

## Ski and Winter holidays

From family friendly fields to off-piste exhilaration, Canterbury caters to anyone looking for snow-fuelled fun and adventure. If you are planning a ski and winter holiday for your clients, we've highlighted products and tips to include in itineraries. Remember to factor in some time to experience the après ski scene.

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## Canterbury ski field areas

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- **Mackenzie Region**
  - Mount Dobson Ski Area
  - Roundhill Ski Area
  - Ōhau Snow Fields



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**Mount Hutt Ski Area** is Canterbury's largest ski area, Mt Hutt, is just 90 minutes' drive from Christchurch. Whether beginner or top of your game, you'll be right at home here, with a world-class snow school and 5 terrain parks. If off-piste trails are calling your name, take a chopper ride up to epic terrain with Methven Heli ski opening up freeriding across 3 mountain ranges.

**Porters Alpine Resort** is the closest ski field to Christchurch located only 80 minutes from Christchurch Airport. Facilities include lessons and rentals, a full workshop, and a cozy bar and restaurant boasting the best craft beer selection in Castle Hill. Soak in views of the Torlesse Range over a bite to eat or a glass of mulled wine. Enjoy a friendly relaxed atmosphere that's perfect for family skiing.

**Mount Cheeseman** is brilliant club field known for its fun atmosphere, great value and family-friendly vibe. Located 100 minutes from Christchurch Airport, 'Cheesy' has on-mountain equipment rental, lessons, and a warm day lodge with a sun-drenched deck. Feel free to bring your chilly bin for lunch or grab a bite from the licensed café.

**Broken River** boasts some of New Zealand's best off-piste, soft-snow skiing and boarding. You'll quickly feel part of the family in the laid-back, friendly atmosphere.

Your day at BR starts with 4-minute tram from the car park, up through native beech forest to the ticket office. Then it's a short walk to first rope tow accessing the main basin and sunny Palmer Day Lodge. You'll need a harness and nutcracker which can be hired from the ticket office and the staff can help you get started.

**Mount Olympus Ski area** boasts an incredibly fun and lively atmosphere. If you are a backcountry adventurer who likes off-piste snow in awesome terrain, with a few other like-minded individuals, then this club field is for you.

Mt. Olympus uses rope tows requiring a harness and nutcracker. There are available free at the bottom of the access tow, however its recommended bringing your own for comfort. There are 4 rope tows accessing spectacular terrain from fun, rolling runs to challenging features. The trails are not groomed, so the whole field is off-piste.

**Temple Basin Ski area** is located in the Southern Alps near Arthur's Pass village, it has a unique personality and experience to match. But you'll need to earn those turns! With no access road, your must hike into the main lodge. You can always throw your gear in the goods lift to make life easier.

**Mount Dobson Ski area** is famous for its all day sunshine, wide open uncrowded runs and friendly kiwi atmosphere, Mt Dobson is the ultimate skiing and boarding destination. This family owned and operated field is located on State Highway 8, the main tourist route between Christchurch and Queenstown. The gentle access road leads to a three kilometer wide basin, boasting 14 separate runs. The largest learner and intermediate area in New Zealand, huge natural halfpipe and miles of fresh untracked snow make for great skiing and boarding for all skill levels. The rolling natural terrain is easily accessed by the platter, T-Bar and Triple Chair. With a ski school, gear/clothing rental and cafe Dobson has everything you need for a great day on the mountain.

**Roundhill Ski area** is a family owned and operated ski area set in the heart of the Mackenzie Country. See Aoraki Mt Cook towering above the Southern Alps while the turquoise waters of Lake Tekapo provide an amazing backdrop to your day on the snow.

## Places to stay

- **Christchurch**
  - The George
  - The Sudima Christchurch City
  - Fino Hotel and Suites
  - Wyndham Garden Christchurch City



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**The George**, a luxury boutique hotel, embodies the essence of supreme comfort and is renowned for offering a personalised stay and attentive staff as well as two award-winning restaurants. Located in the heart of Christchurch overlooking the picturesque Hagley Park and Avon River, The George is a peaceful retreat just steps from Christchurch's cultural precinct and key attractions. Impeccable service in an intimate ambience is guaranteed at The George, the only Christchurch hotel with a one-to-one staff to guest ratio.

**The Sudima Christchurch City** is a contemporary hotel featuring luxe rooms, stylish bristo & bar and elegant day spa. With its sleek fit, the hotel represents 5-star style, comfort and great value. Experience 'the garden city' in style.

**Fino Hotel & Suites** offers a range of two bedroom apartment style suites with an unexpected eclectic contemporary twist. Perfectly located across the road from the Christchurch Town Hall and Christchurch Casino, five minutes walk to Te Pae Convention Centre and ten minutes from The Terrace where you are spoilt for choice with an array of cuisines for all day dining. With on site car parking, private balconies and large open plan living areas.

