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our special
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FOR ENQUIRIES AND RESERVATIONS CONTACT
STEWART ISLAND EXPERIENCE

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Elgin Terrace, Stewart Island
Tel 03 219 0056

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● BOOKING CONDITIONS: Bookings are recommended and pre-payment is required to confirm a booking. If cancelling, or amending a retail booking, a refund will only be granted when Stewart Island Experience receives notification 24 hours prior to departure. Stewart Island Experience reserves the right to amend timetables, cancel departures, substitute plant or equipment and alter ticket prices at any time.
(Note: Stewart Island Lodge has differing booking conditions - please enquire at time of booking)

Stewart Island Experience is owned and operated by Real Journeys Ltd.

Stewart Island



New Zealand's ultimate
eco-tourism destination



Welcome to Stewart Island

Stewart Island is located off the beaten track, across Foveaux Strait from Bluff. There is a mystique about Stewart Island that cannot be found elsewhere in New Zealand. Numerous islands dot the shoreline and densely forested hills descend to a coastline of rocky outcrops and creamy golden sand beaches. It is a natural refuge for marine and bird life.

Vivid dawn and twilight hues give rise to the Island's Maori name, Rakiura - "land of the glowing skies".

Most of the Island is part of Rakiura National Park, with settlement largely confined to the small township of Oban.

Readily accessible by ferry, choose a day excursion or an extended stay. Relax and enjoy the stunning coastal scenery, or explore on an independent or guided basis.

We invite you to discover Stewart Island with us.



Richard Lauder
Chief Executive



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"The atmosphere is remote, rugged and friendly. It's a wonderful place to just chill."

NZ Lovely Planet Guide Book



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Stewart Island Ferry Services



Stewart Island Ferry Services

While most visitors spend at least one night on Stewart Island, it is also readily accessible by ferry as a day excursion from Invercargill and Bluff.

Experience Foveaux Strait in comfort and style on board our express catamarans. During the one hour crossing between Bluff and Stewart Island keep a look-out for wildlife, especially sea birds. Watching mollymawks (albatross) soaring behind the ferry is a fantastic sight.

Interesting landmarks commonly seen include Dog Island Lighthouse, Ruapuke Island, Titi Islands and Mt Anglem – Stewart Island's highest point.

- Complimentary tea and coffee on board
- Wheelchair access is available
- Luggage is limited to two bags per person (one stowed and one small carry-on – extra goods by arrangement)
- Departures are weather / sea conditions dependent

FERRY TO STEWART ISLAND

Depart Bluff

All year 9.30am
 Sep – Apr 5.00pm
 Oct – Apr 11.00am
 May – Aug 4.30pm
 Late Dec – mid Jan 8.00am

FERRY TO BLUFF

Depart Stewart Island

All year 8.00am
 Sep – Apr 3.30pm
 Oct – Mar 6.00pm
 Apr 5.00pm
 May – Aug 3.00pm
 Late Dec – mid Jan 9.30am

- Other departures as locally advertised
- Duration 1hr
- Check in 30mins prior to departure (counter closes 10mins prior to times stated above)

Coach Connections

Stewart Island Experience offers convenient coach connections to Bluff from Invercargill, Te Anau and Queenstown. Vehicle parking is available at Bluff for those visitors travelling independently.

Invercargill Coach Connections

Coach connections with our Stewart Island Ferry Services are available between Invercargill and Bluff (extra cost). Pick-ups and drop-offs are available from i-SITE Visitor Centre, Tuatara Backpackers and Invercargill Airport.

Te Anau and Queenstown Coach Connections

For visitors wishing to travel to Bluff from Te Anau or Queenstown by coach, connections depart daily (late Oct – Apr) from Real Journeys Visitor Centres (Queenstown – Steamer Wharf; Te Anau – Lakefront Drive).

Bluff Vehicle Parking

Vehicle storage (extra cost) is available in the parking area adjacent to our Bluff Visitor Terminal (pre-booking recommended).

