



Mackenzie Helicopters Experiences Guide



WE LOVE EXTRAORDINARY

Extraordinary experiences, outstanding locations, passionate, hospitable locals are the heart of Mackenzie Helicopters' tourism operations. Depart from Tekapo on an exclusive helicopter experience or a spectacular scenic flight in an awe-inspiring landscape: Lake Tekapo, Aoraki Mount Cook and the West Coast. From whisky huts to wilderness, at Mackenzie Helicopters we turn dreams into extraordinary memorable experiences.

Chief pilot Mark has years of flying experience — both overseas and in the Southern Alps — and is supported by a small team of experienced local pilots who are passionate about showing off the special places they've discovered.

"I want our guests to have had a once in a lifetime experience, to take home a very special memory. At the end of the day that should include a deeper appreciation of the special places they've visited and the feeling of saying goodbye to an old friend."
— Mark Pridham

INSPIRATIONAL EXPERIENCES



Mackenzie Helicopters **SIGNATURE AND SCENIC EXPERIENCES**



High-Altitude Whisky Hut

Drink in spectacular alpine scenery as you enjoy a fine dram (or two).

Lavish Coastal Cuisine Adventure

Take your tastebuds on a 5-star sensory Alps to ocean adventure.

Secluded Alpine hot tub

One flight, two mountain highs with a glass of bubbles and a heavenly soak in a secluded private hot tub.

Sunrise & Sunset Flights

Take flight during the golden hour to experience the awe-inspiring beauty of the Southern Alps.

Tekapo to Aoraki Southern Alps Odyssey

Legendary beauty — mountain highs, glacial blues, golden hues — an awe-inspiring 40-minute scenic experience and alpine landing.

Mountains to Sea Ultimate Scenic Flight

Mountains to ocean via glaciers and rainforest on the ultimate one-hour scenic flight.



*Experience the
real Aotearoa
New Zealand.
Be our guest on
an extraordinary,
unforgettable
flight experience
in a magnificent
playground.*

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*We live in a unique and beautiful place
and we're actively working to contribute
to the protection of our region so that it
will be enjoyed by generations to come.*

Mark Pridham



SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

FIND YOUR ADVENTURE



High-Altitude Whisky Hut

DURATION	LANDINGS	PRICE	PICK UP
1 Hour +	Single / Multiple	From \$2,288 per charter	Lake Tekapo

Aoraki/Mount Cook | Tasman and Murchison Glaciers | Alpine Lakes Back Country Hut | Whisky Tasting

Join us on a majestic flight transporting you to New Zealand’s most exclusive whisky hut. Let your tastebuds go wild while you enjoy a tasting platter or simply enjoy the spectacular alpine scenery as you unwind in the serenity, surrounded by towering mountains and majestic Valley’s, pinching yourself, ensuring this truly amazing experience is real.

It’s known as The Bad Decision but, for a whisky connoisseur, it can’t get any better than this. A selection of complementary fine whiskies, pure mountain air, 360-degree vistas, and the world at your feet. The Bad Decision — New Zealand’s highest altitude whisky hut — is a tiny alpine hut perched on a high mountain saddle. At 2072m (6800 feet) this exclusive retreat is reserved for a select few.

From Mackenzie Helicopters Lake Tekapo base, embark on a stunning scenic flight deep into the Southern Alps, a majestic snow topped wilderness of New Zealand’s longest glaciers and tallest peaks. Choose from our flight options to The Bad Decision, which includes flights that soars past ‘the cloud piercer’ — majestic Aoraki/Mount Cook — before setting down beside the little red hut.



Whisky on ice or neat? Settle in, savour the moment with your choice tippie from the collection, and listen to the gentle whisper of the mountains.



A visit to the Bad Decision whisky hut can be combined with other Mackenzie Helicopters flight experiences. Please enquire for pricing and details.



Lavish Coastal Cuisine Adventure

DURATION	LANDINGS	PRICE	PICK UP
Full Day	Multiple	From \$14,850 per charter	Lake Tekapo

**Aoraki/Mount Cook | Tasman, Fox & Franz Joseph Glaciers
Bonfire on the beach | Fresh Crayfish | Coastal Cuisine Meal**

Take your tastebuds on a 5-star sensory Alps to ocean adventure. Lavish all your senses with an ocean to mountain top cuisine experience — the ultimate outdoor dining experience.

