

Itinerary for Stewart Island, Southland

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Mason Bay, 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
<p>Option one:</p>	<p>Ruggedy Range™ Island Culture Scenic Road Tour - With Ruggedy Range™ Wilderness Experience</p> <p>Stewart Island is rugged and largely unmodified - swathed in a rich rainforest overhanging the sea. From early Maori who arrived in the 13th century, and sealers and whalers who visited around 200 years ago a rich history has developed. Today there is only one village "Oban" service by only 28 kms of road in a tiny north eastern part of the Island.</p> <p>Our small group tour is an highly informative and entertaining introduction to Stewart Island, its colourful history, culture, places of interest and scenic beauty. Visit Oban Village and surrounding bays, on board our comfortable 10 seater mini-van, enjoy beautiful coastal scenery, visit Observation Rock, Lee Bay the entrance of Rakiura National Park and other scenic places. Excellent photo opportunities at key stopping points.</p> <p>CONTACT DETAILS Furhana Ahmad (Ms) (Owner / Operator - Natural History Guide) 14 Main Road, Oban, Stewart Island Tel: + 64 (0) 3 219 1066 Mob: + 64 (0) 274 784 433 Email: mail@ruggedyrange.com Website: www.ruggedyrange.com</p>
<p>Option two:</p>	<p>Lo Loma Fishing</p> <p>"Lo Loma" is a 40-ft fishing vessel, complete with all the comforts needed for a true fishing experience, with the opportunity to spot birds and sea life.- tea/coffee and all fishing equipment supplied. And, of course, a feed of fish to take home for dinner.</p> <p>CONTACT DETAILS Richard & Carolyn Squires 22A Peterson Hill Road Stewart Island Tel: +64 3 219 1141 Email: LoLoma_charters@hotmail.com</p>



<p>Option three:</p>	<p>Aihe – Paterson Inlet Wildlife Cruise Aihe Eco Charters offers a leisurely, rewarding and informative 2.5 hour cruise in Paterson Inlet for small groups of upto 10 persons. Aihe offers superb all round viewing with great photo opportunities.</p> <p>Our cruise is an excellent way to explore Paterson Inlet's coves and bays whilst seeking out wildlife encounters. We see penguins (little blue and occasional yellow-eyed) and shorebirds. Some seabirds including mollymawks may be present. Bottle-nosed dolphins make their occasional appearance. View other marine life including fish and jellyfish, through crystal clear waters near the shore.</p> <p>Our guides provide interesting commentary on the birds, marine life, geography and history of the Inlet. Tours are always personalised to suit the group and arranged around the weather and what nature has to offer.</p> <p>Conservation: We actively support the environment and also donate \$1.00 p.p. into our conservation fund.</p> <p>CONTACT DETAILS 14 Main Road, Oban, Stewart Island Phone: +64 3 219 1066 Email: mail@aihe.co.nz Website: www.aihe.co.nz</p>
<p>Option four:</p>	<p>Rakiura Museum The museum houses an extensive collection of items and photographs of Stewart Island's early history, including Maori settlement; muttonbirding; whaling; fishing; timber milling; mining; boat building; transport; schools and churches. Included in the exhibits is an extensive collection of Stewart Island shells and crustacea. Situated in Ayr Street opposite the Community Centre the museum is open Monday to Saturday 10a.m. till noon, Sunday noon – 2p.m</p> <p>CONTACT DETAILS Rakiura Museum Ayr Street Stewart Island Email: stewartislandmuseum@southlanddc.govt.nz</p>



<p>Option five:</p>	<p>Stewart Island Flights - Port William Excursion</p> <p>From Invercargill, experience a scenic flight to Stewart Island. Complete the first section of one of "New Zealand's Great Walks". This trip begins at Lee Bay, the official entry to the Rakiura National Park. Continue by foot along a well formed path for about an 1.5-2hrs to Maori Beach, the site of a 1913 timber mill.</p> <p>A further 1-1.5hrs brings you to your destination of Port William which is full of history, from early Maori Villages, sealing and whaling bases, the first police station in 1867 and much more. Add to all of this, a visually stunning environment!</p> <p>After enjoying Port William, sit back, relax and enjoy the view of the trek you have just completed aboard a water taxi on the gentle coastal waters back to Halfmoon Bay. Comfortable walking shoes and warm clothing a must</p> <p>Optional extras include a packed lunch and an overnight stay in Oban.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 20 minute scenic flight Invercargill to Stewart Island · Transfers from Oban to Lee Bay · 3 hour coastal / bush walk from Lee Bay to historic Port William · 30 minute water taxi transfer · Optional overnight(s) in Oban · Optional picnic lunch available (if pre-ordered) \$15 per person · For 2 - 9 adults · 20 minute scenic return flight Stewart Island to Invercargill <p>CONTACT DETAILS Location: 106 Airport Ave, Main Terminal Building, Invercargill Airport Postal Address: P O Box 860, Invercargill, 9810 Tel: +64 (0) 3 218 9129 Fax: +64 (0) 3 214 4681 Freephone: 0800 359 732 Email: info@stewartislandflights.com www.stewartislandflights.com</p>
<p>Option six:</p>	<p>For those people with more time on the island the Rakiura Track is a great way to explore Stewart Island.</p> <p>Rakiura Track</p> <p>Just a 20 minute flight from Invercargill or an hour by ferry from Bluff, Stewart Island/Rakiura is home to New Zealand's most southerly and newest national park, Rakiura National Park, and the Rakiura Track.</p> <p>Although the Rakiura Track is a 29 km tramping track, suitable for anyone with moderate fitness, the entire circuit is actually 36 km in total, including road walking. It takes three days, provides a good introduction to the scenery of Stewart Island and is suitable for tramping all year round.</p> <p>CONTACT DETAILS Department of Conservation Main Road Stewart Island Tel: +64 3 219 0009 Email: rakiuravc@doc.govt.nz www.doc.govt.nz</p>