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ACCESS TRIPS LAUNCHES NEW SKI AND SNOWBOARD TOUR IN NEW ZEALAND

Trip hits the slopes in August, focusing on New Zealand's best mountains and boutique accommodations

OAKLAND, Calif.—April 9, 2012—Access Trips, the adventure travel company specializing in exotic learning vacations, today announces the launch of a new [ski](#) and [snowboard](#) tour in New Zealand, with the first trip available August 24 – September 2, 2012. Spanning the country's best ski areas near Queenstown, Wanaka and further afield in Ohau, and open to all skill levels, the 10-day trip takes guests to five different snow resorts and includes an optional upgrade to do a day of helicopter skiing or snowboarding. World-class trainers work with guests to help each person improve their skills on a variety of terrains including freeride, backcountry and powder, as well as provide video coaching and workshops on such topics as on-mountain safety. Guides will take guests to the best mountains and resorts as well as to a more "secret" locals' skiing/snowboarding resort.

"New Zealand is a dream for skiers and snowboarders, with ideal conditions and geography for snow sports and stunning scenery," said Access Trips CEO Tamar Lowell. "Guests on our tour get top-notch instruction in skiing or snowboarding, enjoy breathtaking views of the mountains and lakes from 7,000 feet and have fun experiencing the local culture. We like to give our guests the full spectrum of a snow sport experience and access to places they might not otherwise get to see."

Additionally, guests on this tour work with the same local Kiwi instructor throughout the trip, which allows for consistency in instruction and better improvement of skills.

While enjoying the days on the mountain, at night guests will settle into stylish lake-view condo accommodations on Lake Wanaka and Lake Wakatipu in Queenstown, as well as a remote mountain lodge during the tour.

Other activities of interest in the itinerary include visiting the area's restaurants, such as New Zealand's most famous pub, the historic Cardrona Pub, and the Cinema Paradiso, a historic and hip local movie theatre. Nightlife and sightseeing complete the itinerary in each location.

Appropriate for beginner to advanced snow sport enthusiasts, the trip will be available for booking August 24 through September of 2012, during New Zealand's late winter season. Costs for the trip are \$4,501 per person with an optional heli-skiing/snowboarding

upgrade for \$698. Solo travelers also have the option to upgrade to a private room for \$1,177.

For the complete itinerary and to make reservations please visit:

New Zealand Ski Tour: <http://www.accesstrips.com/sports/new-zealand-skiing-vacation/>

New Zealand Snowboard Tour: <http://www.accesstrips.com/sports/snowboard-holiday/>.

ABOUT ACCESS TRIPS

Access Trips, the adventure travel company specializing in exotic learning vacations, offers a wide range of outdoor sports and culinary-focused trips for small groups that allow each guest to experience a new culture, learn new skills or fine-tune existing ones, and revel in the beauty of their destination. Based in Oakland, Calif., and launched in 2001, Access Trips hosts tours in 15 countries in the Americas, Europe, Africa, Asia and the Pacific that include surfing, mountain biking, snowboarding, skiing, multi-sport and cooking itineraries. No matter what the focus of the activity, Access Trips has tours available in a variety of skill levels, catering to the novice as well as the expert. For more information about Access Trips and the tours available, please visit www.accesstrips.com.

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