From the ocean direct to your exclusive mountain top table. Imagine dining on top of the world on fresh wild crayfish (lobster) plucked from the ocean beside a pristine West Coast beach where your footprints were the only ones in sight.

Breathtaking. Your private helicopter experience begins with a stunning scenic flight over the mighty Southern Alps. Between the surreal blue ice on the glaciers, close ups on the craggy peak of New Zealand's highest mountain, Aoraki Mount Cook, other snow-covered mountain tops, and the lush green rainforests and coastal expanses of the rugged West Coast, you won't know where to look first.

Serene. Sink your toes in the sand or toast them beside your personal bonfire on a secluded West Coast beach; drink in the pure sea air, there's time for a beverage while your pilot goes after the catch of the day.

Savour. Another exhilarating scenic flight lifts you to an alpine landing where your table is set. Feast on freshly-caught crayfish, and savour your al fresco dining experience. Memories are made.



Bliss out in your secluded Alpine hot tub

DURATION	LANDINGS	PRICE	PICK UP
Half Day	Multiple	From \$2,970 per charter	Lake Tekapo

**Aoraki/Mount Cook | Tasman/Murchison Glaciers | Alpine Lakes
Champagne & Private Hot Tub | Golf**

One flight, two mountain highs. From Aoraki Mt Cook — New Zealand’s highest mountain — to a glass of bubbles and a heavenly soak in a secluded private hot tub in the mountains.

Take in the grandeur of Aoraki Mt Cook, land on an alpine vantage point to pose with the legendary ‘cloud piercer’, then it’s up and off to your date with a private hot tub in the mountains.

Pure relaxation. Your pilot will leave you to toast the sun rise over the mountains or gaze across a shimmering alpine lake. Lie back and relax in pure alpine spring water.



This half-day experience begins with a scenic flight to Aoraki Mt Cook, and includes two alpine landings, and bubbles with a platter. The hot tub comes complete with a cosy private changing facility and a unique hole-in-one challenge.



Mackenzie Adrenaline Seeker - Doors off

DURATION	LANDINGS	PRICE	PICK UP
from 25 minutes	Single	From \$410 per person	Lake Tekapo

**Legendary Beauty | Mountain Highs
Glacial Blues | Golden Hues | Alpine Landing
An Awe-inspiring Scenic Experience**

Climb on board our helicopter and witness the rolling hills of the great high country farms give way to glacier-fed lakes and icy torrents, the flight path travels over the deep glaciated valleys of Aoraki Mount Cook National Park.

Thrill to close-ups of the Tasman Glacier — New Zealand’s longest glacier — a dynamic, ancient river of fascinating blue ice formations, giant seracs and jagged crevasses, and the famed Hochstetter Icefall and Aoraki Mount Cook.

Now Multiply this feeling by 10! Experience the thrill of a doors off Helicopter flight.

Become one with the landscape surrounding you - breeze in your face and no obstruction between you and the surrounding craggy slopes and sheer ridge lines of Aoraki Mount Cook dominating this vast icy wilderness.

A photographer’s or thrill seekers dream — once experienced you will never fly with the doors on again!



Legendary Heli Whisky & 4-Wheel Drive Combo

DURATION	LANDINGS	PRICE	PICK UP
4 hours	Double	From \$1,390 per person	Lake Tekapo

**Legendary Beauty | Mountain Highs | Glacial Blues
Turquoise Waters | Golden Hues | An Awe-inspiring Extraordinary
Experience | Where Nothing Comes Close to Matching**

Take off on a spectacular flight from surreal Lake Tekapo to iconic Aoraki Mount Cook, stopping at the iconic whisky bar then landing in the Cass Valley making your way down the Valley by 4-wheel drive.

Your adventure starts with a scenic flight, lifting off from our Mackenzie Helicopters base near Tekapo, rising into the sky above the extraordinary turquoise waters and golden tussocks of the Mackenzie Basin, before heading towards the highest mountain peaks of the Southern Alps.



