

sheep stations or explore the Lord of the Rings film location on a "Pelennor Fields" tour. Get out and about mountain biking, go four wheel driving, gliding, hunting for thar, chamois and deer, fishing for trophy trout and rock and mountain climbing. Take the plunge out on the water and try windsurfing, sailing and kayaking on lakes and rivers.

In winter it just gets better. Skiing, snowboarding, sledding and ice-skating brings families our way, with better weather and better conditions for snow-making than most places in the country.

For a touch of the cosmopolitan, we'll throw in some great cafes, excellent arts and crafts shopping, galleries, museums, wine tasting and great heritage trails to bring you up to speed with the history of this wonderful place.

Or, if you're in a more leisurely mood head for the golf courses, visit a salmon farm, try your hand at rare bird watching, take up painting, or at the end of a long busy day ...simply contemplate the stars. Mount John Observatory offers star gazing tours of our crystal clear night skies.

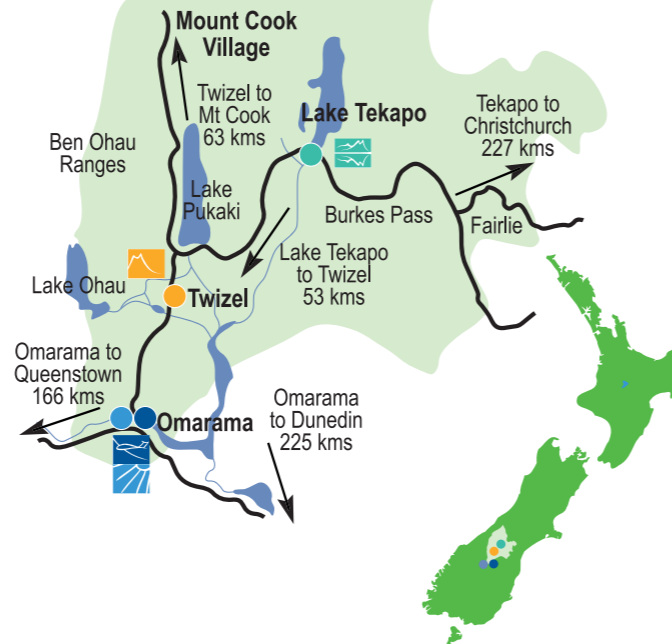
Tired yet? You should be! Mackenzie Country's an active, awe-inspiring stopover well worth the effort. Why not stop in and experience Big Sky - Big Country - Big Country next time you're in the neighbourhood?

## Stop, stay and play in The MacKenzie Country Big Sky - Big Country



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## Mackenzie Country

A big sky, brushed with the palest of blues. A big golden land touched with an alpine light leaves an imprint on your mind.

You're in Mackenzie country...



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Over 150 years ago a Scottish shepherd turned sheep stealer named James Mackenzie and his dog Friday discovered the perfect hiding place for a whole lot of sheep - the tussock coated plain now known as the Mackenzie basin. Little did Mackenzie and Friday know that their alpine adventures of endurance and evasion would become the stuff of folk legend, inspiring the first settlers in the region to name it for this well-known rogue.

Nowadays, you'll be pleased to know, there's a bit more to do in Mackenzie country than steal sheep.

Surrounded by majestic mountains, beautiful rivers and wide, open spaces this inspiring land lends itself to activity and adventure.

Scenic flights by plane and helicopter give you a hawk's eye view of the Mackenzie Country's vast terrain and turquoise blue lakes. Land on snow or soar over alpine wildernesses to see the grand traverse of Mount Cook (Aoraki National Park)..

Back to earth and you can catch some of New Zealand's most spectacular scenery by hiking or horse trekking through remote working





Built to last, the sturdy natural stone of the Mackenzie Country Inn is a reflection of the resolute, rugged landscape of the region. The golden hues of the Mackenzie Country's majestic scenery surround this welcoming inn.

Located in Twizel, Mackenzie Country Inn is only 53km from magnificent Lake Tekapo and 63 km from the majestic heights of Aoraki Mt Cook National Park.

Mackenzie Country Inn offers 108 comfortably furnished guest rooms including 80 standard rooms and 28 deluxe. The Hotel's interior design is most noticeable in its fully licensed restaurant and bar, with timber and stonework throughout. Unwind at the end of the day in our bar (by the open fire if its cold), sample and enjoy the delicious food choices proudly presented by our kitchen team.

Ideal for conferences the Hotel offers a designated naturally lit conference room and plenty of wide open garden and lawn space, great for team building exercises.

