



Golfer's Destination Guide: South Island, New Zealand

New Zealand's South Island is a golfer's dream destination, offering some of the most breathtaking courses in the world. With its dramatic landscapes, from rugged coastlines to serene lakes and towering mountains, the South Island provides an unparalleled backdrop for a golf holiday. This guide will introduce you to the top golf courses, the best places to stay, and the must-see attractions that will make your golf trip to the South Island unforgettable.

Golf Travel Tips for the South Island

Best Time to Visit

The South Island has a diverse climate, with the best golfing conditions typically found between November and April. These months offer warm temperatures and long daylight hours, perfect for golfing.

- Tip: Consider visiting during the shoulder seasons (spring or autumn) to enjoy milder weather, fewer crowds, and lower prices.

Travel and Transport

The South Island is best explored by car, allowing you to easily travel between golf courses and explore the region's natural attractions. Queenstown and Christchurch are the main gateways to the South Island, with regular flights from major cities.

- Tip: Renting a car is recommended, especially if you plan to visit multiple golf courses or explore remote areas.

Booking Tee Times

Popular courses like Jacks Point and Millbrook can book out quickly, especially during peak season. It's advisable to book your tee times well in advance to secure your preferred slots.

- Tip: If you're planning a golf trip during the peak season, consider booking a stay and play package to ensure availability and enjoy added convenience.

Discover the Best Golf Courses on New Zealand's South Island

Explore Breathtaking Courses Surrounded by Stunning Scenery

Jack's Point

Location: Queenstown

Nestled on the eastern shore of Lake Wakatipu, just five minutes from Queenstown Airport, Jack's Point is a must-visit destination. Ranked as the No. 2 golf course in New Zealand by Golf Digest, this course offers a spectacular blend of stunning lake views and the dramatic backdrop of The Remarkables mountain range. With its natural terrain, rocky outcrops, and native vegetation, Jack's Point promises an unforgettable golfing experience. Don't miss the stretch of holes along the lake (5-8) for incredible photo opportunities.



Millbrook Resort

Location: Arrowtown

Situated in a picturesque alpine amphitheater, Millbrook Resort is renowned for its world-class 36-hole courses: The Remarkables and the Coronet Course. Just a short drive from Arrowtown and Queenstown, Millbrook is set against The Remarkables mountain range. The course weaves through scenic greens, water features, and schist rock formations, offering breathtaking views at every turn. Experience the variety of natural hazards, including tussocks, streams, and stone formations, with five different tee positions to challenge golfers of all levels.



The Hills

Location: Queenstown

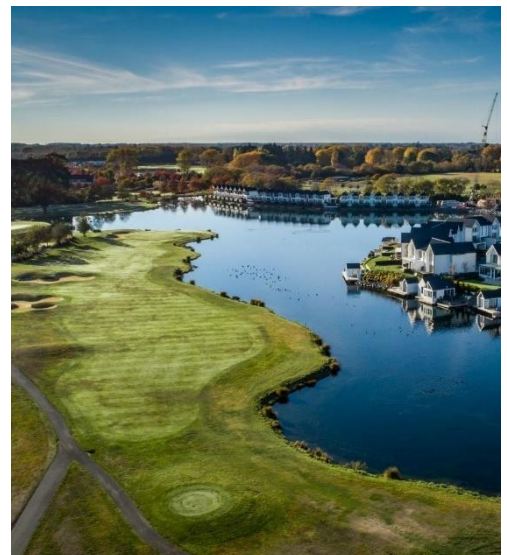
Experience premium golf at The Hills, set in a glacial valley near Queenstown. This course features dramatic elevation changes and rocky schist outcrops that enhance its natural beauty. Elevated tees provide thrilling shots and panoramic views, making it one of the most spectacular courses globally. The award-winning clubhouse and unique sculpture park further enhance The Hills as a truly unforgettable destination.



