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Queenstown, the self-proclaimed "Adventure Capital of the World", has, without a doubt, earned this title. The birthplace of bungy jumping, and home to all manner of adrenaline pumping activities, from luge and jet-boating to canyon swinging, attracts thousands of adventure lovers every year.

Set on the edge of the giant Lake Wakatipu, in the Otago region, this intimate town transforms itself into a buzzing ski resort during winter, thanks to its two appealing ski-fields that suit sport lovers of any abilities.

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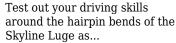
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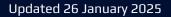


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## THE CITY



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Begun as a gold mining camp in the 1860s, Queenstown's heart today is a compact district with a friendly yet grown-up air. Narrow streets brim with lively bars and restaurants, cosy backpacker hostels, stylish hotels and local boutiques.

Given the town's unique layout, the choice is yours — wander in the city heart, feel your pulse race on a thrilling jet-boat ride, hike up a mountain, soak up a lake view, or take a breather from urban life and head to the countryside to taste the region's celebrated wines like the richly full-bodied Pinot Noir. At the city's fringe, hop on a cable car to the mountain peak for a sweeping panorama, or settle in for a hearty traditional dinner.

Tracing the southern side of the lake, your gaze will catch the Remarkables — so named for the "remarkable" light effects that dance on their slopes. During the summer, their hues shift from mauve to deep red at sunset, while in winter, their snow-clad peaks present a sight that's nothing short of breathtaking.

## DO & SEE



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Branded the "Adventure Capital of the World", Queenstown never falls short on thrill-inducing offerings. From bungy jumping and luge rides to white water rafting and jet boating, it's a hotbed for heart-racing exploits. The area's unique topography caters to a multitude of water-sports and lake cruises, and also offers a plethora of breathtaking excursions amidst unspoilt nature.

#### Whitewater Rafting



The Shotover and Kawarau rivers serve as premier locales for exhilarating whitewater rafting, presenting thrilling rapids and an

immersive, wild backdrop. Buckle up in your safety gear and navigate the turbulent Class I and II rapids of the Shotover River. With the guidance of an expert, you'll take on the river's swirling currents and serpentine turns, all while soaking in panoramic views of New Zealand's stunning landscape. Cap off your adventure with a refreshing swim or a heart-pounding rock jump.

Photo: Logan Easterling/unsplash Address: Family Adventures, 43 Camp Street, Queenstown Phone: +64 3 442 8836 Internet: www.familyadventures.co.nz

### **Bungy Jumping**



AJ Hackett runs three top-notch bungy jumping locations in Queenstown, which span from the historic Kawarau Bridge Bungy — the birthplace of

bungy jumping standing at 43 metres (141 feet) — to the towering Nevis Highwire Bungy. With an intimidating height of 143 metres (440 feet), the latter ranks among the highest bungy jumps globally.

Photo: Sung Jin Cho/unsplash Address: Shotover & Camp Street, Queenstown Phone: +64 3 450 1300 Internet: www.bungy.co.nz Email: bungycentre@bungy.co.nz

### Jet Boating



Get your blood pumping with adrenaline with a high-octane Jet Boating ride as you whizz down the Shotover or Kawarau river, skimming just

inches away from the rugged canyon walls. These jet boat escapades promise heart-racing speed, exhilarating thrills, and a generous helping of those signature 360-degree spins. Feel the rush of the wind against your face as you carve through the sparkling waters of Lake Wakatipu and surge down the Kawarau River, all while drinking in the spectacular surrounding scenery.

Photo: Woody Ang/Shutterstock.com Address: RealNZ, Beach Street, Queenstown Phone: +64 800 656 501 Internet: www.realnz.com/en/experiences/jet-boating/queenst own-jet-boat

More Info: Book your trip with Shotover Jet, Jet Boat by RealNZ or KJet Queenstown.

#### **Canyon Swing**



Step off the edge of a cliff 109 metres (360 feet) above the Shotover River on the world's highest swing: the Shotover Canyon Swing. As they

developed 10 different jump styles, there's a level of thrill to suit everyone.

Photo: Amy Woodward/unsplash Address: Shotover Canyon Swing, 34 Shotover Street, Queenstown Phone: +64 3 442 6990 Internet: www.canyonswing.co.nz

### Luging



Test out your driving skills around the hairpin bends of the Skyline Luge as you hurtle on a gravity-powered vehicle. It operates from 9am to

dusk, and tickets are available from the Skyline Gondola terminals. Truly thrilling and with a stunning view across Queenstown, Lake Wakatipu and the Remarkables, this will be a ride you will not forget.

Photo: aiaikawa/Shutterstock.com Address: Skyline Luge, Brecon Street, Queenstown Phone: +64 3 441 0101 Internet: queenstown.skyline.co.nz/things-to-do/queenstown-luge Email: queenstown@skyline.co.nz

#### Lake Cruises



Take it easy and try something a little more leisurely by discovering Queenstown on one of the many boats that cross lazily Lake Wakatipu. Queenstown Fishing Charters offers a variety of cruise options, from fishing cruises to elegant functions.

Photo: pitsch22/Shutterstock.com Address: Southern Discoveries, St Omer Wharf, 110 Beach Street, Queenstown Phone: +64 800 264 536 Internet: www.southerndiscoveries.co.nz/queenstown/ Email: events@southerndiscoveries.co.nz

### Kiwi Park



Located in the heart of the hectic Queenstown, this wildlife sanctuary is an oasis of calm. Star attractions include the iconic kiwi bird and the

tuatara, a unique 200-million-year-old reptile species which has a 'third eye' on the top of its head.

