

Catlins and Stewart Island Tour

12th - 21st Nov 2022



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This Spring we are excited to be able to offer you the chance to explore the Catlins and Stewart Island (Rakiura)
Our tour starts in Dunedin and ends in Christchurch. Although, those who wish could fly home from Queenstown.

I will be the driver of our 12-seater Mercedes vehicle which will have lots of luggage space for purchases made along the way.

This is a leisurely paced tour with several 2-night stays and very few longer driving days. We have allowed time to explore lesser travelled roads like the coast road around the Catlins and via Riverton and Tuatapere to Manapouri.

We have included breakfast daily and 5 dinners. We have purposely not included all evening meals as we find that our guests like the freedom to make your own dining choice some of the time.

This tour is limited to 12 passengers and we anticipate it will fill quite quickly so I recommend you send in your booking form with deposit as soon as you can.

We haven't included transport costs to and from the South Island to give you more flexibility – you may wish to fly down ahead of the tour or stay on longer or you may wish to use frequent flyer points to purchase airfares. Or you may be from the South Island and will drive to meet us. However, we are more than happy to make your transport bookings for you if you wish.

I am very much looking forward to travelling with you.

Pauline Norrish



Sat 12th Nov Dunedin (d)

Arrive in Dunedin at your convenience. We will be there to meet you off your flight and transfer you to your central city hotel. Depending on everyone's arrival time, we will plan a tour of Dunedin with the time available to us this afternoon.

This evening we will enjoy a welcome dinner together at our hotel.

Overnight and dinner Distinction Leisure Lodge

Sun 13th Nov Dunedin - Kaka Point (b)

After breakfast this morning we will depart Dunedin to the Catlins region on the south east coast to the island. The Catlins is a rugged, scenic coastline that stretches for 170 km from Balclutha to Invercargill. Today we will travel as far south as Owaka (the place of the canoe), the largest town in the Catlins. After having time to explore Owaka we will follow the coast back to Nugget Point where you will have the chance to walk to the Lighthouse. This has been described as a 15 min walk on a gentle track. When we are ready, we will leave Nugget Point to continue on up the coast to Kaka Point where we will stay the night. There are a number of great restaurants/cafes nearby where we can enjoy dinner.

Overnight Kaka Point Motel

Mon 14th Nov Kaka Point - Oban (Stewart Is) (b,d)

After breakfast we will continue our journey through the Catlins making stops at Curio Bay to see the fascinating fossilised forest and nearby Porpoise Bay where it is often possible to see Hector dolphins playing in the surf. Then on to Waipapa to see another beautiful lighthouse before continuing on to Invercargill airport to catch our late afternoon flight to Stewart Island.

This evening we will enjoy dinner together at the South Sea hotel on the waterfront of Oban township. Accommodation – Bay Motel



Tues 15th Nov Oban, Stewart Is (b)

After breakfast served in our units, we will enjoy a very personalized tour of Oban and the surrounding area with local Stewart Islander, Greg. We will depart in two groups, first group at 8.30 am and the second group will have more leisurely start with departure at 10.00 am. After this tour there will be time for some lunch before meeting up at the wharf for our Ulva Island boat cruise and nature walk. Our 2 ¼ hour trip will include a cruise on beautiful Paterson inlet and a 45 min guided walk on Ulva Island Wildlife Sanctuary.

After disembarking from this tour you might be able to include a visit to the Rakiura Museum before it closes at 4.00 pm, if you didn't manage to get to visit it this morning.

The balance of the day and evening are yours to enjoy as you please. If you enjoy Blue Cod you might want to buy take aways from the Kai Kart or return to the South Sea hotel and pub for dinner.

NB There is an option this evening to join the Wild Kiwi Encounter tour which departs Halfmoon bay, by catamaran, at 7.30 pm to cruise to Little Glory Cove from where you will walk on a well-formed track for approx. 45 min to a secluded sandy beach where kiwi are often found feeding amongst the grasses and seaweed.

Afterwards retrace your steps back to Little Glory Wharf for your cruise back to Oban. The price is \$215.00 pp. This will be a small group with 8 per guide and a max of 16 total. There is a "Kiwi Guarantee", if you don't see a kiwi you will be refunded 20% of the ticket price.

Wed 16th Nov Oban - Invercargill (b,d)



After breakfast we will leave for the airfield to catch our 9.30 am flight back to Invercargill where we will have the balance of the day to enjoy this surprising southern gem. This day is yours and we will arrange the day to suit everyone's interest. The Bill Richardson Museum is a truly wonderful place to visit, even for those not interested in vehicles. Queens Park is a magnificent public park in the heart of the city, winning many awards over the years and most recently the 2021 most outstanding Park in New Zealand award. If anyone is interested, we can also do a run down to Bluff.

Overnight at the Kelvin hotel with dinner.

