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→ **Exploring New Zealand's
backyard together for
over 25 years**





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Join us in exploring our backyard, we offer authentic experiences designed for every traveler. From breathtaking landscapes to thrilling adventures, we ensure that every journey is unforgettable.

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THE HELICOPTER LINE



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The Helicopter Line is Aotearoa New Zealand’s leading helicopter company. Operating with a fleet of modern Airbus helicopters specifically configured for flying in and around our outstanding National Parks, glaciers, mountains, lakes and valleys.

OUR PEOPLE

Everyday our team has the privilege of sharing world class adventures in the wilderness that is our stunning backyard. All our pilots have specific experience flying in Aotearoa New Zealand’s alpine environments. With the highest level of Civil Aviation Authority certification for scenic flight operations, we are qualified to assure your safety both in the air and on the ground.

OUR LOCATIONS

QUEENSTOWN

Set against a backdrop of The Remarkables mountain range and nestled on the shores of Lake Whakatipu, Queenstown is at the centre of our alpine playground.

WEST COAST

Located to the west of the Southern Alps and to the east by the Tasman Sea. The West Coast region is a rugged stretch of native forested land. Known for its lakes, mountains, farmland, wild coastline and the location of Franz Josef and Fox Glaciers.

AORAKI / MOUNT COOK

Aoraki / Mount Cook, ‘the cloud piercer,’ our highest peak dominates the Southern Alps mountain range that divides the South Island into east and west. Explore the National Park’s towering mountains, vast glaciers and remote snowfields that inspired Sir Edmund Hillary, before his quest of Mount Everest.

❄ Features snow landing.

❄ Features alpine landing (seasonal snow).

QUEENSTOWN ADVENTURES

SOUTHERN GLACIER EXPERIENCE

Allow 50mins / Snow Landing ❄️

Venture into the Southern Alps, the spiny mountain range that divides the South Island. Soar above untouched native forests and glacial icefalls.

Experience a snow landing on a snow-capped peak taking in views of Mount Aspiring National Park.

THE GRAND CIRCLE

Allow 35mins / Alpine Landing ❄️

Fly through the diverse landscapes of Queenstown – the canyons of the Shotover River, ski slopes of Coronet Peak, rural retreats and villages that Queenstowners call home.

Circle the Whakatipu Basin from above, enjoy an alpine landing with some incredible views.

QUEENSTOWN PANORAMA

Allow 25mins / Alpine Landing ❄️

Fly above Queenstown over the Whakatipu Basin and capture the stunning panoramic views of Queenstown, Lake Whakatipu and Glenorchy.

Experience a serene and remote alpine landing with views of mountaintops, the glacially formed shores and sweeping high country grasslands.

MILFORD SOUND / PIOPIOTAH WITH CRUISE

Allow 4hrs / Alpine Landing ❄️

Experience Fiordland National Park from the sky, land, and water with uninterrupted aerial views of this UNESCO World Heritage wilderness on your flight from Queenstown to Milford Sound / Piopiotahi.

Pass alpine lakes, waterfalls, ancient glaciers and experience a remote alpine landing.
*Lunch options available on request.

MILFORD SOUND / PIOPIOTAH

Allow 1.5hrs / Alpine Landing ❄️

Discover the epic scale of the Southern Alps and Fiordland National Park on the way to Milford Sound / Piopiotahi.

Fly over secluded alpine lakes, sky-high waterfalls, lush pristine rainforest, ancient glaciers and rugged peaks making two spectacular alpine landings.



WEST COAST ADVENTURES

MOUNTAIN SCENIC SPECTACULAR

Allow 40mins / Snow Landing ❄️

See it all, both Franz Josef Glacier, Fox Glacier and Aoraki / Mount Cook. Enjoy views of the Tasman Glacier, Aotearoa New Zealand's longest glacier.

Take in the towering ice formations and vast size of glaciers, landing on the snow plains of an incredible glacier.

TWIN GLACIER

Allow 35mins / Snow Landing ❄️

Set off on your flight from either Franz Josef or Fox, fly over both Franz Josef and Fox Glaciers. Soar above the townships and follow the ice flow to admire the views of the Southern Alps.

Land on the snow and view the path the glacier has carved below you.

FOX GLACIER AND AORAKI / MOUNT COOK

Allow 35mins / Snow Landing ❄️

Experience the enormity of Fox Glacier, the longest of the West Coast glaciers. Land on a snowfield, surrounded by the glacial formations at the top of the glacier. Soar along the Southern Alps and take in Aotearoa New Zealand's tallest mountain, Aoraki / Mount Cook. *Available only from Fox Glacier.

FRANZ JOSEF GLACIER RECCE

Allow 25mins / Helicopter Transfer / Alpine Landing ❄️

An unforgettable hosted journey to witness one of nature's most magnificent ice giants. Discover the history of the Franz Josef Glacier, its unique ecosystem and the recreational opportunities in its surrounding National Parks.

Marvel at intricate ice formations and the rugged West Coast landscape, where majestic mountains meet the ocean.

HIGHLIGHTS

Take a helicopter to the Franz Josef Glacier glacial valley and make an alpine landing.

- Join your host to discover the Westland National Park's history.
- Stunning photo opportunities.

NEVE DISCOVERER

Allow 25mins / Snow Landing ❄️

Explore one of our stunning West Coast glaciers. Gaze over staggering ice formations and rugged South Island terrain, taking in views of snowy glacial plains.

Your pilot will choose the best location for your stunning snow landing on the day of your flight.



AORAKI / MOUNT COOK ADVENTURES

■ AORAKI / MOUNT COOK & THE GLACIERS

Allow 55mins / Snow Landing ❄️

Fly over Tasman Glacier Lake and follow the path of the Tasman Glacier, Aotearoa's longest glacier. Land on the snow and take in the grandeur of the country's tallest peak, Aoraki / Mount Cook.

Traverse the rugged Southern Alps to the West Coast and see the Franz Josef and Fox Glaciers.

