

## Central Otago suggested itineraries

### 3 day Central Otago itinerary

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| <b>Day 1</b> | <b>Cromwell</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|              | <p><b>Central Otago Wines</b></p> <p>Imagine the delicate pleasures of gently sipping a fine, award-winning Central Otago pinot noir while relaxing in grand alpine scenery that overlooks some of the world's best pinot noir vines.</p> <p>Spend time in the area's largest wine-growing sub-region, the Cromwell Basin, where you can enjoy wineries at Bannockburn in the south, and Lowburn, Wanaka Road and Bendigo to the north. Join an organised wine tour or nominate a driver to visit the area's distinctive wine-growing sub-regions, each bearing their own matchless wine characteristics brought forth by the rugged, mountain landscape.</p> <p>Unlike wines grown in the northern hemisphere, no vineyard in Central Otago is within 200km of a traffic light, meaning the grapes really do enjoy a lack of pollution and disease pressure!</p> <p><a href="http://www.centralotagonz.com">www.centralotagonz.com</a></p> |
|              | <p><b>Take an exhilarating jetboat ride on the Kawarau River with Goldfields Jet</b></p> <p>Through the heart of one of New Zealand's most historic gold mining regions. The specifically designed jet boats and highly trained drivers will take you on an unforgettable 40-minute ride through the Kawarau Gorge.</p> <p>Goldfields Jet is based at Goldfields Mining Centre on State Highway 6 in the Kawarau Gorge. (The main Queenstown-Cromwell highway).</p> <p><a href="http://www.goldfieldsjet.co.nz">www.goldfieldsjet.co.nz</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|              | <p><b>Old Cromwell Town Historic Precinct</b></p> <p>Situated on the shores of Lake Dunstan, this unique heritage attraction has original and reconstructed buildings from the old main street of the 1860's gold town of Cromwell. The precinct is open free to the public seven days.</p> <p>The buildings are home to local artisans and small cottage industries where you can find that special memento of your holiday. Wander through the old bakehouse or view the Mud brick cottage, visit the art gallery or enjoy a good cup of coffee at the café.</p> <p><a href="http://www.oldcromwelltown.co.nz">www.oldcromwelltown.co.nz</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|              | <b>Explore relics of the regions Gold Heritage</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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|              | <p>Central Otago was rich in mostly alluvial (river) gold, which was extensively mined from the early 1860's until the 1930's.</p> <p>Discover picturesque historic goldmining towns, towering sluiced cliffs, herringbone tailings, tunnels, water races, tailraces, dams, stone masonry, mud-brick cottages and assorted relics. Marvel at their feats, be awed by their audacity and revel in the excitement of your discoveries on the Central Otago goldfields. Visit the Goldfields Mining Centre in Cromwell (<a href="http://www.goldfieldsminingcentre.co.nz">www.goldfieldsminingcentre.co.nz</a>) and pan for your own gold, or take a guided walk over the Bannockburn Goldfield with Bannockburn Historic Goldfield Tour (<a href="http://www.centralotagonz.com/Cromwell-Bannockburn/Bannockburn/Guided-Tours/Bannockburn-Historic-Goldfields-Tours_ov=5172_.html">http://www.centralotagonz.com/Cromwell-Bannockburn/Bannockburn/Guided-Tours/Bannockburn-Historic-Goldfields-Tours_ov=5172_.html</a>). Pick up a self drive brochure from the Cromwell or Alexandra i-sites.</p> |
| <b>Day 2</b> | <b>Alexandra / Clyde</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|              | <p><b>Explore the mighty Clutha River</b></p> <p>Clutha River Cruises will take you through some of the most stunning scenery that only Central Otago can provide. On a 3 hour cruise, journey the isolated reaches of the historic and picturesque thyme studded Roxburgh Gorge. Marvel at some of New Zealand's best examples of European and Chinese mining.</p> <p><a href="http://www.clutharivercruises.co.nz">www.clutharivercruises.co.nz</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|              | <p><b>Spend a day on the Otago Central Rail Trail</b></p> <p>Altitude Adventures will take you to the spectacular Poolburn Gorge section of the Otago Central Rail Trail. This one day ride takes in two tunnels which are cut through schist rock bluffs, the 37m high Poolburn Viaduct and the longest bridge over the Manuherikia River.</p> <p>This ride is 47km in distance and descends from Auripo Road through the valleys of Central Otago into the townships of Alexandra/Clyde.</p> <p><a href="http://www.altitudeadventures.co.nz">www.altitudeadventures.co.nz</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|              | <p><b>Clyde</b></p> <p>Clyde is a beautifully preserved, historic township offering the best of Central Otago hospitality. Just 10 minutes northwest of Alexandra, this gorgeous town was born of gold, fruit trees and the Otago Central Railway. Now a delightful and intact historic precinct, Sunderland Street is a gem to explore. Pick up a self guided walk brochure from the Alexandra i-site.</p> <p><a href="http://www.centralotagonz.com">www.centralotagonz.com</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|              | <p><b>Discover unique Central Otago shopping!</b></p> <p>Take time to visit a variety of small boutique studios, gourmet food producers and artists in the area.</p> <p>Visit Touch Yarns, specialists in natural yarns and fibres for knitting, weaving, spinning, felting and embroidery. All colours are designed by Marnie Kelly, inspired by the stark beauty of thyme fields, mountains and the historic goldfields of Central Otago. Visit the showroom and shop in Clyde and purchase some of the world's finest quality wool and mohair today!