



Whare Kea is located in one of the world's most beautiful natural environments. Be prepared for an unforgettable experience!

Lake Wanaka is an adventure playground that is fast becoming world famous as a global destination thanks to our world-class guides and owner-operators who offer our visitors experiences of a lifetime. Four distinct seasons, sitting lakeside at the gateway to the Mount Aspiring National Park, one hours drive from Queenstown and only 7km from Lake Wanaka township – Whare Kea Lodge provides the perfect location for those who love to explore the wide open spaces.

Walking - Beautiful lakeside walks start right from the front door of the Lodge. Easy walking tracks around Lake Wanaka and the nearby hills provide outstanding views of the lake and mountains. These walks vary from sedate one hour duration, up to a full day if desired. Overnight hikes and longer excursions in the nearby mountains can be arranged with local guides. Recommended: Rob Roy Glacier Walk – ½ day.

Mountain Biking - Our team can organise the equipment whilst you provide the power! From cruisy lakeside tracks, to purpose built downhill extreme and gorgeous heli biking options – there is something for every energy level and experience. Recommended: Lakeside tracks - Clutha River Track - Deans Bank ½-full day.

Alpine Chalet Experience - By day or overnight. The Whare Kea Chalet is located at 1750m on the edge of Mt Aspiring National Park, accessible by a 20 minute scenic helicopter flight or a serious days hike. Explore your alpine surrounds with your own personal mountain guide then enjoy luxury at altitude and settle back with a glass of Champagne whilst your host prepares a gourmet picnic lunch, or you settle in for the Ultimate Overnight Chalet Adventure – with all the luxuries at altitude. 2 hours or overnight. Recommended: Overnight Chalet Adventure.

Milford and Doubtful Sounds – Explore the beauty of Milford and Doubtful Sounds from Wanaka via fixed wing or helicopter. Enjoy the alpine highlights en route including Mount Aspiring and the glaciers, and explore Milford Sound by scenic boat cruise. Fixed wing flights available from the Wanaka Airport, or Helicopter from the Lodge. Recommended: Fly-Cruise-Fly, ½ day.

Helicopter Scenic Flight - Fly into some of the South Islands most remote and beautiful places - your only limitation is your imagination when it comes to these incredible flying machines! Be picked up from the front lawn at the Lodge, enjoy a scenic flight around Mt Aspiring & the Glaciers, explore the beauty of Milford and Doubtful Sounds, land on a glacier and lunch by an alpine lake. Recommended: Whare Kea Exclusive Peaks and Paradise Heli Adventure - 3 hours.

Elements Day Spa at Whare Kea Lodge - Relax and revitalise with a wide range of services designed to relieve your stress, strains and re-balance your body, mind and soul. You can select from a range of luxurious treatments, including massage, facial, body treatments, manicures, tanning, beauty treatments and make up and hairstyling. Recommended: Create your own combination of pampering 1hr-full day.

Cooking Class - Enjoy a cooking Lesson with Whare Kea's Executive Chef, James Stapley. Classes focus on getting the best out of seasonal ingredients and preparing restaurant-quality dishes at home. The hour-long classes are complimentary for guests who stay for three or more nights. More in-depth classes of two and a half hours can be arranged, and tailored, on request.



Arethusa Pool on Mou Waho Island - Cruise 35 mins by boat with Eco Wanaka Adventures to the unique and magical Mou Waho Island Nature reserve, situated in the middle of Lake Wanaka and surrounded by stunning alpine vistas. Take an optional 40 minute guided bush walk to the serene Arethusa Pool for the amazing lake and alpine views. See the lake, on the island, on the lake! Recommended: Lake Cruise and Island Nature Walk ½ day.

Mountain River Jet Boating - The Matukituki River flows in to Lake Wanaka and is one of New Zealand's most powerful, pristine jet boating rivers, fed by Glaciers and surrounded by the peaks of Mount Aspiring National Park. Experience the speed and exhilaration of shallow water jet boating, spectacular scenery and adventure unfolding at every turn. The Wanaka River Journeys experience also includes a 40min wilderness walk - add a gorgeous Helicopter scenic flight and gourmet picnic! Recommended: Flight of the kea, Jetboat, Heli, Gourmet Lunch at Whare Kea Chalet. ½ day.

4WD High Country Station Tours - Travel in a luxurious Landcruiser and go where many only dream about. These tours are unique and individually designed. Whether you want to visit a High Country Station and see farm life, hike for a day, take a short walk or simply sit in the quiet and marvel at the views. Recommended: Wild Hills Safaris ½ day.

