

BLANKET BAY

Built in the grand style of the finest alpine lodges, Blanket Bay has received international accolades since opening in 1999. Andrew Harper's Hideaway Report named the lodge as Hideaway of the Year 2000 and 2005. Their Reader Survey placed the lodge as being in the top three for every year since 2002. Blanket Bay featured in the 2004 Discovery Channel's 7 Wonder Resorts of the World and in 2006 the Rob Report listed Blanket Bay in the top 100 hotels of the world.°

The 60,000 thousand acre property is situated at the northern end of Lake Wakatipu just forty minutes drive from the acclaimed adventure capital of the world, Queenstown. °

The lodge houses three magnificent suites and five intimate lodge rooms all with stunning views over Lake Wakatipu and the Humbolt Mountains. Two beautifully constructed settler style chalets, also with sensational lake views, boast an additional four suites. Facilities include an intimate den where pre-dinner drinks are served, the game room, an elaborate spa comprising a gym, jacuzzi, steam rooms, a beauty therapy suite and a heated outdoor lap pool.

Dinner chosen from an à la carte menu is served at your own table in the main dining room, in the privacy of the wine cave or on the terrace beside the outdoor fireplace. Pacific Rim cuisine is a strong feature of the menu complemented by an impressive choice of local and international wines.

In the summer guests can take advantage of a variety of activities including guided fly-fishing, heli-flightseeing to Milford Sound, jet boating the Dart River or hiking in the scenic Mount Aspiring National Park. The stables offer horse riding on the adjoining Wyuna High Country Station. In winter the lodge is the perfect base for heliskiing with a qualified guide.

SUGGESTED ITINERARY INCLUDING BLANKET BAY:

- 3 nights at Blanket Bay in a Chalet Suite overlooking Lake Wakatipu and Mount Earnslaw. The chalets reflect New Zealand colonial architecture and complement the main lodge through the use of schist stone and timber beams
- Relax at the lodge with pre-dinner drinks, a superb dinner, full breakfast and the use of all lodge facilities
- A Dart River Jet boat (page 47) will collect you from the lodge's jetty on the edge on Lake Wakatipu for a half day Safari
- Full day Guided Fly Fishing with a local professional guide
- Milford Sound Scenic Flight with The Helicopter Line (page 45)