■ MOUNTAINS HIGH

Allow 40mins / Alpine Landing ❄️ (seasonal snow)

Marvel at the Hochstetter Icefall on Aoraki / Mount Cook and explore the upper Tasman Glacier. Experience the remoteness of the Burnett Mountains and expansive Mackenzie Basin. Soar into the mountains and make an alpine snow landing.

■ ALPINE EXPLORER

Allow 35mins / Alpine Landing ❄️

Aoraki / Mount Cook was named the 'cloud piercer' by Māori, you'll see why on this flight. Soar above the Ben Ohau mountain range and the peaks of the Southern Alps.

Take in spectacular views from a truly magnificent viewpoint.

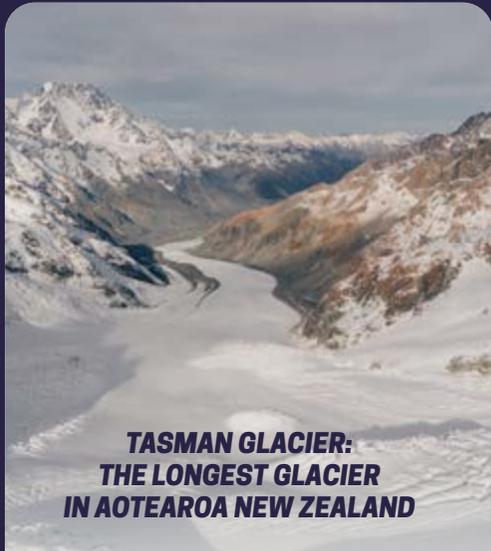
■ ALPINE VISTA

Allow 25mins / Alpine Landing ❄️

Take in the grandeur of the Ben Ohau mountain range. Enjoy the thrill of a helicopter flight with incredible alpine views and landing.

Sweep through rugged high-country landscapes as you look out to mountains, glaciers and valleys that were carved out by glaciers centuries ago.





**TASMAN GLACIER:
THE LONGEST GLACIER
IN AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND**

27KM (17MI)

**IN LENGTH, ALL WITHIN AORAKI/
MOUNT COOK NATIONAL PARK**

4KM (2.5MI) 600M (2,000FT)

WIDE THICK

**101KM²
(39MI²)**

AREA COVERAGE

**3,000M
(9,800FT)**

ABOVE SEA LEVEL TO START

OPERATING *Since*
1986



TASMAN GLACIER HELI HIKE

Allow 3hrs

OVERVIEW

Witness the beauty of the Tasman Glacier Lake and the stunning ice formations from the helicopter as you fly over the spectacular Tasman Glacier. Once you descend and step foot onto the ice, you will encounter fresh alpine air as your guide introduces you to the unique world of the Tasman Glacier.

Please Note: Moderate fitness required and a minimum age of 10 years applies.

WHAT TO EXPECT

A scenic helicopter flight to the Tasman Glacier, landing 1,200m above sea level. A two-hour hike with professional and experienced guides amongst epic glacial ice formations, gentle undulating terrain below the highest peaks of the Southern Alps. The snow-clad giants tower above vast icefalls that flow down the mountain sides. On the return flight, pass the Hochstetter Icefall as your adventure nears its end.

We provide glacier boots, ice crampons, or snowshoes and a waterproof jacket.

YOUR GLACIER GUIDE

The Helicopter Line offers the Tasman Heli Hike in conjunction with Alpine Guides Ltd, Aoraki / Mount Cook. They have been operating since 1966 and can trace their heritage back 100 years. With an excellent safety record, rigid assessments and using quality equipment, your safety and enjoyment is assured.

PRIVATE CHARTER EXPERIENCES

MILFORD SOUND / PIOPIOTAH OVERFLIGHT

Allow 1.5hrs / 2 Landings

Experience the breathtaking views of the Southern Alps and The Divide as you journey to Milford Sound / Piopiotahi. This exceptional scenic flight offers views of alpine lakes, waterfalls, rainforests, glaciers, and peaks. Relish the excitement of two secluded alpine landings.

MILFORD SOUND / PIOPIOTAH DISCOVERER

Allow 2hrs / 2 Landings

Explore the mystical Milford Sound / Piopiotahi by flying over the Fiordland National Park before descending into Milford Sound airport for a 30 minute short walk around the shoreline with your pilot. On your way back to Queenstown make an incredible alpine landing up in the mountains.

ALSO AVAILABLE:

Option with Milford Sound Cruise.

MILFORD SOUND / PIOPIOTAH EXPLORER

Allow 3hrs / 3 Landings

Take in the beauty of the Southern Alps on your way into Milford Sound / Piopiotahi, by experiencing this amazing glacial creation. View alpine lakes, glaciers and towering peaks. Land and explore Milford Sound with a short walk with your pilot, to view the iconic Mitre Peak towering right before you.

Top it off with an alpine picnic lunch and champagne. An incredible experience that takes you further into Fiordland, capturing moments that will last a lifetime.

ULTIMATE FIORDLAND EXPERIENCE

4hrs / 4 Landings

Take in the grandeur of two of New Zealand’s most beautiful locations. Traverse Milford and Doubtful Sounds on this premier flight. Take in panoramic views as you travel past the Mavora lakes and the Manapouri Power Station, before flying over the Wilmot Pass into Deep Cove and the start of Doubtful Sound / Patea.

Sweep the length of this majestic area before you head northbound towards Milford Sound / Piopiotahi. Follow the rugged West Coast as you head inland to an alpine lake for a picnic lunch and glass of complimentary bubbles. Head to Milford Sound / Piopiotahi, where you will land at the iconic airport. Be guided by your pilot for a short walk around the shoreline to view the magnificent Mitre Peak. Take off and head towards the glaciers before making your way down the Dart Valley and across Lake Whakatipu, Aotearoa New Zealand’s longest lake and home to Queenstown Airport.

MILFORD SOUND TRACK HELI-HIKE

6-8hrs / 2 Landings

Fly from Queenstown over Whakatipu Basin and the famous Earnslaw Burn and Lake McKerrow whilst taking in the grandeur of the Southern Alps. Fiordland National Park is truly spectacular and after witnessing unparalleled views of Milford Sound / Piopiotahi and the Mitre Peak from air, you will land at Milford Airport ready to explore the National Park on foot.

