



6 DAY STEWART ISLAND

October 11th – 16th 2010

Day 1 Monday 11th October 2010

HOME PORT – INVERCARGILL (D)

Welcome to the South Island! Today you are met at the Invercargill Airport and transferred to your accommodation. (flight cost is not included in tour price)

Day 2 Tuesday 12th October 2010

INVERCARGILL – STEWART ISLAND (BD)

This morning we depart Invercargill and cross the Foveaux Strait heading toward Stewart Island. The ferry trip takes approximately 1 hour. On arrival into Stewart Island we will have time to meander around the town. This afternoon we will take a Village and Bays tour which features a tour of Oban and the surrounding bays. You will be treated to an informative, comprehensive commentary providing an insight into Stewart Island's community, history and environment. Tonight after dinner there is the opportunity for those who would like to try their luck at Kiwi Spotting (additional charge applies) which includes an evening walk to find Kiwi's in the wild.

Day 3 Wednesday 13th October 2010

STEWART ISLAND (BD)

This morning we discover Stewart Island from the water. Enjoy a leisurely cruise of beautiful Paterson Inlet viewing hidden coves and unspoilt beaches, plus the historic whalers base at Prices Inlet. Our skipper and nature guide provide detailed commentary throughout the cruise and are happy to answer any questions. Disembark at Ulva Island - a renowned wildlife sanctuary - for a 45-minute guided walk with a specialist nature guide. View rare plants and the abundant bird life during your guided walk. Then relax on board the modern catamaran for the remainder of the cruise around Paterson Inlet and back to base. This afternoon we will board our semi-submersible craft the Mollymawk for the Underwater Explorer tour which is a 45 minute cruise of Halfmoon Bay. You will be comfortably seated in the hull below the water line, where large viewing windows and clear water allow close up views of Stewart Islands internationally acclaimed rich marine life.

Day 4 Thursday 14th October 2010

STEWART ISLAND (BD)

Immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of Stewart Island. Our small group guided walks to Little River provides an unforgettable insight into the diversity and beauty of this island sanctuary. Learn about Stewart Island's historic sawmilling industry and the modern-day paua and oyster industries en route to Lee Bay. Then join your guide for a walk through tall native forest and along

beautiful coastlines to Little River. This charming estuary is the perfect place to immerse yourself in the tranquility of Stewart Island. Throughout your walk, a local nature guide will tell you about Stewart Island's unique cultural and natural heritage and point out the native plant life. You will also gain a first-hand understanding of the work local residents are doing to preserve the abundant bird population. Tonight we enjoy a meal at the South Sea Hotel, a Stewart Island icon, with a strong footing in Island life, both past and present. The hotel has a fully licensed bar and restaurant.

Day 5 Friday 15th October 2010

STEWART ISLAND – INVERCARGILL (BD)

Morning at leisure and today we farewell Stewart Island crossing the Foveaux Strait back to Invercargill. On arrival into Invercargill we will be transferred to our hotel where we will have our farewell meal together.

Day 6 Saturday 16th October 2010

INVERCARGILL – HOME PORTS (B)

This morning following check out we are transferred to the airport to connect with outbound flights. We say goodbye to our fellow travellers, keeping with us the fond memories of new acquaintances and lasting images of the beautiful Stewart Island. (flight cost is not included in tour price)

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Invercargill airport transfers
- 5 Nights accommodation, twin/double rooms, single rooms available with surcharge
- All tour admissions as per the itinerary
- Breakfasts (B), and dinners (D) where indicated on the daily itinerary
- Touring in modern air conditioned Coach
- Complimentary Leisure Time Tours Travel Kit including, Travel Bag and Travel wallet, detailed touring itinerary, New Zealand map, luggage labels, and name tag

TOUR PAYMENTS PER PERSON:

- Share Twin Accommodation \$1395.00
- Single Supplement Extra \$455.00
- Deposit due at time of booking \$100.00
- Balance of tour payment due 6 weeks prior to tour commencement..