Get Ready for Cedar Lodge



SUMMER PLANNING GUIDE

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Let's Get Planning

Eleven's Experience Team is here to help you design the perfect adventure. This guide outlines what to expect during your stay and how to prepare for your upcoming trip. We look forward to meeting you at Cedar Lodge, but until then, let's start making some plans.

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Getting Here

FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS

From the moment your booking is confirmed, your Eleven Team is available to help with travel arrangements. We strongly suggest planning your air travel as soon as possible to secure best fares and ensure availability. Your Experience Team will reach out shortly after you book to kick off this process.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Visitors to New Zealand have varying entry requirements based on their nationality, duration of stay, and accompanying items. Everyone must have a passport valid for at least three months beyond their stay, a ticket for return or onward travel, and proof of sufficient funds. We recommend that all travelers make copies of their passports and keep them separately.

Travelers will need to obtain a NZeTA (New Zealand Electronic Travel Authority) visa before they travel. You can request the NZeTA online.

More information about entry requirements can be found on the New Zealand Immigration website.

BY PLANE:

Most international flights fly into Auckland Airport (AKL) on the North Island of New Zealand. From there, guests can fly into Queenstown Airport (ZQN) which is located on the South Island, about two hours away from Cedar Lodge. We will happily arrange for a private airport transfer or helicopter to meet you at the airport, collect your luggage, and take you to Cedar Lodge, which is near Makarora.

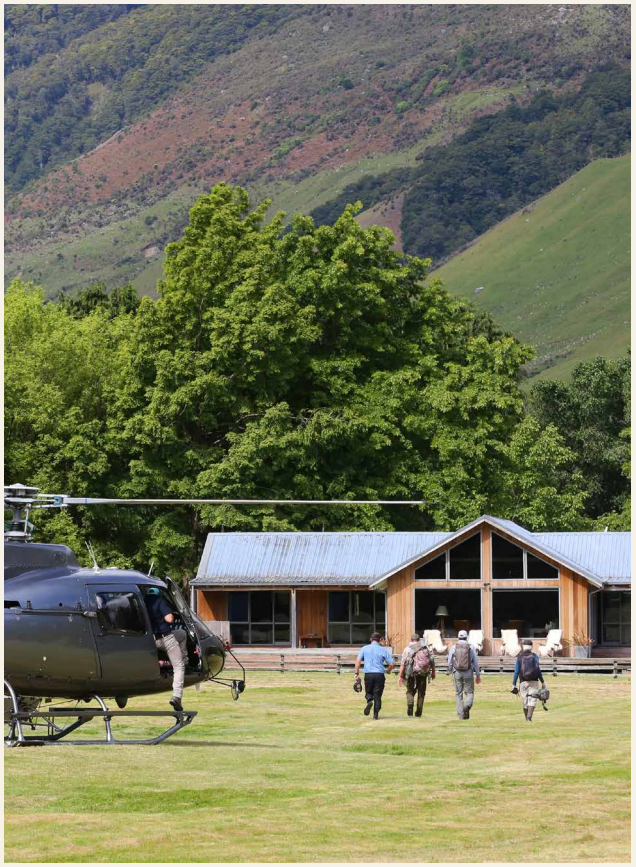
BY CAR:

If you would prefer to rent a car, you can easily do so at the Queenstown Airport. From there, you can drive 121 kilometers to Cedar Lodge. The drive should take approximately two hours via Highway 6.

Directions:
Follow Sir Henry Wigley Drive to State Highway 6. Follow Highway 6 to Crown Range Road in Arrow Junction. Continue on Crown Range Road for 50.5 kilometers, then take Cardona Valley Road to Highway 84 in Wanaka. Follow Highway 6 to School Road in Makarora. Turn left on School Road, and Cedar Lodge will be on the right. Please reach out to the team for more detailed driving directions to Cedar Lodge or if you are traveling from a different direction.

Address:
74 School Road
Makarora 9382, New Zealand

Coordinates:
-44.254452, 169.207129





Fly Fishing

Learn what to expect on your New Zealand fly fishing adventure.

FAQs

WHAT WATER WILL WE FISH DURING OUR STAY?

You will be fishing a variety of river sizes, from open braided valleys to tight bush-clad streams. New Zealand fishing does involve a fair amount of walking. You may cover three-six miles each day. Fortunately, with the flexibility of the helicopter, we can cater to most fitness levels and fishing abilities.



WHAT ARE THE MOST COMMON FLIES?

We fish a variety of flies depending on the season. Our waters are reliant on terrestrial insects which means we can have exceptional sighted dry fly fishing. Guides will carry an array of flies for the season, but if you wish to bring your own, we recommend terrestrial flies size 10–14, standard mayfly imitations size 10–14, and standard nymphs imitations size 10–16.

