



NEW ZEALAND: ALPINE ADVENTURE

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Journey Overview

The alpine scenes of New Zealand are truly breathtaking, the magnificent mountain peaks and rolling valleys beckoning travellers to explore from the world over. Immerse yourself in this spectacular region with stays in luxurious Minaret Station a wilderness paradise accessible only by helicopter, and award-winning Blanket Bay, set amid the marvels of Lake Wakatipu. A journey for those with an adventurous heart, enjoy opportunities to hike, horseride, cycle and ski amongst some of New Zealand's most unforgettable high-altitude landscapes.

Journey Highlights

- Stay at magnificent Minaret Station located at the head of a stunningly picturesque glacial valley in the heart of the Southern Alps
- Stay in the award-winning Blanket Bay situated at the northern end of Lake Wakatipu surrounded by extraordinary mountain views
- Choose to explore the beautiful mountains, stunning waterfalls, spectacular glaciers, fiords and farmland your own way, on horseback, by bike or on foot



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Queenstown - Minaret Station Alpine Lodge

On arrival into Queenstown, meet your A&K driver and transfer by private vehicle to meet your helicopter flight to Minaret Station Alpine Lodge.

Transfer by helicopter to Minaret Station Alpine Lodge, drinking in the spectacular landscapes as they unfold below you. Gain a unique perspective on the rolling hills and breathtaking mountain peaks, the spectacular wilderness enticing you to explore. On arrival, settle into your luxurious lodge, standing in awe of the glacial valley views.

Your stay at Minaret Alpine Lodge includes a full chef-prepared breakfast, lunch (lodge or picnic), pre-dinner drinks & canapés, a three course gourmet dinner, all beverages, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic (except reserve cellar wine list) and an on-site hiking guide. Savour a delicious dinner with your evening at leisure.

Minaret Station Alpine Lodge / D

Days 2-3: Minaret Station Alpine Lodge

Today enjoy all the activities on offer at Minaret Station Alpine Lodge. Discover the beautiful mountains, stunning waterfalls, spectacular glaciers, fiords and farmland, enjoy hikes, skiing, fishing, jet boating, horseriding and kayaking, all accessed by helicopter from the lodge. (Activities are at additional cost).

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Day 4: Blanket Bay

Start today with a helicopter departure from Minaret Station over truly spectacular scenery to Blanket Bay. Be spellbound by the mountains, valleys and endless lakes before arriving at luxurious Blanket Bay. Settle in to your idyllic home away from home for the next few days with a cocktail by the fire, or perhaps relaxing with a rejuvenating spa treatment.

'New Zealand's Ultimate Alpine Escape' Blanket Bay has received many international accolades. Discovery Channel featured the lodge in their '7 Wonder Resorts of the World' and 'Five Star Insider' documentaries. The Robb Report has consistently listed Blanket Bay in the top 100 hotels of the world.

Your stay at Blanket Bay includes pre-dinner drinks, dinner, breakfast and carte blanche use of sports equipment and facilities.

Blanket Bay / BD

Days 5-6: Blanket Bay

Enjoy two days at leisure in this breathtaking haven. For those wishing to embrace all the incredible experiences that New Zealand has to offer, Blanket Bay offers a variety of activities including guided fly-fishing on the lake, a spellbinding heli-flight- to witness magnificent Milford Sound, jet boating or hiking in the Mt. Aspiring National Park, golf, horse riding on the adjoining Wyuna High Country Station and heliskiing in the winter to explore the spectacular alpine landscapes (all at additional cost).

Blanket Bay / BD

Day 7: Blanket Bay - Depart Queenstown

Say farewell to spectacular New Zealand, as you transfer by private car back to Queenstown to meet your onward flight.

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Accommodation

Minaret Station



Accessible only by helicopter, and located at the head of a stunningly picturesque glacial valley in the heart of the Southern Alps, Minaret Station treats discerning guests to a level of comfort and style never before available in the New Zealand mountains. With just four chalets, Minaret Station Alpine Lodge provides the opportunity to enjoy some of life's most precious elements; time, fresh air and open space, whilst creating life-long memories with friends and family.

The luxuriously furnished Chalet Suites feature king beds, spacious dressing room, en suite bathroom with double vanity and NZ amenities, complimentary in-room mini bar and a private deck with a spacious hot tub to relax in and soak up the magnificent views.

Chefs at Minaret use only the freshest local ingredients from Central Otago's basin. In fact, the meat featured in dishes is sourced from Minaret Station's own 50,000 acre working farm, whilst seafood is fresh from Stewart Island, the West Coast and Fiordland.

A range of activity options include a private helicopter tour of Fiordland, Mt Cook experience, personalised farm tour, hiking, backcountry fishing, heliski charter or a day trip to Dusky Sounds in the far southwest of the country.

Why we like it

- New Zealand's most remote luxury lodge
- Set in the stunning picturesque glacial valley in the heart of the Southern Alps
- Accessible only by helicopter
- Activities include heli-skiing, hiking, mountain biking and scenic flights

Blanket Bay



Award-winning Blanket Bay is situated at the northern end of Lake Wakatipu a forty-five minute drive from Queenstown, surrounded by extraordinary mountain scenery. Accommodation comprises three suites and five intimate rooms in the main lodge, and four additional chalets, all filled with sumptuous furnishings and elegant rugs. All rooms enjoy magnificent lake and mountain views. Built in the grand style of the finest alpine lodges and finished with native New Zealand timber and stone, the Lodge is a sanctuary of comfort with a cosy lounge, a den, a games room, a wine cave and a fine dining room serving exquisite Pacific Rim cuisine, complimented by an impressive choice of wines. Guests can unwind with a pampering spa treatment, a swim in the heated outdoor lap pool, a steam in the steam room, a workout in the gym, or a jacuzzi with incredible lake and mountain views.

For those wishing to embrace all the incredible experiences that New Zealand has to offer, Blanket Bay also offers a variety of activities including guided fly-fishing, heli-flight-seeing to Milford Sound, jet boating or hiking in the Mt. Aspiring National Park, golf, horse riding on the adjoining Wyuna High Country Station and heliskiing in the winter (all at additional cost).

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