



Great Walk Rakiura Stewart Island

4 day / 3 night Package

From: \$1395pp

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 Invercargill or Bluff to Stewart Island

Your journey starts in Invercargill or Bluff where you will board your flight or the Ferry to Stewart Island. Experience Foveaux Strait onboard an express catamaran or your exciting airplane ride. 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 tour. On return to the motel you have the afternoon free to relax.

Day 2 Ulva Island Tour* & Night time Kiwi spotting

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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. Experience a short cruise to Ulva Island. Along the way learn some Maori history and European settlement commentary. While on board, keep a lookout for fur seals, penguins and other wildlife, as sightings are common. Then disembark at Ulva Island for a guided walk with a nature guide. View rare plants and rich birdlife, including the inquisitive weka, which are often seen on the beach. Returning to the motel in the afternoon.

This evening we are in for a real treat with a night time Kiwi Spotting Tour. The tour will commence 30 minutes after dark and will give you the ultimately special opportunity to experience kiwi in their natural environment. We have access to private land where New Zealand's precious kiwi come out at night to feed (weather dependent).

Day 3 Great Walk Rakiura Track - unguided 1/2 day Freedom Walk

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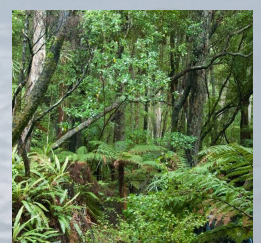
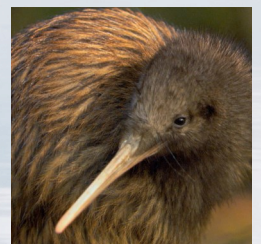
Enjoy a walk on one of the most popular coastal and native bush walks on Stewart Island. Water taxi to Port William, site of early Maori settlement, before continuing on to beautiful Maori beach. This was also where early Maori settled and later became a saw milling community in the early 1900s. Then make your way to Lee Bay via Little River, a stunning tidal river mouth, overhanging with Rata trees. Along the coast lookout for a plethora of birdlife, such as, Mutton birds (Sooty Shearwaters), Shags, Buller's Molly-mawks, Cape Pigeons, and little Blue Penguins. In the native bush you may see and hear Bellbirds, Tui, Fantails, Parakeets, Shining Cuckoos, Grey Warblers, Kaka and Tomtits and more.

Walking time: duration 4-5 hours including Water Taxi.

Day 4 Stewart Island to Bluff or Invercargill

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Today it is time to depart this paradise island and return to real life. Board your flight or the catamaran across the Strait to Bluff. ** Transfer costs may apply.



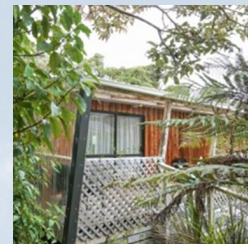
Bay Motel Stewart Island

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.



Kaka Retreat Stewart Island

Kaka Retreat is a small, intimate accommodation complex surrounded by bush and native gardens with a relaxed atmosphere. Centrally located within the Oban Township and close to the ferry and flight terminals, restaurants and supermarket etc.



TOUR INCLUSIONS:

Stewart Island, Ulva Island, Kiwi Spotting, Walk on Rakiura Track, Stewart Island Return Ferry / Flight

Three nights accommodation at Bay Motel including Continental Breakfast Daily (B)

Sightseeing includes

- Stewart Island Return Ferry / Flights
- Orientation tour
- Guided Ulva Island Visit *
- Night time Kiwi spotting
- Unguided Freedom Walk on Rakiura Track

DOC Concessions where applicable included

*The Ulva Island tour program is subject to change depending on time of the year, access, availability & operational factors.

TOUR EXCLUSIONS:

Domestic Air Fares to & from Invercargill, Additional / Optional Tour Costs, Hotel Mini Bar, Sightseeing/Meals not stated in Itinerary.

NOTE:

The 1/2 Day Freedom Walk on Rakiura Track is unguided, we recommend a good level of fitness, tramping boots and sensible hiking clothing for all weather conditions.

PAYMENTS:

A non-refundable deposit of \$450 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. If you cancel between 31 and 45 days prior to your travel date 30% of your tour cost will be charged. Cancellations less than 31 days of departure will incur a 100% cancellation charge. Inspired New Zealand Tours recommends purchasing travel insurance, even when travelling within New Zealand.

TOUR PRICE:

\$1395.00 Per Person on a Share Twin Basis.

Single Supplement: Additional \$860.00 per person.

Surcharge for Kaka Retreat Upgrade:

From \$40 per person / per night (Queen Studio)

YOU CHOOSE!

Ferry one way Fly the other.

Fly both ways.

Ferry both ways.

(Transfer costs may apply).

Valid for departures 01 Oct 2024 until 30 Sep 2025.

Minimum 2 passengers.

At times various operators on Stewart Island will not operate due to not reaching minimum numbers or operational issues. In these cases we will endeavour to find alternative activities which may not match the above itinerary. Surcharges may apply.

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