Stewart Island Coach Transfers

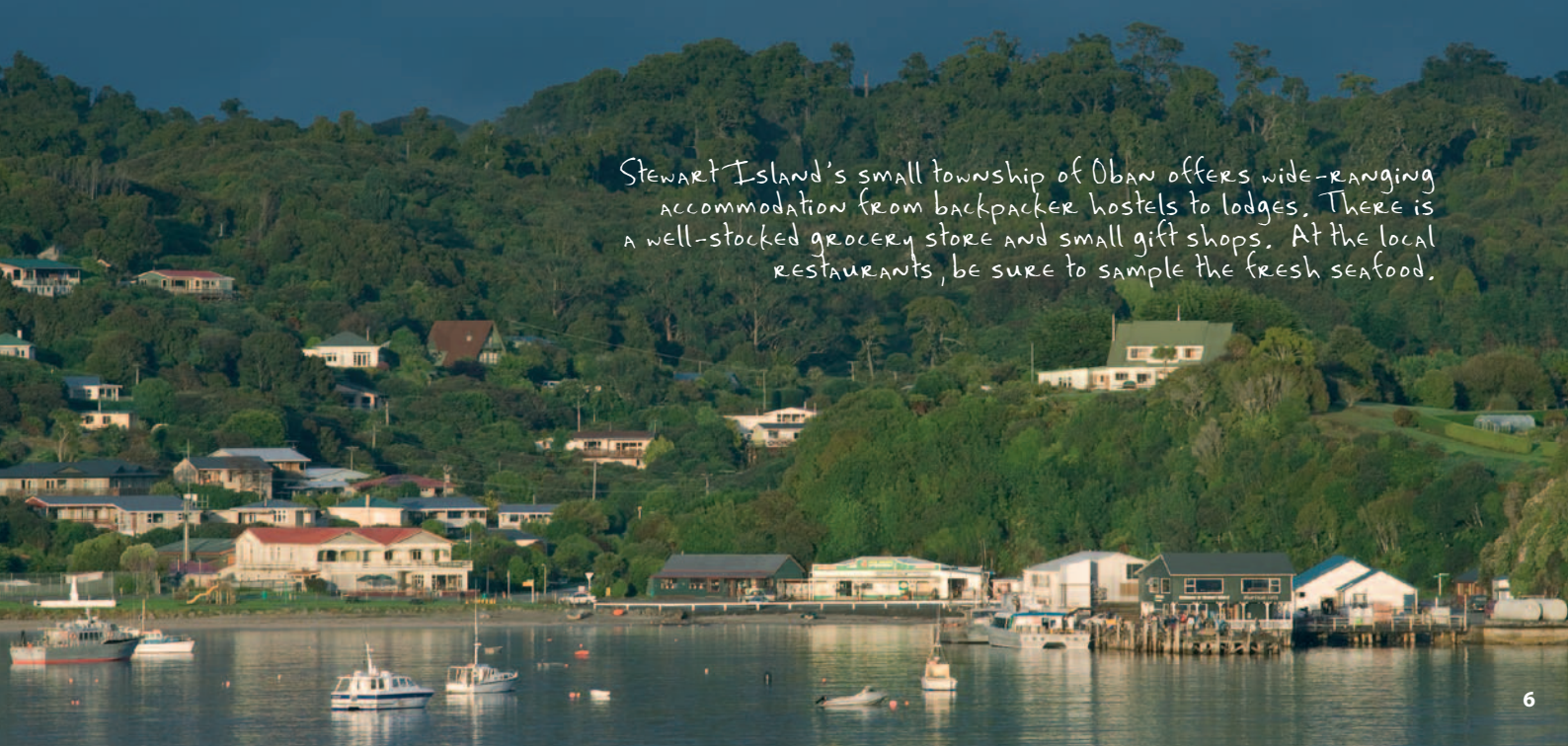
At Stewart Island our mini-bus transfers provide convenient connections between the ferry terminal and local accommodation (extra cost; must be pre-booked).

