Adventure

The full Stewart Island experience demands more adventurous action with most of the Island being classed as 'back country' offering changing landscapes and seascapes.

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Kiwi Spotting

See New Zealand's national bird in its natural habitat – the wild!

Fly to Mason Bay on our Coast-to-Coast trip. While walking through the Rakiura National Park keep your eyes peeled for a Stewart Island Kiwi, being sure to give way to them as they walk past you on the track (this actually happens!) With 20-25,000 kiwi on Stewart Island and our Coast-to-Coast trip, there is no more exciting way to see this rare bird in the wild.

For your best chance to see a kiwi, stay the night at either Mason Bay or Doughboy Bay Hut and watch them come out of the woodwork, literally.

SCENIC BOAT CRUISES will take you to places of interest such as Ulva Island, site of the first Post Office and a sanctuary for birdlife. You'll visit a Marine Farm in Big Glory Bay and may also stop to catch your own fish, a succulent Blue Cod. These cruises provide the visitor with just a sample of what Stewart Island has to offer.

WATER TAXIS are the fastest way to navigate Paterson Inlet. Scheduled and 'on-demand' departures daily to a number of destinations. The most popular of which is the Island bird sanctuary, Ulva Island. Ask our friendly staff at the Stewart Island Flights Depot for your water taxi options.

SCENIC FLIGHTS provide the best appreciation of the sheer size and variety of the terrain on Stewart Island. Our most popular option is the 30-minute flight that departs Ryans Creek Airstrip and heads for the Norwegian Whaling Base where the foundations of the main building and also a submerged longboat can be seen. Then to the Freshwater River, overflying its many twists and turns of the coast to coast track through to Mason Bay. Along this part you'll overfly the historic Mason Bay homestead and onwards to Mason Bay itself, 10km of beach down to the Gutter. Next is Doughboy Bay, beautiful on the ground, stunning when viewed from above. Over the hill into South Arm of Paterson Inlet. Finally a look at Big Glory Bay's salmon and mussel farms before a figure-8 of Halfmoon and Horseshoe Bay and then landing back at Ryans Creek.

STEWART ISLAND Coast to Coast

A unique fly, tramp and boating adventure with Stewart Island Flights and Seaview Water Taxis – see both the west and east coasts of Stewart Island

INCLUDES:

- **SCENIC FLIGHT** from either Invercargill or Halfmo Bay to Mason Bay – spectacular aerial views of Pat Inlet and Mason Bay with beach landing
- **BEACH LANDING** on Mason Bay
- **4 HOUR WILDERNESS TREK** with everchang on part of the well-known Northern circuit pl opportunity of spotting kiwis
- **½ HOUR BOATING** with Seaview Water Ta meandering Freshwater River and Paterson Golden Bay
- **Optional overnight stays** are available in B Conservation Huts, Mason Bay or Freshw
- 2-9 adults

Departure times will vary, due to tides. Weather Minimum numbers apply. Average level of fitnes Warm clothing must be carried and adequate f Contact us for full details on your next advent

STEWART ISLAND TRACKS

Stewart Island offers everything from a gentle walk to a physically demanding week in the wild.

Rakiura Track

One of the 'Great Walks' of New Zealand commences with a walk along a coastal route leading to historic Port William on the shore of Foveaux Strait, across the hills to North Arm Hut in Paterson Inlet then back to town on the third day.

The Northwest Circuit

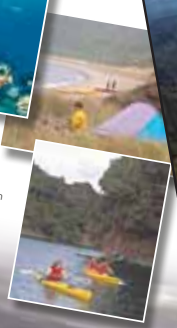
A ten day trip, or longer, takes in the northern third of the Island. The Island's highest peak, Mt Anglem (978 metres), can be climbed on a day trip from Christmas village.

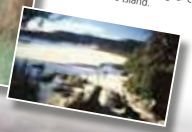
Activities

HUNTING the elusive Whitetail Deer (an American deer liberated here in the early 1900s) is another sport for the energetic. Many hunting parties spend up to two weeks camped in isolated places during the early winter 'roar'.

SKIN DIVING and **FISHING** are very popular, with the Island's waters being so crystal clear. Charter boats and diving gear can be hired on the Island.

SEA KAYAKS are available for hire for those looking for more strenuous exercise on the water. Combined with **CAMPING** this is an excellent way to explore Paterson Inlet, camping on a different beach every night.





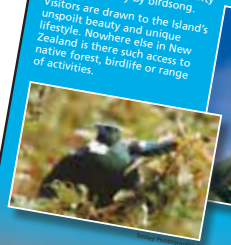
Action

EXPERIENCE THE TRANQUILITY OF NATURE'S BEST. . .

