



Skiing, Snowboarding and Heli-skiing in New Zealand

June – October 2011



Useful information:

- **season: starts in mid-June and lasts till beginning of October;**
- **ski resorts are situated on both big islands – North (Mt.Ruapehu) and South (Southern Alps);**
- **“nice touch”: you can rent not only ski equipment but also ski clothing – suits, gloves, jackets at the resorts;**
- **apart from a big number of groomed slopes, New Zealand offers innumerable off-piste skiing, snowboarding and heli-skiing/snowboarding options;**
- **ski resorts also provide lots of adrenalin pumping entertainment : jet-boating, bungee-jumping, sky-diving, para-gliding, etc.;**
- **if you are not an adrenalin junkie : Spa treatments, swimming pools and massages;**

1. Tour – Mt.Ruapehu, North Island

Mount Ruapehu is actually an active volcano, 2800 meters high; ski area is from 1650 up to 2300m. There are two ski fields – Whakapapa and Turoa. Distance from Auckland - 370km, approximately 4 hours by car.

Day 1

Arrival into Auckland, meeting with your guide-driver, individual transfer to the city centre with city tour on the way to hotel. Auckland is the biggest metropolis in New Zealand and Polynesia, multi-cultural city with lots of interesting places to see and explore.

Hotel accommodation (room only).

Recommended in the evening – a visit to Sky Tower with dinner at the top of the tower – best of New Zealand sea-food and meat buffet with spectacular views.

Day 2

Departure to Rotorua – the geothermal wonderland of the North Island, as well as Maori traditional carving and weaving centre. On the way – a stop at Waitomo caves – a “must see” glow-worm caves with underground river cruise.

Upon arrival to Rotorua, a visit to Polynesian Spa – hot mineral pools and mud treatment centre, healing, detox and relaxing at the same time.

In the evening we recommend – traditional Maori hangi-dinner and interactive cultural show. You will learn about history, traditions and life style of the first humans who settled on these lands in the 9th century AD.

Hotel accommodation (room only).

Day 3

Leave Rotorua today in the morning and have a day full of exiting sightseeing on the way to Whakapapa mountain village. Stop at Waiotapu Sacred Waters valley, Honey Hive, Huka falls, prawn farm, bungy jumping spot and Lake Taupo.

Hotel accommodation (room only).

Days 4-5-6

Three full days of skiing bliss at the biggest New Zealand ski resort, famous for its snow quality and slope abundance (more than 50 pistes from beginners to advance skiers, snowboard pipes, off-pistes slopes for the daring ones).

The resort is situated on the slopes of an active volcano, and one of these days you will have an opportunity to have a plane tour over the volcanic valley – to see the crater lakes, steaming geysers, Mt.Ngaruhoe (Mt. Doom in the Lord of the Rings trilogy) and many more unforgettable sights.

Hotel accommodation – 5 minutes from the lifts (room only).

Day 7

Finishing day of your trip. You will be leaving the mountains and going back north to humid subtropical Auckland to catch your plane. Individual transfer from skiing village to Auckland International airport and check in assistance.

Services included in this package, prices in New Zealand Dollars (1NZD~0.5EUR~0.75USD)

- Hotel accommodation (6 nights), room only
- Meet and greet in the airport, transfers from/to, airport departure assistance
- Auckland city tour
- Individual transfers from Auckland to Rotorua and Rotorua to Whakapapa ski resort by private coach
- Excursions on the way from Auckland to Rotorua and Rotorua to Whakapapa (driver-guide)
- Ski pass (3 full days)

Prices:

Tour category	Price for 2 people	Price for 4 people	Price for 6 people	Auckland 1 night	Rotorua 1 night	Whakapapa 4nights/3days skiing
Comfort package	5660	7520	9380	The Quadrant	Kingsgate Motorlodge	Skotel Alpine Resort
Elite package	6168	8536	10904	Sky City Grand Hotel	Millennium Hotel	Chateau Tongariro

Self – drive and other accommodation options are available on request.



2. Tour – Queenstown, South Island

New Zealand's South Island has several very good ski resorts – Queenstown, Wanaka, Methven. Queenstown being the most cosmopolitan of them, offering wide array of exciting entertainment besides excellent skiing, snowboarding and remote peaks heli-skiing with experienced instructors. Not unlike St. Moritz in Switzerland, Queenstown stands on the shores of a beautiful mountain lake. Good starting point to explore the world-famous Fiordland in the National Park, and offering lots of extreme adventures, including jet-boating, bungee-jumping, para-gliding, etc. Après Ski is fantastically diverse, ranging from local award winning Pinot Noirs tasting by the fire place, and up to “dancing the night away” in one of modern discotheques. Shopping, restaurants and casinos are not to be neglected as well. This trip can be easily combined with the North Island, or you can arrive directly to Queenstown International airport.

Day 1

Arrive Queenstown and meet with company rep upon arrival, which will assist you to your bus transfer (seat in coach basis). Depending on your arrival time, you may still be able to “hit the slopes” this day.
Hotel accommodation (room only).

Days 2-3-4

Tree full days of unlimited skiing at one of the best ski resorts in the Southern hemisphere.
Hotel accommodation (room only).

Day 5

Leaving your hotel in Queenstown by bus transfer to the airport (seat in coach basis). Depending on your plane departure time you may still be able to enjoy skiing this day.

Services included in this package, prices in New Zealand Dollars (1NZD~0.5EUR~0.75USD)

- Transfers airport/hotel/airport (seat in coach basis)
- Company rep assistance upon arrival/departure
- Hotel accommodation 4 nights, room only
- Ski pass – 5 days of unlimited skiing plus unlimited transfers between two main skiing areas around Queenstown: Coronet Peak and The Remarkables.
- Bonus shopping card and resort map
- *Package also includes 2 hours of guided skiing Monday to Friday, two times a week – coffee and muffins, and one night skiing at Coronet Peak (Fridays and Saturdays, mid-July to mid-September, snow conditions permitting).*

Prices:

Tour category	Price for 1 person	Price for 2 people	Price for 3 people	4 nights/ 5days skiing
Comfort package	1196	1712	2460	Copthorne Hotel & Resort Queenstown Lakefront
Elite package	2036	2552	3432	Sofitel Queenstown Hotel & Spa

Other accommodation options are available upon request.