WHAT IS YOUR GUIDE TEAM LIKE?

The guides at Cedar Lodge are local, expert anglers who have been guiding on the South Island of New Zealand and at Cedar Lodge for many years. They focus on instruction when needed and have the knowledge and experience to give you the best chance to catch New Zealand trophy trout. Though the fishing here can be challenging, our guides put you in the best position to optimize your chances every day.

WHAT GEAR DOES THE LODGE PROVIDE?

We provide complimentary access to the industry's best. If you wish to bring your own gear, we recommend 5- and 6-weight rods with floating lines with 10–14 ft leaders. We also recommend wet wading for comfort and ease of walking. If waders are required, we can supply these from our guest equipment fleet.

We also recommend wearing a few layers for varying weather, plus sun gloves and quick-dry pants. Neutral-colored outerwear is always best. We suggest carrying a small backpack for personal equipment, which we can provide if needed. Our retail space also carries a good selection of necessary gear that can be purchased when you arrive.

Other Adventures

Cedar Lodge offers a multitude of guided adventures in addition to our angling program. Our team will arrange your activities entirely to your preferences.

HIKING

Experience the wildest, most remote peaks and rivers of New Zealand with a variety of private hiking and heli-hiking excursions. In these hard-to-reach landscapes, you can't help but feel a sense of deep serenity as you venture along our scenic trails by foot.

MOUNTAIN BIKING

Cruise downhill through backcountry single track and along lakeside trails. The guides will tailor your ride to your experience level, whether you want to tackle heli-accessed trails, a local half-day ride, or chairlift-served downhill tracks.

HORSE TREKKING

Watch the natural beauty of New Zealand unfold as you explore the high country by horseback in the most primitive form of exploration. Suitable for all experience levels, these rides can include everything from winding mountain trails to high-elevation meadows.



Other Adventures

JET BOATING

Get out on the water on a high-speed jet boat. You'll zip up shallow rivers and take in some of New Zealand's most spectacular scenery. This high-energy excursion is an exciting yet effortless way to diversify the way you experience the outdoors.

CANYONEERING

This adventurous activity involves jumping, swimming, abseiling, helicopters, and jet boats. Explore the depths of the rainforest's sculpted rock passages and emerald pools with expert guides who will show you the ropes.

GOLF

Play a quick nine holes on our on-property target course, or take a short ride to some of the best-rated courses in the region, conveniently located in Pinot Noir country for those in need of a post-game refreshment.

SCENIC HELICOPTER FLIGHTS

Waste no time getting to the wildest views. As soon as you take off, you'll be immersed deep in the Southern Alps and Mount Aspiring National Park. With a variety of flight routes available, you'll see everything from alpine glaciers and fjords to untouched coastlines.

WINE TOURS

Welcome to Pinot Noir country. The winery and vineyards near Cedar Lodge are world-renowned, and there are countless options for tastings. Our favorites? Rippon, Maude and any spots in the Gibbston Valley.

WEST COAST ADVENTURES

Experience a stunning drive through the Southern Alps over Haast Pass. On your way to the rugged West Coast, you'll stop to explore short trails and waterfalls that give you a great glimpse into the variety of the South Island's many landscapes.

LAKE WANAKA ACTIVITIES

Navigate the crystal clear waters of Lake Wanaka with the Southern Alps as your backdrop. With kayaking and stand up paddle boarding on the menu, the activity choices are as extensive as you'd like them to be.

MUSEUMS AND CULTURAL TOURS

In a country rich with history and natural beauty, there's a sprawling cultural scene to experience. Spend an afternoon wandering a museum, browsing local goods at a lavender farm, or admiring historic architecture from the town's gin distillery.



Food & Drink

Enjoy an all-inclusive experience that focuses on locally sourced ingredients and New Zealand-inspired cuisine.

FOOD

Breakfast, lunch, après, and dinner are included and served daily, and we are happy to cater to dietary preferences and restrictions as noted on your guest information form.

New Zealand's weather and green rolling hills offer an ideal climate for growing fruits and vegetables, as well as raising livestock. Fruits such as apricots, peaches, nectarines, and of course, kiwifruit, ripen on the vine while sheep graze in the neighboring pastures. As an island nation, New Zealand thrives off of the Pacific and Tasman Ocean. Fresh seafood such as oysters, crayfish (lobster), and deep sea fish is always plentiful. Local favorites include roast lamb, fish and chips, and savory meat pies. For dessert, try hokey pokey ice cream, New Zealand's favorite icecream flavor.