- Luggage is limited to two bags per person (one stowed and one small carry-on – extra goods by arrangement)



- INVERCARGILL – BLUFF COACH CONNECTIONS
 - **Depart Invercargill**
All year 1 hour prior to ferry departure
 - **Arrive Invercargill**
All year 1 hour after ferry arrival
- TE ANAU – BLUFF COACH CONNECTIONS
 - **Depart Te Anau**
Late Oct – Apr 7.15am
 - **Depart Bluff**
Late Oct – Apr 9.15am
 - Duration 3 / 4hrs
- QUEENSTOWN – BLUFF COACH CONNECTIONS
 - **Depart Queenstown**
Late Oct – Apr 7.00am
 - **Depart Bluff**
Late Oct – Apr 9.15am
 - Duration 4 / 5hrs
 - Check in 20mins prior to departure

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Stewart Island's small township of Oban offers wide-ranging accommodation from backpacker hostels to lodges. There is a well-stocked grocery store and small gift shops. At the local restaurants, be sure to sample the fresh seafood.

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Stewart Island Lodge



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Stewart Island Lodge, nestled in native bush on a sunny hillside offers bed and breakfast accommodation.

All guest rooms (six king-sized double or twin) have an ensuite bathroom and open onto an expansive shared balcony with stunning ocean views. A private guest lounge provides an idyllic place to relax in the evening.

The lodge's grounds are home to many native birds, including kaka (native parrots), which may be viewed from the terrace.

Each evening guests are welcome to relax on the balcony or in the lounge. In the morning a continental breakfast is served.

- Complimentary transfers from the wharf or Stewart Island Flights depot are included
- Restaurants are located nearby in the village for evening dining (extra cost)



STEWART ISLAND LODGE

Open from Sep - May

Check in 2.00pm
Check out 10.00am

Contact:

14 Nichol Road
Halfmoon Bay
Stewart Island
Freephone 0800 65 65 01 (Reservations)
Tel 03 219 0056 (Oban Visitor Centre)
www.stewartislandlodge.co.nz



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Ask about our great off-peak rates, which apply September-late December and mid April-May.

Village and Bays Tours



Village and Bays Tours

Explore Oban and the surrounding bays in our modern mini-buses. Learn about the history and environment of Stewart Island and gain an insight into New Zealand's southernmost community.

During your tour our specialist guides enjoy sharing their local knowledge and there is plenty of time available for photo stops and short walks.

Highlights include the Rakiura National Park entrance at Lee Bay, beautiful Horseshoe Bay and stunning views of Paterson Inlet from Observation Rock.



VILLAGE AND BAYS TOURS

Depart Oban Visitor Centre

All year 11.00am & 1.00pm
Nov - Apr 4.00pm
Other departures as locally advertised

Duration 1 hr 30mins

Check in 20mins prior to departure

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"Walking onto the beach at the bird sanctuary, Ulva Island, was like walking into a bush-clad cathedral, where a choir of bellbirds, tui, robin, fantail and kaka sang with joy."

Journalist, Lin Ferguson

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Paterson Inlet Cruises (including Ulva Island)



Paterson Inlet Cruises

Enjoy a leisurely cruise of beautiful Paterson Inlet viewing hidden coves and unspoilt beaches. Along the way learn about the early Maori and European settlement, including whaling. While on board keep a look-out for sea birds and other wildlife.

Then, visit Ulva Island – a renowned wildlife sanctuary. See diverse plants and abundant bird life, including rare and endangered species, during a fascinating walk (45mins) with our nature guide.

- Picnic lunches available (if pre-ordered; extra cost)

- PATERSON INLET CRUISES
- **Depart Stewart Island Visitor Terminal**
Oct – Apr 12.45pm
Other departures as locally advertised
- Duration 2hrs 30 / 45mins
- Check in 20mins prior to departure

Marine Nature Cruises

Marine Nature Cruises

On board our catamaran cruise to the Titi Islands, an area rich in marine life including seals, penguins, albatross, titi (mutton birds), dolphins and great white sharks. Then midway through your trip, transfer to our semi-submersible to explore (30-45mins) below the waterline. View kelp forests and fish species.

Our nature guide provides fascinating interpretation on Maori food gathering traditions, present day fishing and the wildlife encountered.