Meet your hiking guide and take a short boat ride to Sandfly Point. Start your walk meandering alongside the cascading Arthur River then Lake Ada. Giant Gate waterfall is your halfway point and a stunning feature best viewed from the large swing bridge spanning the river. Once back to Deepwater Basin, board your boat cruise for an optional 2 hours on Milford Sound / Piopiotahi, now seeing this stunning landscape from the water.

On your return by helicopter make an alpine lake landing to enjoy complimentary bubbles before flying over the remote valleys and alpine passes of Fiordland on your way back to Queenstown.

ALSO AVAILABLE:

HOLLYFORD TRACK HELI-HIKE

7hrs / 4 landings

KEPLER TRACK HELI-HIKE AND FIORDLAND JET BOAT

7.5hrs / 2 landings

WEST COAST FISH & CHIPS

4hrs / 3 Landings

Depart from Queenstown and head through Skippers Canyon, towards Mount Earnslaw. Fly past the Jura, Clarke and Grant Glaciers. Land at the mesmerizing Lake Lochnagar for a glass of complimentary bubbles. After taking in the incredible mountainous landscape, depart for Mount Aspiring (Tititea). Fly through the Red Hills and down the Cascade River to the West Coast. Take in the rugged coastline to Jackson Bay, landing to have fish and chips, crayfish tails and whitebait patties from the iconic Cray Pot.

After delicious food and taking in the fresh sea air, fly back over the Wilkin River to Makaroa and the head of Lake Wānaka. Cross over the Cardrona Valley and Crown Range back to Queenstown.

FIORDLAND LODGE LONG LUNCH

4hrs / 2 Landings

Depart from Queenstown and fly over Skippers Canyon and past Mount Larkin to the head of Lake Whakatipu. Enjoy views up the Rees Dart Valleys towards Mount Earnslaw. Cross the Humbolts mountain range to land an alpine lake for a glass of complimentary bubbles before following the Milford Road to the head of Lake Te Anau and landing at Fiordland Lodge for a gourmet long lunch.

Example lunch consists of:

Platter 1: From the Sea

Fiordland crayfish tails, Waiau River whitebait blinis, sauteed wild paua, Dusky Sound grooper. Fennel salad and condiments.

Platter 2: From the Land

Fiordland wild venison back strap and sous vide Southland lamb rump

Seasonal lodge garden vegetables, confit potato, mustards and jus.

Platter 3: Dessert tasting plate

Lodge grown berries, cheesecake, creme brûlée, chocolate ganache, rhubarb cake.

ALSO AVAILABLE:

OPTION TO EXPLORE MILFORD SOUND / PIIPIOTAHU

MITRE PEAK
CRUISES



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Cruise and relax on our smaller boats

Mitre Peak Cruises lead the way in small, scenic cruises of stunning Milford Sound / Piopiotahi.

Our purpose built vessels are specially designed for Milford Sound / Piopiotahi, allowing you to experience it up close and personal. Your voyage of discovery will take you out past the entrance of the fiord, into the Tasman Sea, with breath-taking views in every direction.

Our Tours

We offer four unbeatable ways to discover the beauty of one of the worlds most scenic locations: via the Milford Road on a scenic coach tour there and back, from the air either in a plane or helicopter, walking the Milford Track, or from the water on our famous cruises.

Cruise Information

Our smaller vessels have viewing decks closer to the waterline, getting you closer to the waterfalls and marine life including New Zealand fur seals and the occasional pod of dolphins or Fiordland Crested Penguins.

Enjoy the complimentary tea and coffee on-board as you listen to the Captain's full and informative commentary.

Maximum capacity of 75 guests, giving you plenty of room to enjoy the views.

Coach Information

Departing from Queenstown, our 16-seater Mercedes Sprinter's are air-conditioned and comfortable. Our knowledgeable driver will provide informative commentary on the points of interest along one of the world's most picturesque drives.

Pick ups are available from most hotels.

Fly back from Milford Sound / Piopiotahi, by either plane or helicopter to Queenstown. Please check with us for your preferred option.



Road to Milford Sound / Piopiotahi

Please note, this is a guide only; stops may vary on individual trips.



Stops on the Milford Road

1. Eglinton Valley

Winding river valley often filled with wind blown tussock edging to luxuriant beech forest.

2. Mirror Lakes

A boardwalk leads through an attractive beech forest and wetlands with pools reflecting the Earl Mountains opposite

3. Knobs Flat

So named for the kames or hummocks left behind by the retreating glaciers. There is also a campsite, toilets and a phone provided here.

4. Monkey Creek Bridge

Provides great views of the upper Hollyford Valley.

5. The Chasm

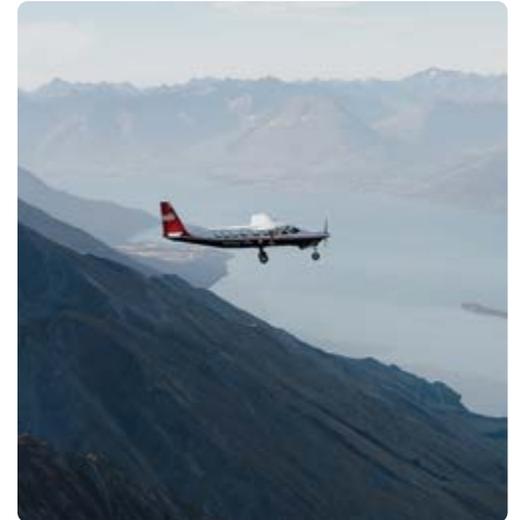
Easy short walk through the moss-covered forest via a concrete and decked track providing access to a 22m deep ravine where the Cleddau River has cut through the rock (diorite), carving out fascinating formations.

Experience Milford Sound / Piopiotahi in a truly unique way

Mitre Peak Cruises take you into the very heart and soul of the fiord. Join us to experience Milford Sound / Piopiotahi the way it should be.



