

# SOUTHLAND & STEWART ISLAND

## 10 DAYS/ 11 NIGHTS

### 30 MARCH 2012

View the Southland Area and Stewart Island in the splendour of Autumn. The scenery at this time is something to behold. Away from the hustle and bustle of the hectic tourist season, you'll see the area at its very best.



#### Day 1 Friday 30th March 2012

##### ARRIVE DUNEDIN

(B)

Welcome to Dunedin – the Edinburgh of the South! Today you fly into Dunedin where on arrival you will be met and transferred to our hotel by a local shuttle company. The remainder of your day is at leisure in the city.  
*NB: Flight cost is not included in tour price.*

#### Day 2 Saturday 31st March 2012

##### DUNEDIN SIGHTS

(BD)

This morning we **visit Larnach Castle for a guided tour**. New Zealand's only Castle, Larnach was built 1871 by William Larnach, merchant baron and politician, for his beloved first wife Eliza. It took over 200 workmen three years to build the Castle shell and master European craftsmen spent a further 12 years embellishing the interior. Larnach spared no expense on his dream home, which features the finest materials from around the world. From here we travel out to **visit the Albatross Colony Information Centre at Tairoa Heads** on the tip of the Otago Peninsula. This is the only mainland breeding colony for any albatross species found in the southern hemisphere. Touring back we have a city sights tour of the main city area with free time before dinner tonight.

#### Day 3 Sunday 1st April 2012

##### DUNEDIN – INVERCARGILL

(BD)

We travel south to Balclutha then travel through the **Southern Scenic route of the Catlin's**. We visit **Kaka Point and Nugget Point** which is great for wildlife viewing (take binoculars on your walk if you have them) including seals, sea lions and penguins. Here also is the historic lighthouse which was built in 1869 and is still working today, although now automated. Continuing on we visit Pounaweia, and the most photographed **Purakanui Falls situated amongst lush podocarp and beech forest, which cascade 20 metres over three distinct tiers**. We visit **Curio Bay and walk amongst the Petrified Forest** before arriving in Invercargill where we will stay for the next 2 nights.

#### Day 4 Monday 2nd April 2012

##### INVERCARGILL

(B)

Sightseeing around Invercargill City area **we visit Southland Museum and Art Gallery**. Visit the unique Roaring 40's Galley featuring the Sub-Antarctic Islands, and the Burt Munro exhibition - a tribute to a Southern legend and land speed record holder. It is also home to the successful Tuatara Breeding Programme which has over 80 tuatara and wonderful museum items and varying art exhibitions. This magnificent Museum will keep you enthralled. Lunch can be purchased here allowing more time to explore in the afternoon or to walk around the **Botanical Gardens in Queens Park** at the rear of the Museum. As an option this afternoon those interested may wish to visit Richardson's Truck Museum, others may like to browse around the shopping area.

#### Day 5 Tuesday 3rd April 2012

##### INVERCARGILL – STEWART ISLAND

(BD)

We travel to Bluff **where we board the catamaran to Stewart Island**. Upon arriving we will be met and taken to our accommodation. Time this morning to visit the DOC headquarters to view the information available on the area. After lunch we board the coach for **the Village and Bays Tour**. Travelling in modern mid-sized coaches, there is a comprehensive commentary by a local guide providing an insight into Stewart Island's community, history and environment. Highlights include the Rakiura National Park entrance at Lee Bay, Halfmoon Bay and Horseshoe Bay and views of Paterson Inlet from Observation Rock. Guides share their local knowledge and there is time available for photo stops.

#### Day 6 Wednesday 4th April 2012

##### STEWART ISLAND

(BD)

Today **we cruise Paterson inlet** prior to **visiting Ulva Island**. Ulva Island is a renowned wildlife sanctuary where many rare and endangered native species of birdlife and plants flourish in a predator free protected environment. During the easy 45 minute guided walk through native podocarp forest with a specialist nature guide you will be able to view diverse plant species and abundant bird life. The island is home to such wildlife as native Weka, Robins, rare Saddlebacks and Yellowheads among other species, even Kiwi are known to wander around in the area. Any free time today can be for relaxing or going for a walk around the Island.

#### Day 7 Thursday 5th April 2012

##### STEWART ISLAND – TE ANAU

(BD)

We board the early morning **ferry back to Bluff** where we reboard our coach to continuing exploring the Deep South. We **visit the Riverton Museum**; here we experience "Te Hiko" The South's Ultimate Attraction. An interactive journey revealing the coming together of the Maori and

European ancestors. We continue through Tuatapere a once thriving sawmilling town with 7 sawmills all cutting native timber bought out of the bush from near and far by bush loco's out of the local bush or across by sea from Port Craig at the bottom of Fiordland before arriving in Te Anau for the next 2 nights.

**Day 8 Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

**TE ANAU – MILFORD SOUND – TE ANAU (BL)**

This morning we travel through the Fiordland National Park via the beautiful Eglington Valley and climb to the Homer Tunnel, descending through the spectacular Cleddau Valley to **reach Milford Sound. Enjoy a cruise on the sound**, which is dominated by the grandeur of Mitre Peak and the impressive Bowen Falls. This evening we **visit the Fiordland Cinema** to view the Ata Wheua Film which has some of the most spectacular scenery you will ever see.

**Day 9 Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

**TE ANAU – QUEENSTOWN (B)**

Departing Queenstown we travel through Mossburn to Queenstown. On arrival we **visit the historic town of Arrowtown**. Travelling into Queenstown crossing the Edith Cavell Bridge. Before arriving at our accommodation we have a tour of the town. Tonight you might like to do an optional tour, perhaps venture up the Gondola or take a boat cruise to Walter Peak. Dinner is your choice of venue this evening.

**Day 10 Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

**QUEENSTOWN – HOME (B)**

This morning you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight to your nominated destination. *NB Flight cost is not included in tour price.*

**TOUR INCLUSIONS:**

- 9 nights quality accommodation with private facilities
- Tour admissions as per the itinerary
- Breakfasts (B) & dinners (D) where indicated on the itinerary
- Door to door home collection & drop off service available from selected areas
- Touring in modern air conditioned Coach
- Roadside morning Teas – Where possible
- Complimentary Leisure Time Tours travel bag & map

**TOUR PAYMENTS PER PERSON:**

Guaranteed Share Twin Cost*	\$2420.00
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Deposit due at time of booking	\$100.00
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