DRINKS

At Cedar Lodge, there is a fine selection of house liquor, beer, and wine included in your stay. New Zealand is known for its wine, boasting several world-renowned wine regions including Marlborough, Hawke's Bay, and Central Otago. Each evening, our in-house dinners are paired with a local wine. If you have a special beer, wine, or liquor preference, please discuss this with your Experience Team in the pre-trip planning process.



Preparing for Your Trip

Check out the essential information needed before you go.



Packing List

DON'T FORGET TO PACK:

- ☐ Passport
- ☐ Wallet with cash and cards
- ☐ Prescriptions and medication
- ☐ Cell phone and charger
- ☐ International adapter
- ☐ Camera and charger
- ☐ Batteries for devices
- ☐ Personal toiletries
- ☐ Small daypack

LAUNDRY

If you wish to have your clothes washed, we are happy to launder them for $25 NZD per bag.

WEATHER

NOV-DEC:	JAN-MAR:
40° – 75°F	50° – 85°F
4° - 25°C	*10° - 29°C*

CLOTHES YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU PACKED:

**Starred items are provided by Eleven but guests are welcome to bring their own should they prefer.*

- ☐ Lightweight, packable rain jacket and rain pants (Gore-tex recommended)
- ☐ Wide-brimmed sun hat and baseball cap
- ☐ Quick-dry, long-sleeved shirts and pants
- ☐ Sun-protective long-sleeve shirt or hoody
- ☐ Fleece and/or puffy vest and jacket
- ☐ Gloves (ski gloves and thin gloves)
- ☐ Underwear
- ☐ Socks (thin hiking socks and thicker, warmer socks)
- ☐ Comfy clothes for the lodge
- ☐ Warm layers for chilly summer nights
- ☐ Bathing suit
- ☐ Athletic shoes
- ☐ Comfy shoes for the lodge (sandals, clogs, slip-ons)
- ☐ Sun mask or buff
- ☐ Sunscreen 50+ SPF*
- ☐ Insect repellent*
- ☐ Lip balm*
- ☐ Small day pack*

Fly Fishing Gear List

**Starred equipment is available as part of your stay or for purchase through the lodge retail space. Guests are also welcome to bring their own gear and equipment.*

- ☐ Polarized sunglasses
- ☐ Comfortable wading/ walking boots*
- ☐ Fly rods: 5- or 6-weight rod*
- ☐ Fly reels and spools*
- ☐ Leaders*: 10–14 ft 4x and 5x
- ☐ Tippet*: 3x and 4x
- ☐ Pliers, hemostats, and snips*
- ☐ Dry flies*: Size 10–14 terrestrials and common dry flies
- ☐ Nymphs*: Size 10–18 brown stoneflies, beaded/non-beaded pheasant tails, and green and sand caddis
- ☐ Streamers*: Size 6–12 common streamer patterns
- ☐ Guide lanyard
- ☐ Optical cloth and cleaner
- ☐ Chest pack or hip pack



Good to Know

ELECTRICAL CURRENT:

- Throughout New Zealand, the power sockets are type I. The standard voltage is 240 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz. U.S. guests will require a voltage converter for 110 volt devices. **You will also need an adaptor for U.S. and European plugs.** Please bring both converters and adaptors for devices not already equipped. Most laptop computers and cell phones have chargers with converters, so only adaptors are necessary. Adaptors are also available in each room.

CASH AND CREDIT CARDS:

- Though credit cards are widely accepted throughout New Zealand, it is always a good practice to carry some local currency.
- Please note, **American Express is not accepted at the lodge.** A 2.9% fee will be added for all credit card transactions at the Lodge.

LOCAL LANGUAGE:

- New Zealand has three official languages: English, Māori, and New Zealand sign language. English is the most widely spoken language in New Zealand.

GRATUITIES:

- Gratuities are not expected, but guests may consider $100.00–$150.00 USD per guide day and $50.00–$75.00 USD per night for lodge staff. Lodge gratuities are shared among the team members who contributed to your stay. Gratuity can be left via credit card in the local currency on your final bill (preferred) or in cash, NZD or USD.
- General Tipping Guidelines: Tipping in New Zealand is truly merit based, and is not usually expected or obligated. If you would like to leave a tip at a restaurant, a few dollars or 10% of the final bill should suffice.

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

- **We highly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance.** The Eleven Team can help you arrange trip cancellation insurance prior to your trip. Please let us know if you would like us to connect you with our preferred insurance partner, Global Rescue, to provide you with a quote.

LOCAL TIME ZONE:

- New Zealand runs on New Zealand Standard Time, which is (GMT+12). There is only one time zone in New Zealand.