Siberia Experience - A four hour wilderness experience combining scenic flight, valley walk and jet boat ride. Start in Makarora (approx 1 hour drive from Lodge) with a scenic plane or helicopter flight to land in the remote Siberia Valley and enjoy a relaxing 3 hour hike on a well marked track amidst the stunning alpine scenery. Rendezvous with Wilkin River Jets for a fast paced return jet boat ride through the icy blue waters of the Wilkin and Makarora Rivers. Recommended: Siberia Wilderness Experience ½-full day.

Winery Tours - Enjoy a relaxing day sampling the region's wineries. The cool but sunny and dry climate in the region produces exceptional Pinot Noirs and other great varieties. Many excellent vineyards offer wine tasting and delicious local cuisine. We can organise a guided service for your wine tour so you can enjoy the tasting. Recommended: Tour du Vins with Funny French Cars, Full day.

Horse Trekking – Climb aboard your trusty steed and explore the various routes available throughout the Wanaka region. From historic gold mining valleys and high country farms to meandering through the vines of Rippon Vineyard to the lake front. Wanaka has three guiding companies to choose from, depending on the terrain you would like to explore. Recommended – All fabulous ! But we are quite partial to the wine tasting option. ½ day.

Golf - If golf is your passion, Wanaka boasts a picturesque 18 hole golf course overlooking both the lake and the mountains (www.wanakagolf.co.nz) while Queenstown offers another four excellent courses with outstanding views: Queenstown Golf Course, Milbrook Resort, Jacks Point and Arrowtown Golf Club.

Vintage Tiger Moth Flights - Step back in time with Classic Flights and experience a Vintage Tiger Moth or Waco Scenic Flight over some of the most stunning scenery in the world. Feel the excitement of the early flyers, as you don the old-style leather flying helmet, complete with goggles and silk scarf, take a rare journey back in time. Recommended: The Freedom of Romance. 2-1/2 hours.



Fishing - Anyone will tell you that NZ is a fisherman's paradise. But when it comes to the specific art of fly fishing Wanaka and its cascading surrounds of rivers and streams could make you think you were in Mecca. Stalk the backcountry rivers or take a leisurely cruise on the lake – bring your trout/salmon back to the lodge for Chef James to cook for you! The season runs from October through to May with the best months from October till March. Recommended: Guided Lake Cruise for all levels ½ day.

Stand Up Paddle Boarding and Kayaking

Kayaks and stand up paddle boards (SUP's) are available for rental on Lake Wanaka. Take a relaxing paddle along the lake shore, an adventure out to one of our many islands or let a local show you the way on a guided trip. Anything is possible – you can even join a SUP yoga class and private lessons can be arranged.

Recommended: Guided kayak trip to Stevensons Island: ½- Full day out.

Skiing - During the winter months the Lake Wanaka region is a skiers dream. With easy access to three of the South Island major ski fields – Treble Cone, Cardrona and the Snow Farm – with long uncrowded slopes, wide open trails through to expert shoots, terrain parks to cross country skiing – there is something for all abilities. But wait... there's more – add a helicopter to the mix and escape into the heart of the Southern Alps – a world above and beyond all others with Harris Mountain Heliskiing. Runs vary between 2000 to 4000 vertical feet of treeless skiing in sheltered basins, bowls and wide rolling mountain flanks through to steep and gnarly chutes. Best of all, your heliski trip starts right from Whare Kea's front lawn. Recommend: Harris Mountain Heliski on fine flyable weather days, and Resort ski every other day!

Canyoning - During summer you can descend the spectacular canyons of our beautiful region. Be professionally guided by the Deep Canyon team as you explore your way through crystal pools, native forest, plunge down water polished chutes and abseil down waterfalls. Recommended: Niger Stream – Full day.

Hunting - The hunting season in the Southern Alps runs from mid March to the end of August with the best months being April to June. The mountains surrounding Whare Kea offer excellent hunting grounds for wild red deer, chamois and Himalayan tahr. Smaller hunting grounds for duck, quail and Canadian geese are also an option. The hunting grounds are accessed via a helicopter charter from the front lawn of the Lodge. Local guides are essential.

Mountaineering - Outstanding alpine mountaineering is on offer in the Mt Aspiring National Park and Whare Kea is an ideal base, with Wanaka being the home for many of New Zealand's UIAGM qualified mountain guides whom are famous for their guided ascents of some of the highest mountains in the world. These guides are available to lead guests to the summit of Mt Aspiring, the 'Matterhorn of the South', teach you the thrills of ice or rock climbing or a more extensive general mountaineering course. For more information, please see www.adventure.co.nz or www.aspiringguides.com

There are so many more adventures awaiting you in our beautiful region - from world class skydiving to car racing, tandem paragliding to family fun at Puzzling World. Please don't hesitate to email us any queries, or chat with your host on arrival here at Whare Kea Lodge.