



Stewart Island Winter Special

3 days / 2 nights Tour

From: \$489 per person

Stewart Island is a true nature's paradise and offers a special experience - a glimpse into a simpler, slower lifestyle, in rhythm with the sea and the tides. 85% of the island's 1570 square kilometres is a National Park – Rakiura National Park. Stewart Island also has a Dark Sky Sanctuary accreditation by the International Dark Sky Association. Whether you want to enjoy the land, sea and night-scapes, view the wildlife, walk, boat, fish, dive, kayak, hunt or just relax - a Stewart Island holiday is an experience that you will treasure for ever and a must-do experience.

Day 1 Bluff to Stewart Island

Your journey starts in Bluff where you will board the Ferry to Stewart Island. Experience Foveaux Strait onboard an express catamaran. During the one-hour crossing on the Stewart Island Ferry between Bluff and Oban keep a lookout for wildlife, especially seabirds. Comprehensive commentaries provide information on the interesting landmarks commonly seen, including Dog Island Lighthouse, Ruapuke Island, the Titi Islands and Mt Anglem - Stewart Island's highest point. After crossing Foveaux Strait and arriving at Oban – the main settlement on Stewart Island you will be transferred to the Bay Motel.

This afternoon explore Oban and the surrounding bays in a mini-bus tour. Experienced guides enjoy sharing their local knowledge of the history and environment of Stewart Island with you. Gain an insight into New Zealand's southernmost community. Stewart Islanders are proud of their island, enjoying its simpler, slower pace. Highlights include Lee Bay, the gateway to Rakiura National Park and stunning views of Paterson Inlet from Observation Rock during this 1 hour 30 minute tour. On return to the motel you have the afternoon free to relax.

Day 2 Ulva Island Tour

Ulva Island (Te Wharawhara), is renowned for its diverse and abundant birdlife with a forest dominated by Rimu, Southern Rata and Kamahi, surrounded by marine reserve. It was visited by Ngai Tahu Maori as part of their food gathering trips and in the 1890s it became one of New Zealand's first reserves. This 267 hectare island is now predator free, allowing the bird and plantlife to thrive. Today you will be guided by a Stewart Island local, who has the knowledge and know how to take you through Ulva Island, with abundant and colourful birdlife and the impressive forest. You will be transferred to Ulva Island by water taxi before having an informative and interesting walk on this unique island. Returning to the motel around midday where you have the rest of the afternoon to relax and enjoy the beauty of your surroundings.

Day 3 Stewart Island to Bluff

Today it is time to depart this paradise island and return to real life. Board the catamaran and enjoy the cruise across the Strait to Bluff.

Bay Motel Stewart Island

With panoramic views of the Tasman Sea, Bay Motel overlooks Halfmoon Bay on Stewart Island. All units have views of Half Moon Bay or the surrounding bush. Enjoy the view from your balcony, listening to the local birdlife.



Optional Stewart Island add on, includes an extra night on Stewart Island:

Free day to explore – optional activities (fishing, bush walks, kayaking)

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Today is yours to enjoy how you see fit. You could visit the museum, walk the short tracks, stroll around the bush clad streets – so much to see. Hire a bike – push yourself or choose an electric one. Great beaches to explore and a cool way to get there. Create your own pendant out of pounamu (greenstone) with Dave at Rakiura Jade or hire a kayak and explore the bays in this pristine nature's playground.



TOUR INCLUSIONS:

Stewart Island, Ulva Island, Orientation Tour, Stewart Island Return Ferry

Two nights accommodation at Bay Motel including Continental Breakfast Daily (B)
Sightseeing includes

- Stewart Island Return Ferry
- Orientation tour
- Ulva Island Guided Tour incl Water Taxi

DOC Concessions where applicable included

TOUR EXCLUSIONS:

Domestic Air Fares, Additional /Optional Tour Costs, Sightseeing/Meals not stated in Itinerary

PAYMENTS:

A non-refundable deposit of \$250 per person is required at the time of booking. The balance of the package price is required 45 days prior to your travel date. If you book inside 45 days, full payment will be required at the time of booking. Payment can be made by bank transfer. We also accept Visa and Mastercard at an additional fee of 3.1%. If you cancel between 21 and 45 days prior to your travel date 30% of your tour cost will be charged. If you cancel between 8 and 20 days prior to your tour departure you will be charged 50% of your tour cost. Cancellations within 7 days of departures will incur a 100% cancellation charge.

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TOUR PRICE:

\$489.00 Per Person on a Share Twin Basis

Valid from 09 Jul until 30 Sep 2021,

Valid for arrival on Fri, Sat & Sun only.

* minimum 2 passengers

Additional night on Stewart Island:

Additional \$70.00 Per Person on a Share Twin Basis

Valid from 09 Jul until 30 Sep 2021,

Valid for arrival on Thu, Fri, Sat & Sun only.

* minimum 2 passengers

Note: Further dates maybe available on Request (Surcharges may apply).

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

Full Terms and conditions are listed on the Inspired New Zealand Tours website. When a booking is made it is accepted that these are agreed to. They include the following: Itineraries are correct when initially published, however are subject to change due to circumstances outside our control. Flights are the responsibility of the passenger and Inspired New Zealand Tours takes no responsibility for costs involved for any changes to flights that might be required due to necessary amendments in itineraries.

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