

NON-HUNTING ADVENTURES



GLEN DENE

- HUNTING & FISHING NZ -



DON'T GET LEFT BEHIND

Located on the doorstep of the Southern Lakes, Fiordland, Central Otago, and the West Coast, we offer a diverse range of activities to satisfy every taste and adventure level.

From unforgettable scenic flights to Milford Sound, exhilarating helicopter snowlandings, off-the-beaten-path journeys into the wilderness, and leisurely winery or shopping tours – you're spoiled for choice on what to do first!

Boat trips to biking, sightseeing trips to glaciers, historic villages, or rainforest walks, our dedicated Cross Hill Lodge hosts are here to help you plan your dream getaway. Please don't hesitate to inquire about your preferences when booking or upon arrival.



OUR REGION



W A N A K A

The Wanaka region is a breathtaking gem in New Zealand's South Island, where rugged mountains meet crystal-clear lakes and nature's beauty is on full display year-round. Nestled at the gateway to Mount Aspiring National Park, Wanaka offers endless opportunities for adventure — from hiking and mountain biking to paddleboarding on Lake Wanaka's tranquil waters.





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QUEENSTOWN

Situated approximately 1 hour by road from Glen Dene are Queenstown and Arrowtown offering a dynamic mix of adventure, history, and refined experiences.

Queenstown is the adventure capital of the country — a place where you can bungee jump, jet boat and paraglide all in the same day! Surrounded by the Remarkables mountain range and perched on the edge of Lake Wakatipu, Queenstown is as scenic as it is exciting offering world-class dining and boutique shopping.

ARROWTOWN

Filled with historic charm. This beautifully preserved gold rush village is full of character, with heritage buildings, tree-lined streets, and boutique shops. It's home to cozy cafés, and nearby wineries, walking trails, and cycle routes make it a perfect base for a slower, more immersive experience.



THE WEST COAST

The Haast region on the South Island's West Coast is one of New Zealand's most remote and untouched landscapes — a wild, rugged paradise where rainforest meets the sea.

Known for its dramatic coastline, glacial waterfalls, and UNESCO World Heritage status, it offers a sense of isolation and raw natural beauty. This is a place to disconnect and experience nature in its purest form.



RAINFOREST MAGIC

The Blue Pools and Fantail Falls are a must-see, nestled in the heart of ancient native rainforest and fed by glacial waters from the Southern Alps.

The crystal-clear water shimmers with an intense turquoise hue, creating a striking contrast against the lush greenery that surrounds it. A short, scenic walk through beech forest—part of Mount Aspiring National Park—leads to a swing bridge offering panoramic views of the pools below. The rainforest is a vibrant ecosystem, alive with native birdlife and rich, moss-draped vegetation, making for a serene and deeply immersive experience in nature.



MILFORD SOUND

Located in Fiordland National Park (approximately 304 kilometers /189 miles) by road. Milford Sound is often described as one of the most stunning places on Earth.

Towering cliffs, lush rainforest, and cascading waterfalls surround the deep, glacier-carved fjord, creating a dramatic and awe-inspiring landscape. Fur seals, dolphins, and penguins are often spotted in the sound's dark blue depths. Whether seen by boat, kayak, or from the air, Milford Sound is a truly unforgettable experience.



THE SIBERIA EXPERIENCE

The Siberia Experience is one of New Zealand's most unforgettable alpine adventures, combining a scenic flight, remote wilderness hike, and thrilling jet boat ride into one incredible half-day journey.

Departing from Makarora, just north of Lake Hawea, you'll soar over the Southern Alps and into the stunning Siberia Valley on a small plane, taking in dramatic views of glaciers, waterfalls, and rugged peaks. After landing on a remote alpine strip, enjoy a guided 2.5-hour walk through pristine native beech forest and along crystal-clear mountain streams.

The adventure wraps up with a heart-pumping jet boat ride down the Wilkin River, completing a truly unique way to explore Mount Aspiring National Park. This is the ultimate way to experience the untouched beauty of New Zealand's backcountry.

WILDWIRE VIA FERRATA

Wildwire Wanaka offers an exhilarating adventure that combines the thrill of climbing with the breathtaking beauty of New Zealand's natural landscapes. Located near Wanaka, this unique experience allows participants to ascend the world's highest waterfall via ferrata, a protected climbing route that uses steel cables, rungs, and bridges to navigate the terrain.

No prior climbing experience is necessary, as all tours are guided by experienced professionals who provide comprehensive safety briefings and equipment. Participants should have a moderate level of fitness and a sense of adventure.



ACTIVITIES





EXPLORING BY BIKE

From the stunning sights of Wanaka to Glendhu Bay, Luggate, Lake Hawea and beyond, there's so much to see in our wonderful town.

Explore it all in comfort and style by hiring an E - bike and ride the glorious cycleways our area has to offer.

NZ Bike Trails will meet you at The Camp Office to give you your e-bike and a safety briefing. Then ride the river trails to Wanaka and spend the afternoon shopping, exploring, and enjoying the local tastes. Then be shuttled back to Cross Hill to share stories of your day.





RETAIL THERAPY

There are a number of specialty stores and products in New Zealand that you simply won't find anywhere else. From ethically and locally sourced luxurious sheepskins and shaggy bags to premium merino wool fashion, to the purest manuka honey, we have a shopping experience we know you're going to love!



Wilson & Dorset



Perriam



Alpine Honey

B O A T I N G

Enjoy a day of luxury on Lake Wanaka aboard Dual Image, a spacious 17-meter power catamaran designed for ultimate comfort in all conditions. With a dedicated crew providing top-notch service and indulgence, your scenic cruise promises to be an unforgettable experience.



