

# The 9 day 'winter wonderland'...

**EXAMPLE NINE DAY ITINERARY** 

Queenstown and Wanaka South Island

**New Zealand** 





## **Accommodation**



#### **EICHARDT'S PRIVATE HOTEL - QUEENSTOWN**

Situated on the shores of Lake Wakatipu in the heart of Queenstown's village is Eichardt's Private Hotel. Hugely historical with a past both rich and intriguing, Eichardt's is, to this day, a New Zealand institution. An old meeting place for those seeking gold, the fortunes, misfortunes and missed fortunes were relayed between the very same walls you will stay in.

With beautifully modern features, stunning rooms and that all-important warm southern feel, you can walk out your door and feel the essence of this 'gold-rush' town. The restaurants, bars, galleries and shops nearby make this the perfect base for exploring.

Just be sure to have that camera on hand as everywhere you look is a photograph...



#### WHARE KEA LODGE - WANAKA

Situated above Lake Wanaka, one of New Zealand's most pristine natural glacial lakes, you will find luxurious seclusion in Whare Kea. With floor to ceiling windows and sweeping mountain views, peace, tranquillity and contemplation are just a few of the inevitable feelings when experiencing this stunning lodge.

With 6 exquisite suites comprised of ensuites and walk-in wardrobes, there are no excuses needed for 'you time,' as your private chef will be happily creating one masterful, melt-in-your-mouth feast after another.

Whare Kea, meaning 'house of the Kea' in Maori, captures everything Central Otago, as the Kea is the world's only alpine parrot making its home in the mountains surrounding the lodge. Whare Kea has its own private lake access, sweeping lawn and a hot tub nestled subtly away from the suites making it the perfect wind-down option after a hard day's exploring.



# Day by Day

### **DAY ONE to FOUR**

#### Queenstown - Eichardt's Private Hotel

Coronet Peak Resort The Remarkables

### **DAY FIVE to EIGHT**

## Wanaka – Whare Kea Lodge Cardrona Alpine Resort Treble Cone Ski Resort



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## Day 1 - Queenstown

#### **EICHARDT'S PRIVATE HOTEL**

(03) 441 0450

www.eichardts.co.nz

Having arrived into Queenstown off your flight, your Kiwi Does It representative will meet you on arrival and transfer you to your stunning lakeside accommodation, Eichardt's Private Hotel. The Eichardt's team will take great care of you as you explore this 'adventure capital of the world' with its two fantastic ski resorts, Coronet Peak and The Remarkables. The helisking from here is phenomenal just to plant the seed...

Spend some time getting settled in and relaxing in the most picturesque of New Zealand environments before taking a walk aroud the quaint village alleyways and waterfront cafes. Queenstown's rich gold-mining history is intriguing and very hard to miss – evident in the buildings, the people and the majestic mountains that surround you. No doubt you will be up there in no time so be sure to head to R&R Sport to sort out any equipment you may need.

There are some superb restaurants right outside your door or alternatively, you can head out to Arrowtown where you will again find those hidden little gems, namely a drink at The Blue Door followed by a sumptuous dinner at Saffron.

- Arrive into Queenstown and transfer to Eichardt's
- Check-in, relax and take a walk around to get your bearings
- Eichardt's will help you with all the bookings or queries you may have





## Day 2 to 4 - Queenstown

#### **EICHARDT'S PRIVATE HOTEL**

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During the next few days, Queenstown and its mountains will be at your disposal. Whether it be 'carving it up' at the recently refurbished Coronet Peak or over the valley at the beautiful Remarkables Ski Area, you will never want for a view and if the last few seasons are something to go by, the snow will be great too...

Should you wish for a few tips on technique, be sure to talk to Rob about who the best person to use in region is (if indeed he is not showing off his wintery backyard himself). Rob spent 11 years ski training in Wanaka and around the world being certified in both the New Zealand Snowsports Instructors Alliance (NZSIA) at examiner level, as well as the Canadian Ski Instructors Alliance (CSIA) at full cert level. To get the best of the best, talk to us...

Should the weather be a hindrance at any stage in Queenstown, there are a huge number of activities to keep even the most active traveler occupied. On offer are the famous Bungy jumps, jet boating trips, Skyline Gondola and luge facility right down to the quaint pubs bars and cafes of Queenstown. One must-visit is to Patagonia, a superb little chocolate haven right on the Steamer Wharf.

- Hearty breakfasts, lots of skiing and time to explore
- Take some lessons having spoken to KDI about who's who
- Bad weather activity options like jet boating, bungy jumping and Queenstown's hub





## Day 5 - Wanaka

**WHARE KEA LODGE** 

(03) 443 1400

www.wharekealodge.com

Today you will be making your way over to Wanaka where you will find privacy and seclusion like no other. Leaving Queenstown, the Wakatipu basin is a sight in itself as you wind your way up and over the Crown Range (provided there's not some fresh powder on the hills) – your guide will be sure to stop at the top so take a photo and breath in the wintery magnificence.