- Picnic lunches available (if pre-ordered; extra cost)
- Departures are weather / sea conditions dependent



This is an exciting cruise for those who really want to experience Stewart Island's marine environment

- MARINE NATURE CRUISES
- **Depart Stewart Island Visitor Terminal**
Nov - Mar 12.00noon
Other departures as locally advertised
- Duration 2hrs 30mins
- Check in 20mins prior to departure
- Note: Cruise route and semi-submersible experience are sea conditions dependent
- Not suitable for children unless very calm sea

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Guided Walks



Guided Walks

Immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of Stewart Island's native forest and deserted bays. Join a small group guided walk and experience the natural beauty that has made this Island internationally renowned.

Throughout your walk, a local nature guide will tell you about the Island's unique cultural heritage and point out native bird and plant life.

You will also gain knowledge of the work local residents are doing to preserve wildlife species, such as little blue penguins and titi (sooty shearwater).

- Small group (eight per guide)
- Suitable for children 14 years and over
- Minimum numbers apply (2 adults)

- GUIDED WALKS
- **Depart Oban Visitor Centre**
Nov - Mar 8.00am & 6.00pm
Other departures as locally advertised
- Duration 2hrs
- Check in 20mins prior to departure

We donate \$5 per guided walker to the Stewart Island Rakiura Community Environmental Trust to help their efforts

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Stewart Island Rental Services



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Stewart Island is a fantastic place to explore independently. Our modern rental cars enable you to discover the stunning coastline and secluded communities at your own pace and in your own time.

For the more adventurous, motor scooters and mountain bikes are both very popular rental options. Ask our knowledgeable staff at the Oban Visitor Centre for a map and local advice as to how you can make the most of your stay on the island.

- Small and large cars are available
- A valid driver's licence is required for car and motor scooter hire
- Motor scooters and mountain bikes must not be ridden off-road



STEWART ISLAND RENTAL SERVICES

Book at Oban Visitor Centre

CARS

Duration of hire 4hrs, 8hrs or longer by arrangement

MOTOR SCOOTERS

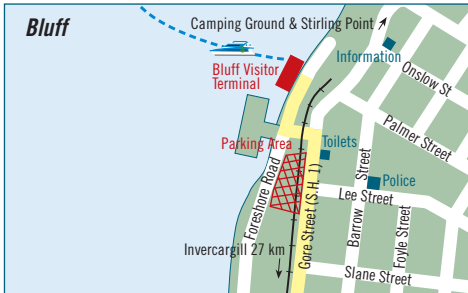
Duration of hire 1hr, 2hrs, 4hrs, 8hrs or longer by arrangement

MOUNTAIN BIKES

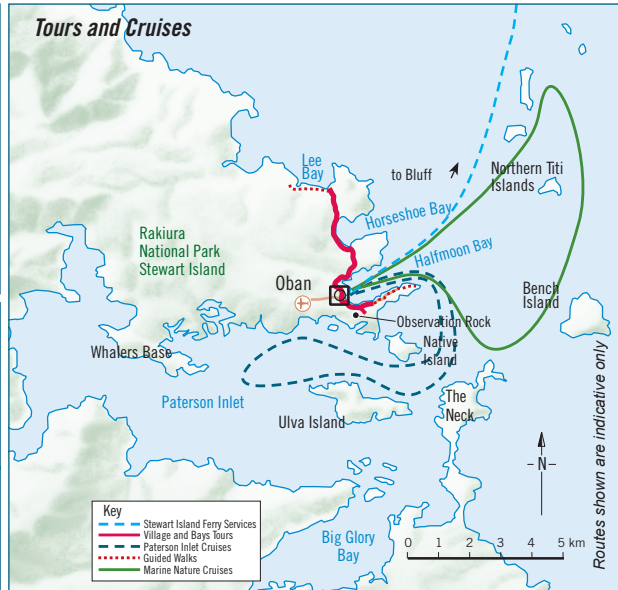
Duration of hire 1hr, 2hrs, 4hrs, 8hrs or longer by arrangement

To protect wildlife our staff are involved in predator eradication programmes

Maps



Routes shown are indicative only



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"The slow island ways can quickly get into your blood and you may well want to stay longer than you had planned..."

Rough Guide to NZ

