

SKI

THE TASMAN

beyond imagination



Mount Cook Ski Planes provide the air service. These year-round glacier landing experts operate a fleet of Cessna 185 and PC6 Pilatus Porters. Visit www.mtcookskiplanes.com for more information.

Our guides are some of the most skilled and experienced in the industry. All guides are professional mountain and ski guides, accredited through the IFMGA/NZMGA system.

Tasman Glacier FAQ New Zealand's longest glacier: 27km long and on average 1.6km wide. The average surface motion is 35-40cm per day. The Tasman is over 600 metres deep at its nevé. The starting elevation for Ski The Tasman is 2500 metres (8250 ft).



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Advance reservations are essential
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2009 Season: 01 July to 30 September

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Clothing & uniforms: Earth Sea Sky Ltd

Ski The Tasman is a weather dependent activity. Minimum numbers apply.



Alpine Guides

Imagine a vast natural amphitheatre of ice draped peaks. Imagine a world of white velvet bowls, dazzling blue Dali-esque ice forms... and almost total silence.

Now imagine that you can spend a day on skis exploring this unearthly realm of inexorably moving ice and snow...

Stop imagining and ski the Tasman Glacier with Alpine Guides.

We have introduced generations of skiers to this incredible experience. It's time to take your turn this winter.

IMAGINE A WORLD OF WHITE VELVET

A DAY ON THE TASMAN

Your adventure begins about 9:30 am when your guide and small group fly to the top of the first run at the head of the glacier, 30 kms distant.

No crowds or queues will distract you from your two immense ski runs (each 8-10 kms long) and 'in your face' views of New Zealand's highest peaks.

After the first amazing descent your ski plane returns to take you to a new landing point. Lunch is taken before the second run. The reluctant return to planet Earth, and Aoraki Mount Cook Airport, is about 3:30 pm.

2009 Price: **NZ\$775** per person

Includes 2 ski runs, 3 ski plane flights, a generous picnic lunch, and safety equipment. Fat skis, boots, and poles are available to rent.

Ski The Tasman from Queenstown or Christchurch

Price: \$1175 per person

A daily fly/ski/fly option including transport from your accommodation, and return flights to Mount Cook. Contact us or check the website for more details.



Location

Ski The Tasman is based out of Aoraki/Mount Cook Village, in the Mackenzie Region at the heart of the Southern Alps. Mt Cook makes an ideal stop-over point, placed halfway between Christchurch and Queenstown.

- > Christchurch to Mt Cook 330 km, 3.5 to 4 hours drive south
- > Queenstown to Mt Cook 270 km, 3 hours drive north



You can ski the Tasman! Intermediate skiers will have a fantastic time on the Tasman - you don't need to be an expert. Our rental fat skis make the transition to off-piste easy.

The terrain is not steep and the pace is relaxed, allowing for exploratory diversions amongst the amazing ice features.

Small groups and personalised service make Ski The Tasman ideal for families, or groups of friends looking for a unique winter adventure.

Snow conditions: All snow is natural and ungroomed. Conditions vary throughout the season and through the day. Powder is more common through July and August. Spring conditions predominate from September. There's no shortage of cover, with an annual accumulation of over 70 metres of snow at the névé!

What to bring Dress for a cold day at a ski area. Bring sunblock and your camera. You may wish to carry a small pack for some drinking water, or extra clothing. A picnic lunch will be provided.

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