

East Coast Touring Route Famil

Waitaki - Dunedin - Southland

Post TRENZ: Friday 22nd May – Wednesday 27th May 2020



Waitaki, Dunedin, and Southland are working together to showcase an alternative touring route of the South Island after TRENZ. Leaving directly from Christchurch, you will experience an itinerary that offers ease of travel, great overnight options and the huge range of activities and experiences that our regions have to offer. From nature's rarest wildlife to great local cuisine and heritage urban experiences, this touring famil will give you plenty of new ideas to inspire and delight your clients.

Please note that this famil itinerary is a sample and may subject to change.

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Friday 22nd May – Waitaki

Morning **Coach from Christchurch to Oamaru**

Afternoon **Visit Whitestone Cheese**

Head to the factory store for tasting platters of delicious, artisan cheeses and to watch the cheese being made from the purpose-built viewing windows in-store.

www.whitestonecheese.com/

Evening Walking Tour

Evening **Dinner**

Evening viewing of Oamaru Blue Penguin Colony

Watch the smallest penguins in the world come ashore from their day at sea and cross into the colony right in front of you! Please bring extra warm layers! penguins.co.nz/

Saturday 23rd May – Waitaki to Dunedin

Morning **Whitestone City Dress up Experience**

In true 1800's attire of crinolines and cravats, ladies & gentlemen and children can choose an array of Victorian costumes and step into the character of their choice. Pose for a photo in the parlour, or on the penny farthing carousel. Explore the old Whitestone City, its traders and stories and relics. whitestonecity.com/

Explore Harbour Street

Visit Totara Estate

Explore the variety of restored farm buildings that show what mid-1800's life was like for a farm worker; constructed of local limestone the building include the stables, cookhouse, tack rooms, bunk house, and slaughter shed where the scene is set for the rigorous work on this estate. waitakinz.com/totara-estate/

Lunch at Fluers Place in Moeraki

Afternoon **Coach to Dunedin**

Otago Museum

Otago Museum is Dunedin's most visited attraction and includes options that will suit any age or nationality. Experience the Tropical Rainforest surrounded by beautiful butterflies, Tūhura filled with families having fun with science, the special exhibitions and the extensive collections. otagomuseum.nz/

Olveston House

Olveston is a masterpiece from the Edwardian era that is filled with works of art, fine antiques and exquisitely beautiful collectibles. The 35-room mansion is stunning! olveston.co.nz/

Evening

Emersons Brewery

Emerson's craft beers are born and brewed in Dunedin. Richard Emerson started brewing in 1993 and in 2016 opened the centrally located brewery and restaurant complex. Experience a tour of the brewery followed by dinner in their beautiful restaurant. emersons.co.nz/

Speights Brewery Tour + Dinner

A visit to Speight's Brewery is a must-do for Dunedin visitors. Speight's has been brewed on the same site since 1876, is perhaps the city's best-known commercial symbol and epitomises the very culture of southern New Zealand and our southern way of life. Are you thirsty yet? speights.co.nz/

Sunday 24th May – Dunedin Peninsula

Morning

Breakfast at Dunedin Railways

Enjoy your breakfast in the Dunedin Railways historic carriages.

Dunedin Railways offers the Taieri Gorge train trip travelling through spectacular scenery and departing from the historic Dunedin Railway Station in downtown Dunedin. You can make the return journey to Pukerangi, take your bikes to Middlemarch to meet the Central Otago Rail Trail, or use the train as the one leg of your journey to or from Queenstown.

www.dunedinrailways.co.nz/

Natures Wonders – Wildlife Tour

Nature's Wonders offers picture perfect spectacular coastal views and amazing wildlife- penguins, seals and sea birds- with the option of a "real" shearing shed experience. Travelling in an 8-wheel-drive Argo vehicle is an experience in itself. It's fun for all ages.

www.natureswonders.co.nz/

Royal Albatross Centre – Unique Tour + lunch

The Royal Albatross Centre at Taiaroa Head has everything! Visit the only mainland breeding ground in the world of the Northern Royal Albatross. Go underground and see, in its original position, the only-in-the-world fully restored 1889 Armstrong Disappearing Gun.

www.albatross.org.nz/

Afternoon

Monarch Wildlife Cruise

Monarch Wildlife Cruises and Tours offer a range of great tour options around Dunedin, Otago Harbour and Otago Peninsula, both on and off the water. The MV Monarch leaves from the wharf at Wellers Rock and offers amazing wildlife viewing on its one hour cruise around Taiaroa Head. See what cannot be seen from land. www.wildlife.co.nz/

Larnach Castle Tour

Larnach Castle, New Zealand's only Castle, was built 1871 by William Larnach, businessman and politician. With its exciting, sometimes scandalous, sometimes tragic history, its magnificent carved interiors, a collection of New Zealand antiques and breath-taking views.

www.larnachcastle.co.nz/

Evening

Horizon Tours star gazing tour

The Southern Skies Stargazing tour takes you on a journey of discovery to learn about the unique celestial features of the Southern sky, while sharing stories and waiata (songs) about how Māori viewed the night sky.

horizontours.co.nz/

Monday 25th May – Dunedin to Invercargill via Catlins

- Morning** **Scenic Drive through Catlins**
Transfer to Dunedin, via a scenic tour through the stunning Catlins coast. This is a stunning part of the world with a range of wildlife, beautiful beaches, forests, waterfalls – everything you could hope for. Check out coastal attractions such as Nugget Point, McLean’s Falls, Curio Bay and it’s Petrified Forest.
southernscenicroute.co.nz/
- Afternoon** **Ferry to Stewart Island**
- Evening** **Kiwi Spotting**
The walk, led by your nature guide, is on a well-formed track across the peninsula, through spectacular coastal forest to a secluded sandy beach. Here in the darkness you will get to see the southern brown kiwi (Rakiura Tokoeka) - often searching for food.

Tuesday 26th May – Stewart Island and Invercargill

- Morning** **Stewart Island – Ulva Island Tour**

Ulva Island is a renowned wildlife sanctuary. Let passionate local experts share their knowledge of the islands bird & wildlife and natural history of this predator free island.

Back to Invercargill with Stewart Island Flights
- Afternoon** **Dig This!**
You’ll get to enjoy the Big Dig at one of New Zealand’s newest and most exciting attractions – an experience like no other. The Big Dig will allow you to dig, push and lift your way through a series of exercises, get ready for fun! www.digthisinvercargill.nz/
- Evening** **Transport World**
Quite simply the largest private collection of classic vehicles in the world. Bill Richardson started collecting classic vehicles as a young man, now the collection includes more than 300 amazing displays, over 15,000 square meters of history. www.transportworld.co.nz

Wednesday 27th May – Invercargill

- Morning** **Motorcycle Mecca Tour**
Welcome to Classic Motorcycle Mecca, Australasia's premier motorcycle museum. Find the largest display of classic motorcycles in the country with a collection ranging from 1902 - 2007. With spectacular exhibits, hero displays, prized artwork, themed on-site cafe and even themed toilets in the mix, it’s simply two-wheel paradise! www.transportworld.co.nz/motorcycle-mecca/
- Afternoon** **Depart Invercargill on respective flights**