Mitre Peak Cruises Schedule	Summer (Oct-Apr) Departure Times	Winter (May-Sept) Departure Times
<p> CRUISE DURATION 2hrs Small boat exploratory scenic cruise. Travel the length of the 16km fiord out into the Tasman Sea, stopping at iconic points of interest along the way. Complimentary tea and coffee available on-board.</p>	<p>8:50am 11:10am 1:30pm 3:55pm</p>	<p>11:00am 1:30pm 3:55pm (Sept. only)</p>
<p> Mitre Peak Coach Cruise</p>	<p>Coach Cruise duration: 13 hours from Queenstown</p>	<p>Departure time 7:00am</p>
<p> Mitre Peak Coach Cruise Walk</p>	<p>Coach Cruise Walk duration: 13 hours from Te Anau</p>	<p>Departure time 8:00am</p>
<p> Mitre Peak Coach Cruise Fly</p>	<p>Coach Cruise Fly duration: 9.5 hours from Queenstown</p>	<p>Departure time 7:00am</p>



Milford Cruise: Infant up to 3 years free. Minimum Numbers: We reserve the right to operate for a minimum of 6 paying passengers. Safety Information: The Captain has legal authority over and for everyone on the vessel. Parents of children to maintain full supervision at all times. Use handrails when walking on board while the boat is underway. No smoking. Weather permitting. For full T&Cs, risk disclosure and safety information please visit mitrepeak.com



MILFORD SOUND
SCENIC FLIGHTS



Milford Sound Scenic Flights

World's Best Scenic Flight

The wilderness between Milford Sound / Piopiotahi and Queenstown has some of the most dramatic and powerful scenery in the world.

Journey with us on a flight from Queenstown, soaring over Aotearoa New Zealand's awe-inspiring National Parks. Witness the dramatic beauty of Fiordland, Aspiring / Tititea National Park, and Aoraki / Mount Cook from the sky, offering a unique and unforgettable view of the region's pristine wilderness. Experience the wonder of Milford Sound Scenic Flights today.

For over 40 years, we have been flying to this breathtaking destination. Experience the stunning landscape with our trusted pilots. Every seat offers a window view, along with informative commentary to enhance your journey.



Find your perfect adventure

Milford Fly | Cruise | Fly



Total Trip Duration	4-5 hours
Flight Time	1 hour 20 mins
Cruise Time	2 hours
Departures	8am (Nov-Mar) 10am & 12:30pm (All Year)

- Fly from Queenstown over the stunning Mount Aspiring and Fiordland National Parks.
- Surround yourself in some of the most majestic scenery in the world before landing in Milford Sound / Piopiotahi.
- Set out on a scenic cruise and travel the length of the fiord all the way out to the Tasman Sea.
- The perfect way to see Milford Sound / Piopiotahi in just half a day with stunning scenic flights each way offering varied flight paths and views.

Milford Fly Back to Queenstown



Flight Time	35-40 mins
Departures	Regular daily departures

- Whether you have come to Milford Sound / Piopiotahi via coach, have stayed overnight, or completed the Milford Track, this is a wonderful option to get you back to Queenstown and make the most of your time in Aotearoa New Zealand.
- Complete your Milford Sound / Piopiotahi experience with the World's Best Scenic Flight.

Milford Coach | Cruise | Fly



Total Trip Duration	9.5 hours
Coach Time	5 hours
Flight Time	35-40 mins
Cruise Time	2 hours
Departures	7am (All Year)

- Experience the perfect combination of a scenic coach ride to Milford Sound / Piopiotahi, 2-hour cruise and a magnificent return scenic flight back to Queenstown.
- Small uncrowded luxury Mercedes vans with a maximum of 15 passengers onboard.
- Explore everything Fiordland has to offer from land, sea, and air.

Mount Aspiring Flight



Total Trip Duration	50 mins
Departures	8am (Nov-Mar) 10am (April-Oct)

- Explore some of New Zealand's best scenery from Queenstown over Skippers Canyon and into the heart of Mount Aspiring National Park.
- View glaciers, alpine peaks, and hidden valleys that are only visible from above.
- Experience an aerial adventure over part of the UNESCO World Heritage wilderness and other iconic locations.
- Mount Aspiring / Tititea's peak reaches 3,033 metres (9,950 feet), making it the highest in New Zealand outside of Aoraki / Mount Cook.

Milford Scenic Overflight



Flight Time	1 hour 15 mins
Departures	2:30pm (All Year)

- Experience Fiordland by air on this scenic flight from Queenstown.
- Enjoy a unique perspective of Milford Sound / Piopiotahi, as you fly beside Mitre Peak, viewing the Bowen and Stirling Falls.
- Aerial views of glaciers, alpine lakes, and towering peaks throughout the flight.



--- Milford Sound / Piopiotahi Flight

--- Mount Aspiring Flight

SCENIC HIGHLIGHTS

- 1 Walter Peak
- 2 Lake Whakatipu
- 3 Eglinton Valley
- 4 Lake Erskine
- 5 Sutherland Falls
- 6 Arthur Valley
- 7 Homer Tunnel
- 8 Hollyford Valley
- 9 Mount Tūtoko
- 10 Mount Earnslaw
- 11 Dart River
- 12 Mount Aspiring / Tititea
- 13 Shotover River
- 14 Coronet Peak
- 15 Kawarau River
- 16 Tasman Sea

MILFORD SOUND SCENIC FLIGHTS

All flights and tours operate subject to weather conditions and minimum numbers. Flight paths may vary due to weather and are at the pilot's discretion. *Infants up to 2 years and under 11 kg's are Free of Charge (FOC) unless specified otherwise and are required to sit on an adult's knee. A child is 3-14 years (or an infant weighing over 11 kg's; child rate will apply as they take up a seat). **For full terms and conditions, risk disclosure and additional information, please visit milfordflights.co.nz**



SCENIC FLIGHTS ON NEW ZEALAND'S GLACIERS

Encompassing immense power, glaciers over millennia are responsible for carving out the striking landscapes and valley floors we appreciate today. They have quite literally moulded mountains.