Lunch is along the way at the Cardrona Pub, an amazing little gold-mining pub that is 'world famous in New Zealand'. The goldrush was rampant right through Central Otago in the late 1800's and small relics like this are an experience in themselves, not to mention the superb apres-ski ambiance after a great day up at Cardrona, one of Wanaka's fantastic resorts.

Following lunch and as you enter Wanaka you will immediately see why it's the place that Kiwi's come to holiday and ski. The snow-capped mountains in the distance, the crystal clear and often cool lake and the small but vibrant town that hosts you all make this place unforgettable.

Dinner tonight will no doubt be a masterpiece as your personal Whare Kea chef whips up local New Zealand fare. A glass of Pinot Noir from the neighbouring Rippon vineyard is compulsory...

- Check-out of Eichardt's and meet your local guide
- Drive over to Wanaka via the Crown Range and pub and check-in to Whare Kea Lodge
- Work out tomorrow's mountain schedule





## Day 6 to 8 - Wanaka

**WHARE KEA LODGE** 

(03) 443 1400

www.wharekealodge.com

This morning will no doubt be one of those mornings where having woken up and seen the dusting of fresh snow, even breakfast (despite it being so amazing) will seem to take too long. With thoughts drifting to that first chairlift ride and those untouched powder turns. The best thing you can do is have a good hearty breakfast, make triple sure you have the boots (both of them) and do your stretches!

Treble Cone, Cardrona or the Snow Park are the mountains of choice in this winter region with Cardrona being the option for the more cautious of skiers boasting an excellent kids facility, nice easy-going groomed runs. Something for those adventurous young 'gromets' is Snow Park – halfpipes and jumps galore. Treble Cone on the other hand has a stunning (read exciting) drive up, welcoming you with great open bowls, steep runs and a view that is second to absolutely nothing on this earth – seriously.

The days end - the body is feeling it, the legs are sore but the excitement is still growing so if Cardrona was mountain of choice today, it's time to grab a core-warming mulled wine back at the Cardrona Pub and all it's gold-mining charm. If today was at Treble Cone, the lodge is worth relaxing back into as driving past the gate to go into town may not be too appealing...

- Wake up, have some amazing fuel and triple check the gear have you got it all?
- Drive up to Cardrona or Treble Cone and ski the day away
- Finish the day in style with some apres-ski
- Relax, unwind and have a sumptuous winter feast





## Day 9 - Departure Day

Having no doubt had some great snow, skied those buns off and seen some stunning local sights, today is the day you leave our snowy wonderland.

Your will again be on hand to transfer you back over to Queenstown however before you go anywhere, you need to return all your ski rental equipment, be it in Wanaka or back in Queenstown.

A brief little wine excursion is a great last idea too... You will no doubt head through Bannockburn and the Central Otago vineyards of Mount Difficulty, Carrick Estate and Amisfield to top it all off – the lunch menu (not to mention the Pinot Noir) is superb.

Well... All great wintery things must come to an end however we do hope you have enjoyed every minute of your skiing time here in New Zealand. It has been our absolute pleasure to create a winters itinerary that we feel sums up our little slice of South Pacific, snow-filled paradise and do hope you will stay in touch, send us some photos and come back at some stage - the views from your flight out of Queenstown should be a stunning finale so be sure to keep the camera handy.

- Check out of Whare Kea and return any rental equipmemt
- Meet your guide for a final wine tour of the Bannockburn Vineyards
- Lunch along the way at Amisfield
- Arrive at Queenstown airport for your TBC departure





# **Trip Summary**

Dates: TBC

**Duration:** 9 days

Pick-up: Queenstown, New Zealand

Drop-off: Queenstown, New Zealand

Estimated Cost: NZD \$1500 per couple, per day

Additional Itinerary Creation Fee (ICF) -

\* 0 - 9 days \$750 + GST

\* 10 - 19 days \$1100 + GST

\* 20 - 29 days \$1450 + GST

\* 30+ days \$1800 + GST

(NB - NZ Goods and Services Tax is 15%)

NB – This is a rough estimate and is subject to change on refinement and confirmation of the itinerary including all associated bookings and reservations. No reservations will be made on behalf of the client prior to Kiwi Does It Ltd receiving the non-refundable (ICF) and 30% of the confirmed trip cost.

**Guide Fees additional.** 

What's included: (2 pax)

• KDI services, administration and Itinerary Creation Fee (ICF)

• Goods and Services Tax (GST) 15%

• All accommodation

Vehicle rental TBC

Airport transfers TBC

Internal Air NZ flights TBC

Tours and skiing passes TBC

Activities and gear rental TBC

Helpful Numbers: (0064 – country code)



# **On Trip Notes**