As the rolling hills of the great high country farms give way to glacier-fed lakes and icy torrents, the flight path travels over the deep glaciated valleys of Aoraki Mount Cook National Park. Known to Māori as Aoraki (the cloud piercer), New Zealand’s tallest mountain, Mount Cook, looms over a vast icy wilderness, you won’t know where to look first.

Follow the Tasman Glacier — the longest of 3000+ glaciers in the Alps — a dramatic icy river of deep crevasses and rugged seracs pushing its way down the mountainside.

After experiencing this stunning scenic flight soaring past ‘the cloud piercer’ — majestic Aoraki Mount Cook — settle down beside the little red hut.

Be prepared to be wowed by soaking in spectacular alpine scenery as you enjoy a fine dram (or two).

Let your tastebuds go wild at New Zealand's most exclusive whisky bar.

It’s known as The Bad Decision but, for a whisky connoisseur, it can’t get any better than this. A selection of fine whiskies, pure mountain air, 360-degree vistas and the world at your feet.

The Bad Decision — New Zealand’s highest altitude whisky bar — is a tiny alpine hut perched on a high mountain saddle. At 2072m (6800 feet) this exclusive retreat is reserved for a select few. Our private helicopter experience lands you on the spot ready to imbibe.



Another exhilarating scenic flight lifts you to the Final part of the adventure, starting in the mighty Cass Valley, meeting up with Tekapo Adventures for a BBQ lunch and 4-wheel drive tour down the Valley.



Witness the history of Glenmore Station, and take in the views from another perspective, as towering mountains surround you in every direction. Explore the heart of the Mackenzie country, by Discovering beautiful rivers, streams and waterfalls.

As the towering mountains give way to rolling tussock country, be amazed by the dramatic change in landscape, making your way through the farmland back to Lake Tekapo.



SCENIC EXPERIENCES

NATURE AT ITS BEST



Sunrise & Sunset Flights

DURATION	LANDINGS	PRICE	PICK UP
50 minutes	Single	From \$1,060 per person	Lake Tekapo

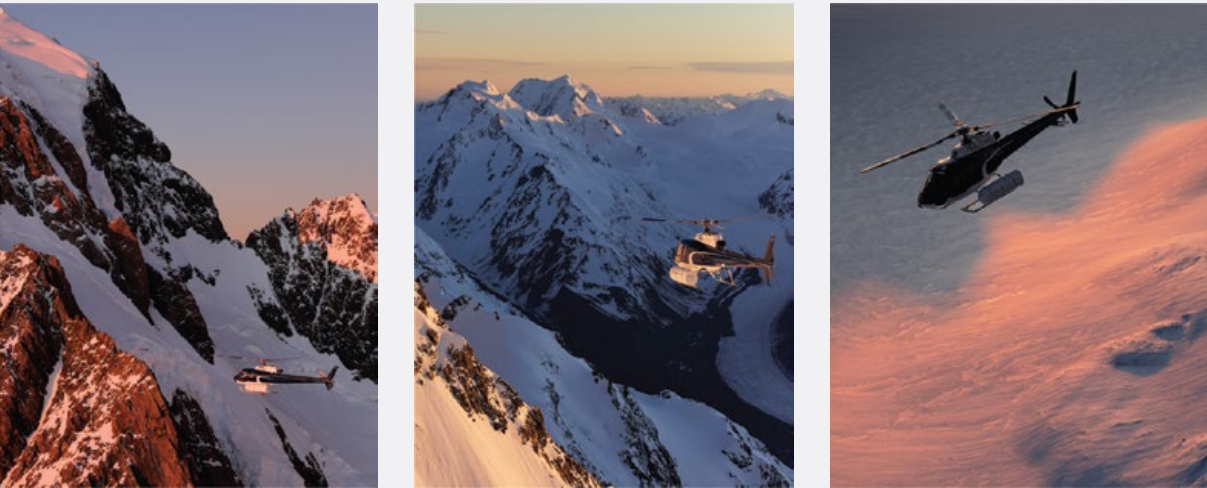
**Aoraki/Mount Cook | Golden snow-capped peaks | Champagne
Alpine Lakes | Snow Landing (seasonal)**

Take flight during the golden hour to experience the awe-inspiring beauty of the Southern Alps.

