

ACLSG MEETING QUEENSTOWN

Hi All

We are really looking forward to having you in Queenstown in January. Queenstown is a one of the great tourist destinations in the World. It is an adventure playground with many activities, vineyards and fantastic restaurants.

It is a very busy tourist destination at this time so it is important to book in advance.

It is the middle of summer so it get's dark about 9.30pm

Our schedule is :

Sunday : Welcome Function at Millbrook resort which will include the world famous Maori Haka so don't miss it.

Monday : A full academic day. The evening is free so you may wish to book a restaurant. Recommendations are listed below

In my opinion the best restaurant in the area is Rata in Queenstown - see below

I have a booking for forty people Monday night

Please let me know if you are interested

First in first served:

Tuesday: is a half day and the evening is free.

Wednesday : A full day with the evening free.

Thursday : A half day. The second ACLSG Golf tournament who will be held at Millbrook Resort. This will be a shotgun start at 1pm. Please email me if you wish to play.

The Gala dinner will be at Mt Soho Vineyard. This is a fantastic venue where I had my 50th birthday . Please let me know if you are unable to make it as we need to confirm numbers in advance



Adventure Activities

Dart River Jetboat Trip <https://www.dartriver.co.nz/jet-boating/>



This is a fantastic trip where a lot of the Lord of the Rings was filmed
I have block booked a group for Tuesday afternoon
They will transport us to and from Millbrook The cost is NZ \$207 per person
You will need to let me know soon if you are interested

Shotover Jet Boat
www.shotoverjet.com/



This is a shorter more exhilarating trip
This could be done on either Tuesday or Thursday
Transport is provided to and from Millbrook
The cost is \$120 per person

Bungy jumping
www.bungy.co.nz/Queenstown/Bungy



Queenstown is the home of Bungy jumping
The Kawerau George jump is 20 minutes from Queenstown
A must do for the adventurous
Tuesday or Thursday afternoon would be ideal - \$190 per person

Golf

There are four great golf courses in Queenstown – Millbrook, Jacks Point, Arrowtown and Queenstown (Kelvin Heights)

I would recommend Jack's Point for those who want to play Tuesday afternoon
The cost is \$205 with a cart We will need to pre book this so please let me know
www.jackspoint.com/golf/



If you wish to play a cheaper course I recommend Arrowtown at \$85

Heli Mountain Biking www.helibikenz.com



This could be done on Tuesday or Thursday Vanguard - Our most popular Heli trip! Grade 3-5, Average fitness required Heli flight- 10min Landing altitude, 1750m Total descent 1650 Ride Time- 3hrs+ Highlights. #singletrack #Scenic #wickedflight

Vanguard Peak is a real gem, with the most amazing helicopter flight over steep ridges and narrow valleys you land on remote alpine tundra. The historic single track to the valley floor seems to go on for ever! (Thanks to the gold miners of over 100 years ago). At the end of the brake burning descent we arrive in Macetown and past years' gold mining relics. Onto more trails the old diggers made-perched above the flood line, the trails are exposed and narrow. If you don't have a head for heights, you can wade through the river crossings. Then undulating 4x4 following the stunning arrow river to finish close to Arrowtown on more exquisite flowing single track! Price \$490pp

We will need to prebook this so please let me know.

Mountain Bike Park - Gondola assisted - In Queenstown

www.skyline.co.nz/en/queenstown/things-to-do/queenstown-mountain-biking



Half day pass \$75 + Bike hire-age

Helicopter Trip to Milford Sound – Southern Alps



This is the ultimate trip. I have done it and it is spectacular. Ideally it's best to book out the chopper so it's a private trip

www.flynz.co.nz/

OVER THE TOP HELICOPTERS MILFORD ULTIMATE

Perfected over the years, the Milford Ultimate is Over the Top's trip of a lifetime. Relaxed and unhurried, you can make the most of each incredible environment your pilot takes you to. Leaving Queenstown, we fly west over the high country peaks of Queenstown, towards the 'Main Divide' of the Southern Alps and into the World Heritage listed Fiordland National Park. The scenery unfolds dramatically with vast U-shaped glacier carved valleys rich with primeval beech forests.