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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|                  | <p><a href="http://www.touchyarns.com">www.touchyarns.com</a></p> <p>Take time to browse through Central Gourmet Galleria in Clyde. This unique shop is in the old Clyde Butchery building in the middle of Clyde's charming Historic Precinct, and proudly showcases the finest from Central Otago and beyond, and can boast an eclectic mix of beautiful New Zealand-made gifts, local wine, condiments, possum merino, books, cards, jewellery, ceramic tiles, photographs and Rail Trail momentos.</p> <p><a href="http://www.centralone.co.nz">www.centralone.co.nz</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                  | <p><b>Central Otago Wines</b></p> <p>Visit award winning wineries in the localities of Alexandra and Clyde, nestled among rugged schist tors in a dry intermontane basin.</p> <p><a href="http://www.centralotagonz.com">www.centralotagonz.com</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Day 3</b>     | <b>Roxburgh</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                  | <p>Roxburgh lies alongside the Clutha River in the beautiful Teviot Valley. Try the famous Jimmy's Pie, world famous in New Zealand for over 40 years. Delicious local fruit includes cherries, apricots, plums, nectarines, peaches, pears and tasty crisp apples can be bought at roadside stalls.</p> <p><a href="http://www.centralotagonz.com">www.centralotagonz.com</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|                  | <p><b>Fishing on Lake Onslow or Lake Roxburgh</b></p> <p>Central Otago is an angler's paradise. There is a fantastic variety of fishing opportunities in a place where vast mountain vistas are usually the backdrop. Whether its safe and easy access for the family outing, or off the beaten track to a discreet fishing location, the choices are many and varied.</p> <p><a href="http://www.centralotagonz.com/Central-Otago/Fishing_IDL=24_IDT=294_ID=1502_.html">http://www.centralotagonz.com/Central-Otago/Fishing_IDL=24_IDT=294_ID=1502_.html</a></p> <p>Alternatively kayak on Lake Roxburgh, a secluded and peaceful lake surrounded by deep gorges or explore the local countryside by foot or by mountain bike.</p> <p><a href="http://www.lakeroxburghlodge.co.nz">www.lakeroxburghlodge.co.nz</a></p> |
| <b>Or option</b> | <b>The Maniototo</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                  | <p>Discover the picturesque old gold mining townships of Naseby, St Bathans and Patearoa. Marvel at the restored 1930s simple modernist art deco architecture of Ranfurly. This is Maniototo's main town and New Zealand's Rural Art Deco oasis.</p> <p><a href="http://www.centralotagonz.com">www.centralotagonz.com</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                  | <p><b>Naseby</b></p> <p>One of the most charming of Otago's gold rush settlements, Naseby is often referred</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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|  | <p>to as the 'jewel of the Maniototo'. The town is located within Naseby forestry, 10 minutes from Ranfurly. Explore a wealth of Victorian architecture, mountainbiking, fishing and forest walks as well as indoor curling, an outdoor ice rink and downhill luge (winter only).</p> <p><a href="http://www.centralotagonz.com/Central-Otago/Naseby_IDL=24_IDT=294_ID=1586_.html">http://www.centralotagonz.com/Central-Otago/Naseby_IDL=24_IDT=294_ID=1586_.html</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|  | <p><b>Curling at the Maniototo Curling International Indoor Rink</b></p> <p>Curling is a bit like playing bowls on ice. Heavy (20kg), smooth granite stones are slid across a marked out rink and two teams compete with the object being to get more of your team's stones closer to the tee than your opponent does. Team-mates may sweep the ice in front of the stone to smooth its path.</p> <p>Generations of families have passionately engaged in curling since the 1870s. All abilities and ages are able to give this fun (and competitive) sport a go – all year round!</p> <p><a href="http://www.curling.co.nz">www.curling.co.nz</a></p>                                                              |
|  | <p><b>Glenshee Park, Naseby</b></p> <p>For something unique in this part of the country, stop off at Glenshee Park and view the 1970's Gallery containing a history of New Zealand fashion design of that era.</p> <p>The Gallery is really worth a stop to see the fashion of the 1970's. This is a private Gallery originally collected by the late Eden Hore during the 1970's featuring many of New Zealand's well known designers of the time. This extensive collection has many Benson and Hedges Award winning garments on show. Also on show are 500 Jim Beam decanters, and Franklin Mint Heirloom Doll display.</p> <p><a href="http://www.centralotagonz.com">www.centralotagonz.com</a></p>            |
|  | <p><b>Hayes Engineering Works in Oturehua</b></p> <p>New Zealand's farming community is indebted to Ernest Hayes, a farmer and flour miller who began producing and selling farm tools from his Oturehua property. As well as the internationally-acclaimed wire strainer, other Hayes inventions including pulley blocks, cattle stops and windmills are still seen throughout New Zealand.</p> <p>Visitors to this New Zealand Historic Places Trust property will see the works appear much as they did when in operation.</p> <p><a href="http://www.historic.org.nz">www.historic.org.nz</a></p>                                                                                                               |
|  | <p><b>Gilchrist's Oturehua Store</b></p> <p>Perhaps the most renowned historic building in Oturehua, is Gilchrists Store, still trading today, but with an interior little changed from when first opened. The original shop that was built in 1898 (adjacent to the existing shop) still stands today. This is perhaps New Zealand's oldest continuously operating general store and endowed with shelves of nostalgic 'Kiwiana' products bearing long gone brands.</p> <p><a href="http://www.centralotagonz.com/Maniototo/Oturehua/Heritage-Museums/Gilchrist-s-Oturehua-Store_ov=4318_.html">http://www.centralotagonz.com/Maniototo/Oturehua/Heritage-Museums/Gilchrist-s-Oturehua-Store_ov=4318_.html</a></p> |

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