Resplendent. Witness the mountains in all their glory at the best time of day.

Sensational. Photographers speak of the magic or golden hour — the first hour after sunrise or the last hour before sunset — magical moments as the light changes and the snowy peaks and sky appear bathed in pink and gold.

As the sun rises or sets, take flight with Mackenzie Helicopters for an extraordinary opportunity to experience New Zealand’s highest mountains at their most breathtaking.



Don’t forget your camera to capture the memories, the gorgeous golden glow and pretty pink hues. Perfect for a special or romantic occasion; even more fabulous combined with landing for a champagne breakfast or visit to The Bad Decision high-altitude whisky bar.



Mackenzie & Lakes Alpine Excursion

DURATION	LANDINGS	PRICE	PICK UP
25 minutes	Single	From \$390 per person	Lake Tekapo

**Alpine Lakes | Witness the beautiful Cass Valley | Alpine landing
Expansive golden Mackenzie Basin | Fresh alpine air
Enriching pilot commentary of local history**

Beyond spectacular — lakes, mountains and glacial valleys — an exceptional 25-minute scenic flight and alpine landing. Thrill to the grandeur and beauty, exotic colours and dramatic landscapes of the Mackenzie.

From above or below, there's no place quite like the stunning intermontane Mackenzie Basin nestled in the central South Island. The clarity of the air, the contrasting colours and contours of the landscape make this a unique and special place.

Like a shimmering turquoise gem, Lake Tekapo is set between the craggy, snowcapped mountains of the Southern Alps, golden tussock pastures, rolling hills and deeply glaciated valleys.

Fly over iconic high country sheep and beef farms into rugged wilderness, landing at a private spot in the mountains for panoramic views of alpine lakes and valleys carved out by ancient glaciers. Step out onto the mountainside to absorb the vista and take photos for the memories.

Please note that minimum numbers may apply for this flight. This scenic flight can combine with other Mackenzie Helicopters experiences.
Please enquire for pricing and details.



Lake Tekapo to Aoraki Mount Cook Odyssey

DURATION	LANDINGS	PRICE	PICK UP
45 minutes	Single	From \$720 per person	Lake Tekapo

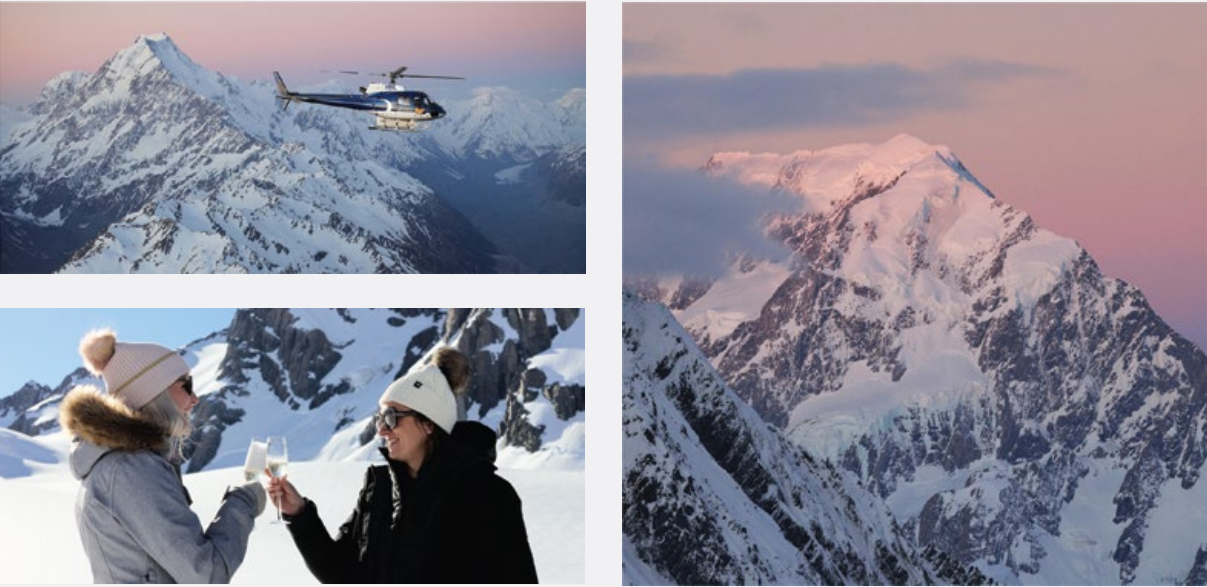
Aoraki/Mount Cook | Breath-taking Hoshstetter Glacier | Snow Landing
Enriching pilot commentary of local history
Alpine Lakes & Tasman Glacier