**Wyndham Garden Christchurch City** with its convenient location, modern facilities

and friendly staff, the hotel promises a truly cosmopolitan experience for everyone. Enjoy refreshments at the onsite café, as well as unlimited free fiber optic WIFI and onsite parking. Choose from a range of brand new, well-appointed accommodation options including Hotel, Studio Apartments and one bedroom apartments. All are fully self-contained, with kitchen and laundry facilities, Sky TV, iPod docking station with Bluetooth and air conditioning.

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- **Mid Canterbury**
  - Brinkley Resort
  - Ski Time Accommodation
  - Terrace Downs Resort



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**Brinkley Resort** is nestled into the foothills of majestic Mt Hutt Resort is the ideal getaway for holidaymakers. The resort features a total of 80 self contained apartments comprised of 37 studios and 37 quality two bedroom apartments. They also have full laundry facilities in each apartment, and the two bedroom apartments all contain spa baths, ideal for relaxing. There is an award winning restaurant and licensed bar, spa pools, floodlit tennis court, children's playground and exclusive helipad at the resort to Mt Hutt.

**Ski Time Accommodation** is a tasteful, modern and well appointed lodge accommodation. Choose from standard or standard deluxe rooms including quality twin, double, triple rooms all with private en suite facilities and wireless internet. Ski Time includes a fabulous restaurant and bar including the recently added adjoining lounge with gas fire and comfy leather couches

**Terrace Downs Resort** is a 25 minute drive from Methven and a 40 minute drive from the Mt Hutt ski field. The resort has it's very own 18-hole championship golf course, onsite archery and clay shooting, tennis court, gym, an in-house café and restaurant. The self-contained villas overlook stunning alpine scenery from the private balconys. There are 1, 2 and 3 bedroom options, all with a raised spa bath and filled with the necessary amenities needed for an enjoyable and relaxing stay.

The 2 and 3 bedroom villas each have a second bathroom. The Clubhouse Restaurant & Bar is open for guests and general public.

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- **Mid Canterbury**
  - Peppers Bluewater Resort (Lake Tekapo)
  - Musterer's Accommodation (Fairlie)
  - Cairns Alpine Resort (Lake Tekapo)



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**Peppers Bluewater Resort**, the accommodation ranges from Hotel Rooms to One, Two and Three bedroom villas exuding a tranquil atmosphere influenced by a colour scheme inspired by the lake's characteristic turquoise-blue hues and surrounding earthy tones. Peppers Bluewater Resort is set within the burgeoning Mount Cook and Mackenzie District making it the perfect base from which to explore the natural wonders of the region.

At **Musterers Accommodation Fairlie** guests have a variety of fabulous accommodation options. We have four fully self contained luxury units, fully equipped kitchens, lounge and dining area, king and king single beds, a tiled bathroom. For an additional charge, you can pre-order a fresh water hot tub on your own private deck. Undercover parking is provided. Outdoor BBQ area. The Musterers Quarters, a converted WoolShed, can accommodate up to eight people, two double bed rooms and a four bed bunk room. A full kitchen and bathroom, a large lounge dining area with log fire, large deck and BBQ. Perfect for families or groups. Two quaint cabins, camping area, animals to feed, walking track, landscaped grounds complete this amazing property.

**Cairns Alpine Resort** offers accommodation unlike anything else you'll find in Lake Tekapo. Your hosts, the Simpson family, have been in Lake Tekapo for three

generations and love to share this place with their guests. At The Cairns, you'll stay the local way, whether you're travelling as a couple, a family or a larger group. From the restored historic Mt John Station Homestead, to the modern, elegant Alpine Lodges, there's something perfect for everyone.

## Après Ski and hot pools

- **Christchurch**
  - The Craft Embassy
  - Pink Lady Rooftop
  - He Puna Taimoana – Hot pools by the ocean
- **Mid Canterbury**
  - The Blue Pub Methven
  - Opuke Thermal Pools and Spa
- **Mackenzie Region**
  - Tekapo Springs



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**The Craft Embassy** boasts thirty taps of craft beer, beautiful views, great wine and delicious food. In just 12 words, the essence of Craft Embassy can be summed up – it's simply a gem. Nestled up on level one of The Terrace in central Christchurch overlooking the Avon river, Craft Embassy specialises in showcasing an epic range of independent craft beers made by New Zealand brewers. From sours to pilsners to stouts to pale ales, the beer list is always evolving, always interesting and always delicious.

**Pink Lady Rooftop** is chic yet relaxed, proud but intimate, inside but outside all at the same time. Glass paned on four sides, Pink Lady offers sweeping views of the city in all directions, and her vibe is reminiscent of peak 1960s Baja, California. Think all-day, sun-drenched pool parties with cosmos on demand. Pink is, of course, the colour of choice here and it's paired with clean white lines, a gleaming tiled bar and plenty of greenery.