FISHING LICENSES:

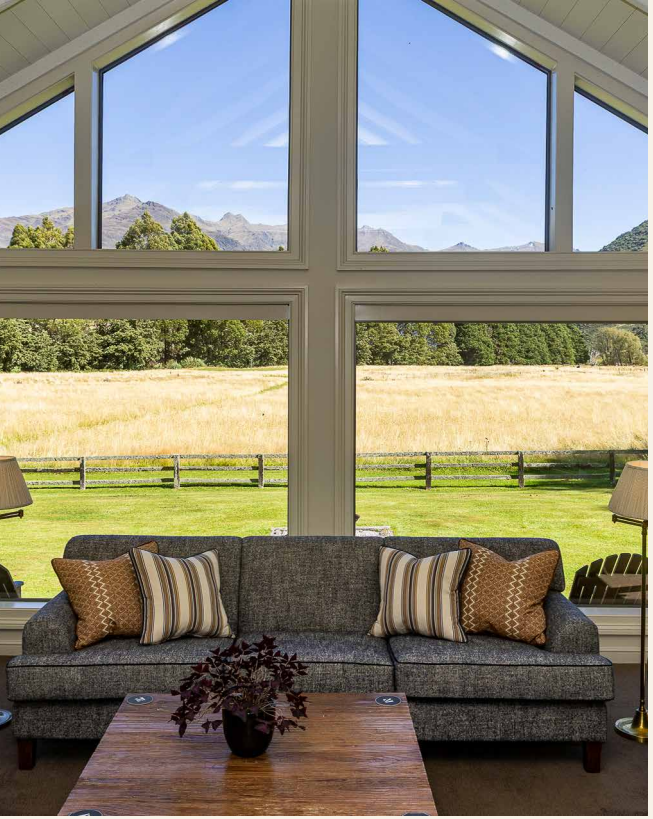
- **Each guest will be required to hold a non-resident full season license.** You can purchase it prior to your arrival at fishandgame.org.nz, or we can arrange this at the lodge when you arrive. You will be fishing the Otago area while fishing with us. This license will allow you to fish anywhere in New Zealand except for the Taupo Region.
- This license will then be used to purchase daily designated waters licenses, which are required to fish some of the fisheries we access from the lodge. Once each day's itinerary is confirmed, the lodge team will handle the purchase of these licenses, which cost $40 per person per day. You will be charged any fees incurred at the end of your stay.

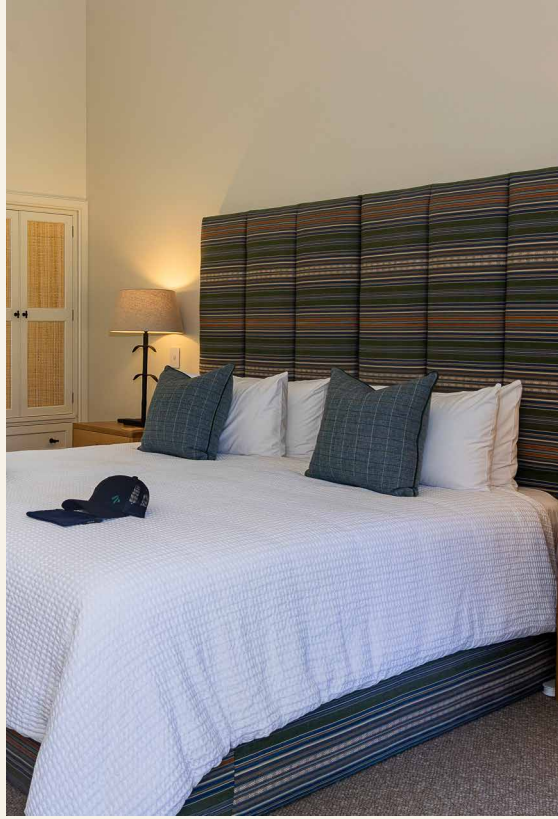
SPECIAL REQUESTS:

- Please be sure to fill out the guest information form, which you have received separately via email and other correspondence. Most importantly, we'll need to know if you have any food allergies, physical limitations, or medical needs. If you need another copy of the questionnaire or would prefer to share this information over the phone, please contact us.
- Please also share any special requests such as favorite food, wine, or alcohol. This is also the time to let us know if you are celebrating a birthday or anniversary and share any requests related to the type of fishing you prefer. We do everything possible to make your trip as tailored to your preferences as possible.

CURRENCY EXCHANGE:

- The New Zealand dollar (NZD) is the official currency of New Zealand. Check the exchange rate for your local currency before you depart for your trip. Currency can be exchanged at all international New Zealand airports.








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