

# Southern Odyssey: Stewart Island & The Catlins

# MoaTours

small group escapes  
for mature travellers

Queenstown - Gore - Invercargill - Bluff - Stewart Island/Rakiura - The Catlins -  
Kaka Point - Dunedin

## What's Included:

- Fully inclusive of all meals, accommodation, activities and return flights ex Auckland. We can book flights from your closest airport instead, just contact us for details.
- Small group (maximum of 18 travellers), it's like travelling with a group of friends
- Designed especially for mature travellers
- Experienced and knowledgeable Kiwi Guide

## Day 1:

### Fly to Queenstown – Mandeville – Gore – Invercargill

Leaving Queenstown, we check out the vintage aircraft at Croydon Aviation Heritage Centre and restoration workshop in Mandeville. In Gore sample a dram of whisky at the Hokonui Moonshine Museum and visit the Eastern Southland Gallery. Stay and dine at Ascot Hotel.

## Day 2:

### Invercargill – Bluff – Fly to Stewart Island/Rakiura

It's all about the wheels at Bill Richardson's Transport World, Classic Motorcycles and Burt Munro's Indian Scout. We take a photo at the Bluff sign, then fly across Foveaux Strait to Stewart Island where we stay two nights at Bay Motel and South Sea Hotel.

## Day 3:

### Stewart Island/Rakiura sightseeing – Rakiura National Park – Ulva Island

We tour Oban and the surrounding bays including the gateway to Rakiura National Park. Then cruise the sheltered waters of beautiful Paterson Inlet to land at Ulva Island for a guided tour of this world acclaimed bird sanctuary before returning to Oban.

## Day 4:

### Stewart Island/Rakiura – Invercargill – Catlins – Kaka Point

We fly back to Invercargill and drive through The Catlins to Waipapa Point, Curio Bay's petrified forest and Porpoise Bay. We lunch at Niagara Cafe and have fun winding "rustic automata" at The Lost Gypsy Gallery in Papatowai. Overnight at Kaka Point Motel and nearby B&Bs.

## Day 5:

### Kaka Point – Royal Albatross colony, Otago Peninsula – Dunedin

Enjoy the spectacular views from Nugget Point/Tokata Lighthouse. On the Otago Peninsula we visit the Royal Albatross Centre, the only mainland albatross colony in the world. We dine in and stay two nights at The Southern Cross Hotel.

## Day 6:

### Dunedin – Olveston House – Signal Hill – Carey's Bay

We visit Olveston House with its time capsule of treasures and drive the street art trail. The Octagon, steep Baldwin Street, Signal Hill, lunch at Carey's Bay historic hotel and the Tropical Forest butterfly house are all on the itinerary.

## Day 7:

### Dunedin sightseeing – Larnach Castle – Return flight

We drive along the Otago Peninsula this morning to visit Larnach Castle and find out about the chequered early history of this local landmark. We visit Toitu Otago Settlers Museum and lunch nearby before heading for the airport.

MoaTours reserves the right to amend or alter this itinerary where necessary.

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