



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

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 are uncrowded, meaning queues are comparatively short. There are plenty of wide open bowls and gentle slopes for first-time skiers. And for the more adventurous, New Zealand 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 you 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 is plentiful with options including luxury lodges, hotels, apartments, motels, backpackers and hostels.

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

Transport to and from the mountain is simple with regular shuttles available from main centres to major ski fields. If you plan on hiring a rental vehicle make sure you are familiar with all of New Zealand's unique road rules and driving conditions. Snow chains must be carried and are available from most rental vehicle companies.



Coronet Peak, Queenstown



Whakapapa, Mt Ruapehu



Mount Hutt, Canterbury



Treble Cone, Wanaka



Cecil Peak, Queenstown



Turoa, Mt Ruapehu

NORTH ISLAND SKI FIELDS

WHAKAPAPA SKI AREA

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

Whakapapa Ski Area on the north-western slopes of Mount Ruapehu is New Zealand's largest ski area with 550ha of skiable terrain. The dedicated learner's area makes Whakapapa ideal for those learning to ski or snowboard.

mtruapehu.com

TUROA SKI AREA

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

Turoa Ski Area on the south-western slopes of Mount Ruapehu has Australasia's longest 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.

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SOUTH ISLAND SKI FIELDS

MOUNT HUTT

Location: 1 hour 45 minutes' drive from Christchurch.

Mount 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. Mount Hutt features a network of progressive terrain parks and dedicated learning facilities making it perfect for families.

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CORONET PEAK

Location: 25 minutes' drive from Queenstown.

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

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THE REMARKABLES SKI AREA

Location: 45 minutes' drive from 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.

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CARDRONA ALPINE RESORT

Location: 35 minutes' drive from Wanaka or 1-hour drive from 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

TREBLE CONE SKI AREA

Location: 35 minutes' drive from Wanaka or 90 minutes' drive from Queenstown.

Treble Cone is the largest ski area in 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.

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