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**The Blue Pub Methven** is right in the middle of Mt Hutt Village you'll find The Blue Pub Methven, and you can't miss it, because it's, well blue. Perfectly situated a short drive from no less than six different ski fields, and the famous Mt Hutt Ski Area is but a snowball's throw away.

**Ōpuke Thermal Pools and Spa** is the latest wellness destination in Methven Canterbury, just an hour out of Christchurch City. Arrive and be transported to your own oasis in our beautiful facility which is like no other in New Zealand. Our Tranquility Pools offer a premium adult's exclusive experience including our interconnected network of pools, star lit caves and swim up bar to allow you to escape from it all. And for those wanting to connect with a more family friendly bathing experience, you can explore our Discover Pools. Find your inner child with our crazy river and leap of faith plunge pool, or slow down the pace and take refuge in our iconic star lit caves and relaxation pools.

**Tekapo Springs**, Experience the total relaxation of soaking in hot water in an alpine environment 720 metres above sea level. Our three hot pools are filled from an underground source near Tekapo; while the water is not geothermal it is exceptionally pure. Temperatures range from 36.5 to 38.5 degrees Celsius. Our pools are named and shaped in honour of the Mackenzie Region's iconic lakes: Ohau, Pukaki and Tekapo. Each pool has benched seating, so you can sit back and relax in comfort. Ohau has water curtains for a light, soothing effect while Pukaki has massage jets to relieve those aches and pains. Our hottest pool, Tekapo, is a calming, adults-only space with inspiring views of Lake Tekapo and the Two Thumb mountain range.

## Where to eat

- **Christchurch**
  - Hali Bar & Bistro
  - Francesca's Italian Kitchen
  - Dux Central
- **Mid Canterbury**
  - The Dubliner
  - Blue Pub
  - Ski Time
- **Mackenzie Region**
  - Silverstream Hotel (Kimbell)
  - Carnegie's Restaurant & Bar (Fairlie)
  - Blue Lake Eatery & Bar (Lake Tekapo)
  - Farm Barn Café (Fairlie)



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**Hali Bar & Bistro** focuses on excitement, inclusion and most importantly you. We craft the exceptional. Our menu includes the highest quality, sustainably sourced and locally produced ingredients. Hali offers a unique food & beverage journey with the opportunity to excite your palate with as many taste delights as you desire in either the bar or bistro.

Enjoy the flavours, aromas and hospitality of Italy with a Kiwi twist at **Francesca's Italian Kitchen**. Everything is homemade and prepared fresh daily. For an authentic dining experience, try the wood-fired pizza and tiramisu for dessert. Choose from a wide selection of beverages, including New Zealand and Italian wines and an extensive range of craft beers, spirits and cocktails.

**Dux Central** is a versatile venue, consisting of the Brew Bare stocking over 220 craft beers. A grand gin bar, the emerald room, getting its name from the emerald green interior; The poplar social club. A 1920s speakeasy cocktail lounge hidden away next door and upper Dux. An upstairs event space complete with a sun-drenched balcony, ideal for sundowners with friends.

gourmet pizzas are World famous in Methven. All dough for bases is handmade and rolled in our own kitchen, we use our own unique recipe for our pizza sauce and our aioli recipe is a guarded secret!

The **Silverstream Hotel Kimbell** is the Mackenzie Region's historic country pub. Warm up by the fireplace, enjoy a mulled wine, hot buttered spiced rum or craft beer on tap, and taste test their Kimbell Burgers. All enjoyed either inside the pub or in the expansive beer garden. Weekly meal specials, desserts, a kids menu, as well as take-away options are also available.

**Carnegies Restaurant & Bar** was originally built in 1914, one of 18 libraries that were built in New Zealand, thanks to the generosity of philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. It functioned as a library until the mid-1990s until becoming the amazing restaurant it is today. A wood-fired oven is the centrepiece of this ambient environment that has captured flavours of New Zealand with their award-winning lamb rack, Merino lamb loins, venison, salmon, ribeye, and a diverse range of pizzas from meat lovers, to Tandoori chicken. Along with its friendly, welcoming staff, it's a 'must do' when visiting the Legendary Mackenzie!

**The Blue Lake Eatery & Bar** is a contemporary restaurant and bar located in the heart of the Lake Tekapo Village. Enjoy dinner and dessert from their varied menu plus their great pizzas are also available for takeaway. They also offer a diverse range of wine, spirits, craft beer and speciality cocktails. The craft beer menu is changing all the time and the Blue Lake is the headquarters of the Mackenzie Region's very own [Burkes Brewing Co.](#)

In winter come in and enjoy the warmth and comfort of the open fireplaces while relaxing with a glass of mulled wine. In summer enjoy a Blue Lake signature cocktail or Burkes Brewing Co craft beer in the outdoor seating areas and soak in the sun.

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