The Milford Ultimate includes four landings, each at diverse and pristine locations where you can sip the pure waters of an alpine lake; take in the majestic Milford Sound; stroll along uninhabited wild yet beautiful west coast beaches, see the blue ice on glaciers high in the Alps and the fiords coastal rain forests. At each landing site, the helicopter will shut down for you to enjoy the quiet sound of the mountains. Perhaps a curious Kea, New Zealand's native parrot, will drop in to say hello. No two Ultimate trips are the same.

This trip includes a gourmet picnic hamper of delightful cheeses, cold meats, breads, salads and fruit. Sip champagne and a selection of non-alcoholic beverages at a location far from where others may travel.

- Allow 4 hours
- Includes a picnic hamper (please advise of dietary requirements)

Squirrel: \$7,400 (5 – 6 passengers)

Eurocopter: \$8,900 (6 passengers)

Twin Squirrel: \$9,700 (6 passengers)

BK117: \$11,400 (9 passengers, or VIP 6 passenger seating) - \$1220 per person

MILFORD AND FIORDLAND HIGHLIGHTS

Over the years, our pilots have discovered some amazing sites in Fiordland. Only accessible by helicopter, stepping out into this environment can really take your breath away. Our “Highlights” trip takes you through Milford Sound, out to the West Coast and the surrounding Southern Alps glacier areas, showing off what our diverse environment really has to offer.

Your helicopter will lift off from Queenstown and fly you high over the snow-capped Southern Alps to the majestic Milford Sound. Sit back and enjoy the view as you fly through Milford Sound giving you a birds-eye view of the waterfalls and rainforests below. Where the Sound reaches the Tasman Sea, you will head north and land on a remote West Coast beach, allowing you time to take a stroll and spot some of the nearby wild animals and seal colonies. From the beach, the helicopter turns inland to the glacier areas where you will land high up on a deserted glacier, allowing you time to explore, breathe in the pure alpine air and take more photographs of this magical place. The flight back to Queenstown from the glaciers will then take you high above the alpine lakes and rivers and finally over Lake Wakatipu back to Over The Tops Heli base.

- Allow 2 to 2.5 hours
- Two landings with full shutdown – Glacier and Coast

Share With Others (SWO): \$1,275 per person

Squirrel: \$5,300 (5 – 6 passengers)

Eurocopter: \$6,100 (6 passengers)

Twin Squirrel: \$6,500 (6 passengers)

BK117: \$7,800 (9 passengers, or VIP 6 passenger seating)

Walter Peak – Boat trip, Farm experience, BBQ dinner

www.realjourneys.co.nz ›

This is a great Tuesday evening event - \$130 per person



Starts at 6pm. Steamship Boat trip from downtown Queenstown to Walter Peak a famous NZ sheep station Steeped in Queenstown's pioneering history, your experience starts with a Lake Wakatipu cruise in the 105 year old steamship, the TSS Earnslaw. Then disembark at Walter Peak High Country Farm, one of the first farms set up in the region.

Relaxing in the charming ambience of the Colonel's Homestead Restaurant, the heart of the stately homestead at Walter Peak, you'll enjoy gourmet dining prepared by our chef in front of you.

You can choose from an expansive array of New Zealand and local produce, from succulent meats cooked on the outdoor rotisserie or grill, a selection of delicious vegetables and salads. Then finish your meal with our irresistible desserts, New Zealand cheeses and freshly brewed tea & coffee.

After dinner, an entertaining and informative demonstration gives you a glimpse of life in the high country.

The night-time cruise home is magical. Sing-a-long with the ship's pianist or simply breathe in the fresh night air on the moonlit decks as the lights of Queenstown draw nearer.

