



Your day-to-day Itinerary

Queenstown Family Adventure *Tahi*



DURATION

5 Days

TRIP STYLE

Family

[CHECK AVAILABILITY](#)



Hiking



Biking



Experience



Cruise



Jet Boating



Gondola



Wine Tasting



Dining

While commonly known as the Adventure Capital of the World, Queenstown is also the perfect destination to wine and dine in style. The 5-day Tahi trip allows you and your family to experience all that Queenstown has to offer.

This action-packed trip delivers the perfect mix of family friendly activities like hiking, jet boating and biking, plus great company for the kids whilst the adults get to enjoy themselves too! The premium accommodation on the Tahi trip offers incredible views of Lake Wakatipu, and caters well to family needs - need to do laundry? No worries! (Trip start - Queenstown, trip end - Queenstown).

Here's What's Included; We've Got You Covered.

✓ All guiding services

Two experienced New Zealand guides per trip. Having two guides allows for much greater flexibility, meaning you're able to go at your own pace, they also happen to be great with kids!

✓ All meals

Breakfast, lunch and dinner on all days, except where indicated on the itinerary (Day 1 excludes breakfast, and Day 5 excludes lunch and dinner as we'll finish our trip together around lunchtime).

✓ All transport

Airport transfers on the first & last days. When you're not travelling under your own steam, there will be comfortable air-conditioned vans to stretch your legs.

✓ All accommodations

Your accommodation for each night of this trip is included in the trip price. We have chosen the accommodation for its location, quality of offering, and for how well it suits the groups who generally join us on this trip.

✓ All activities

Hiking, biking and more! We've got the activities covered so you just need to enjoy spending time as a family.

Itinerary

DAY 1

Hike Sam Summers, cruise Lake Wakatipu, dine at Walter Peak Station

Whether your Tahi trip is part of a longer South Island escape, or you're simply heading to the Adventure Capital for a long weekend, Queenstown is just a short hop from any other New Zealand airport. We advise arriving the day before your trip begins so we can make the most of our short time together! Once we've met you at either the airport or the joining hotel, we'll get straight into the action with a hike to the historic, stone-built Sam Summers Hut. The old hut is a remnant from the gold-mining era, and part of a loop track. The hike is roughly 2.5 hours; we'll go up to the top - around 355 metres / 1165 feet of ascent - appreciate the stunning views across Lake Wakatipu, and head back down the other side. We'll see rivers, a thundering waterfall, native bush and the old mining hut, if the weather is good we'll enjoy a picnic lunch. Tonight, we'll be arriving to dinner in style - on a 100 year old steam ship, the TSS Earnslaw. Originally used for moving livestock between Glenorchy, Queenstown, and Kingston, the vessel has been repurposed, ferrying diners across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Farm Station, for a buffet dinner and a sheep shearing demonstration.

Queenstown Lodgings (Lunch, Dinner)

Hiking Distance: 7.4 kilometres (4.6 miles), 2.5-3 hours

Elevation Gain: 355 metres (1165 feet)

Elevation Loss: 355 metres (1165 feet)

DAY 2

Bike Gibbston River Trail, wine tasting (for the adults!)

Once we're fuelled up on breakfast and coffee, we'll make our way into the charming settlement of Arrowtown, an historic gold mining village along the banks of the Arrow River. We'll collect our hired bikes and begin our first activity for the day, biking along the Gibbston River Trail. Today you choose between a 15km or 23km ride. Along the way there'll be plenty of incredible photo (and breather!) opportunities - including at the Kawarau Bridge, the home of bungy jumping! We'll pause and watch the daredevils throw themselves into the abyss - safely of course! By the end of our ride our stomachs will be grumbling - thankfully, we'll be finishing up at one of Queenstown's many wineries - this is pinot noir country afterall! We'll have earned this afternoon's picnic lunch, and our guides - who are big kids themselves - will entertain the kids whilst the adults enjoy tasting some local wines. After lunch we'll head back to the centre of town, and you'll have the afternoon free to explore. Your guides can give you heaps of recommendations for this afternoon, from frisbee golf in the gardens, to canyon swings, or just the best spots to chill out. We'll rejoin as a group this evening to enjoy dinner and drinks and talk about our day's explorations.