Photo: Urban Napflin/shutterstock Address: 51 Brecon Street, Queenstown Opening hours: Daily 9am-5pm Phone: +64 3 442 8059 Internet: www.kiwibird.co.nz Email: kiwi@kiwibird.co.nz

### Walks & Trails



Queenstown is the perfect destination for ramblers, flaunting a stellar range of walking trails — from the challenging Ben Lomond

Summit Track to the more leisurely Frankton Arm Walkway skirting Lake Wakatipu's shoreline. Here, you can hike amidst the untouched grandeur of New Zealand's nature.

Photo: Jiri Foltyn/Shutterstock.com Address: Guided Walks New Zealand, 29/159 Gorge Road, Queenstown Phone: +64 3 442 3000 Internet: www.nzwalks.com Email: info@nzwalks.com

### **Skyline Queenstown**



Skyline Queenstown is an adventure for the whole family that is located only five minutes from the city centre. It is reached by Gondola cableway that

ends with a sweeping view of the city-centre and Lake Wakatipu, a restaurant, a playground for kids and the opportunity to bungy jump.

Photo: Alexey Stiop/Shutterstock.com Address: 53 Brecon Street, Queenstown Phone: +64 3 441 0101 Internet: www.skyline.co.nz Email: queenstown@skyline.co.nz

### Queenstown Gardens



Perched on a petite peninsula on the shore of Lake Wakatipu, Queenstown Gardens form a lush oasis that offers a tranquil retreat.

These meticulously manicured gardens afford spectacular views of the lake and mountains, making it an idyllic spot for a picnic. Thanks to its close proximity to the city centre, accessing this serene haven is a breeze.

Photo: davidelliottphotos/Shutterstock.com Address: Marine Parade, Queenstown Phone: +64 3 441 0499 Internet: www.queenstownnz.co.nz/listing/queenstown-garde ns-trail/9100

### **Jacks Point Golf Course**



You don't have to be a professional golfer to go to Jacks Point and enjoy the surroundings or the impeccable service at the clubhouse. It is an 18

holes par 72 championship course that offers its golfers both a challenge and an unforgettable experience.

Photo: Mikael Damkier/Shutterstock.com Address: Clubhouse Road, Queenstown Phone: +64 3 450 2050 Internet: jackspoint.com/golf Email: golf@jackspoint.com

#### Moke Lake



Moke Lake, despite its proximity to Queenstown, provides a peaceful sanctuary away from the city buzz, along with an abundance of outdoor

activities. You can amble along the scenic track encircling the lake, take a tranquil horseback ride, cast your fishing line, enjoy a paddle in a kayak, or whizz around on your cycle. It truly is a place that offers a taste of tranquillity alongside a wealth of adventurous pursuits.

The Moke Lake Loop Track is a popular short, undulating walk and cycle track. It's 6.5 kilometres (4 miles) long and most hikers need about two hours to complete it at a leisurely pace.

Photo: Naruedom Yaempongsa/Shutterstock.com Address: Moke Lake Road, Queenstown Internet: myqueenstowndiary.com/moke-lake-queenstown

#### **Queenstown Mini Golf**



Queenstown Mini-Golf offers entertainment for kids and families, providing a course equipped with 18 themed holes that can be booked

for parties. Take a break from extreme sport activities and pop in for a round.

Photo: Daniel Stenholm/unsplash Address: 34 Brecon Street, Queenstown Phone: +64 3 442 7652 Internet: www.queenstownminigolf.co.nz Email: hello@queenstownminigolf.co.nz

#### **Coronet Peak**



Coronet Peak is the most popular ski area in Southern New Zealand, and it is located only a 20 minutes drive away from the city. The view up the

mountain makes you feel on top of the world, and the dramatic slopes are provided with tracks for snow lovers of any ability.

Photo: NZGMW/Shutterstock.com Address: Coronet Peak, Queenstown Opening hours: From early July to mid-September Phone: +64 800 697 547 Internet: www.coronetpeak.co.nz Email: hello@coronetpeak.co.nz

### Queenstown Ice Arena



This is not just another ordinary ice-skating experience. This ice arena, situated in Queenstown Gardens, is equipped with an LED

light system, ice sleds, and hockey gears for the more competitive ones, offering activities for all

#### ages.

Photo: Aleksei Potov/Shutterstock.com Address: Queenstown Gardens, 29 Park Street, Queenstown Phone: +64 3 441 8000 Internet: www.queenstownicearena.co.nz Email: info@queenstownicearena.co.nz

### Arrowtown



If you feel the urge of escaping the city for a day trip, you can venture to Arrowtown, a former gold-rush town located 25 minutes from

Queenstown. Nowadays, this picturesque town is home to a number of delightful heritage buildings as well as inviting cafés, restaurants, boutiques and galleries.

Photo: Denise Jans/unsplash Address: Arrowtown, New Zealand Internet: www.arrowtown.com

## DINING



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Whether it's top-tier dining establishments or charming eateries spilling onto scenic streets, Queenstown's food and drink scene is a delightful trifecta of quality, diversity, and affordability. And that's not all — with a host of cafes and restaurants dishing up both local and international flavours, you're guaranteed a smorgasbord of options. The crème de la crème of eateries, and undoubtedly the most sought-after, are nestled by the lake, providing sweeping vistas of Wakatipu Lake. It's the ideal spot for a bit of people-watching or simply soaking in the view.

## Public Kitchen & Bar



The Public Kitchen and Bar offers local cuisine and boasts a superb waterfront location. On the menu, you can find dishes such as grilled

marinated skirt steak, burgers, and salmon with fried capers, as well as a vast selection of drinks.