INCREDIBLY SPECIAL

Incredibly rare, these giant-sized natural formations are often located in remote and inaccessible locations. Luckily for us, the spectacular Fox and Franz Josef Glaciers are two of the world's most accessible.

Rarely does the opportunity arise where we get to explore such unique, majestic scenery. So what better way to fully appreciate the view than from a helicopter where you can truly witness the vast scale and grandeur of the glaciers.

GLACIER AND SNOW LANDING PIONEERS

Way back in 1970, we pioneered Aotearoa New Zealand's glacier and snow landings, and we continue to do so today in our modern Airbus helicopters based at both Fox and Franz Josef Glaciers.

- ❄ Features snow landing
- ❄ Features alpine landing

OUR PILOTS

Our professionally trained pilots are experienced in all aspects of mountain flying and have a comprehensive knowledge of this world-famous glacial region.

We love the surge of adrenaline and awe we experience every time we fly over these incredible structures, there's nothing more humbling.

We love what we do and can't wait to share it with you.



THE MIGHTY FOX AND FRANZ JOSEF GLACIERS

FOX OR FRANZ JOSEF SNOW LANDING

Allow 25mins / Snow Landing ❄️

Journey into the largely inaccessible heart of the majestic Southern Alps. Experience a snow landing and explore the ice falls on either the Fox or Franz Josef Glacier.

FOX AND FRANZ JOSEF TWIN GLACIER

Allow 35mins / Snow Landing ❄️

Explore the ice falls at both Fox and Franz Josef Glaciers. This trip has the same features as our Fox or Franz Snow Landing flight, with additional time to view both glaciers from the air rather than one.

Flights depart Franz Josef and Fox Glacier

FOX GLACIER TO AORAKI / MOUNT COOK

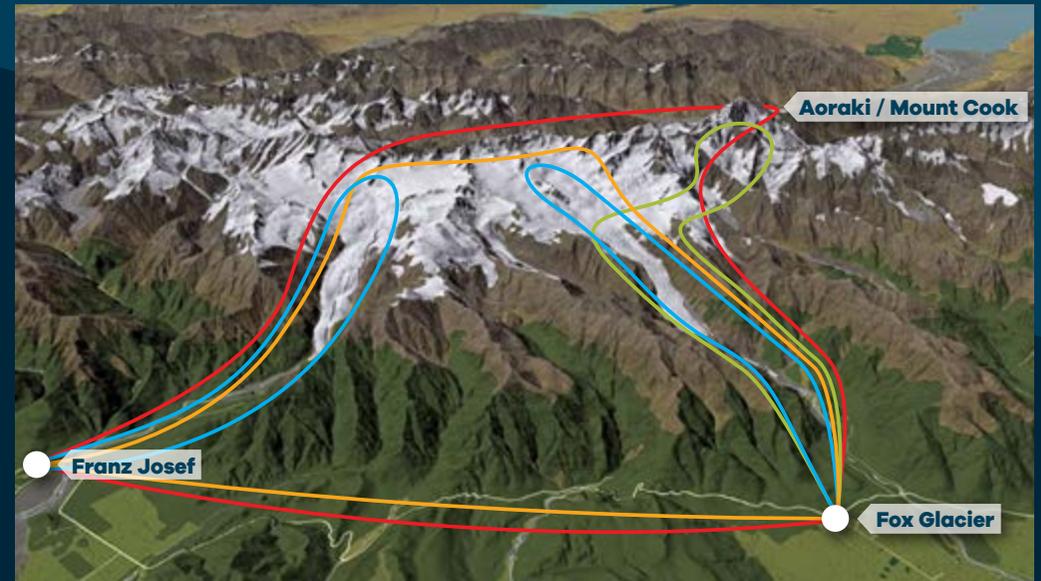
Allow 35mins / Snow Landing ❄️

Fly the entire length of the Fox Glacier. Soar upwards alongside the western face of Aoraki / Mount Cook. There's time for a spectacular glacier snow landing before descending into the Glacier Valley, leaving the mountains behind as an epic backdrop.

AORAKI / MOUNT COOK SPECTACULAR

Allow 40mins / Snow Landing ❄️

The ultimate glacier experience. Cover snow landings, glacier icefalls, crevasses and neves, views from the ocean to alps. Cross the rugged spine of the Southern Alps and circle the peak of magnificent Aoraki / Mount Cook, Aotearoa New Zealand's highest mountain.



THE TOWERING AORAKI / MOUNT COOK AND TASMAN GLACIER

MOUNTAIN SCENIC

Allow 35mins / Alpine Landing ❄️

Embark on an exhilarating adventure as you explore the majestic peaks and awe-inspiring valleys surrounding Aoraki / Mount Cook.

Fly over the lower Tasman Glacier and soar above the Liebig mountain range, taking in the towering peaks of the Southern Alps. Make an alpine landing to take in the breathtaking panoramic views

GLACIER DISCOVERER

Allow 40mins / Snow Landing ❄️

Experience the impressive Hochstetter Icefall on Aoraki / Mount Cook as it cascades down the mountainside. Explore the upper Tasman Glacier, with its névé and crevasses that have been formed over centuries. Make a spectacular glacier landing with breathtaking views of Aoraki / Mount Cook. Take in the expansive vistas of the Burnett Mountains and Mackenzie Basin

