

**ESCORTED
TOUR**



Stewart Island & *The Catlins*

08 - 14 March 2025



Invercargill



EXPLORE THE REMOTE AND RUGGED COASTLINE OF THE CATLINS AND THE SPECTACULAR SCENERY OF STEWART ISLAND ON OUR SMALL GROUP ESCORTED TOUR.

Our tour escort ensures your 7 day tour is relaxing, fun and memorable.

This exclusive tour will include a two night stay on Stewart Island. The island's densely forested hills, tiny population and untouched coastline of rocky outcrops and creamy golden sand beaches make it a natural refuge for marine and bird life and a 'must do' for every New Zealander.

The Journey through the Catlins by luxury coach will include podocarp forests, rugged coastlines, hidden lakes and stunning waterfalls. The natural landscapes are enthralling and the wildlife is extraordinary.

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Saturday 08 Auckland – Dunedin D

Your adventure begins as we fly south to Dunedin. Begin with an afternoon city sights tour before enjoying a welcome dinner tonight at our central city hotel.

Sunday 09 Dunedin B D

A morning visit to Larnach Castle. Before returning to Dunedin for your own lunch and afternoon free to enjoy the 'Edinburgh of the South'. Why not venture out to Signal Hill, the world's steepest street or the Botanical Gardens. An optional tour to the Royal Albatross Centre on the Otago Peninsular is not to be missed.

Optional Tour

Royal Albatross Centre

Albatrosses are the world's largest seabirds. They normally breed on remote islands and spend at least 85 percent of their lives at sea, well away from land and human view. Dunedin's Taiaroa Head is the only mainland Royal Albatross breeding colony in the world and is a great day out from Dunedin. In March it is expected we will see a handful of chicks on their nests and if we are lucky an adult returning to feed - \$65 per person

Monday 10 Dunedin – Catlins – Invercargill B L D

After breakfast we drive south to the Catlins. Highlights include podocarp forests, rugged coastlines, hidden lakes and stunning waterfalls. The natural landscapes are enthralling.

Tuesday 11 Invercargill – Stewart Island B D

Today fly to Stewart Island. On arrival we explore Oban with plenty of time for photo stops and short walks. The rest of the afternoon is free to enjoy the small township of Oban by foot.

Optional Tour

Wild Kiwi Encounter

Cruise across Paterson inlet to Little Glory Cove. Ulva Island [a predator free sanctuary] and learn about Stewart Island's rich history. The walk, led by your nature guide, is on a well-formed track across the peninsula, through spectator coastal forest to a secluded sandy beach. - \$259 per person.

Stewart Island's densely forested hills, tiny population and untouched coastline of rocky outcrops and creamy golden sand beaches make it a natural refuge for marine and bird life and a wonderful destination for people who value nature and wild places.

Wednesday 12 Stewart Island B L D

A leisurely start before we enjoy a cruise of the beautiful Paterson Inlet and Ulva Island. The balance of the day is free to enjoy any number of walks or simply relax and enjoy the local atmosphere. Dinner is included tonight.

Thursday 13 Stewart Island – Invercargill B D

Today fly to Invercargill. Free afternoon with time to explore New Zealand's Southern most City before our farewell dinner.

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New Zealand's southernmost city has plenty of character and a warm, friendly heart. Victorian, Edwardian and Art Deco heritage buildings give the city a charming old-world character. Discover the world class vintage truck collection at Bill Richardson Transport World, alternatively, celebrate Invercargill's motorcycle history at Classic Motorcycle Mecca and learn about the legend of speed - Burt Munro at E Hayes Motorworks.

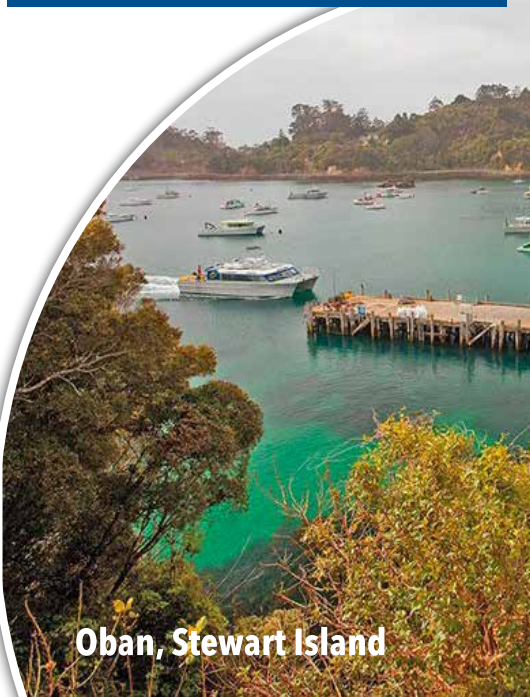
Take a guided tour through the Invercargill Brewery and discover that good beer is so much more than just bending your elbow. Visit Blue River Dairy, Southland's Sheep Milk Café, where you can enjoy cheese tasting and a chance to try the best cheeseroll in Southland.

