

Itinerary for Stewart Island, Southland

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The view from Oban, Stewart Island



	<p>There is a lot to see and do on Stewart Island and we recommend you stay for at least one night. If you are looking for accommodation options these can be found via www.southlandnz.com and our Southland Trade Manual.</p>
	<p>Transport options to Stewart Island</p>
<p>Option One:</p>	<p>Fly to Stewart Island with Stewart Island Flights</p> <p>Stewart Island Flights Stewart Island Flights operate scheduled daily flights between Invercargill Airport and Oban, Stewart Island. The flight is quick – only 20 minutes, and it’s comfortable and very scenic. You will see panoramic views of Oreti Beach, the Port of Bluff and Stewart Island’s many bays, clear waters and offshore islands. Courtesy transport is provided from the airfield to Oban. Please note there is a luggage weight limit of 15kg. Excess baggage can be stored at the Stewart Island Flights office if needed. On arrival, Stewart Island Flights will transfer you to Oban.</p> <p>Contact: Raymond Hector Invercargill Airport Terminal 106 Airport Avenue Invercargill Tel: +64 3 218 9129 Email: info@stewartislandflights.com www.stewartislandflights.com</p>
<p>Option Two:</p>	<p>Travel by ferry to Stewart Island with Stewart Island Experience</p> <p>Stewart Island Experience Ferry Service A comfortable one hour catamaran ferry service that runs across Foveaux Strait from Bluff in the South Island to Oban on Stewart Island. There are daily departures – schedules vary depending on season and vehicle storage is available adjacent to Bluff Visitor Terminal. Our vessels are wheelchair accessible. Luggage is limited to two bags per person (one stowed and one small carry-on; extra goods by arrangement). Sailing duration: 1 hour.</p> <p>During the crossing keep an eye out for wildlife especially seabirds such as the Mollymawk and Titi.</p> <p>Contact information: Bluff Visitor Terminal 21 Foreshore Road, Bluff Ph: +64 3 212 8080 www.stewartislandexperience.co.nz</p>

	Day Activity Suggestions
Option one:	<p>Village & Bays Tour with Stewart Island Experience</p> <p>Explore Oban and the surrounding bays and gain an entertaining insight into the community, history and environment of Stewart Island. Stewart Island Experience guides enjoy sharing their local knowledge and there is plenty of time available for photo stops and short walks. Highlights include the Rakiura National Park entrance at Lee Bay, beautiful Horseshoe Bay and stunning views of Paterson Inlet from Observation Rock.</p> <p>CONTACT DETAILS Marilyn Spinks Stewart Island Visitor Terminal Main Wharf Stewart Island Tel: +64 3 219 0034 Email: info@sie.co.nz www.stewartislandexperience.co.nz</p>
Option two:	<p>Paterson Inlet Cruise with Stewart Island Experience</p> <p>A leisurely catamaran cruise around the hidden coves and unspoilt beaches of Paterson Inlet with a 45 minute guided walk on renowned bird sanctuary Ulva Island. This 2 hour 45 minute experience also takes in the historic whalers' base at Prices Inlet.</p> <p>CONTACT DETAILS Marilyn Spinks Stewart Island Visitor Terminal Main Wharf Stewart Island Tel: +64 3 219 0034 Email: info@sie.co.nz www.stewartislandexperience.co.nz</p>