M O U W A H U I S L A N D

An island on a lake on an island on a lake - this is a wondrous journey on Lake Wanaka's eco island.

A visit to Mou Waho Island offers the perfect combination of a trip out on the lake, nature walk, wildlife encounter & outstanding panoramic views

Mou Waho Island is a protected nature reserve and is home to many native New Zealand birds including the curious and flightless Weka.

A short walk takes you to the top of an Island. You will be exposed to breathtaking 360 degree panoramic views of the Arethusa pool, Lake Wanaka and its surrounding peaks.

EXPLORE





WALKING & HIKING

Our region has some amazing walking tracks and beautiful lakes.

These tracks provide easy access to the Pisa Conservation Area's attractive tussockland. The area is steeped in history– the route from the Cardrona valley into the Kawarau valley was a major pathway for Maori to and from the West Coast.



THE LAVENDER FARM

Wanaka Lavender Farm is just a few minutes drive from Lake Hawea, where you can experience 20 acres of beautiful lavender fields, farm animals & display gardens.

Enjoy a walk through the flowers, meet the friendly farm animals, play a garden game, unwind over a cup of herbal tea & indulge in our lavender ice-creams.

Sample our Lakes Honey and the many Wanaka Lavender Farm products that are lovingly made on site



RELAX





YOU DESERVE IT

Whether you're soaking in the outdoor cedar hot tub, enjoying a soothing massage, or simply curling up by the fire with a glass of local wine, every detail at Cross Hill is designed to calm the mind, nurture the body, and reconnect you with the peaceful rhythm of nature.

WOOD FIRED HOT TUB

Nestled within the lodge's serene, forested grounds, our wood-fired cedar hot tub offers an intimate retreat to unwind beneath the expansive southern sky. Sink into the warm, soothing waters, surrounded by the scent of cedar and the gentle sounds of nature, for a truly relaxing experience.

IN - HOUSE MASSAGE

Our in-house massage service is just the thing after a day out exploring. So why not book yourself in for some pampering to loosen those aching muscles. The ideal way to end your day and relax the body and mind ready for dinner at The Lodge.

A private room has been set aside for massages, providing a private, quiet space to relax and unwind. To book with our lodge host on arrival.





THE SECRET SAUNA

Also on our site is the Secret Sauna—a hidden gem tucked away on the tranquil shores of Lake Hawea. This serene and rejuvenating escape offers panoramic views of the glacial lake and surrounding mountains, creating a truly idyllic setting for relaxation.

Guests can embrace the benefits of contrast therapy by moving between the sauna's soothing heat and invigorating dips in the lake's crystal-clear waters, promoting both wellness and vitality. After your session, the heated lounge yurt offers the perfect place to relax, reconnect, and soak in the peaceful surroundings.



SKIN THERAPY

Pure Skin Therapy in Wanaka offers a luxurious range of facials designed to rejuvenate and nourish your skin. Their treatments cater to various skin concerns, from hydration and anti-aging to deep cleansing and brightening.

Utilizing advanced techniques and high-quality products, each facial is tailored to your individual needs, ensuring optimal results. Whether you're seeking a relaxing experience or targeted skin therapy, their facials offer the perfect solution to enhance your natural beauty.



FOOD & DRINK



LOCALLY SOURCED

If you're a fan of local produce and paddock-to-plate inspired cuisine, you're in the right place. Our chefs showcase the finest seasonal ingredients, serving up the best local produce available each day for both breakfast and dinner.

Enjoy grass-fed venison, beef, and lamb sourced from the region's high-country farms and lakeside pastures, all woven into a thoughtfully crafted three-course degustation experience. Rest assured, we cater to all dietary needs and preferences—just let us know of any allergies or requirements when booking. Our friendly lodge hosts will walk you through the evening's menu upon your arrival.

SHARING HOPITALITY

We pride ourselves on our warm hospitality, and dinners are often hosted by owners Richard and Sarah Burdon. From time to time, we invite friends into Cross Hill Lodge to join our guests for the evening meal.

From chefs and winemakers to fishers and well-known locals, you never quite know who might be at the table—ready to share stories, laughter, and a little local knowledge.





THE CARDRONA DISTILLERY

The Cardrona Distillery, nestled between Hawea and Queenstown, is a family-owned craft distillery celebrated for its artisanal single malt whisky, vodka, gin, and liqueurs.

Founded in 2015 by Desiree Reid, the distillery is built on a deep commitment to quality—crafting every spirit from scratch using pure alpine water sourced from Mount Cardrona and malted barley grown on the Canterbury plains. Each bottle is meticulously distilled, aged, and finished on site, capturing the unique essence of the Southern Alps.

Visitors can immerse themselves in the full spirit-making journey with guided tours that walk through every step of the traditional process—from milling and mashing to fermentation, distillation, and maturation. For lovers of fine spirits or curious explorers, it's an experience well worth the visit.

WINE TASTING

The Upper Clutha region—spanning Wanaka, Hawea, and the Cromwell Basin—is a haven for wine enthusiasts, offering immersive tasting experiences set against some of New Zealand’s most breathtaking landscapes. Renowned for its world-class Pinot Noir, the area also produces exceptional Chardonnay, Riesling, Rosé, Sauvignon Blanc, and Pinot Gris, thanks to its distinctive climate and terroir.

A range of boutique vineyards, each with its own unique character, invites visitors to explore and savour the region’s best drops. For those looking to deepen their experience, guided wine tours are available and thoughtfully tailored to suit everyone—from curious beginners to seasoned connoisseurs—ensuring a personalised and memorable journey through Central Otago’s vibrant wine scene.