Thurs 17th Nov

Invercargill - Te Anau

(b, d)

After breakfast at our hotel, we will leave Invercargill to travel West on the Southern Scenic Route to Riverton. Known locally as the "Riviera of the South", Riverton has a unique arty, surfy, agricultural flavour with cute shops and boutique cafes. From Riverton we will continue on to Tuatapere, the self-proclaimed sausage capital of New Zealand and the stepping off point for many wilderness activities in Fiordland National Park. A slight detour will give us the chance to see the longest suspension bridge in New Zealand at Clifden before continuing on to Manapouri on the shores of Lake Manapouri, the 2nd deepest lake in New Zealand. Before arriving in Te Anau we will stop to enjoy a visit at the Te Anau Bird Sanctuary where you have a chance to see the star of the show, the Takahe. The sanctuary supports the Takahe Recovery program by raising chicks which are released into predator controlled wild homes at 1 years of age. Overnight and dinner at Distinction Luxmore Hotel

Fri 18th Nov

Te Anau - Queenstown

(b, d)

Those who wish can join a tour to Milford or Doubtful Sound today. Your tour will end in Queenstown with a drop off at our hotel. There is also the possibility of joining a scenic Seaplane or helicopter flight in the area, with Fiordland National Park being described as one of the most beautiful places on earth! Our journey continues on to Queenstown where we will stay for the next two nights. Overnight and group dinner Heritage Hotel



Sat 19th Nov

Queenstown

(b)

Today is free for you to enjoy as you please, perhaps a cruise across the Lake for lunch at Walter Peak Station or just relax and enjoy this beautiful town. If enough people are interested, we could take our van over the Crown Range to Cardrona for lunch at the Cardrona hotel. This evening you will be spoilt for choice from the many excellent restaurants and cafes available to you for dinner.

Sun 20th Nov

Queenstown - Ashburton

(b)

Those who would like to fly home from Queenstown will leave us today. The rest of us have a lovely drive ahead of us via Cromwell, the Lindis Pass, Omarama, Tekapo and Geraldine before reaching Ashburton for our overnight stay. Drop offs can be arranged along the way for those who live in the South. Overnight Taylors Motel

Mon 21st Nov

Ashburton - Christchurch (home)

(b)

After breakfast we will depart for Christchurch airport for our flights home

If you wish to stay on in Christchurch, we are happy to book accommodation for you.

Price:	Depart Queenstown	Depart Christchurch
Share twin pp	\$2799.00	\$2999.00
Single rate:	\$3875.00	\$3965.00

Includes:

- Transport by private touring Mini bus
- 8- or 9-nights' accommodation in 3-4 star hotels and motels
- Breakfast daily, 5 dinners.
- All sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Services of a tour leader traveling with the group throughout.

Not included:

- Meals other than those included in the package.
- Transport to and from South Island
- Items of a personal nature

The tour package is calculated using fares and rates available now and based on a minimum number of 10.

BOOKINGS

To secure a place in the group please return a completed application form with deposit of \$250.00 to Toucan Tours & Travel Ltd, as soon as possible. Balance is due by 10th October 2022

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Conditions of Travel

Toucan Tours & Travel Limited ("Toucan") co-ordinates travel arrangements and undertakes to perform these services with reasonable care and skill. Toucan takes care to ensure that services arranged are of a high standard but will only be responsible for any loss or damage which results from the act or omission of Toucan, its employees or agents.

Deposit

A booking will be accepted when Toucan has received your deposit of \$250.00 per person and your completed booking form. The balance of the Tour price will be due by 10th October 2022

Cancellation

If you cancel your booking in writing, all monies will be refunded less a cancellation fee. For cancellation up to 40 days prior to departure, cancellation fee is the deposit; for cancellation 40-21 days prior to departure, the cancellation fee is 50% of the tour price; for cancellation less than 21 days prior to departure, full tour price may be charged. This will be different if the tour is cancelled due to a unforeseen Covid lockdown. In this case it is likely that almost all money will be refunded to us.

Itinerary

All prices quoted are subject to change due to hotel rate fluctuations, group number and unforeseen circumstances. Toucan has made tour plans with care and in good faith but may, when circumstances require it, alter those plans. Any changes made to tour itinerary or cost will be notified to tour members accordingly.

Tour Conduct

Toucan reserves the right, in the last resort, to require any person to withdraw from the tour if Toucan deems that persons conduct to be offensive or incompatible with the comfort of other tour members, and Toucan shall be under no further obligation to that person.

Accommodation

The tour price includes accommodation on a twin share basis (unless otherwise stated). For clients travelling alone, a single supplement is payable, however we may be able to assist with sharing arrangements.

Tour Cancellation

In the event of insufficient bookings before commencement of the tour, Toucan reserves the right to cancel the tour with a full refund. However, Toucan may provide an amended cost for the tour to proceed with fewer numbers, subject to the tour members' agreement.

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BOOKING FORM

Title _____ Full Name _____ DOB _____

Address _____

E-MAIL _____ Phone _____ Mobile: _____

Single Room / Twin Share / Double Room (Please circle)

I would like to share a room with _____

Do you have any special requirements? (Meals, Medical Condition.

Smoker / Non-smoker (Please circle)

Would you like to add individual travel plans to the beginning or end of this tour? Yes / No

Next of Kin (in case of emergency):

Name: _____ Relationship to you _____

E-mail: _____ ph: _____

Address: _____ Mob ph: _____

This information is collected for the purpose of making travel arrangements and enabling us to contact you. The information held about you can be accessed by you and corrected at any time.

Please register my interest in the South of the South Tour. I advise that I am happy to make a deposit of \$100 at time of booking. Balance of payment of by 10th October 2022

Signature _____ Date _____

Please return with deposit made payable to Toucan Tours & Travel, to:
Bank a/c ASB 12-3048-0230191-00

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