<p>Option three:</p>	<p>Marine Nature Cruise with Stewart Island Experience An exploration of Stewart Island’s rich marine life from above and below the waterline. This area is home to fur seals and great white sharks, sightings of albatross, titi and other seabirds are also common. The 2.5 hour Marine Nature Cruise with on-board nature guide includes 45 minutes on a semi-submersible vessel to view the underwater kelp forests and fish species.</p> <p>CONTACT DETAILS Marilyn Spinks Stewart Island Visitor Terminal Main Wharf Stewart Island Tel: +64 3 219 0034 Email: info@sie.co.nz www.stewartislandexperience.co.nz</p>
<p>Option four:</p>	<p>Beautiful Birding and Botany with Ulva’s Guided Walks Ulva Island Bird Sanctuary is a unique predator-free environment, with easy walking tracks. Take time to enjoy and discover temperate Gondwanaland rainforest. The guides are experienced birding, wildlife and natural history specialists; they bring their love of this special Island to ensure our visitors receive a memorable experience. Discover our rare and endangered birds and plants at close quarters and take away the knowledge that you have glimpsed a part of a unique and primeval world. We meet at GOLDEN BAY WHARF for the 8 minute water taxi ride to Ulva Island bird sanctuary.</p> <p>CONTACT DETAILS Ulva Goodwillie PO Box 85 Stewart Island Tel: +64 3 219 1216 Email: ulva@ulva.co.nz www.ulva.co.nz</p>
<p>Option five:</p>	<p>Ruggedy Range™ Wilderness Experience – Ulva Island Birds and Forest The ultimate, unique insight into New Zealand’s amazing natural history and evolution, explore Ulva Island with genuine natural history guides on intimate small group tours, operating since 2000. Boat to Ulva Island aboard Aihe Eco Charters take time to view penguin and shorebirds. Walk easy tracks though lush primeval rainforest, view delicate ferns, mosses and wild orchids in season. Enjoy close views of rare and endangered birds, listen to exquisite birdsong. Absorb easy to understand, in depth information on birds, plants, ecology, Maori food and medicine.</p> <p>CONTACT DETAILS Location: 14 Main Road, Oban, Stewart Island 9846 Tel: +64 (0) 3 219 1066 Fax: +64 (0) 3 219 1066 Email: mail@ruggedyrange.com Website: www.ruggedyrange.com</p>

<p>Option six:</p>	<p>Mountain Bike, Scooter or Rental Car Hire from Real Journeys (Red Shed, Oban).</p> <p>Stewart Island is a fantastic place to explore independently. Stewart Island Experience has modern rental vehicles including cars and motor scooters which enable you to discover the stunning coastline and secluded communities at your own pace and in your own time.</p> <p>For the more adventurous, mountain bikes are very popular options. Ask their knowledgeable staff for a map and their advice as to how to make the most of your time on the island.</p> <p>A valid driver's licence is required for car and motor scooter hire and rentals are available from the Red Sheds near the main wharf.</p>
<p>Option seven:</p>	<p>Short Walks on Stewart Island</p> <p>Stewart Island offers walks for all different fitness levels and ability ranges where one can enjoy our diverse bush, birds, scenery and landforms. There are several easy walking tracks within the vicinity of Oban varying from 10 minutes to 3 hours.</p> <p>Please refer to the website www.stewartisland.co.nz for more information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observation Rock (15 min each way) • Fuchsia Walk/Raroa Reserve Track (30 min each way) • Golden Bay-Deep Bay (1 hr 30 min - 2 hr return) • Deep Bay - Ringaringa-Ringaringa Point (5 min short cut, or 1 hr via track) • Harrold Bay and Ackers Point Lighthouse (3 hr return) • Evening Cove (15 min Leask Bay - Ringaringa Road) • Fern Gully (2 hr return) • Ryan's Creek (3 hr - 4 hr return), Kaipipi Bay (add an extra 2 hr) • Bathing Beach (30 min return) • Cemetery (30 min return) • Moturau Moana (1 hr return) • Horseshoe Point (3 hr - 4 hr return) • Garden Mound - Little River - Lee Bay (4 hr - 5 hr return) • Maori Beach (6 - 7 hr return)



	Evening Activity Suggestions
<p>Option One:</p>	<p>Bravo Adventures Kiwi Spotting Tour The evening kiwi spotting excursion includes a twilight boat cruise to a remote area of Stewart Island. Take a short bush walk through native bush and spot the kiwi on a sandy beach as they feed amongst the kelp. This tour takes approximately 5 hours and is suitable for most levels of fitness.</p> <p>Please Note: This excursion is entirely weather permitting. You will need to call the operators to check kiwi spotting / departure times as these vary. Please wear sturdy footwear, warm clothes and bring a torch if you have one.</p> <p>Contact: Phil Smith PO Box 104 Stewart Island Tel: +64 3 219 1144 Email: info@kiwispotting.co.nz Website: www.kiwispotting.co.nz</p>
<p>Option Two:</p>	<p>A Local's Tail - Bunk House Theatre, Stewart Island A LOCAL'S TAIL, with love and laughter, introduces local characters, community colour, and the struggles and triumphs of the island pioneers, both past and present. Independent filmmakers, Stewart Island Bunkhouse Productions, launch this charming invitation to browse through the island's history, guided by a local dog.</p> <p>Facebook page - https://www.facebook.com/BunkhouseTheatre?ref=stream</p> <p>Contacts: Penny Golia & Pete Davis Mobile: 027 867 9381 10 Main Road OBAN</p> <p>NOTE – this activity is also available during the daytime.</p>