Queenstown Lodgings (All meals)

Biking Distance: Choose between 15 or 23 kilometres (9.3 or 14.3 miles)

DAY 3

Hike Ben Lomond

Once we've filled ourselves with breakfast this morning we'll make our way to the gondola, which is just a

short walk from our accommodation. The gondola ride offers some of the most breathtaking panoramic views of Queenstown including the Remarkables mountain, Lake Wakatipu, and Cecil Peak. We'll be deposited on Bob's Peak, where we'll begin the hike up to Ben Lomond. This route to the top of Bob's Peak, via the gondola, slowly reveals better and better vistas across Lake Wakatipu to the Remarkables, as we make our way up. Once we get to the top we have a challenging climb to the Ben Lomond's summit - expect it to take us around 4-5 hours return once we get off the gondola. We'll reach the Saddle at 1300m (4265 feet) – the perfect spot for a quick snack break and some photos. From there, the trail climbs steeply over rocks and tussocks to the top. The views of Queenstown, Lake Wakatipu and the surrounding mountain ranges are a just reward for your efforts, and reaching the top also allows a glimpse down to Moke Lake, and on a clear day, along to Mt Earnslaw, the tallest mountain in the area. After lunch we'll retrace our steps, and our guides will leave you to enjoy your afternoon - they can give you recommendations, such as the famous luge 'go-karting' style tracks here at the top of the gondola. We'll meet up again for dinner at a restaurant in town.

Queenstown Lodgings (All meals)

Hiking Distance: 8 kilometres (5 miles)

Elevation Gain: 978 metres (3208 feet)

Elevation Loss: 978 metres (3208 feet)

DAY 4

Explore Glenorchy, hike Routeburn Falls on the Routeburn Track

After breakfast this morning we'll head off on one of the most scenic driving routes in New Zealand, 45km from Queenstown to Glenorchy. With picturesque views of Lake Wakatipu and the surrounding mountains, this journey is breathtaking year-round. Set against a backdrop of stunning beech forest and mountains, the small town of Glenorchy is a true slice of paradise (there's even a settlement called Paradise closeby, really!). If you think it looks familiar, that's probably because you've seen it featured in major productions such as the Lord of the Rings trilogy, Narnia and Mission Impossible! Glenorchy is also the starting point for some of the country's best hiking trails, such as the Routeburn Track. Today we'll be hiking towards Routeburn Falls, winding our way alongside the Routeburn River and amongst the towering beech trees. We can do as much or as little as we want today, our hike passes by Sugarloaf Stream and Bridal Veil Falls, and can take us as far as Routeburn Falls and the Falls Hut, if we're up for it. We'll eat a picnic lunch somewhere along the trail, and retrace our steps. Put your feet up on the bus ride back to Queenstown, we'll head back to our accommodation and freshen up for dinner together.

Queenstown Lodgings (All meals)

Hiking Distance: As much or as little as you like, up to 16 kilometres (9.9 miles)

Elevation Gain: Up to 300 metres (984 feet)

Elevation Loss: Up to 300 metres (984 feet)

DAY 5

Jetboat on K-Jet, Farewells

Sadly, today is our last day together, but we're finishing in style! After breakfast we'll take a leisurely walk from Queenstown to Frankton Marina, along the trail skirting the edge of Lake Wakatipu. Once we arrive, we'll embark on an exhilarating jet boat ride across Lake Wakatipu, the Shotover River and the Kawarau

River. With 360° spins and unbelievable views, this ride is truly unforgettable. We'll leave you at the airport, or back in town, filled with memories and amazed at what we've managed to pack into 5 short days together.

(Breakfast)

Useful Info

No Forced Single Supplement

Most other travel companies charge all solo travellers a single supplement fee. We don't! When it comes to accommodation, our trip fares are based on a twin-share rate, which means we'll match you up with another person of the same gender to share a room with. If there's no one suitable to share with, there's no forced single supplement! Having said that, if you specifically request your own room, you can opt to pay the additional single supplement fee.

Group Size

This trip has a maximum of 14 guests, plus your experienced Active Adventures guides.

Trip Start

On the first day of the trip we can either pick you up from the Queenstown airport (ZQN) in front of the Travel and Information Centre at 10.30am or the specified joining hotel in Queenstown at 11am.

Trip End

On the last day of the trip we can drop you off anywhere in central Queenstown about 12pm or at Queenstown airport in time for the flights below.

Recommended Flights

Arrival: If you're flying in on the first day of the trip, we recommend arriving in Queenstown before 10am.

Departure: Flying out on the last day of the trip, we recommend departing from Queenstown after 2pm for domestic and 3pm for international departures times. If you're considering alternative flight times please check with us.

Accommodation

We have selected the accommodation on your 'Tahi' trip for its stunning location, quality of service, comfort and attentive hospitality. Blue Peaks Lodge is located just a short walk away from Queenstown central and sits above the township with fantastic views across Lake Wakatipu.