Photo: neil langan/Shutterstock.com Address: Steamer Wharf & Beach, Queenstown Opening hours: Fri-Sun noon-late, Mon-Thu 4pm-late Phone: +64 3 442 5969 Internet: www.publickitchen.co.nz Email: eat@publickitchen.co.nz

### Winnies



Winnies is a popular pizzeria that severs up delicious gourmet pizzas as well as tasty offerings from an à la carte menu. Its rustic interior features

cosy booths, comfy sofas, a warm fireplace and a sun drenched balcony, and hosts DJs and live music regularly, transforming the area in a dance-floor.

Photo: Fanfo/Shutterstock.com Address: 7 The Mall, Queenstown Opening hours: Sun-Fri 5pm-late, Sat 12:30pm-late Phone: +64 3 442 8635 Internet: www.winnies.co.nz Email: info@winnies.co.nz

#### Stratosfare Restaurant & Bar



Boasting panoramic views of Queenstown skyline, Stratosfare is as much an experience as a delicious meal. Alongside the views, its ample selection

of New Zealander delicacies compete for attention, offering a fine-dining experience of exceptional value.

#### Photo: mrmichaelangelo/Shutterstock.com

Address: Skyline Queenstown, 53 Brecon Street, Queenstown Opening hours: Daily noon-10pm Phone: +64 3 441 0101 Internet: queenstown.skyline.co.nz/things-to-do/stratosfare-re staurant-queenstown Email: queenstown@skyline.co.nz

### **Captains Steak & Seafood Restaurant**



Captains stands out as one of Queenstown's top culinary destinations, and it's an ideal spot for a romantic dinner or a relaxed breakfast or

lunch. This classy establishment offers a diverse menu, with the seafood and ribs receiving particularly high praise. It's a dining experience you wouldn't want to miss.

Photo: Fascinadora/shutterstock Address: Queenstown Mall, 15 Ballarat Street, Queenstown Phone: +64 3 441 1633 Internet: captains.co.nz Email: info@captains.co.nz

#### Fergburger



Fergburger has a reputation of serving the best burgers in town, and it certainly lives up to the hype. The restaurant has become an institution in

town by serving beef, lamb or deer burgers, as well as vegetarian options.

#### Photo: Nat Chen/unsplash

Address: 42 Shotover Street, Queenstown Opening hours: Daily 8am-4:30am Phone: +64 3 441 1232 Internet: fergburger.com Email: admin@fergburger.com

### Jervois Steak House



Jervois Steak House is where to go to for a great selection of meat in all forms. Try their signature Prime Rib from a 150-day grain fed Black Angus,

patiently roasted and prepared to perfection, or sample some "coq au vin" chicken. You won't find yourself short of options.

Photo: hlphoto/Shutterstock.com Address: 8 Duke Street, Queenstown Opening hours: Mon-Sat 5pm-late, Sun closed Phone: +64 3 442 6263 Internet: www.jervoissteakhouse.co.nz/queenstown

#### Rātā



Rātā serves European-inspired contemporary cuisine. The menu might be a bit pricey, but give it a chance and you will find

it worth your time. The food is beautifully decorated and it comes along with a fine wine

### selection and an outstanding service.

Photo: Denizo71/Shutterstock.com Address: 43 Ballarat Street, Queenstown Opening hours: Dinner: daily from 5pm. Lunch: Fri-Sun noon-3pm Phone: +64 3 442 9393 Internet: ratadining.co.nz Email: bookings@ratadining.co.nz

#### Farelli's by Giovi



Farelli's by Giovi is a picturesque Italian restaurant with Vespa-themed interiors, and some traditional specialities that will take

you away to Italy. The dishes are made of the freshest seasonal ingredients, cooked to perfection by experienced chefs.

Photo: carpe89/Shutterstock.com Address: Steamer Wharf, 88 Beach Street, Queenstown Phone: +64 3 409 0399 Internet: www.giovifinefood.co.nz/farellisbygiovi

### **Botswana Butchery**



Botswana Butchery offers an amazing lake view, soothing log fires and a contemporary menu that features both dinner and lunch options. This little

cottage is a popular dining place in Queenstown. Be sure to book your table in advance.

#### Photo: pxfuel

Address: 17 Marine Parade, Queenstown Opening hours: Wed-Sun from noon, Mon & Tue closed Phone: +64 3 442 6994 Internet: botswanabutchery.nz/queenstown Email: queenstown@botswanabutchery.co.nz

#### **No5 Church Lane**



No5 Church Lane is both a cocktail bar and an unsurpassed Mediterranean-inspired restaurant. It combines a great selection of entrees,

main dishes and tasty bites, including signature cocktails, selected champagne and wine.

Photo: GANNA MARTYSHEVA/Shutterstock.com Address: 3-5 Church Lane, Queenstown Phone: +64 3 450 2166 Internet: no5churchlane.com Email: info@no5churchlane.co.nz

#### 1876 Bar & Restaurant



With a history that, as the name reminds, dates back to the 1876, this restaurant is a landmark in Queenstown. It has a quaint, intimate outdoor

seating area and serves great-quality pub food with options of seafood and New Zealand flavours. 1876 livens up at night, hosting DJs or live music on a regular basis.

Photo: HLPhoto/Shutterstock.com Address: 45 Ballarat Street, Queenstown Opening hours: Daily noon-late Phone: +64 3 409 2178 Internet: www.1876.co.nz Email: info@1876.co.nz

### Tanoshi Cow Lane



Situated in the central Queenstown, Tanoshi is a teppan and sake bar that offers a fun and intimate dining experience. Besides serving

traditional Japanese cuisine from the teppan

grill, the menu also has contemporary interpretations of Japanese classics including dishes like grilled scallops with wasabi mayo, crispy fried pork with smoked sauce and grilled potato cheese crepe. Sake, whiskey and Japanese cocktails are all on the menu, too.

