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## **THE ULTIMATE HIGH**

### **The worlds highest tandem skydive is now on offer in Franz Josef**

While most of people have their feet fixed to the ground, at Skydive Franz things are done a little bit differently.

They are flying higher everyday.

Skydive Franz already offer the highest skydive in the southern hemisphere, but for the month of July they will be giving people the chance to do the highest skydive in the world.

At an altitude of 19000 ft, this new jump is the highest tandem skydive in the world without specialised training. The skilled team of Jump masters in Franz Josef can't wait to get started with this new jump and with a free fall of 80 seconds plus, it's not hard to understand why.

The free fall is what makes skydiving unique to any other pursuit and is what draws most people to the sport. 'words can't describe the feeling of free fall' says Leigh Ainsworth, Jump Master and co-owner, 'it's like nothing else in the world. Such a long fall gives you a chance to really relax into the experience and appreciate the beauty of the landscape below.'

The extra altitude of the new jump also means a longer scenic flight before the skydive. With some of the countries most breathtaking scenery, the West Coast is the perfect place for the highest skydive in the world, 'Free falling over the Southern Alps is hard to beat. With Mount Cook & Tasman, the countless Glaciers, the ocean and the rainforest as the backdrop for your skydive, it's hard to think of a more beautiful place to do this' says Leigh.

At their new airstrip just 5 minutes from Franz Josef Village clients don their red jumpsuits and the team gives a short training session before boarding the plane for the ascent. Clients are provided with everything they need for the jump, 'we just ask them to bring a sense of adventure' says Leigh, 'something they all have!'

Skydive Franz say they are anticipating that people will travel to Franz Josef specifically to do the highest jump in the world, 'customers already come here to do New Zealand's highest skydive so we are expecting an even bigger reaction to this jump' says James Meldrum, Skydive Franz director and pilot.

The West Coast is fast becoming the place to be for adrenaline junkies with so many activities on offer and Skydive Franz certainly are leading the way.

This will be happening as part of Skydive Franz's month long offer of an extra 1000ft on all of their existing heights.

#### **PRICES:**

The Jumps:

- 12000ft	<b>13000ft</b>	\$299	- 15000ft	<b>16000ft</b>	\$399	- 18000ft	<b>19000ft</b>	\$549
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Camera Options:

<b>Instructorcam</b> (Up-close filming by your tandem partner)	\$150	<b>Personal Photographer</b> (DVD & high quality photos)	\$199	<b>Best of Both World</b> (Combination of both options)	\$259
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