



# QUEENSTOWN



With mountain peaks as far as the eye can see, shimmering lakes, and crisp alpine air, cosmopolitan Queenstown provides a truly inspirational and memorable destination for conferences and incentives. This lake and alpine resort town provides the perfect mix of action and relaxation, whether you have an appetite for adventure or are more at home tracking down a delicious meal and fine wine. Not only does it offer some of New Zealand’s best skiing and adventure experiences, from white water rafting to bungee jumping, but it’s also home to world-class restaurants, cafes, bars, wineries, shops and art galleries.

## ACCESS

Queenstown has an international airport located 10 minutes drive from the town centre. Major airlines Air New Zealand, Virgin, Qantas, and Jetstar offer year-round direct flights from various Australian cities and regular domestic flights arrive into Queenstown from New Zealand’s main centres of Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch. Delegates seeking a wow factor can travel from the airport to Queenstown by jet boat. Queenstown is well serviced by coaches that provide daily services to and from Christchurch. Daily services also operate to and from Wanaka, Dunedin, Invercargill, Te Anau, Milford Sound and the West Coast.

### Facts:

- Population: 29,000 people
- 8 km Airport to City
- Accommodation: 9,000 + rooms
- Venue capacity: 1,700 people

### Claim to fame:

- Breath-taking scenery
- Award winning Pinot Noir
- Adventure Capital of New Zealand

## VENUES

Queenstown has a variety of flexible conference, meeting and event venues which cater for groups of between 20 and 1,500 people. Venues range from hip restaurants offering stunning views of the lake and mountains in central Queenstown to purpose-built venues in the unique and stunning Wakatipu Basin. An amazing array of dining venues for private and corporate events are available – choose from one of over 150 restaurants and pubs or opt for something different such as a winery, boat cruise, historic homestead or themed marquee event.

Many of Queenstown’s top venues feature the latest technology and amenities, from state of the art audiovisual equipment to free Wi-Fi and enticing food and beverage offerings. For a real wow factor, guests can be transported to event venues by helicopter, jet boat or even steamship.



Jack's Point Golf Course

## GETTING AROUND

Downtown Queenstown is compact and easy to get around on foot. The Connectabus local bus service is a good alternative for visitors who want to see the wider area. For those who want to travel in style, there are several luxury coach and shuttle services operating in the Queenstown region that offer transport in vehicles including classic limousines, 4WD vehicles and luxury tour vans and coaches.

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## ACCOMMODATION

Queenstown boasts the second largest commercial accommodation stock after the Auckland super city, with the majority located in close proximity to the town centre. Options range from budget to five-star, with international chains of 3-5 star hotels and motels alongside backpacker properties, bed and breakfasts, luxury lodges and hosted options. Queenstown's luxury retreats provide the very best in exclusive accommodation with several regularly appearing in the world's top 100 lists.

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## MEMORABLE INCENTIVE OPTIONS

**PLAY** a round of golf at one of Queenstown's five golf courses. From immaculate resorts to backcountry fairways, Queenstown offers world-class golfing amongst breathtaking scenery.

**TRAVEL** by jet boat down the Dart River and deep into the spectacular Mount Aspiring National Park. Highly informative guides add the personal touch, talking about the area's history and Maori legends.

**STEP BACK** in time and visit Arrowtown, a picturesque historic gold-mining town just 20 minutes' drive from Queenstown. Wander the tree lined streets of restored cottages or browse the boutique designer stores and galleries.

**TOUR** through nearby Gibbston Valley, a stunning wine region surrounded by mountains interlaced with lakes and deep river gorges. Sample award-winning wines or enjoy an alfresco lunch next to the vines.

**VENTURE** into Fiordland National Park - home to some of the world's greatest multi-day hikes including the Milford Track. Walks on these tracks, and many others in the region, can be undertaken with a guide or independently.

**EXPERIENCE** Queenstown in winter. A snow lover's paradise, Coronet Peak and The Remarkables ski areas are only a short drive from the city centre, or travel slightly further afield to Treble Cone, Snow Park NZ, Cardrona and Waiorau Snow Farm near Wanaka.

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## MEMORABLE PRE AND POST TOURING OPTIONS

**EXPLORE** Queenstown and beyond by helicopter, an ideal way to discover the beauty of the region. Snow landings with champagne and photo opportunities are a perfect and dramatic way to welcome guests to Queenstown.

**SEE** some of the South Island's finest scenery in Wanaka. The lakeside settlement is a gateway into Mt Aspiring National Park, part of a world heritage area. Exploring the park's wilderness is an unforgettable experience with its striking landforms, from soaring mountains to tranquil river flats.

**DISCOVER** Milford Sound, described by Rudyard Kipling as the 'eighth wonder of the world'. Enjoy a day trip on the fiord, explore the area by scenic flight or stay overnight on a chartered luxury vessel.

**DRIVE** to beautiful Glenorchy at the northern end of Lake Wakatipu and experience untouched wilderness and snow capped mountains. This truly is *Lord of the Rings* country and you will be able to spot many of the locations where the movie was filmed.

**CHALLENGE** yourself. There's no better place for adventurous types to try hiking, mountain biking, white water rafting, jet boating, skydiving or bungy jumping.

**VISIT** the Fox and Franz Josef glaciers, on the South Island's west coast. Guided glacier walks are available or guests can be transported by helicopter to remote parts of the glaciers on a heli-hike.

