



Riverton Harbour
Venture Southland

»» Southland & Stewart Island



OUTDOOR ADVENTURES IN A PICTURESQUE LANDSCAPE OF GREEN ROLLING HILLS, TEMPERATE RAINFOREST AND CLEAN RIVERS RUNNING WITH TROUT.

INVERCARGILL, MAIN CENTRE OF THE SOUTHLAND REGION, IS RENOWNED FOR ITS EXCELLENT MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY – HOME TO A COLONY OF TUATARA.

INDULGE IN SUPERB FRESH PRODUCE FROM THE REGION'S LUSH FARMLAND AND RICH COASTLINE SERVED WITH RENOWNED SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY.

ON STEWART ISLAND, AN UNSPOILT PARADISE OF COASTLINE, FOREST AND ABUNDANT WILDLIFE, VISITORS CAN WATCH WILD KIWI FORAGING ON THE BEACH AT DUSK.

NEW ZEALAND'S SOUTHERNMOST REGION IS A TRANQUIL AND UNSPOILT PART OF THE COUNTRY OFFERING EXCELLENT TROUT FISHING, HIKING AND UNFORGETTABLE WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS IN A LUSH LANDSCAPE OF ROLLING HILLS AND FOREST.

»» ACTIVITIES

Take the opportunity to experience an up-close encounter with some of New Zealand's remarkable native species.

- Visit the Southland Museum and Art Gallery to see New Zealand's largest breeding colony of Tuatara, a unique reptile that can live for over 100 years
- Catch a ferry to Stewart Island where you can hike in Rakiura National Park, explore the quaint harbour settlement of Oban and spot wild Kiwi
- Travel to Nugget Point where the abundant wildlife includes penguins, sea lions, seals and dolphins

The unspoilt landscape of the Southland region lends itself to enjoying outdoor adventure or sampling some of the colourful local cultural history.

- Join a local guide and go fishing for trout on the Mataura River – this is one of the nation's most abundant Brown Trout fisheries
- Visit the Hokonui Moonshine Museum in Gore and revisit Southland's colourful 'moonshine' days
- Hike the Hump Ridge Track at Tuatapere – a 53-kilometre, three-day walk through rainforest and along a rugged coastline

»» DINING & DRINKING

Invercargill is a cosmopolitan centre boasting a good selection of restaurants – and the local student population ensures there is a lively nightlife. The lush farmland of the region along with a rich coastline famous for its seafood provide the raw ingredients for great cuisine. Southland is particularly famous for its Bluff Oysters – the season runs from April until August and every year a festival is held in honour of the delicacy. Blue Cod, Stewart Island Salmon and mussels are other local specialties.

»» GETTING THERE & AROUND

Invercargill is an 8.5-hour drive from Christchurch. It is 3 hours, 10 minutes south of Dunedin on State Highway 1. Several coach companies offer regular scheduled transport to the region. Invercargill Airport offers scheduled daily flights from Christchurch Airport – flying time is approximately 1 hour, 10 minutes.

Within the region, flights are available from Invercargill to Stewart Island. The Stewart Island Ferry Service sails across Foveaux Strait from Bluff to Half Moon Bay on Stewart Island. Renting a car in Invercargill enables visitors to explore picturesque out-of-the-way spots.

»» QUICK REFERENCE

- Invercargill Airport offers regular scheduled flights from Christchurch Airport. Scheduled daily flights operate from Invercargill to Stewart Island.
- Invercargill is located 573 km from Christchurch via Dunedin (an 8.5-hour drive).
- Main regional centres on the mainland include Invercargill, Gore, Bluff, Winton and Riverton. On Stewart Island, the main settlement is Oban in Halfmoon Bay.

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»» Best of Walking

THE COMBINATION OF INCREDIBLE SCENERY, PRISTINE WILDERNESS AND A TEMPERATE CLIMATE ENSURES THAT WALKING – WHETHER IT'S A SCENIC WALK OR A MULTI-DAY HIKE – REMAINS A HUGE POPULAR ACTIVITY FOR VISITORS.

- New Zealand's most famous hiking trail, the Milford Track in Fiordland, follows monumental glacial valleys, passing through lush temperate rainforest and sub-alpine landscapes.
- The Routeburn Track is a popular track linking Mt Aspiring National Park with Fiordland National Park, passing waterfalls and lakes along the way.
- Tuatapere Hump Ridge Track in Southland is one of the newer Great Walks and it climbs to 890 metres above sea level, offering superb views of the Southern Ocean.
- The Queen Charlotte Track in Marlborough is an appealing coastal trail that winds its way through forest, offering glimpses of sparkling inlets.
- The Abel Tasman Coastal Track in Nelson is a popular track offering a fantastic mix of forest walking and golden sand beaches – water taxis are able to drop walkers into the park.
- Take a guided glacier walk on the West Coast – the lowest temperate zone glaciers in the Southern Hemisphere, they are remarkably accessible.
- Walk the Summit Road Walkway in Christchurch's Port Hills for fantastic views across Lyttelton Harbour and the Canterbury Plains.
- Climb up Mount Roy at Wanaka, a challenging 3-hour hike that rewards walkers with superb views of Mount Aspiring and Lake Wanaka.
- Enjoy an easy stroll around the Botanic Gardens and Hagley Park in central Christchurch to see for yourself why this is known as the 'Garden City'.
- Join a guided walk in Aoraki Mt Cook National Park to see beautiful alpine flower meadows in the shadow of New Zealand's highest mountain.
- Banks Peninsula Track at Akaroa is a private trail featuring excellent facilities and spectacular coastal scenery.