Fitness

As an [Activity Level 3](#) trip, you'll need a good level of fitness for the 'Tahi' trip. While you don't have to be extremely fit, you should be in the habit of doing regular aerobic exercise, ideally involving some hills, steps and carrying a backpack. Advance preparation means you'll enjoy the active and outdoor nature of your trip even more. Please head to our [Fitness Guide](#) for great tips on how to prepare along with a workout plan!

Active Adventures Club

Did you know that once you've booked a trip with us, you become part of the Active Adventures Club? As a club member you'll earn Active Dollars and receive exclusive offers!

Active Adventures Assurance

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General Trip Information

You can find details on recommended flights and fitness, as well as trip start and end in the 'specific information' section at the end of each itinerary.

Availability:

Once a trip is full, we'll often add a second departure that travels in a different direction (southbound or northbound, referring to your direction of travel upon departure), to ensure the highest level of service on all of our trips and to keep our group sizes small. Both trip directions include all the activities mentioned, just in a different order, and they work whichever direction you go.

Transportation:

Since New Zealand isn't quite small enough to simply walk everywhere and still see all the highlights in a limited amount of time, we travel in fuel-efficient 20-seat Toyota Coasters and our guides make the journey enjoyable. They'll introduce you to some local tunes as well as provide interesting commentary, and we pass the time you do spend on the road in a fun, social way, with New Zealand's ever-changing scenery providing a feast for the eyes. Our focus, as always, is getting you out of the vehicle and into the scenery.

Accommodation:

You'll love the interesting places we've discovered over the years. You'll visit really spectacular and off-the-beaten-track locations and stay in comfortable bed and breakfasts, lodges, apartments and hotels for the most part. Keep in mind that the most remote locations have limited accommodation options, but 5-star scenery!

Outdoor Experience:

Our trips allow you to make the most of the New Zealand backcountry, whether you're relatively new to hiking or a seasoned trekker. Our highly trained and experienced guides will be at your side, safely guiding you to magnificent places that you wouldn't get to on your own. The challenges are there, if you're looking for them, and all we ask is that you be energetic and in reasonable shape and we guarantee you'll have an incredible time. You don't have to have been kayaking to enjoy paddling out on the water and you don't need to be a serious cyclist to enjoy most of the rides we do. In fact, we have so many options available that you don't need to ride or paddle at all if you'd rather hike or just laze around!

We hold all relevant government licenses and permits, have an impeccable safety record and are certified by OutdoorsMark, New Zealand's leading outdoor safety auditors. So, with all the research, logistics, safety and hospitality taken care of, you can focus on the most important thing – making the most of your vacation!

Included:

The fare includes just about everything, specifically:

- All guiding services. We have two guides per trip, a lead guide/driver and a co-guide/chef. On our smallest trips, one of our most experienced guides will look after you.
- Comfortable accommodation for the entire period you are with us. We can also organise pre and post-trip accommodation, if you like.
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner on most days, as indicated, with many delicious meals prepared by your guides, who are adept at catering for all dietary requirements. In places like Queenstown and Auckland there's a wide variety of restaurants and we've found people prefer to check out the options on their own. Alcohol is not included, although we do spring a few drinks here and there!
- All activities described in the itineraries including hiking, kayaking, biking and rafting, except the optional extra activities that are available at additional cost.
- All transportation from trip start to end.
- The highest level of service from our guides and from our experienced team behind the scenes. We're always here for you and we always go the extra mile!

Flexibility:

We're really flexible and none of our itineraries are written in stone, so if you have a particular interest you'd like to include or you need to leave a trip earlier or join later (at an altered fare), just let us know and we can almost always make it happen. Likewise, all adventure travel requires a certain amount of flexibility and we sometimes have to make minor changes to the accommodation or activities because of weather and availability, but we have plenty of options up our sleeve and the experience to keep your trip running seamlessly.

Not Included:

The trip fare doesn't include flights before or after your trip, or 15% NZ government tax. This is your all-inclusive vacation and there are no hidden costs. You'll have a few meals and drinks to cover, extra activities if you choose them, and you'll probably feel like tipping your guides at the end of a fabulous trip, though you won't need to pull out your wallet every few minutes on your Active Adventures trip!

Itinerary Updates:

We update our itineraries annually, so please check our website for the most up-to-date itineraries and pricing. We make every effort to ensure itinerary accuracy at the time of printing, though changes may occur without prior notice due to local circumstances.



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