Queenstown Golf Club

Location: Christchurch

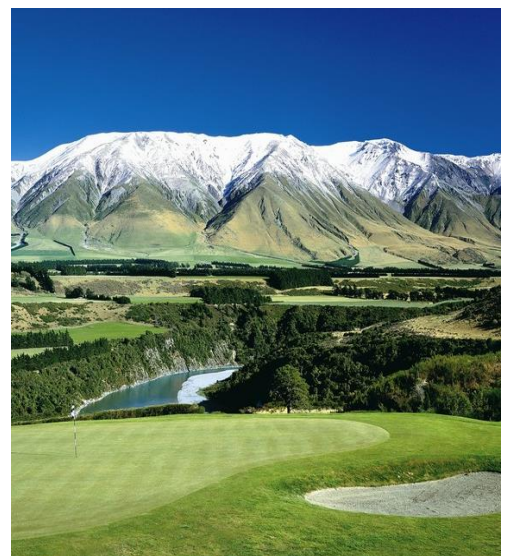
Just 10 minutes from Christchurch Airport, Clearwater Golf Course offers a world-class golfing experience. Having hosted international tournaments, including the 2015 New Zealand Ladies Open where Lydia Ko achieved a career-best score, Clearwater blends the best features of UK links courses and parkland golf. Meandering around spring-fed lakes and trout-filled streams, the course offers stunning views of the Southern Alps, ensuring a memorable round year-round.



Terrace Downs

Location: Methven

Located about an hour from Christchurch, Terrace Downs is nestled in the foothills of the Southern Alps, across from the renowned Mount Hutt Ski Field. This championship course offers a pleasant layout with stunning views, especially from the 10th tee and 16th green, overlooking the Rakaia Gorge and the imposing mountain landscape. An enjoyable challenge for golfers of all skill levels.

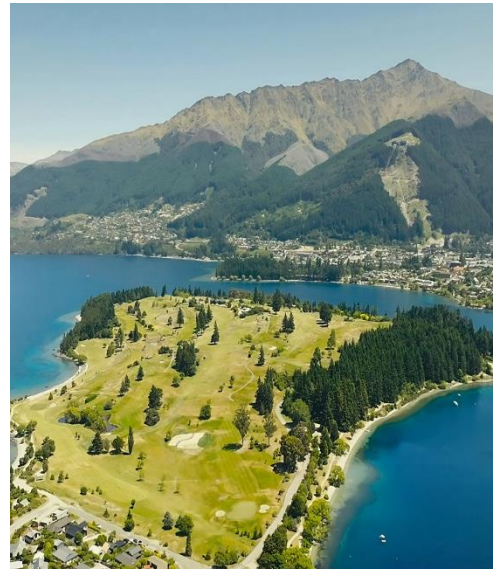


Queenstown Golf Club

Location: Queenstown

Queenstown Golf Club, also known as Kelvin Heights, is one of the most picturesque golf courses in New Zealand. Located on a peninsula that extends into Lake Wakatipu, the course offers stunning 360-degree views of the surrounding mountains and lake.

The 18-hole, par-72 course is known for its well-maintained fairways, challenging greens, and the breathtaking scenery that surrounds every hole. The course layout is relatively flat, making it accessible to golfers of all skill levels.



Arrowtown Golf Club

Location: Arrowtown

Arrowtown Golf Club is a charming, historic course located just outside of Queenstown. Known for its natural setting and historic gold mining features, this course offers a unique and enjoyable golfing experience.

The 18-hole, par-70 course is relatively short, but it's full of character and challenges, with narrow fairways, rugged terrain, and small greens. The course's design makes the most of the natural landscape, including rocky outcrops and schist stone walls.



Plan Your Golf Adventure

Explore the beauty and challenge of New Zealand's South Island golf courses. Whether you're seeking thrilling shots, breathtaking views, or world-class amenities, these courses promise an unforgettable golf holiday.

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