terrain park. Cardrona is perfect for skiers and snowboarders of all levels and experience.

[cardrona.com](http://cardrona.com)

### TREBLE CONE SKI AREA

**Location:** 35 minutes' drive from Wānaka or 90 minutes' drive from Tāhuna Queenstown.

Treble Cone is the largest ski area in Aotearoa New Zealand's South Island and offers the longest vertical rise in the Southern Lakes. The ski area is famous for its long groomed slopes, legendary off-piste and unrivalled views.

[treblecone.com](http://treblecone.com)

