

CULTURAL HERITAGE *Itinerary*

Queenstown - Northern Southland - Gore - Invercargill

DAY ONE

Queenstown - Gore

Day One

Travel south from Queenstown on State Highway One and take time to explore some of the highlights of the Northern Southland Heritage Trail.

Climb aboard the Kingston Flyer steam train and indulge in the luxury of a bygone era.

Stop in Garston, Athol or Lumsden for some arts and crafts.

Spend the night at a farmstay or travel on to Gore, ready for your next day of history and culture.

DAY TWO

Gore - Invercargill

Day Two

For an exhilarating start to the day, visit Croydon Aircraft Company and view restoration of historic aircraft - then take a joyride in a tiger moth!

The Gore Arts & Heritage Precinct offers a fascinating insight into Eastern Southland's past and the time of the illicit whisky distilling in the Hokonui Hills. The Hokonui Moonshine Museum traces this history in an interesting and captivating way.

Next, view the Dr John Money art collection and works by leading New Zealand artist, Ralph Hotere - wonderful treasures you may not have expected to find in this rural town.

Either spend the night in Gore, or travel on to Invercargill.

DAY THREE

Invercargill - Riverton

Day Three

Begin the morning exploring the Southland Museum & Art Gallery in order to gain a great insight into the history of the Southland region. Don't miss the 'Roaring 40s' display and the live tuatarium.

A visit to Anderson Park Art Gallery is also a must. This art gallery was gifted to the city by the Anderson family in 1951.

Enjoy a leisurely lunch, then wander the streets and marvel at the wonderful architectural examples of Edwardian, Victorian and art deco styles in the city centre.

In the early afternoon, take a short drive out to Riverton and view Te Hiko Cultural Heritage Centre for an insight into the early settlement of the area. The opening film sets the scene and the displays are engaging and informative.

Before you leave Riverton to return to Invercargill, take a drive around the rocks and enjoy the views over a relaxing coffee.

NB: For details of transport, activity and accommodation to support this itinerary, please refer to the relevant region of the manual.