Friday 14 Invercargill – Auckland B

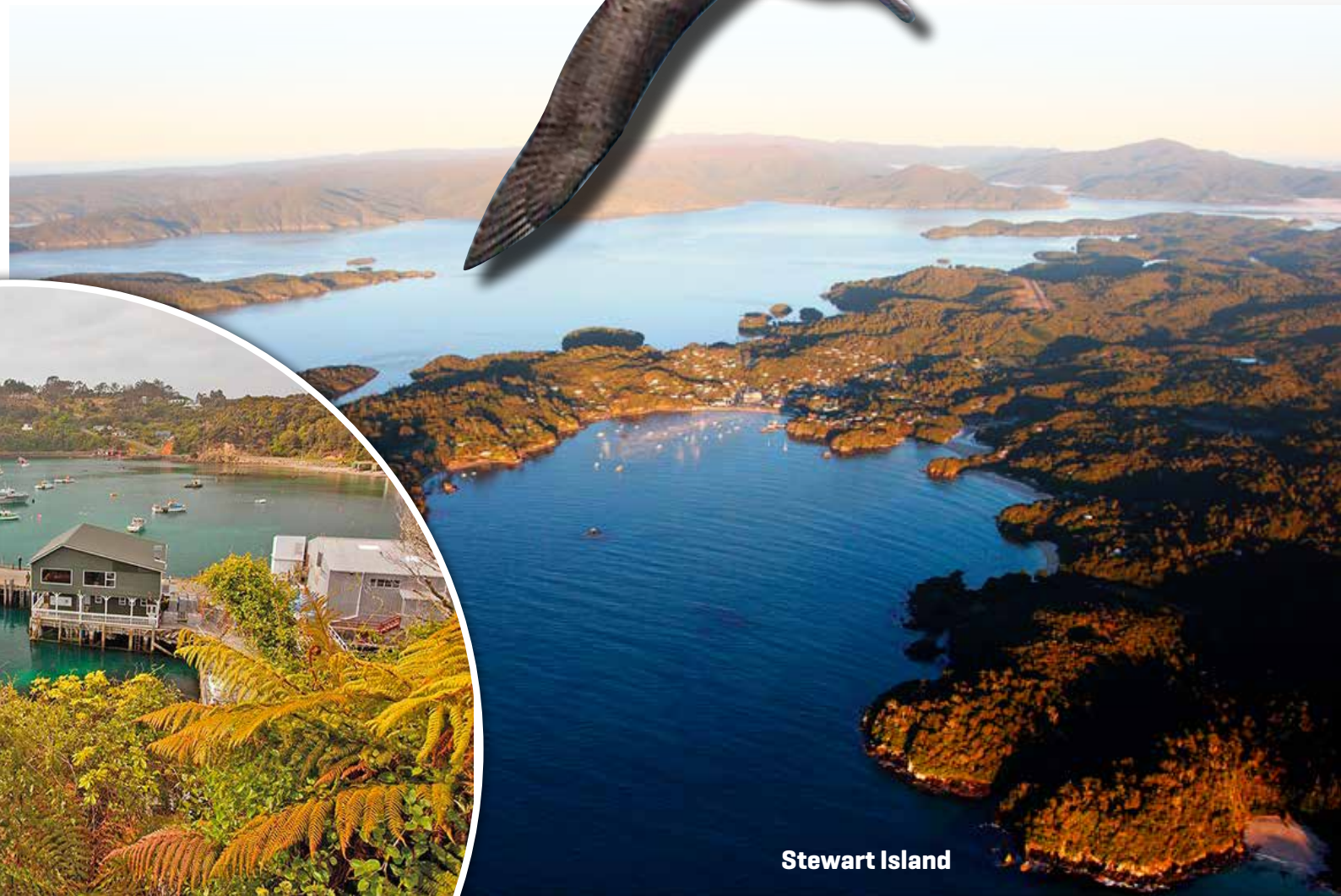
After breakfast transfer to the airport for our flight home.

. *Itinerary and costs subject to change.

This is a special tour; seats are limited and will sell quickly.



Oban, Stewart Island





Optional Tour

Sunday 09 Royal Albatross Centre (Dunedin)

\$65 per person * Includes transfers

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Tuesday 11 Wild Kiwi Encounter (Stewart Island)

\$259 per person

8.00pm - 12.00am

Cruise across Paterson inlet to Little Glory Cove. Ulva Island (a predator free sanctuary) and learn about Stewart Island's rich history. The walk, led by your nature guide, is on a well-formed track across the peninsula, through spectator coastal forest to a secluded sandy beach. As dusk sets in and daylight diminishes, venture by torchlight through the native forest. The walk will take about 45 minutes and the track emerges on the to Ocean Beach. This wide sandy beach is where Southern Brown Kiwi are often feeding.

This optional tour attract a separate charge. These options can be included at time of final payment [see booking form]



COSTS* Per person / twin share

From Auckland	
Twin / Double	\$3,476
Single	\$4,138

Pre and post tour accommodation available - Please ask

* This is a cash /direct debit price. Credit cards incur a 1.5% fee.

Inclusions

- Six nights hotel accommodation
- Return seat and bag airfares from Auckland - Dunedin and Invercargill - Auckland and other destinations [conditions apply]
- Breakfasts daily
- Two lunches and six dinners
- All sightseeing and entrance fees as specified
- Commentaries provided by your drivers and local guides
- Comfortable air-conditioned coach with panoramic windows
- Return flights Invercargill - Stewart Island
- Pukekohe Travel escort subject to 15 passengers travelling

Exclusions

- Cancellation insurance
- Items of a personal nature

Cancellation Charges

- Deposit - non refundable
- 17 January 2025 - no refund

Booking Conditions

- A non-refundable deposit of \$400 per person will secure a place on the tour.
- FULL PAYMENT is due no later than 17 January 2025
- Bookings made after 17 January 2025 will require full payment

Health and Mobility

To ensure the tour is enjoyable for the whole group, a good standard of fitness is required with the ability to comfortably walk unaided for 15 minutes. Mobility frames are not practical or permitted. We anticipate you will arrive on tour fit, healthy and ready to travel.

Terms and Conditions

For full terms and conditions please visit our website www.pukekohetravel.co.nz/termsandconditions or ask our tour consultant for a copy

Travel Insurance

We strongly advise all participants to take out suitable travel insurance to cover cancellation costs. Please ask us for a quote.



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