Photo: nioloxs/Shutterstock.com Address: Queenstown Mall, Queenstown Opening hours: Daily noon-4pm / 5pm-9:30pm Phone: +64 3 441 8397 Internet: www.tanoshi.co.nz More Info: Also check out Ramen Ramen by Tanoshi on Searle Lane and another Tanoshi location in Five Mile Shopping Centre

# CAFÉS



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Queenstown, like the rest of New Zealand, is a hotbed of coffee culture. Kiwis are known for their discerning coffee tastes and their love of using cafés as social hubs.

You'll find the majority of cafés in the heart of Queenstown, conveniently close to the shimmering Lake Wakatipu. Here, they serve up the beloved brew in a myriad of forms and styles to satisfy even the pickiest of coffee aficionados.

### Joe's Garage



Joe's Garage is an American-style minimalist cafe with a buzzing atmosphere and a welcoming ambiance. This fashionable cafe

serves strong espressos along with delicious buns, panini and mouth-watering burgers.

Photo: DronG/shutterstock

Address: Five Mile Shopping Centre, Building 8/36 Grant Road, Frankton, Queenstown Phone: +64 3 441 4991 Internet: www.joes.co.nz/five-mile

## Vudu Cafe



A vibrant breakfast spot located in the bustling heart of the city, Vudu is a well-established meeting point in Queenstown. The cafe is

a favourite among both locals and tourists alike, gaining popularity thanks to its locally roasted coffee beans and a huge cabinet of cakes and pastries.

Photo: Nitr/Shutterstock.com Address: 16 Rees Street, Queenstown Opening hours: Daily 7:30am-3:30pm Phone: +64 3 409 0625 Internet: vuducafe.co.nz Email: cafe@vudu.co.nz

## Patagonia Chocolates — Ice Creamery & Chocolaterie



Patagonia Chocolates is the ideal breakfast destination for a kick-start of the day. Serving delicious coffee, mouth-watering churros,

smooth ice-cream and a hot chocolate that is to

die for, this cafeteria in the city-centre will satisfy your sweet tooth.

Photo: Claudio Olivares Medina/pexels Address: 2 Rees Street, Corner of the Mall, Queenstown Phone: +64 3 409 2465 Internet: www.patagoniachocolates.co.nz Email: info@patagoniachocolates.co.nz

### The Exchange



Pop inside this coffee shop with a fantastic reputation for serving fresh, tasty eats and arguably one of the best coffees in the Wakatipu.

With mouth-watering options for breakfast and lunch including local wines, craft beers and locally roasted Octane coffee, you will for sure find something that will suit your taste.

Photo: YKTR/Shutterstock.com Address: 39 Ballarat Street, Queenstown Opening hours: Daily from 7:30am-3pm Phone: +63 3 442 8238 Internet: theexchangecafe.kiwi Email: manager@theexchange.kiwi

### **The Coffee Club**



Not only serving excellent coffee but also offers a large range of breakfast, lunch and dinner meals that are available at any time of the day. With a

friendly and welcoming atmosphere, you can just relax and catch up with friends either inside or outside. The Coffee Club is a notorious Kiwi cafe chain.

Photo: Marian Weyo/Shutterstock.com Address: Remarkables Park Town Centre, 12 Hawthorne Drive, Frankton, Queenstown Opening hours: Daily 8am-5pm Phone: +64 3 441 4707 Internet: thecoffeeclub.co.nz

#### Market Kitchen Café



At this modern and unique cafe, you can enjoy flavours and tastes from around the world from the multiple food stations. Everything from

pizzas, curries to ice cream and crepes are served here. If you are craving something sweet, then dig in on the freshly made pastries, muffins, scones and cakes that are all made on site by the knowledgeable pastry chefs.

Photo: santypan/Shutterstock.com Address: Skyline, Queenstown Internet: queenstown.skyline.co.nz/things-to-do/market-kitch en-cafe-queenstown Email: queenstown@skyline.co.nz

#### **Odelay Cafe**



With a large selection of fresh baking and cabinet food including breakfast, brunch and lunch menu, you will for sure find what you are looking for.

Everything from coffee to cold press juice, salads, raw salads and homemade pies are offered on the menu. If the weather permits, enjoy your food in the courtyard with panoramic views over the Coronet peak and the Remarkables.

Photo: Beth Macdonald/unsplash

Address: The Landing, 5 Hawthorne Drive, Queenstown Opening hours: Mon-Sat 7am-3pm, Sun 8am-3pm Phone: +64 3 442 7108 Internet: odelay.co.nz

#### Hole In One Cafe



Set in the original farm stables, The Hole in One cafe is a great place where to relax after a day's sightseeing while enjoying some delicious

muffins, cakes or pastries, which are all freshly baked on site. With an extensive casual cafe-dining menu, they also cater food for the hungry guests.

Photo: mirtmirt/Shutterstock.com Address: Millbrook Resort, 1124 Malaghans Road, Arrowtown Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm Phone: +64 800 800 604 Internet: millbrook.co.nz/dining/hole-in-one-cafe Email: reservations@millbrook.co.nz

### Arctic Kitchen at Taste & Savour



This hidden gem boasts a sunny sheltered terrace overlooking the Shotover River with never-ending views of Central Otago's striking mountain ranges.

At this fully licensed cafe, with an additional wine and food store you can get organic coffee, delicious cabinet food made in-house and an all-day menu.