Whether you're part of a big group, traveling on your own or holidaying with family, Mackenzie Country Inn has a big warm Southern welcome waiting for you.



The Heritage Gateway Hotel welcomes you to Omarama, a small township situated at the crossroads to three spectacularly scenic areas – the MacKenzie basin, Lindis Pass and Waitaki Valley.

Perfectly located for access to a range of exciting activities, the Heritage Gateway Hotel is an ideal stopover for exploration of the Mackenzie Country and connections to Aoraki Mt Cook National Park (just 60 minutes scenic drive).

With 98 guest rooms on offer, the Hotel is accessible from Queenstown and Christchurch and close to excellent local ski fields. Relax and enjoy the warm ambience of the Four Seasons Restaurant and the welcoming Anglers Reach Bar, featuring excellent cuisine from an extensive buffet or a la carte menu.

The Heritage Gateway Hotel provides facilities for small conferences and intimate seminars and meetings. An ideal base for attending local meetings, events and for group bookings. Larger meetings and conferences can be co-ordinated to meet in our sister Hotel in the township – The CountryTime Resort Hotel – while staying at the Heritage Gateway just a few minutes walk or drive along the road.

Take pleasure in the friendly, southern country-style service and hospitality.

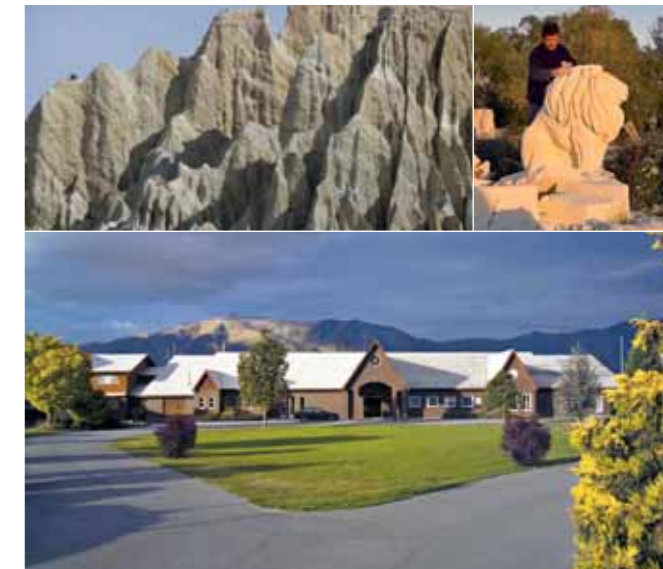


Overlooking the turquoise waters of stunning Lake Tekapo and the region's historic place of worship, the Church of the Good Shepherd, the Godley Resort Hotel is a uniquely well established venue in an extraordinary location.

Just one hour from Aoraki Mt Cook National Park and 2.5 hours driving time from Christchurch and Queenstown, the hotel is also only 40 minutes drive from local ski fields. Take a tour with Earth & Sky to the Mt John Observatory and you'll appreciate the clear night skies and panorama of the galaxy of stars.

With 80 guestrooms The Godley offers all the private facilities and services to give you a comfortable stay. A large restaurant and cosy bar, spa pool, gymnasium, outdoor swimming pool and indoor children's play area with television and DVD player providing options to entertain the children while enjoying some time beside the fire and a drink before dinner.

For conferences the Godley provides two meeting areas catering for 5-50 delegates in naturally lit, spacious rooms. Weddings are a speciality with a fulltime on-site co-ordinator and spectacular backdrops and views ensuring your special day will be unique and unforgettable.



Enjoy true country hospitality at the Countrytime Hotel. Located in Omarama, gateway township to the MacKenzie Basin, Lindis Pass and Waitaki Valley. Whatever the season the scenery here is stunning and breathtaking.

With 50 guestrooms the CountryTime Hotel is ideal for family breaks, conference delegates and the budget conscious traveller. Local activities abound and the team at the Hotel can assist with bookings and advice.

Two grass tennis courts, a pool table and hearty homebaked meals in our country style restaurant and bar provide guests an opportunity to rejuvenate after a big day out under the sky of the MacKenzie Country.

Looking for a conference venue away from the stress and pressures of everyday worklife? Countrytime Hotel offers exclusive venue bookings for conferences of all sizes, with tailored menus and packages available and a speciality of the Hotel.

Wonderful for weddings, Countrytime Hotel's beautiful grounds, full banquet capability and clear alpine air make it the perfect location for your big day.