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Stewart Island

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Island
Experience

Visitor Guide, New Zealand

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New Zealand's
southern-most
island

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Explore Stewart Island with us...

Located at the southern tip of New Zealand, just one hour ferry ride from Bluff, is New Zealand's ultimate eco-tourism destination – Stewart Island.

New Zealand's third island is remote, rugged and friendly. With forested hills descending to a coastline of rocky outcrops and golden sand beaches, it's a natural refuge for marine and bird life. Stewart Island is famous for colourful sunsets giving rise to its Māori name Rakiura – land of the glowing skies.

Visit the island for a day or take the time to explore with a longer stay. There's plenty to see and do. Relax and enjoy the coastal scenery or explore on an independent or guided basis. Bring your hiking boots as Rakiura National Park is a walker's paradise.

Stewart Island's small township Oban offers everything you'll need during your stay, including accommodation ranging from backpacker hostels to lodges. At the local restaurants be sure to try the fresh seafood – blue cod, crayfish and of course, the world famous Bluff oysters.

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Stewart Island Ferry Services

🕒 1hr duration (one way)

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free
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While most visitors spend at least one night on Stewart Island, it's also readily accessible as a day trip from Invercargill, Bluff or Queenstown. There's plenty to do.

You'll cruise across Foveaux Strait aboard our comfortable catamaran. During your trip, keep an eye out along the way for wildlife, particularly sea birds such as the mollymawk (albatross) and the titi.

Interesting landmarks commonly seen include Dog Island Lighthouse, Ruapuke Island, Titi Islands and Mt Anglem – Stewart Island's highest point.

Our friendly staff provide informative commentary and will point out highlights.

- Year round daily scheduled service
- Complimentary tea and coffee served on board



Departs - Arrives

Season

Bluff to Stewart Island*

8am - 9am	26 Dec - 7 Jan
9.45am - 10.45am	Daily
11am - 12noon	Oct - Apr
1.30pm - 2.30pm	Dec - Mar
4.30pm - 5.30pm	May - Sep
5.15pm - 6.15pm	Oct - Apr

Stewart Island to Bluff*

8am - 9am	Daily
9.30am - 10.30am	26 Dec - 7 Jan
12noon - 1pm	Dec - Mar
3pm - 4pm	May - Sep
3.30pm - 4.30pm	Oct - Apr
5pm - 6pm	Oct - Apr

*Note: Luggage limits apply.



Coach Connections



Stewart Island Experience offers seamless coach connections to Stewart Island via Bluff.

From Invercargill

Pick-up and drop-off available all year from Invercargill i-SITE Visitor Centre, Tuatara Backpackers and Invercargill Airport.

From Te Anau & Queenstown

Coach connections depart daily (Nov - Apr) from Real Journeys Visitor Centres in Queenstown – Steamer Wharf or Te Anau – Lakefront Drive.

Bluff Vehicle Parking

Vehicle parking is available in the area adjacent to our Bluff Visitor Terminal. Pre-booking recommended.

Stewart Island Coach Transfers

On Stewart Island our minibus transfers provide convenient connections between the ferry terminal and local accommodation.

Coach & Ferry Services

Departs - Arrives	Season
Invercargill to Stewart Island	
Pick up one hour prior to ferry departing Bluff, all year	
Stewart Island to Invercargill	
Drop off 45mins after ferry arrival in Bluff, all year	
Te Anau to Stewart Island	
7.05am - 12noon	Nov – Apr
Stewart Island to Te Anau	
8am - 1.20pm	Nov – Apr
Queenstown to Stewart Island	
7.30am - 12noon	Nov – Apr
Stewart Island to Queenstown	
3.30pm - 8pm	Nov – Apr



Ulva Island Explorer

 2hrs 45mins duration

Enjoy a leisurely cruise of beautiful Paterson Inlet and a guided walk of Ulva Island Wildlife Sanctuary.

This cruise showcases some stunning scenery, hidden coves and unspoilt beaches. Your guide is passionate about this area, provides informative commentary and is more than happy to answer questions. While on board, keep a look out for fur seals and penguins – we see a lot of them around.

At Ulva Island enjoy a guided walk. The island is home to weka (native woodhen), bush robins, rare saddlebacks and yellowheads amongst other species. It is also a protected habitat for some of New Zealand's rarest plant species.

- Cruise on board our purpose built vessel the Rakiura Explorer
- 45 minute guided bush walk included
- Local Nature Guide provides interesting commentary
- Delicious Picnic Lunches available (please pre-order)

Departs - Returns	Season
12.45pm - 3.15pm	Oct - Apr
12noon - 2.45pm	May & Sep
4pm - 7pm	Nov - Mar*

**Includes a complimentary drink, cheese and crackers.*



Wild Kiwi Encounter

 4hrs duration

Cruise at dusk to Little Glory Cove for an opportunity to encounter Southern Brown kiwi in the wild.