Photo: Coffee Lover/Shutterstock.com Address: 185 Glenda Drive, Frankton, Queenstown Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7:30am-3pm, Sat & Sun closed Phone: +64 3 409 0248 Internet: www.arctickitchen.co.nz/pages/cafe

#### **Bespoke Kitchen**



Situated a mere five-minute walk from central Queenstown and offering an enchanting view of the bay and the Remarkables, Bespoke

Kitchen is a haven for lovers of fresh, unprocessed and local cuisine. From a vegan (no-eggs) Benedict, to a variety of other unique and health-conscious choices, this hip cafe truly lives up to the hype. Perfect for a hearty breakfast or brunch after a thrilling ride on the Queenstown skyline/luge. Their early closing time is the only drawback to this otherwise charming spot.

Photo: Claire Kelly/unsplash Address: Queenstown Medical Centre, 9 Isle Street, Queenstown Opening hours: Daily 7:30am-4pm Phone: +64 3 409 0552 Internet: www.bespokekitchen.nz

## **BARS & NIGHTLIFE**



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Once you've had your fill of adrenaline-fuelled activities, it's time to paint the town red. Join the throng that flocks to the city as the sun dips below the horizon, sharing stories over a pint or two. And don't be fooled by Queenstown's sporty daytime persona — its nightlife is surprisingly diverse, with everything from pubs offering locally-brewed beers, to chic bars and clubs that could give any European hotspot a run for its money.

### Bardeaux



Bardeaux is an upmarket bar with an extensive wine and cocktail list that is probably more New York than New Zealand. Its warm open fire makes

it a popular winter night-time retreat which is normally open until 4 in the morning.

## Photo: Edward Howell/unsplash

Address: Eureka Arcade, The Mall, Queenstown Opening hours: Daily 4pm-4am Phone: +64 3 442 8284 Internet: www.remarkablehospo.co.nz/bardeaux Email: bardeaux@goodbars.co.nz

### Eichardt's Bar



A long-time local favourite, the upscale Eichardt's boasts a vibrant atmosphere by providing its guests with comfortable sofas, a

stunning fireplace and an impeccable service. In addition, its waterfront location donates a suggestive view of lake Wakatipu.

Photo: Ambitious Studio\* - Rick Barrett/unsplash Address: 2 Marine Parade, Queenstown Opening hours: Daily noon-midnight Phone: +64 3 441 0450 Internet: eichardts.com/eichardts-bar Email: stay@eichardts.com

#### Minus 5º ICE BAR



Minus 5°, as the name suggests, is literally Queenstown's coolest bar. Everything, from the walls to the seats and the glass you sip from, is

made of ice, offering an unforgettable, yet icy, experience. Warm clothes are provided by the staff.

Photo: atu atu/Shutterstock.com Address: 88 Beach Street, Queenstown Opening hours: Daily noon-10pm Phone: +64 21 193 7966 Internet: minus5icebar.com

### Local Queenstown



Local is a restaurant that has both a dinner and lunch menu, where, after 10pm, chairs, tables and couches are moved away, cocktails start flowing,

and DJs start pumping out upbeat tunes, transforming the area into a happening dance floor.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com Address: 7 Rees Street, Queenstown Opening hours: Daily from noon to past midnight Phone: +64 3 441 8492 Internet: localqueenstown.co.nz

## The Bunker Restaurant



Located off the beaten path, The Bunker Restaurant is favoured by a late 20's-to-40's crowd who prefer their drinks to be shaken, not stirred,

and only with top shelf spirits. The atmosphere is created by sophisticated interiors and an

attentive service, allowing guests to relax over quality craft cocktails.

Photo: Nick Rickert/unsplash Address: Queenstown Mall, 14 Cow Lane, Queenstown Opening hours: Daily from 5pm Phone: +64 3 441 8030 Internet: www.thebunker.co.nz

### Pig & Whistle



A traditional English pub that attracts both tourists and locals alike, Pig & Whistle serves bangers and mash, pies or burgers, along with an

ample selection of beers, wines and soft drinks. Live bands are hosted frequently, creating a lively atmosphere to mix and mingle.

Photo: Joshua Resnick/Shutterstock.com Address: 41 Ballarat Street, Queenstown Opening hours: Mon-Wed 3pm-1am, Thu-Sun noon-2am Phone: +64 3442 9055 Internet: thepig.co.nz

#### Barmuda



One of Queenstown's favourite premium bars with a bit of class, Barmuda is an ideal place for an early drink in the courtyard or a late night

party and is definitely well worth finding. With an extensive cocktail menu and wine list, you will for sure find something that will suit your palate.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com Address: Queenstown Mall, 3 Searle Lane, Queenstown Opening hours: Wed & Thu 7pm-late, Fri-Sun 5pm-late, Mon & Tue closed Phone: +64 3 442 7300 Internet: www.remarkablehospo.co.nz/barmuda Email: barmuda@goodgroup.co.nz

#### Harry's Pool Bar



Nestled at the base of Brecon Street, you'll discover Harry's Pool Bar, a welcoming haunt boasting seven pool tables, widescreen TVs, a

cosy open fire and a laid-back lounge area. The menu tempts you with thin-crust pizzas and an array of classic beers, wines and spirits. It's the perfect spot to chill with friends or, better yet, get to know the locals.

Photo: Kucher Serhii/Shutterstock.com Address: 8 Brecon Street, Queenstown Phone: +64 3 441 1325 Internet: goodgroup.co.nz/harrys-pool-bar Email: harrys@goodgroup.co.nz

#### SKYCITY Queenstown Casino



A popular entertainment destination, SKYCITY Queenstown Casino is not only for gambling, but also offers free live entertainment and an

onsite bar and restaurant. With table games, including blackjack, roulette, midi baccarat and Caribbean stud poker, as well as 86 gaming machines; you will for sure spend some time here.