Legendary beauty — mountain highs, glacial blues, golden hues — an awe-inspiring 45 -minute scenic experience and alpine landing.

Take off on a spectacular flight from surreal Lake Tekapo to iconic Aoraki Mount Cook.

Your alpine odyssey lifts off from our Mackenzie Helicopters base near Tekapo, rising into the sky above the extraordinary turquoise waters and golden tussocks of the Mackenzie Basin, before heading towards the highest mountain peaks of the Southern Alps.

As the rolling hills of the great high country farms give way to glacier-fed lakes and icy torrents, the flight path travels over the deep glaciated valleys of Aoraki Mount Cook National Park. Known to Māori as Aoraki (the cloud piercer), New Zealand’s tallest mountain, Mount Cook, looms over a vast icy wilderness.



Thrill to close-ups of the Tasman Glacier — New Zealand’s longest glacier — a dynamic, ancient river of fascinating blue ice formations, giant seracs and jagged crevasses, and the famed Hoshstetter Icefall.

Land in the snow high alpine location for extraordinary vistas; catch your breath, snap a few photos or just stand in awe.

Please note that minimum numbers may apply for this flight. This scenic flight can combine with other Mackenzie Helicopters experiences.

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Mountains to Sea Ultimate Scenic Flight

DURATION	LANDINGS	PRICE	PICK UP
60 minutes	Single	From \$985 per person	Lake Tekapo

**Aoraki/Mount Cook | Tasman/Fox and Franz Joseph Glaciers
Marvel the Unique Godley Valley | Snow Landing
Enriching pilot commentary of local history**

Unbelievable. Mountains to ocean via glaciers and rainforest on the ultimate one-hour scenic experience. From the Mackenzie Basin to Aoraki Mount Cook and the glaciers to the wild West Coast and Tasman Sea, nature astounds at every view.



Prepare to be amazed by some of the world’s most beautiful and spectacular scenery: in one memorable morning or afternoon, you will see New Zealand’s highest peaks, prettiest alpine lakes, most famous glaciers, remote coastal rainforests & wildest beaches.

The Ultimate Scenic Flight takes off from Mackenzie Helicopters base flying over the beautiful turquoise waters of Lake Tekapo into the soaring Southern Alps. See the craggy slopes and sheer ridge lines of Aoraki Mount Cook dominating this vast icy wilderness.

Follow the Tasman Glacier — the longest of 3000+ glaciers in the Alps — a dramatic icy river of deep crevasses and rugged seracs pushing its way down the mountainside. Cross the Main Divide into the wild West Coast for views over the twin glaciers of Fox and Franz Josef, lush green rainforest and the pounding Tasman Sea.

This flight includes an snow landing where you can step out of the helicopter to experience the wonder of this stunning wilderness landscape.

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YOUR ADVENTURE STARTS HERE

EXPERIENCE

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Mackenzie Helicopters offers unique and beautiful flight experiences across the South Island, from stunning scenic flights to unforgettable private bespoke charters.

Mackenzie Helicopters is a family business based at Lake Tekapo, New Zealand.



QUALMARK

GOLD



™ All experiences depart from our base in Lake Tekapo. Pick up from your client's accommodation is available on request. We pick up from Lindis Lodge, Mount Cook Lakeside Retreat, Lakestone Lodge and other locations throughout South Island.

All rates in this document are retail rates and are valid from October 2022 – September 2023. These rates are commissionable – please e-mail us for nett rates.

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