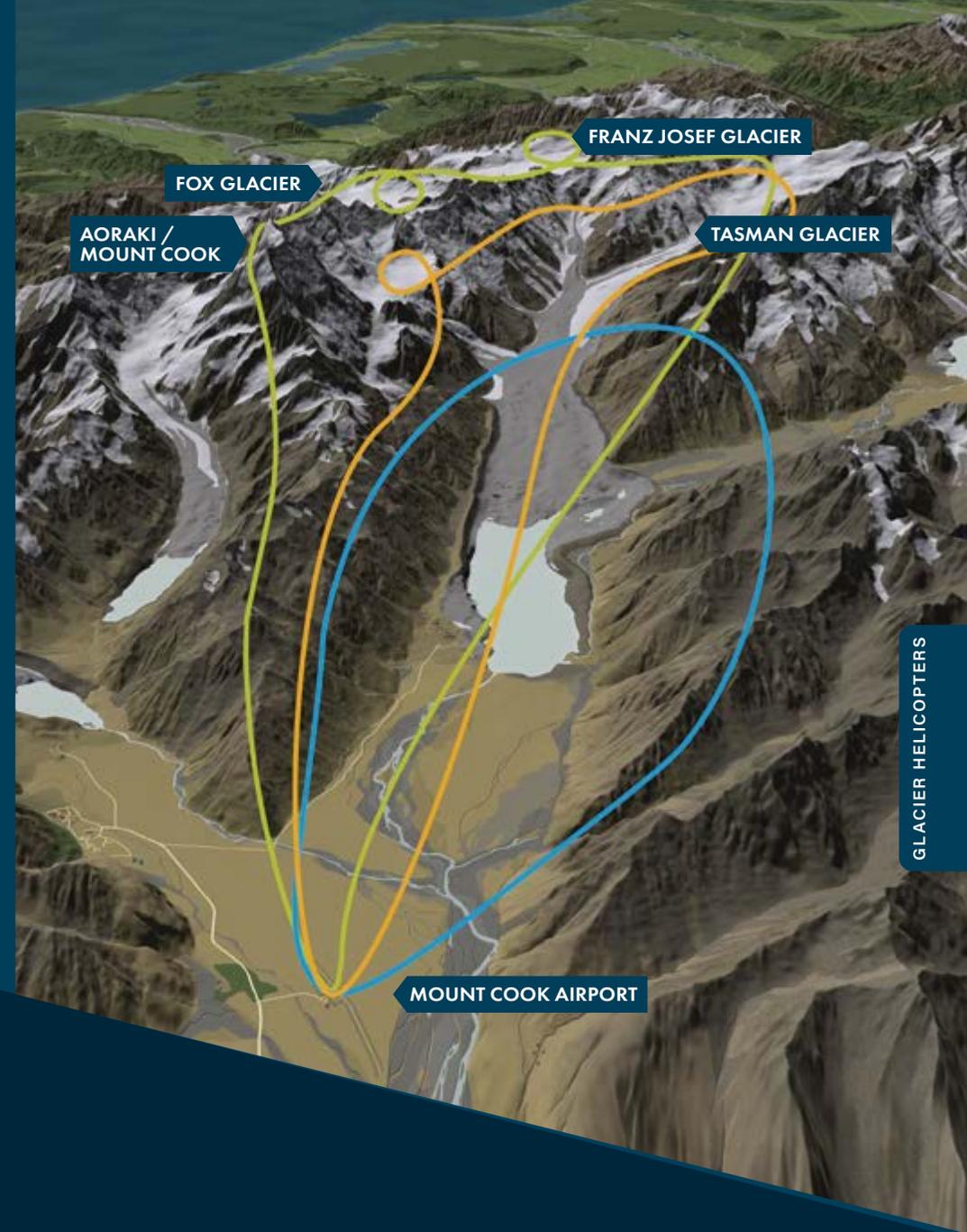
GRAND GLACIER EXPERIENCE

Allow 50mins / Snow Landing ❄️

Journey over the mesmerizing Tasman Glacier Lake, taking in breathtaking views while following the path of the Tasman Glacier. Experience the grandeur of Aoraki / Mount Cook, New Zealand's tallest peak and land on a pristine glacier. Traverse the majestic Southern Alps, crossing to the West Coast. Take in the spectacular scenery and witness the mighty Franz Josef and Fox Glaciers for the ultimate glacier experience.

Flights depart Aoraki / Mount Cook Airport.

Complimentary transfers from our Glacier Helicopters Check In location in Aoraki / Mount Cook Village.



HARRIS MOUNTAINS HELI-SKI

QUEENSTOWN
WANAKA
MOUNT COOK

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Explore the ultimate powder playground

Offering you the most spectacular heli-ski experience in Aotearoa New Zealand. Harris Mountains Heli-Ski offers premier heli-ski based in Queenstown, Wānaka, and Aoraki / Mount Cook. With over 45 years of experience, our team provide access to exclusive backcountry terrain suitable for skiers and snowboarders of various skill levels.

Queenstown

The Southern Hemisphere's finest four-season alpine and lake resort. World-renowned Queenstown is both breathtakingly beautiful and intensely exciting. Established and sophisticated, the range of activities and adventures here is unsurpassed.



Wānaka

Wānaka is an exquisite piece of real Aotearoa New Zealand. The mountains surrounding this laid-back lake town offer thrilling backcountry terrain and dramatic scenery. Après ski is alive and well in the many bars and cafes of the town centre.



Aoraki / Mount Cook

New Zealand's highest peak, Aoraki / Mount Cook, is the majestic heart of the Southern Alps. The Alps also feature 22 other peaks higher than 3000 metres.

Harris Mountains Heli-Ski has access to some of Aotearoa New Zealand's best heli-ski terrain in this extraordinary region.

Your playground from Queenstown or Wānaka

Experience 4 Runs

The perfect day out for those of all abilities wanting to take a relaxed approach and really enjoy the experience of being out in the mountain environment. Explore a variety of amazing terrain for an unforgettable heli-ski experience.

Classic 7 Runs

The classic New Zealand heli-ski day. Our most popular option for boarders and skiers alike, from intermediate to expert ability. With more runs and a faster pace, this is undoubtedly a full day of untracked pleasure.

Intro to Heli-Ski Up to 4 Runs

This intro to heli-ski is great for intermediate skiers and boarders who are new to the heli-ski experience. Enjoy your day at a relaxed pace, plenty of time to take photos and have fun in the epic back country.

Aoraki / Mount Cook 5 Runs

Start your adventure with an awe-inspiring flight from Queenstown or Wānaka to the Aoraki / Mount Cook region. Home of New Zealand's highest mountain and some of its best high-altitude heli-ski. Enjoy five runs in this magnificent environment.

Max Vert 10 Runs

For those hardened powder purists, who know they'll push the limits. Skiers and boarders who are fit and strong can feast on the 'max vert' challenge on this alpine adventure.