Photo: donfiore/Shutterstock.com Address: Stratton House, Level 2, 16-24 Beach Street, Queenstown Opening hours: Daily 11am-midnight Phone: +64 3 441 0400 Internet: skycityqueenstown.co.nz/queenstown-casino Email: info@skycityqueenstown.co.nz

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## **Big Night Out Pub Crawl**



One of the best ways to explore the vibrant nightlife in Queenstown is pub-crawling where you get the chance to party from bar to bar with a

group of fun people. The staff are super friendly and free pizza and shots are included in the tour as well as discounted drinks.

#### Photo: Petrenko Andriy/Shutterstock.com

Address: The Pig & Whistle, 41 Ballarat Street, Queenstown Internet: bignightout.net.nz Email: info@bignightout.net.nz

### Rhino's Ski Shack



Rhino's Ski Shack is Queenstown's après ski bar that will transport you into the authentic European style but with a kiwi twist. With a tranquil

atmosphere, this is a great place to unwind and socialize with friends whilst sipping on hot mulled wine and eating hot pretzels.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com Address: Queenstown Mall, Searle Lane, Queenstown Opening hours: Daily from noon until late Phone: +64 3 441 3934 Internet: www.rhinosskishack.com Email: info@rhinosskishack.com

### **Smiths Craft Beer House**



Grab a pint and try something new at this craft beer house where the focus lies on creative beer and food flavours. Smiths are keen to offer

beverages from brewers who go off the beaten path to create something new, so this is for sure a place for any craft beer enthusiast. They also have great wine selections including spirits to cater all preferences.

Photo: Zarya Maxim Alexandrovich/Shutterstock.com Address: Forsyth Barr House, 53 Shotover Street, Queenstown Opening hours: Daily noon-late Phone: +64 3 409 2337 Internet: smithscraftbeer.co.nz Email: gm@smithscraftbeer.co.nz

### Stacks



Relax in the casual and contemporary Stacks Bar & Restaurant in Kawarau Village, where you can relish delicious and great value for money cuisine

or just pop in for a drink. With a rustic interior design and two outdoor terraces, one of which is covered, this pub is the perfect place to meet up with friends or watch a game on the big screen.

Photo: WAYHOME studio/Shutterstock.com Address: Hilton Queenstown, 79 Peninsula Road, Kelvin Heights, Queenstown Opening hours: Tue-Sat 3pm-10pm, Sun & Mon closed Phone: +64 3 450 9400 Internet: www.kawarauvillage.com/stackspub Email: queenstown.info@hilton.com

#### Little Blackwood



Situated on the water's edge in the heart of Queenstown, Little Blackwood seduces you with a pleasant cocktail menu, local beers and

wines and if the hunger kicks in, cheese and meat boards as well as tapas style food are served. While you are enjoying your food and drink be amazed over the million-dollar view over Lake Wakatipu from the heated outdoor

### deck.

Photo: cdrin/Shutterstock.com Address: 88 Beach Street, Queenstown Opening hours: Daily 2pm-2am Phone: +64 21 193 3517 Internet: www.littleblackwood.com Email: hello@littleblackwood.com

# SHOPPING



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Queenstown is widely renowned for high-quality, locally-crafted products. From sheepskin items, leather goods, and pure wool hand-knits, to jewellery and outdoor wear, it's a shopper's delight. You'll encounter local designers sharing space with well-known international brands, whether in the bustling city centre malls or nestled within Queenstown's charming streets.

The heart of the shopping district is conveniently located and pedestrianised, transforming your city centre stroll into an enjoyable retail adventure.

### Vesta Design



Tucked in the back of Queenstown's oldest house, this tiny cafe and design store offers a unique mix of history, contemporary design and

traditional New Zealand art, showcasing unique

gift ideas and pieces of art, as well as serving quality coffee.

Photo: Bogdan Sonjachnyj/shutterstock Address: Williams Cottage, 19 Marine Parade, Queenstown Opening hours: Tue-Fri 10am-4pm, Sat 11am-4pm, Sun & Mon closed Phone: +64 3 442 5687 Internet: www.vestadesign.co.nz Email: home@vestadesign.co.nz

## **O'Connells Shopping Centre**



O'Connells Shopping Centre is the place where to be headed for an afternoon of pure shopping in the heart of Queenstown. You will find

everything you may need, ranging from clothing, accessories, shoes, as well as local shops with the perfect gift ideas.

Photo: gpointstudio/Shutterstock.com Address: Corner Camp Street & Beach Street, Queenstown Opening hours: Daily 11am-9pm Phone: +64 3441 0377 Internet: www.skylineenterprises.co.nz/en/oconnells Email: shop@oconnells.net.nz

### BONZ



BONZ (Best Of New Zealand) offers leather, hand knit clothing and accessories. Stop by and purchase cosy sweaters, warm jackets and any

similar piece of clothing that you might need during your stay in town. BONZ is located at The Mall in Queenstown.

Photo: Clem Onojeghuo/unsplash Address: Queenstown Mall, 85 Beach Street, Queenstown Opening hours: Daily 9am-10pm Phone: +64 3442 5398 Internet: bonz.com

## Destination: Queenstown Publishing date: 2025-01-26

### **DF Souvenirs**



Visit DF Souvenirs for quality souvenirs for reasonable prices. The shop is renowned for its wide range of made-in-Sweden products

such as knitwear, jewellery, Manuka honey, bee venom and Lanolin Skincare and health products.

Photo: ىدرك ىدەم/unsplash

Address: Queenstown Mall, 20 Ballarat Street, Queenstown Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-10pm, Sun 10am-10pm Phone: +64 3442 5275 Internet: www.nzshoponline.com

### **Bendon Outlet**



The elegance of Bendon Lingerie lays in its beautifully designed men and women underwear, and a varied selection of internationally renowned

brands such as Heidi Klum Intimates or Stella McCartney Lingerie.

