

Ski-ing in New Zealand



The New Zealand ski season runs from June through to October.

**Where are you going to stage your New Zealand snow adventure?
Below is a rundown of the main ski locations in New Zealand.**

New Zealand has ideal geography producing the altitude and attitude required for spectacular snow conditions. From the Southern Alps, in the South Island that stand more than 3,700 metres tall in places to the North Island, where you ski or board on a volcano there are opportunities for everyone. Mt Ruapehu, the largest of three huge volcanoes that form Tongariro National Park, reaches to nearly 2,800 metres above sea level.

Most of New Zealand's ski areas open in mid-June and close around the beginning of October, providing more than four months of fun for skiers and riders. While every field is unique, they all offer recently upgraded facilities and terrain that ranges from easy-going beginners' slopes to challenging black diamond runs. If you're after a more gentle approach, the ski-fields have excellent slopes and learners' areas specifically dedicated to novice skiers. Or, if you want a mountain all to yourself, heli-skiing will take you to remote slopes and glaciers far from the reach of road transport.

When your muscles need a day off from the slopes, there's plenty to do in the local resort towns nearby the ski-fields. Take a blast in a jet boat, swing from a Bungy or use your currency advantage to shop up a storm. At night, off-mountain après ski energy keeps bars and clubs going until the small hours.

The Canterbury Southern Alps are the longest and highest mountain range in New Zealand. Amongst these harsh, daunting peaks you will find volcanic lakes, ancient forests, Greenstone Rivers, blue-ice glaciers and wide alluvial valleys that make up an area of amazing Natural beauty, containing four national parks and a range of top quality ski areas.

Ski - The Southern Alps (Ngā Pukemāeroero in Maori) include 18 ski areas, all within a few hours' drive from Christchurch City. The New Zealand season runs from approximately mid June and finishes in the spring in October. Average base depth on the Southern Alps Ski fields is around 104cm.

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