From Aoraki / Mount Cook

Classic 5 Runs

A classic day of New Zealand heli-ski in the country's most iconic alpine setting. Explore a variety of amazing terrain, take in the spectacular views of Aoraki / Mount Cook. If you've still got energy to burn, upgrade by adding extra runs.



Extra Runs



Extra Runs + Runs

Upgrade your heli-ski day by adding extra runs to any of our trip packages. Extra runs are available subject to conditions and agreement by a minimum of three clients per group.

Private Charters



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Make the most of our expertise. A private charter offers the ultimate in convenience and flexibility and allows us to design your heli-ski day specifically for you. Enjoy the freedom to set your own pace and ski wherever conditions permit – we have access to thousands of vertical feet of untracked snow.

Skip from mountain to mountain. Ski as much or as little as you please, as fast or as slow as you wish. Your private charter reflects the exclusive desires of your group. Private charters are available in Queenstown, Wānaka and Aoraki / Mount Cook. Contact us for details and pricing.

Why Us

For more than 45 years, we have expertly guided skiers and snowboarders to the finest snow and most diverse terrain that the South Island has to offer. Creating unforgettable memories for our guests in this winter wonderland. Our guides bring a wealth of experience coming from exceptional adventure careers, carrying a profound passion for the mountain environment. With exclusive access to an unparalleled landscape, our terrain boasts over 400 exhilarating ski runs, spanning 11 distinct mountain ranges, each crowned with more than 200 peaks. This expansive playground stretches over 3,000 square kilometers of snow-covered terrain, offering an adventure like no other.

The minimum age to book one of our packages is 13 years, all guests under 18 years must be accompanied by an adult. The exception to our minimum age requirements is on our private charter options. For full terms and conditions, risk disclosure and additional information, please visit heliski.co.nz



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OVER
45 years
THE PIONEERS
OF NZ HELI-SKIING



Alpine Guides
MOUNTAINS DEFINE US



Alpine Guides offers unparalleled access to the fantastic mountain playground of the Southern Alps from our base in Aoraki / Mount Cook. We have 26 of NZ's 27 peaks over 3,000 metres at our doorstep.

Our professionally guided climbing, mountaineering instruction courses, glacier hikes and backcountry ski touring trips range from Aoraki / Mount Cook to Mount Aspiring and the Arrowsmiths, to the Westland glaciers, and the fantastic granite peaks of Fiordland.



Tasman Glacier Experiences

Tasman Glacier Heli-Hike

3 hours / Season: all year

Heli-hiking on the Tasman Glacier with Alpine Guides offers easy access to the realm of the mountaineer.

With your professional glacier guide, you will fly high onto the glacial ice of New Zealand's longest and largest glacier – the mighty Tasman (Huapapa). This guided interpretative trek is on an amazing landscape of fluted ice, runnels, moulins, and sinuous winding streamlets. You will explore the gently undulating terrain, as your crampons bite into ancient ice. The highest peaks of the Southern Alps, Aoraki / Mount Cook and Mount Tasman, tower above you.

Exclusive Tasman Encounter

7 hours / Season: October to May

Explore the wonders of the glacier on a full day private heli hike, including a personal glacier guide and a gourmet lunch. For groups of up to 5 per guide.

Tasman Glacier Ice Adventure

7 hours / Season: October to May

An exciting day on the ice, for fitter guests with a sense of adventure. You'll be introduced to ice tools and crampons, and the skills of ice climbing.





Season Late June to September

Explore New Zealand's largest glacier, its blue ice caves, and incredible ice formations while you link turns down our longest ski runs. Skiing the Tasman Glacier is the classic Kiwi snow adventure guided by Alpine Guides. We use aircraft to access NZ's two longest ski runs, each with over a thousand metres of vertical descent. The runs are easy to moderate (green to blue grade), perfect for intermediate skiers. The pace is relaxed, with time to soak up the incredible grandeur of New Zealand's highest mountains.



Season July to September

The single largest heliski area in New Zealand lies at the heart of the Southern Alps - the Aoraki / Mount Cook Region.

We specialise in quality personalised service, away from the crowded Queenstown scene. Our heliski area is a wilderness of ancient glaciers, azure lakes, and endless runs - across 6 mountain ranges. Mount Cook Heliski has runs to suit all levels of heliski ability. We have exclusive terrain in Aoraki / Mount Cook National Park. In 1974 together with Glentanner Station, Alpine Guides pioneered helicopter skiing in New Zealand. We fly with small groups and focus on safety and great Kiwi service



Season July to September

Incredible heliskiing in Canterbury's rural heart. Methven Heliski is the closest heliskiing to Christchurch in New Zealand's South Island. Our heliski territory, the "Arrowsmiths" spans 3 mountain ranges.

The Arrowsmith, Ragged, and Palmer Ranges are at the headwaters of the Rakaia and Rangitata Rivers. These mountains catch snow from every winter storm to deliver NZ heliskiing's most consistent snow conditions and quality.

Nowhere else in NZ (outside of the Aoraki / Mount Cook area) can you find the glaciated high-alpine heliskiing terrain that Methven Heliski offers.



RAFT



CHALLENGE RAFTING



ARE YOU UP TO THE CHALLENGE?

Challenge Rafting operates exciting half day whitewater rafting and raft combo trips on Kawarau and Shotover Rivers.

NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

The Kawarau River offers exhilarating rafting for first-timers. The Shotover offers the challenge of extra excitement and thrills - conquer the 170-metre Oxenbridge Tunnel to shoot the Cascade Rapid.