Photo: nd3000/Shutterstock.com Address: Remarkables Park Town Centre, shop 203a/12, Hawthorne Drive, Frankton, Queenstown Opening hours: Daily 9am-5pm Phone: +64 3 409 0871 Internet: www.bendonlingerie.co.nz/pages/remarkables

## The Remarkable Sweet Shop



A paradise for lovers of sweets of all sorts, The Remarkable Sweet Shop satisfies any cravings by producing original candies, mouth-watering

nougat or delicious chocolate inspired by the Kiwi traditions in candy making, as well as the

## American, British and Australian ones.

Photo: holbox/Shutterstock.com Address: 23 Beach Street, Queenstown Opening hours: Daily 9am-8pm Phone: +64 3409 2630 Internet: www.remarkablesweetshop.co.nz

## **Remarkables Park Town Centre**



Conveniently located adjacent to the Queenstown Airport, this modern, picturesque outdoor retail area provides an enjoyable and

relaxed shopping experience with a wide variety of local, national and international stores, including medical centre and pharmacy. When the hunger kicks in, do not worry, there are restaurants and cafes here, too.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com Address: Hawthorne Drive, Frankton, Queenstown Opening hours: Daily 9am-6pm Phone: +64 3 451 0440 Internet: remarkablesparktowncentre.co.nz Email: info@remarkablesparktowncentre.co.nz

### Angel Divine



Angel Divine has been a prominent fashion destination in Queenstown since 1997, establishing itself as a renowned institution.

Curated with impeccable taste, the shop showcases premium labels sourced from both New Zealand and around the world. From stunning garments and accessories to footwear that exudes elegance, Angel Divine is a treasure trove for fashion connoisseurs. But the offerings don't stop there. Beyond fashion, Angel Divine extends its expertise to homewares that redefine style and beauty products that pamper and rejuvenate.

Photo: Angela Bailey/unsplash Address: 61 Beach Street, Queenstown Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat & Sun 10am-5pm Phone: +64 3 442 8988 Internet: www.angeldivine.co.nz Email: hello@angeldivine.co.nz

### Kapa Gift Shop



If you still looking for that perfect gift to bring back home right before leaving Queenstown, do not worry — head over to Kapa Gift Shop at

Queenstown International Airport. The store is displaying work from a large number of New Zealand artists, everything from beautiful jewellery to ceramics, prints, textiles, glassware, woodwork and other artwork.

Photo: Sharon Pittaway/unsplash Address: Queenstown International Airport Opening hours: Mon-Thu 9am-4:30pm, Fri-Sun 9am-7:30pm Phone: +64 3 451 1203 Internet: www.kapa.co.nz Email: info@kapa.co.nz,

### Cookie Time



For cookie enthusiasts, this delightful store is an absolute must-visit. Packed with hot-off-the-oven cookies, cookie-inspired products,

decadent cookie drinks, and ice cream, it's a true treat for the senses. If you're looking to take some of these delicious goodies home as gifts, you're in luck — they offer a range of merchandise and cookies packaged in everything from milk cartons and buckets to boxes and charming heart-shaped tins. Don't forget to sample their cookie crackle bombs, a quirky blend of cookie and popping candy. Or why not indulge in their irresistible cookie ice cream?

#### Photo: alohadave/Shutterstock.com

Address: Queenstown Mall, 18 Camp Street, Queenstown Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat & Sun 9:30am-4:30pm Phone: +64 3 442 4891 Internet: cookietime.co.nz Email: info@cookiebar.co.nz

### **Remarkables Market**



Come and browse local crafts and gifts or have a go on the tasty selection of local produce. The mellow vibes, the outstanding mountain

views and the wide range of stalls are some of the reasons why visitors, families, friends and neighbours are attracted to this small but yet so charming market.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com Address: Hawthorne Drive, Queenstown Opening hours: October to April: Sat 9am-2pm Phone: +64 22 109 0748 Internet: remarkablespark.com Email: market@remarkablespark.com

### Issimo Shoes Queenstown



If you are looking for shoes, then Issimo Shoes is the ultimate store to visit, they offer shoes from all over the world and Italy is the place

where they mostly get their products. Here you will find men and women shoes as well as bags and accessories.

Photo: Kal Visuals/unsplash

Address: 1 Searle Lane, Queenstown Opening hours: Daily 10am-6pm Phone: +64 3 442 8143 Internet: www.issimoshoes.co.nz Email: queenstown@issimo.co.nz

### Goldfields



Goldfields is the perfect destination for jewellery lovers. Step in and pick out the perfect gift for your significant other, or allow yourself a fine piece

of jewellery — the shop displays a vast selection of original rings, bracelets, necklaces or earrings.

#### Photo: Milles Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Queenstown Mall, 26 Ballarat Street, Queenstown Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun closed Phone: +64 3 442 9356 Internet: goldfieldsjewellers.co.nz Email: shop@goldfieldsjewellers.co.nz

# **TOURIST INFORMATION**



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### Queenstown Airport (ZQN)



Queenstown Airport (ZQN) is located 9 kilometres (6 miles) northeast of the city centre in the lakeside settlement of Frankton,

and it is easily accessible by bus and taxi. Taxis, airport shuttles and buses are located outside the terminal building.

Orbus Public Bus Service runs public buses in Queenstown. Purchase a Bee Card online, or at the Otago Regional Council in Frankton (during business hours), or with pay cash on the bus. Using the Bee Card is considerably cheaper.

Super Shuttle, Ritchies Wanaka and Tracknet companies offer shuttle bus services. The journey to the city centre takes approximately 20 minutes.

