

## THE HISTORY OF THE TAIERI GORGE RAIL TRACK

This rail track was an amazing engineering feat by the hardy pioneers who, between 1879 & 1891, lived in harsh conditions in this remote and rugged land, transporting the materials and building the track by pick & shovel and dynamite. It was built to connect Dunedin city with the farming hinterland of Central Otago. The track originally continued through to Cromwell by 1921, but in 1980 the building of the Clyde Dam required the Cromwell to Clyde sector to

be closed. Then in 1990 NZ Railways officially closed the Central Otago line. The Dunedin City Council bought and preserved the Taieri Gorge sector of the rail track, which is within its city boundary, to ensure continued access to this remarkable piece of Dunedin's history.



*The spectacular rail journey  
through the Taieri Gorge*



## DUNEDIN TOURS OPERATED BY CNL

- Dunedin Citisights tour. An hour & a half sightseeing tour through the enchanting streets of Dunedin aboard a double deck bus. Your driver will give you all the facts and fables as you pass New Zealand's first University, the world's steepest street, Olveston stately home, NZ's oldest botanic Garden, numerous grand old buildings and the unspoiled St Kilda beachfront.
- Dunedin's 'Larnach Castle'. Tours depart daily from the city to this historic home & garden set on a peninsula hilltop with spectacular harbour views from the castle turret. Wander at your leisure through the castle rooms & grounds.
- Wildlife tours to Dunedin's Otago Peninsula. This scenic peninsula is the only mainland, nesting site on earth for the Royal Albatross. With a wingspan up to 3 metres and a flying speed up to 100kmh this is a truly majestic seabird. The peninsula is also a sanctuary for the yellow eyed penguin, little blue penguins, seals and a variety of seabirds

## BOOKINGS

Bookings can be made at the Visitor Centre, local booking agents, your hotel or motel or by phoning



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## Linking Queenstown & Dunedin

# Track & Trail



# Historic backcountry trail

Join our coach & train combination tour linking the exciting, alpine village of Queenstown with the enchanting, "grand wee city" of Dunedin. This is a tour of contrasts where you will experience the unique southern lifestyle. From the alpine majesty of the Lakes district to the rugged, barren high country of the Maniototo; from the gentle farming countryside of Outram to the dramatic Taieri River Gorge.

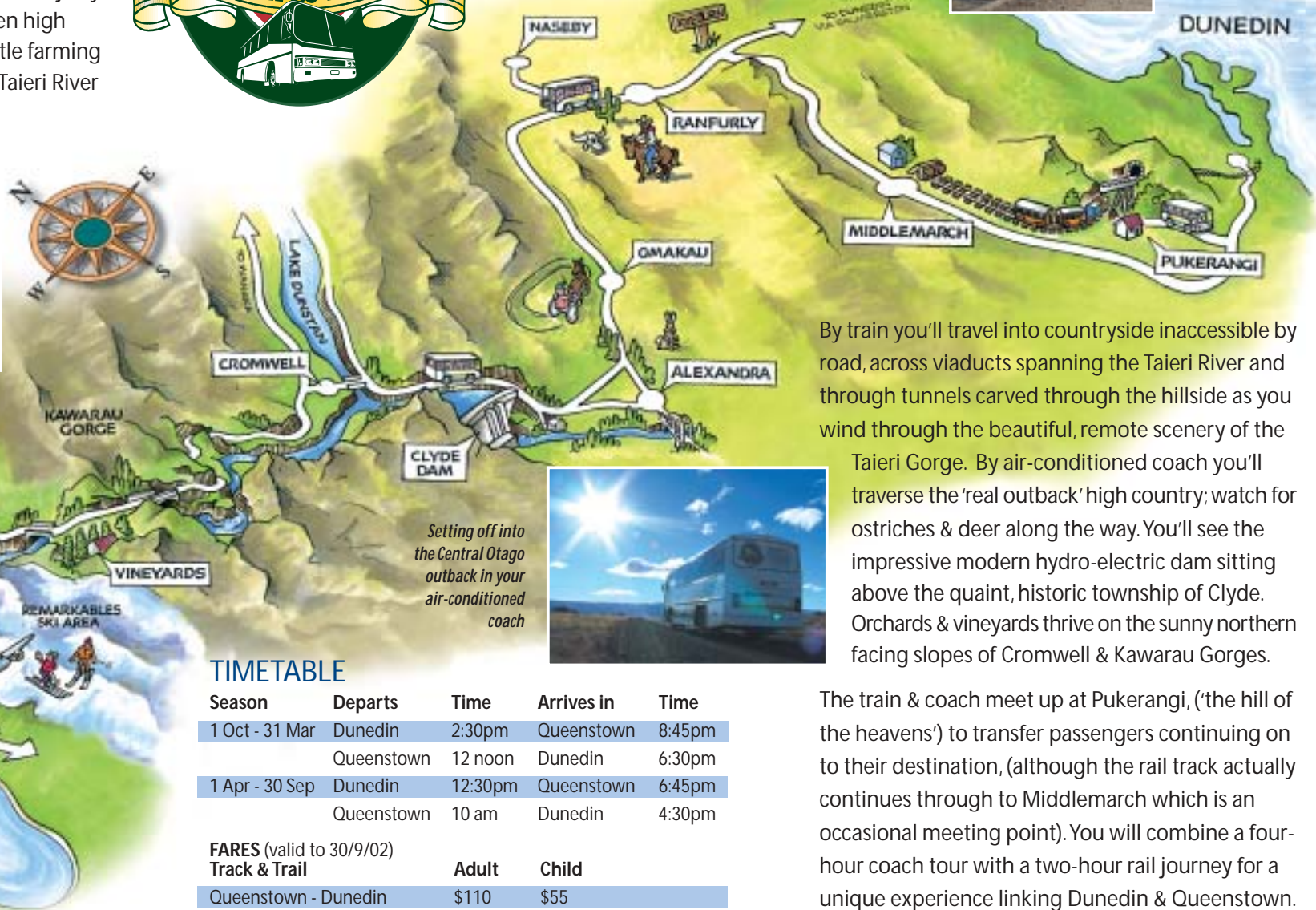


The bridge over Sutton stream near Pukerangi



The 'Track & Trail' coach & train meet up at Pukerangi, the 'hill of heaven'

Time stands still in the tranquil high country farmland.



Setting off into the Central Otago outback in your air-conditioned coach



By train you'll travel into countryside inaccessible by road, across viaducts spanning the Taieri River and through tunnels carved through the hillside as you wind through the beautiful, remote scenery of the Taieri Gorge. By air-conditioned coach you'll traverse the 'real outback' high country; watch for ostriches & deer along the way. You'll see the impressive modern hydro-electric dam sitting above the quaint, historic township of Clyde. Orchards & vineyards thrive on the sunny northern facing slopes of Cromwell & Kawarau Gorges.

The train & coach meet up at Pukerangi, ('the hill of the heavens') to transfer passengers continuing on to their destination, (although the rail track actually continues through to Middlemarch which is an occasional meeting point). You will combine a four-hour coach tour with a two-hour rail journey for a unique experience linking Dunedin & Queenstown.

## TIMETABLE

Season	Departs	Time	Arrives in	Time
1 Oct - 31 Mar	Dunedin	2:30pm	Queenstown	8:45pm
	Queenstown	12 noon	Dunedin	6:30pm
1 Apr - 30 Sep	Dunedin	12:30pm	Queenstown	6:45pm
	Queenstown	10 am	Dunedin	4:30pm

## FARES (valid to 30/9/02)

Track & Trail	Adult	Child
Queenstown - Dunedin	\$110	\$55
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