Things you should know

- Includes freshly made gourmet BBQ buffet dinner- view our [sample menu](#)*
- Be entertained with our farm demonstration
- Includes return cruise on board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw to/from Walter Peak High Country Farm

Extra information

- There's a licensed cafe on board the TSS Earnslaw
- Our cruise and dinner is suitable for all ages.



Fishing



My fishing mates who live in Queenstown have recommended Roger Tompkins <http://ourmaninnewzealand.com/>

Please let me know if you are interested. The ideal day is Tuesday show you can fish in the evening The best places are accessed by chopper

Cycling



The Queenstown area has many beautiful cycling trials <http://queenstowntrail.co.nz/maps-and-rides/trail-maps/> Bikes can be hired

at Millbrook

Ebikes can be hired by ChargeAbout - <http://chargeabout.co.nz> A great option is to bike to Gibbston Valley Vineyard – see below

RESTAURANTS Millbrook

- The Millhouse. The Millhouse is the signature restaurant on the resort and offers a seasonal menu of elegant dishes, each with a European influence that showcase the chef's relationships with local farmers and artisans, and accompanied by an award winning wine list all delivered under the culinary leadership of Executive Chef Andi Bozhiqi.

The Hole in One Café is the casual dining option. This venue offers a full café menu including coffee, light snacks, meals, and a full bar.

Kobe Cuisine is the Japanese Fusion Restaurant offering an excellent, modern interpretation of Japanese cuisine based around seasonal 'sharing' menus. The chefs use fresh, local and Japanese ingredients, designed to develop flavours and heighten sensations with every taste.

The Clubhouse Restaurant - This venue designated predominately for Breakfast offering a diverse Breakfast Buffet every morning during your stay if you opt for it.

Arrow-town

La Rumbra – Cocktail Bar & Restaurant – Fun casual bar, restaurant with delicious tapas style food.

Postmasters Residence – NZ Style cuisine, smart but not stuffy set in a lovely historic building with good outdoor seating.

Fork & Tap – Again, very nice outdoor beer garden. Great range of local craft beers on tap, serves food in a more casual setting. Bookings for small groups not required.

Fan Tan. Fan-Tan pays homage to Asian influences in a contemporary style. The Asian-style sharing menu offers a range of dining options varying from small to large group tables, through to intimate chefs bench seating for 4 people at the open kitchen.

Chop Shop - Best brunch in Arrowtown set back off the main road down the lane and up the stairs with a relaxed, boho interior and fresh and innovative food.

Blue Door – A cute little bar and probably the most popular in Arrowtown, everyone knows the blue door perfect pre or after dinner bar to try some of the local central Otago wines.

Queenstown

Rata

<http://www.ratadining.co.nz> Celebrity Chef-owned spot offering intricate NZ cooking in a designer space with glass, wood, stone & plants

Jervois Steak House Jervois Steak House is an authentic and premium steak house, and makes no apologies for unashamedly celebrating a love of meat.

Madame Woo Fresh Malaysian hawker food with big flavour in a fun setting.

Ferg Burger Many claim it to be the best burger in the world That's why people queue for hours

Ivy & Lola's – Ivy & Lola's offer spectacular Lakeside Dining and serve up hearty food with an emphasis on seasonal ingredients and locally-sourced produce. Expect to sample a medley of fine New Zealand fare, from Green lipped mussels to Cecil Peak Station's renowned lamb. Open daily from brunch through to dinner, our great location provides premium al fresco views of The Remarkables,

Vineyard Lunch Restaurants

Amisfield – Trust the chef fine dining, fantastic wine, beautiful setting

Akarua Wines & Kitchin by Artisan akaruaandartisan.co.nz/ A walk down the hill from Millbrook – Great food

Gibbston Valley Restaurant Beautiful , pictersque setting - best accessed by E bike

A magnificent 90 minute trail – see earlier re bike hire