Photo: seb./unsplash Address: Sir Henry Wigley Drive, Frankton, Queenstown Phone: +64 3 450 9031 Internet: www.queenstownairport.co.nz

### Passport/Visa



Citizens of Australia and the UK, as well as visa waiver countries, do not need to apply for a visa for short visitor stays, but may need to produce

documented proof of onward travel.

Visa waiver countries include the USA and multiple countries across Europe and Asia, Andorra, Argentina, Austria, Bahrain, Belgium, Brazil, Brunei, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, South Korea, Kuwait, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macau, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Oman, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Singapore, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, and Vatican City.

Since 2019, travellers that are visa waiver must request a New Zealand Electronic Travel Authority (NZeTA) prior to travel. It is mandatory for all sea and air arrivals, including transit. The issued authorisation is valid for two years.

Citizens of other countries will need to apply for a visa in advance, which can be done online for solo travellers and in paper format for those travelling with a partner or as a group. The applicant's passport validity in this case will need to last 3 months after the planned departure date.

Photo: mana5280/unsplash Internet: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Visa\_policy\_of\_New\_Zealand

### **Best Time to Visit**



Renowned as New Zealand's all-season destination, Queenstown is a gem with its distinctive four seasons, each offering a unique

slice of Kiwi life. Thanks to the continental climate, you get the warmth of long, sizzling summers and embrace the refreshing chill of our crisp winters.

Nestled on the 45° southern latitude,

Queenstown is cosied up against the awe-inspiring canvas of the Southern Alps. Summers promise long, sun-drenched days perfect for outdoor adventures. The autumn paints the hills and countryside in a dazzling display of reds and golds. In the winter, the mountains don a pristine cloak of snow, transforming Queenstown into a snowy wonderland for ski and snowboard aficionados. Come spring, the verdant valleys are teeming with new life, and a vibe that's downright playful. It's entirely possible to hit the ski slopes in the morning, then be golfing or mountain biking by the afternoon!

Photo: Joel Staveley/unsplash

#### Vertigo Bikes



Queenstown, the adventurer's paradise, does not lack off-road options. Vertigo Bikes offer a comprehensive range of mountain bikes

to hire for half day, daily and multi day trips, perfect to explore Queenstown and its surrounding with a zero impact on the environment.

Photo: Wayne Bishop/unsplash Address: 4 Brecon Street, Queenstown Phone: +64 3 442 8378 Internet: www.vertigobikes.co.nz Email: info@vertigobikes.co.nz

### **Public Transport**



Queenstown's CBD is small, compact and can be walked easily. You can hop on the Queenstown ferry network from Frankton Arm to Queenstown. The local bus service provides transport to Fernhill, Frankton and Arrowtown with day passes available. Services run from 7am to around 11pm. You can pay for your ride with the Bee public transit card.

#### Photo: Nicolas J Leclercq/unsplash

Internet: www.orc.govt.nz/public-transport/queenstown-buse s-and-ferries

### Taxi



Numerous taxi companies operate throughout Queenstown. Rideshare apps like Uber are a convenient way to find a ride, too.

Photo: Art Markiv/unsplash Address: Queenstown Taxis Phone: +64 3 450 3000 Internet: www.queenstownnz.co.nz/plan/services/transport-se rvices/taxis-and-shuttles

#### Post



Post offices in Queenstown are run by NZ Post, providing several services throughout the town. The offices have a red sign on

the outside, with New Zealand Post written on.

You can buy stamps or mail letters from the main bus stop in downtown Queenstown.

Photo: Diana Light/unsplash Address: NZ Post Centre, 14 Camp Street, Queenstown Opening hours: Daily 8am-6pm Phone: +64 3 983 1425 Internet: www.nzpost.co.nz

#### Pharmacy



Pharmacies, often referred to as 'chemists' in New Zealand, are typically open during standard retail hours, generally 9am to 5:30pm

on weekdays. However, hours can extend to late evenings and weekends in larger cities and shopping centres.

New Zealand's largest pharmacy chains are Unichem and Life Pharmacy, with stores spread nationwide. These pharmacies stock a wide range of over-the-counter medicines, healthcare products, and often provide additional services like flu vaccinations.

Photo: Karolina Grabowska/pexels Address: Life Pharmacy Wilkinsons, Corner Rees Street & The Mall, Queenstown Opening hours: Daily 8:30am-9pm Phone: +64 3 442 7313 Internet: www.wilkinsonspharmacy.co.nz

#### Telephone



Country Code: +64 Area Code: (0)3

Photo: Mark Broadhead/unsplash

#### Electricity



New Zealand operates on a 230/240V supply voltage and 50Hz frequency. The country uses Type I power plugs, which feature two flat

pins forming a 'V' shape, along with a grounding

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pin. This standard is also commonly used in Australia, Argentina, China, and several Pacific island nations. Remember to pack a universal adapter if your devices use a different plug type to ensure hassle-free charging.

Photo: Mitchell Luo/unsplash

#### **Population** Unban: 29,000

District: 52,800

**Currency** New Zealand Dollar (NZD) = 100 cents

#### **Opening hours**

Typical hours for shops are from Monday to Friday 9am–8pm, with an earlier closing on weekends.

Internet www.queenstownnz.co.nz

#### Newspapers

The New Zealand Herald: www.nzherald.co.nz National Business Review: www.nbr.co.nz Sunday News: www.stuff.co.nz/sunday-news Sunday Star Times: www.stuff.co.nz/sunday-star-times

#### **Emergency numbers**

Police, Fire & Ambulance: 111

#### **Tourist information**

Tāhuna Queenstown i-SITE Visitor Information Centre Clocktower Building, Central Queenstown, New Zealand +64 3 442 4100 Open daily 8:30am–8:30pm