

HARRIS MOUNTAINS HELI-SKI

QUEENSTOWN
WANAKA
MOUNT COOK

**WELCOME TO THE MOST
SPECTACULAR SKIING AND
SNOWBOARDING IN
NEW ZEALAND.**



Our experienced guides will give you a full briefing prior to flying on your heli-ski/board excursion, however please read the following information carefully which will outline key guidelines to assist you in understanding the operational procedures and safety requirements of our heli-skiing operations to ensure you are best prepared for a sensational day out in the mountains.

LET'S TALK ABOUT YOUR HELI-SKI/BOARD DAY...

38 years
THE PIONEERS
OF NZ HELI-SKIING

IN THE MORNING...

Between 7:45am and 8:15am we will phone you at your local accommodation to confirm if we are operating. If weather allows, we then advise you of pickup, departure and meeting times for the day. Your pick up time could vary between 10 to 45 minutes, depending on weather conditions.

If you are hiring ski gear, then please let us know the day before. We will assist you with pick up and drop off your pre-arranged equipment as required.

Your day's adventure starts when you arrive at the staging area where you meet your guide, pilot and group. Here you will receive a comprehensive safety briefing including back country and helicopter safety. Then you will be issued with an avalanche rescue transceiver. You will also be instructed on how to use your transceiver at this time.

At the staging area, there are toilets and storage facilities provided.

After your briefing, it is time to head off for the first heli-ski run. Approximately half way through your day we will break for lunch.

LUNCHTIME...

All groups meet up for our famous alpine buffet lunch. Remember lunch is included in the cost of all our packages.

After lunch you will continue with the remainder of your runs before returning to the staging area and then back to your accommodation.



YOUR SAFETY

The following **IMPORTANT** tips will assist you in minimising risk and maximise the thrill of your heli day.

YOUR GUIDE

Your guide is a qualified and experienced skier/boarder who knows the area. All our guides are UIAGM/NZMGA certified and/or specialists in mountain safety. For your safety, it is imperative to respect the role of your guide at all times and follow all instructions.

You will be in a total wilderness area whilst heli-skiing or heli-boarding which has many obvious and hidden hazards. Your guide will fully brief you of current conditions and hazards so you can best enjoy your day. Your guides assess the hazards on a daily basis and will lead you down the mountains selecting the safest terrain.

Following on from your helicopter safety briefing at the staging area, your guide will direct and co-ordinate loading and unloading of the helicopter on each flight. **Pay close attention at all times.**

We will reinforce the use of avalanche transceiver once again. Full understanding on how to use an avalanche transceiver before you set out is important.

Never ski outside the areas defined by your Guide, and never ski ahead of your guide unless he or she advises you to do so.

In the unlikely event that you find yourself in trouble, stay calm. Your guide will not be far away and is fully trained to deal with any incident or emergency. We have full radio contact with all services.



YOUR CHECKLIST

Alpine temperatures are similar to ski field conditions and can change rapidly so it is important to be prepared. We recommend you dress as you would for a cold mountain day with layers to adapt to conditions. Here are recommendations to ensure you have the time of your life with Harris Mountains Heli-Ski.

DON'T FORGET

Ski or board equipment including boots and poles.

Feel free to ask our reservation staff when making your booking about rental equipment. Specialty powder skis and boards are specifically designed to optimise performance in heli-ski snow conditions. While not essential, they will assist in getting the most enjoyment.

Wind proof clothing - jacket and pants.

Warm under layer, especially during mid winter.

Don't forget warm gloves and hat or helmet.

Good sunglasses or ski goggles are absolutely essential.

Sunscreen.

Pop your camera in your pocket before you leave and also a small snack if you feel the need.

If you would like to bring a small day pack along you will need to wear it throughout the day or alternatively this can be left at the staging area.

If you own your own back country safety equipment you are more than welcome to use it.

Please note, GoPro cameras and phones can affect the performance of avalanche rescue transceivers. Please ensure all transmit functions of these devices are switched off for your day in the back country.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY

The activities that you undertake with us are inherently risky, and while we do everything we can to ensure that your experience is a thrilling and enjoyable but safe one, we cannot eliminate those risks. You have read and signed our registration form in which you acknowledge the inherent risks associated with the activities and release us from any liability. Should you have any question about this, or remain uncertain about what it means, please do not hesitate to ask. The signing of the acknowledgement and release from liability form is a condition of your participation in the activities with us.



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