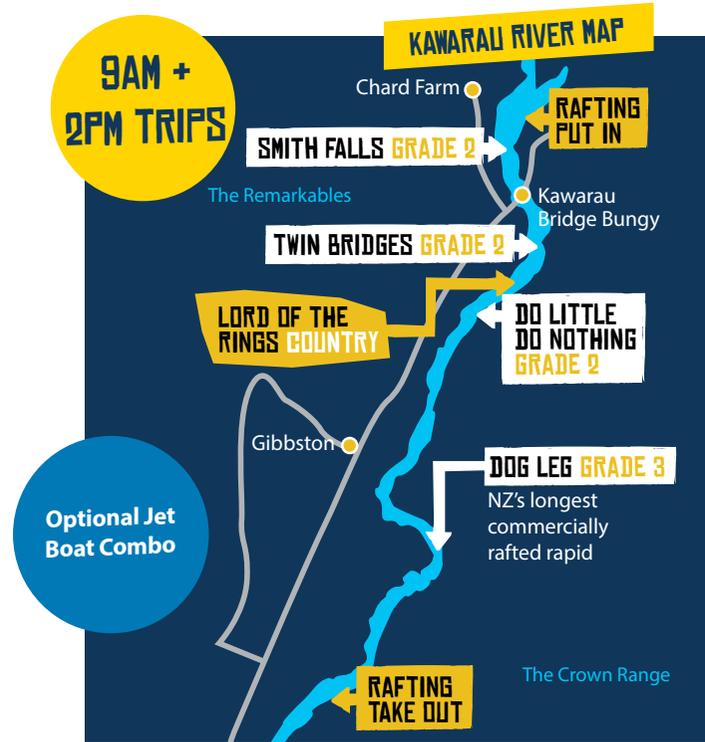
Our trips offer something for everyone - from calm waters to thundering rapids. Our professional and experienced guides provide instruction and guidance to make your trip even more enjoyable. All trips include courtesy coach transfers specialist on-river clothing, safety briefing and a hot shower after your raft trip.

KAWARAU RIVER

- ▶ Aotearoa New Zealand's longest commercially rafted rapid.
- ▶ Raft under the original bungy bridge – the Kawarau Bungy.
- ▶ Grade 2-3 rapids.

4 to 4.5 hours

Grade 2 to 3



SHOTOVER RIVER

- ▶ Drive down the historic road through Skippers Canyon – one of Aotearoa New Zealand's most scenic and exhilarating roads.
- ▶ Raft the 170m Oxenbridge Tunnel – the only commercially rafted tunnel in NZ and the longest in the world.
- ▶ Grade 3-5 rapids.

4 to 5 hours

Grade 3 to 5



Challenge Rafting operates within strict safety guidelines. Challenge Rafting reserves the right to cancel or amend any trip due to river, road or weather conditions. Rafting is not permitted if you are pregnant. Weight limit 40kg-120kg. Must be able to swim confidently. Minimum age 13 years. We operate in special locations, including conservation areas. Prices include concession fees contributing toward conservation and sustainability management. For full terms and conditions, risk disclosure and additional information, please visit raft.co.nz

Conference and Incentives

Totally Tourism is your go to provider for unforgettable experiences for your conference or incentive group.

With a range of experiences catering to every interest and budget, we can help you craft the perfect itinerary for your group. Explore the stunning Milford Sound / Piopiotahi by cruise, take in the breath-taking views of Aoraki / Mount Cook, Queenstown, or the West Coast from a helicopter flight, or soar over Fiordland in a fixed-wing plane. Whatever your group's interests, we have an experience to match.

Our expert team will work with you to create a customised itinerary tailored to your group's size, interests, and budget. We'll take care of every detail so you can focus on making memories with your team.

Contact Totally Tourism today to start planning your group's adventure of a lifetime in Aotearoa New Zealand's most stunning locations.



Sustainability

Totally Tourism is committed to respecting and preserving the beautiful surroundings in which we are fortunate to be able to share with our guests.

We are a Qualmark Gold endorsed member, which means we are among the most sustainable tourism businesses in New Zealand. We are constantly reviewing our conservation efforts to ensure we reduce, reuse and recycle.

We work closely with The Department of Conservation at each of our South Island locations and a portion of each of our experiences goes towards their conservation efforts.

We are proud to support the New Zealand Sustainability Commitment. Our ambition is to deliver high quality experiences for our visitors and take care in supporting our local communities. Across our group we will strive for robust economic sustainability through our business decisions and continue to protect and respect our natural environment.



Aotearoa's Tiaki Promise

The Tiaki Promise is embraced by our teams, and we encourage all our guests, be them visitors or citizens of New Zealand, to learn and practice Tiaki.

Join us in keeping New Zealand beautiful, caring for our people, place and culture.

New Zealand is precious, and everyone who lives and travels here has a responsibility to look after it. The Tiaki Promise is a commitment to care for New Zealand, for now, and for future generations.

Make a commitment to New Zealand to act as a guardian, protecting and preserving our home, by following the Tiaki promise.

Nau mai, haere mai ki Aotearoa. Welcome to New Zealand.



Risk Disclosure

All activity inherently involves risks and potential hazards, and we cannot anticipate or eliminate all risks, however together we can manage and mitigate risk. Often, we are operating in unmodified and uncontrolled terrain and a balanced and conservative approach is taken to accommodate changing conditions. Our risk management includes monitoring of natural hazards including potential atmospheric, land or water related occurrences. (Landslides, earthquakes, tsunami, volcanic, storms, flooding, avalanche, rock, or ice fall).

We provide information to participants before and during the activity to ensure their participation suits their ability and objectives and is as safe as practicable with any potential changes identified prior or during the trip.

It is important clients acknowledge there are risks, understand safety information and briefings before and during their activity and follow the instructions set out by our experienced and trained teams.

Prevention of accidents and incidents is key in all our operations, and this is achieved when we all approach activities with care, control, and responsibility.

Safety Management

We are committed to ensuring the highest level of safety of all staff, visitors, contractors, and others who may interact with any part of our activities.

This is achieved through developing and maintaining a culture where safety is our paramount consideration in everything we do. We actively promote safety objectives, not only in the operation of our assets and equipment, but also through maintenance practices, the management of passengers and the training and competency assessment of all staff to a high standard. Our teams of experienced and capable managers and skilled staff have specialist knowledge relevant to each of our aviation, marine and adventure operations.

We have implemented Safety Management Systems approved by the relevant regulators. Should other providers be contracted to deliver services, we check to ensure operators are regulated and audited for H&S compliance to a high standard.





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