



# **Dunedin, The Catlins & Stewart Island** Coach Tour 9d/8n From: \$3549 per person Escorted by Izzy Murray - 17 September 2021

#### Day 1 17 September **Arrive in Dunedin**

On arrival to Dunedin you will be transferred your hotel to drop your bags prior to exploring the city centre on your doorstep. The rest of the day is at leisure, so take your time and enjoy the sights from the Octagon, Dunedin Train Station, Toitu Otago Settlers Museum, The Chinese Garden, Otago University, Baldwin Street, to the nearby Speights Brewery. You will check into your hotel later on this afternoon, dinner is included this evening at your hotel.

Hotel: Scenic Hotel Southern Cross

#### Day 2 18 September **Dunedin Peninsular Tour**

This morning you will head out on your Taiaroa Peninsular tour, heading first to the Royal Albatross Centre on the Otago Peninsula. You will also visit Larnach Castle on the Otago Peninsula, home to an exciting and sometimes scandalous and tragic past, the castle offers a vision of Dunedin's past and present. We then return to the city where you will be dropped off at your hotel. You will have the rest of the afternoon free, you may choose to explore one or all of the nearby central city restaurants. Hotel: Scenic Hotel Southern Cross

Day 3 19 September **Dunedin to Invercargill via the Catlins** 



Today's journey will take you from Dunedin to Invercargill via the Catlins Coast. The Catlins cover the bottom South East corner of the South Island. This is a relatively unknown gem at the bottom of New Zealand and today you will travel through the area stopping at stunning coastal viewpoints such at Nugget Point and its photogenic lighthouse, and Curio Bay, You will continue to Invercargill, where you will have a change to relax at the hotel prior to your included group dinner at the hotel tonight. Hotel: Kelvin Hotel Invercargill



#### Day 4 20 September **Invercargill to Stewart Island**

Your journey starts with a transfer from Kelvin Hotel to Invercargill Airport where you will board your plane for the scenic flight to Stewart Island. After crossing Foveaux Strait and landing in Oban - the main settlement on Stewart Island you will be transferred to the Bay Motel. Shortly after your arrival you will explore Oban and the surrounding bays in a mini-bus tour. Experienced guides enjoy sharing their local knowledge of the history and environment of Stewart Island with you. Gain an insight into New Zealand's southernmost community. Stewart Islanders are proud of their island, enjoying its simpler, slower pace. Highlights include Lee Bay, the gateway to Rakiura National Park and stunning views of Paterson Inlet from Observation Rock during this 1 hour 30 minute tour. This evening you are in for a real treat with a night time Kiwi Spotting Tour. The tour will commence 30 minutes after dark and will give you the ultimately special opportunity to experience kiwi in their natural environment. We have exclusive access to private land where New Zealand's precious kiwi come out at night to feed (weather dependent).

## Motel: Bay Motel Stewart Island

Day 5 21 September

Ulva Island (Te Wharawhara), is renowned for its diverse and abundant birdlife with a forest dominated by Rimu, Southern Rata and Kamahi, surrounded by marine reserve. It was visited by Ngai Tahu Maori as part of their food gathering trips and in the 1890s it became one of New Zealand's first reserves. This 267 hectare island is now predator free, allowing the bird and plant life to thrive. Today you will be guided by a Stewart Island local, who has the knowledge and know how to take you through Ulva Island. You will be transferred to Ulva Island by water over Patterson Inlet before having an informative and interesting walk on this unique island. Returning to the motel around midday where you have the rest of the afternoon to relax and enjoy the beauty of your surroundings. Motel: Bay Motel Stewart Island

**Ulva Island Guided Walk** 



#### Day 6 22 September Stewart Island to Invercargill

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Today it is time to depart this paradise island. Your afternoon flight will afford you a morning of freedom before flying back across Foveaux Straight to Invercargill. Once back on the mainland you will travel back to your hotel to check in. After arriving in your room you will have the chance to relax prior to dinner at the hotel tonight (Included).

Hotel: Kelvin Hotel Invercargill

#### Day 7 23 September Invercargill

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After breakfast you will head to Bill Richardson's Transport World. This is one of the World's greatest collections of trucks and petrol pumps, with historic memorabilia and classics cars. There will be something of interest for everyone. There is even a growing wearable arts collection. You will have time for lunch (at own expense) prior to heading to the Classic Motorcycle Mecca, a two-wheeled paradise for motorcycle fans. From John Britten to Brough Superior to Burt Munro, Classic Motorcycle Mecca has it all - and our museum allows guests to get up-close-and-personal with the bikes they love best. You won't find stuffy display cases here: just 360-degree views of some of the finest classic British, European and American motorcycles as well as Japanese, speedway and motocross machines. Housed in two restored heritage buildings, our classic motorbike collection is a must-see destination for aficionados and newbies alike. After your visit you will have the rest of the afternoon and evening to explore our southernmost city. Hotel: Kelvin Hotel Invercargill





## Day 8 24 September Depart Invercargill

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After breakfast this morning you will be transferred to the Airport for your flight home.

#### **TOUR INCLUSIONS:**

#### **Dunedin, Invercargill, Stewart Island,**

**Dunedin Airport Transfer** 

Seven nights in excellent centrally located accommodation including Breakfast Daily (B)

Meals as stipulated in Itinerary include 3x Dinners Sightseeing includes

- Royal Albatross Centre
- Fort Taiaroa and Larnach Castle Visit
- Stewart Island Return Flights
- Orientation Tour
- Ulva Island Guided Tour incl Water Taxi
- Night time Kiwi Spotting
- Bill Richardsons Transport World
- Motorcycled Mecca

DOC Concessions where applicable included Invercargill Airport Transfers

#### **TOUR + FLIGHTS PRICE:**

\$3549 Per Person on a Share Twin Basis Single Supplement: Additional \$690 per person

Valid for departure on 17 September 2021

- minimum 10 passengers to guarantee departure
- Maximum 15 passengers total

### **TOUR EXCLUSIONS:**

Domestic Air Fares, Additional /Optional Tour Costs, Hotel Mini Bar, other Sightseeing/Meals not stated in Itinerary.

#### **PAYMENTS:**

A non-refundable deposit of \$200 per person is required at the time of booking. The balance of the tour price is required 45 days prior to your travel date. If you book inside 45 days, full payment will be required at the time of booking. If you cancel between 21 and 45 days prior to your travel dates 30% of your tour cost will be charged. If you cancel between 8 and 20 days prior to your tour departure you will be charged 50% of your tour cost. Cancellations within 7 days of departures will incur a 100% cancellation charge.

#### **CONTACT DETAILS:**

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