A visit to Stewart Island is a holiday with a difference, an experience which is difficult to adequately describe but must be experienced to be understood.

Those who enjoy quiet bush walks can leave habitation behind and wander through fernny, moss carpeted glades, where the peace and tranquillity is disturbed only by birdsong.

Visitors are drawn to the Island's unspoilt beauty and unique lifestyle. Nowhere else in New Zealand is there such access to native forest, birdlife or range of activities.



History

People have lived on Stewart Island since the 13th century. Although the Island has a total area of 172 square kilometres, (similar in size to Singapore), the population of around 400 is still concentrated in just one area, the township of Oban.

During the 1800's Sealing, Whaling, Sawmilling, Fishing and even Tin Mining were the industries that attracted Maori and Pakeha (white man) to the Island.

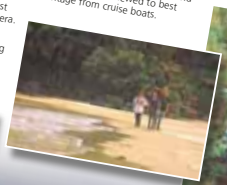
RAKIURA MUSEUM is a must to view relics of this by-gone era.

Tourism was well underway in the early 1900's with discerning visitors finding the Island a peaceful, natural haven. One hundred years on it's still the case.

Relaxation

Relaxation is a word that best describes the Stewart Island holiday. A place to unwind, with no casinos or discos but plenty of old fashioned leisure. Every corner you turn brings a different vista, a beach, a bay, native trees.

BIRDLIFE abounds around the township and elsewhere, with Tui and Bellbirds feeding on the Fuschia flowers right by the roadside. Pigeon, Kaka and Parakeets are common while Penguins, Shags and other seabirds are viewed to best advantage from cruise boats.



BUS TOURS provide the visitor with an excellent introduction to the Island's human and natural history.

GOLFERS At 46° latitude, play on New Zealand's southernmost golf course, Ringa Ringa Links. A 6-hole course with views you'll be hard-pressed to find at another course in New Zealand. A 10-minute walk from Halfmoon Bay. Club hire is available from the Stewart Island Flights Depot. Enquire within.

RENTAL VEHICLES, CAR, SCOOTERS and **MOUNTAIN BIKES** are available for you to explore the Island at your own pace.

WINTER is possibly the best time for the ultimate 'Island Unwind', when days are short and the weather generally mild.

SUMMER offers long twilights, giving visitors the opportunity to follow their evening meal with a leisurely walk to Observation Rock to watch the Sunset over Paterson Inlet. The only way to fully appreciate the Island's Maori name Rakiura or 'glowing skies'.

Accommodation

Backpackers, motels, hotels, private homes and holiday homes available.
Seasonal Specials also available. Details on the Stewart Island promotions website:
www.stewartisland.co.nz

STEWART ISLAND Day Trips

▲ HALF DAY TRIP

Arrive on Stewart Island after your 20 minute scenic flight, set off on a 90 minute exploration of **Oban township** and its surrounding bays by coach to discover the history and secrets of this **Island National Park.** Afterwards sit down and enjoy a delicious set menu lunch at the **South Sea Hotel** on the waterfront at **Halfmoon Bay**. Then enjoy the scenic flight back to mainland New Zealand. Ideal for travellers with a reduced amount of travel time available.

▲ FULL DAY TRIP

Our most popular Day Trip! Arrive on Stewart Island after your 20 minute scenic flight and make the 15 minute walk to **Golden Bay** to board your waiting Water Taxi to **Ulva Island.** This is an Island sanctuary dedicated to amazing birdlife, some of which are only found on Stewart Island – Kaka, Weka, Tomtit, Saddleback and Kiwi to name a few. Liaise with your Water Taxi driver on a pick up time to return to Golden Bay. Have some free time to catch your breath before embarking on a 90 minute guided local exploration of **Oban** and its surrounding bays by coach and discover the history and secrets of this **National Park.** Then enjoy the scenic flight back to mainland New Zealand.

▲ FLY / FERRY

Take the 20 minute scenic flight to Stewart Island and return via the Ferry to Bluff with a Coach transfer back to Invercargill Airport.

STEWART ISLAND NEW ZEALAND Flights

Air travel has made the world a smaller place and Stewart Island is no exception.

STEWART ISLAND FLIGHTS offers visitors daily scheduled flights to the Island from Invercargill. In no time at all you can be on the waterfront in Halfmoon Bay on New Zealand's third Island following a scenic 20 minute flight across Foveaux Strait.

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