Stewart Island is home to the Rakiura tokoeka, one of the largest variants of the Southern Brown kiwi. Departing at dusk you'll cruise across Paterson Inlet to Little Glory Cove, learning about the islands rich history along the way.

Your Nature Guide will lead you through spectacular coastal forest by torchlight to a secluded sandy beach. Here in the darkness kiwi are often found searching for food among the grasses and seaweed.

Afterwards retrace your steps back through the forest for your catamaran ride back to Oban.

What's included

- Scenic evening cruise across Paterson Inlet
- Guided bush walk by torchlight (approx two hours total)
- Learn about birdlife, flora and fauna from our experienced Nature Guide
- Small groups (eight per guide, max of 16 per trip)
- Complimentary tea and coffee on board
- Torch lights are supplied

Did you know?

The Rakiura tokoeka (Southern Brown kiwi) is found on Stewart Island. They stand approximately 40cm tall, weigh four kilograms and their beak is 18-20cm long. Tokoeka means "weka with a walking stick" which references their long beak. The kiwi is the only bird in the world with external nostrils at the tip of its beak. They build burrows like a badger and sleep standing up.



Departs – Returns	Season
5.30pm - 9.30pm	Sep
7pm - 11pm	Oct
7.30pm - 11.30pm	Nov & Mar
8.30pm - 12.30am	Dec - Feb
5pm - 9pm	Apr
4.30pm - 8.30pm	May

Note: Minimum age 15 years. Depart/return times may vary depending on sunset, weather and kiwi behaviour. A moderate level of fitness is required.

Village & Bays Tours

 1hr 30mins duration

Explore Oban village and its surrounding bays in a modern minibus with a local guide.



Unspoiled, incredibly beautiful, and steeped in stories, Stewart Island is well worth this informative introduction. You will have plenty of time to get off the bus for photo stops and short walks along the way.

Highlights include

- A visit to the gateway to Rakiura National Park at Lee Bay
- Beautiful Horseshoe Bay
- Observation Rock with its stunning views of Paterson Inlet

Departs - Returns	Season
11am - 12.30pm	Daily
1pm - 2.30pm	Daily
4pm - 5.30pm	Oct - Apr

Rental Services

Taking the time to explore Stewart Island's secluded beaches and bush walks on your own is a rewarding experience. With less than 30 kilometres of sealed roads on the entire Island there's minimal traffic and it's difficult to get lost.

Available for hire



Cars




Motor
scooters



Mountain
bikes

Collect from the Red Shed, and talk to our local staff for some great suggestions about the best places to visit.

Guided Walks

 2hrs duration

Join a small group on a two hour guided walk and immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of Stewart Island.

- Small groups (eight per guide)
- Specialist Nature Guide
- See native birds and plants
- Learn about preserving wildlife species

Departs – Returns

Season

4pm - 6pm

Oct - Mar

Note: Minimum age 14 years & minimum numbers apply (four adults).



KERERU (WOOD PIGEON)



KEA

\$5 per guided walker is donated to Stewart Island Rakiura Community and Environment Trust.

“A truly magical spot.”

TRIP ADVISOR

Just five minutes walk from the village centre, the Lodge is private and secluded with commanding views across Halfmoon Bay and Foveaux Strait.

The Lodge's extensive grounds are home to many native birds, including kaka (native parrots), which may be viewed from the terrace. In the evening, the guest lounge or outdoor terrace provides the perfect place to relax. Restaurants are available in the village for evening dining. A small kitchen is also available for guest use. Each morning a continental breakfast is served in the dining room.



Stewart Island is a haven for nature lovers, walkers and outdoor adventurers.

- » Six king or twin bedrooms, all with ensuites
- » Communal guest lounge with great views
- » Continental breakfast provisions included
- » Complimentary pick up from ferry or flight depot
- » TVs in all rooms
- » Tea / coffee making facilities available in-room

Accessible by ferry from Bluff (one hour) and small plane from Invercargill. Both options have several departures daily.



Open August - May (check in 12noon, check out 10am)

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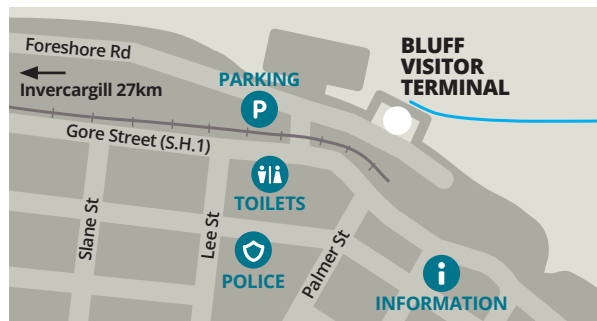
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Oban, Stewart Island



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