

Central Otago



Central Otago is like nowhere else in New Zealand with a semi-desert landscape of mountains, lakes, rocky outcrops, rivers, orchards and wineries. Whether you're wandering, pedalling, paddling or driving, every which way you look makes

the heart beat faster.

There's a broad choice of accommodation here, with smaller boutique properties a popular choice. You'll discover four of New Zealand's best trails, with options to cycle (or walk) a few hours or a few days. From the Otago Central Rail Trail (easiest) to the most recent Lake Dunstan Trail (easy-intermediate) there are over 300kms of stunning scenery, small towns, historic sites and engineering marvels to explore along the way.

Whatever speed you choose

to get away from it all, there's something for everyone. Accelerate around a go-cart track or get a pro driver to show you how to race! Rug up for a spot of curling or enjoy activities from perusing art galleries to heli-wine tasting. It's a perfect climate for growing fruit and making wine, and Central Otago's wines, fruit and produce are world class. Discover local flavours and reward your tastebuds at cellar doors, restaurants, roadside stalls, or country pubs. What's not to smile about?

TOP 10 MUST DOS

1. Explore galleries & cafes at Cromwell's Heritage Precinct
2. Visit historic Naseby 2000ft above worry level
3. Cycle and jet boat the Roxburgh Gorge Trail
4. Stop at a roadside stall for fresh summer fruit
5. During Spring enjoy Eat.Taste. Central's regional menu & events
6. Throw curling stones at Maniototo Curling International
7. Play golf at NZ's most inland links course in Cromwell
8. Refresh at NZ's remotest coffee cart – Coffee Afloat
9. Go racing with Greg Murphy, Highlands VR experience
10. Stroll along Cromwell's 4 Barrels Walking Wine Trail

TOP 5 for COUPLES

Paid Activities & Accommodation

1. Roxburgh Gorge day trip with Trail Journeys
2. Touch the Trails in Luxury with Bike it Now!
3. Tailor-made Tasting with a Cloudy Bay Ambassador
4. Enjoy a fast lap or scenic visit at Highlands
5. Pitches Store for boutique luxury accommodation

TOP 5 for FAMILIES

Paid Activities & Accommodation

1. Bike it Now! One Day Wonder Rail Trail
2. Central Otago Alpine Landing with Heliview
3. Try curling at Maniototo Curling International
4. Stay in boatshed-themed villas at Heritage Lake Resort
5. Highlands Outdoor Go-Karting and Motorsport Museum

TOP 5 for OLDER TRAVELLERS

Paid Activities & Accommodation

1. Off the Rails Premium Otago Central Rail Trail
2. Meet the Winemaker, Tasting at Altitude, with Heliview
3. Stay at the comfy, eco-friendly Tussock Lodge
4. Sophisticated luxury accommodation at The Lord Clyde
5. DeVine Cycle around Alexandra Basin with Shebikeshebikes



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Getting There

Central Otago is so central that you can arrive by road from any direction.

With Queenstown International Airport just a 50-minute drive, and Dunedin a scenic 2.5-hour drive, a popular option is to rent a vehicle on arrival allowing you the freedom to explore Central Otago fully.

Daily Intercity coach services operate to/from Queenstown, Dunedin and Christchurch, and limited taxi services are available in Alexandra and Cromwell.

