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## Blue Penguins Pukekura

At dusk, watch from just a few metres away as little penguins (kororā) emerge from the sea. The 90-minute tour includes a “behind the scenes” walk through the reserve to understand the penguin habitat and biology. Learn about Māori history and hear about intriguing stories that originated here. Then, as the sun sets, head to the observation deck to await the arrival of the world’s smallest penguin. A not-to-be-missed wildlife tour with guaranteed sightings of penguins which makes for exceptional viewing.

### **FIT and groups**



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## City Walks

City Walks brings you unique access to the city's special people and places. Led by Athol, tours showcase Dunedin's key sites as he shares the character of the city, and the forces that have driven change here. The Old Town Walk (1.5-2 hours) is a comprehensive introduction to Dunedin featuring iconic sites including the Octagon, St Paul's Cathedral, Queens Gardens, and Dunedin Railway Station. The Vogel Street Walk (1hour) focuses on the redevelopment which has transformed Dunedin's warehouse precinct.

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## Clearwater Wildlife Tours

Clearwater Wildlife Tours provide authentic New Zealand experiences, with small group tours on the Clearwater family farm at Cape Saunders on the Otago Peninsula. Experience unrivalled opportunities to view rare yellow-eyed penguins, New Zealand sea lions, fur seals and a variety of sea and wading birds within their private conservation reserves.



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## Dunedin Craft Distillers Tour

This distillery is a true food upcycling success story, as the products are fermented from waste bread and bakery products. Created by two Dunedin women, the distillery's starting range is a London-based gin and a chocolate vodka. The Bread to Bottle Tour tells the story of how they make their spirits out of surplus bread.

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## Dunedin e-bike Hire

Hire an electric or mountain bike to explore the cities tracks and trails, with single to multi day hire options available. Dunedin is a bikers dream with easy to experienced trails for mountain biking on the surrounding hills, or easy peddling around the Otago Harbour shared trail where you can take in the stunning peninsula sights. Cycle either side of the Harbour or take on the loop with a boat ride to take you across from port to port.

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## Dunedin Public Art Gallery

Established in 1884, the Dunedin Public Art Gallery was New Zealand's first art gallery and is renowned today for the richness of its historic collection and its close working relationship with major New Zealand artists. Located in the heart of Dunedin, The Gallery houses a significant collection of New Zealand artworks covering the period from 1860 to the present. The collection also contains major holdings of historical European art, Japanese prints and the decorative arts.

### **Bespoke group tours available**



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## Emerson's Brewery Tour and Tastings

Take a walk-through tour to get behind the scenes look at this iconic Dunedin brewery. Go through the full brew and packaging process with a guided beer tasting to finish. 1-2px, 30-60 minutes depending on group size, bookings essential. Alternatively, you can enjoy the guided tasting experience where you are talked through their 6 most important beers, the brewing process and Emerson's history. 1-30px, 15-45 minutes depending on group size.

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## Hare Hill Horse Treks

Hare Hill Horse Treks is the top horse riding and horse trekking experience in Dunedin. Treks take place on a lovely 60-acre farm located only 20-minutes' drive from Dunedin. Hare Hill offers various horse-riding treks and riding lessons suitable for beginners right through to the more advanced rider year-round. Guests can choose between trails in open paddocks with magical views of the Dunedin Harbour and the stunning Aramoana beaches.



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## Horizon Tours Stargazing

The Southern Skies Stargazing tour takes you on a journey of discovery to learn about the unique celestial features of the Southern sky, while also sharing stories and waiata (songs) about how Māori viewed the night sky. Enjoy Māori manaakitanga (hospitality) with a light supper and hot beverage. Start time Oct – Mar 8pm and Apr – Sep 6pm.

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## Iconic Farm Tours

Get up close with miniature cattle and the world's cutest sheep. Situated in Sawyers Bay near Port Chalmers. Come visit and they'll introduce you to their friendly and adorable Swiss Valais sheep. You can pet miniature cattle, feed the ducks and help lead alpacas around the paddock. 1 hour tour includes guided walks around the farm, interaction with all the animals and a complimentary tea or coffee.

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## Karitāne Māori Tours

Karitāne Māori Tours is operated by the Kāti Huirapa community members who share a passion for the environment. There are two tour options available, waka and trekking. Both the Huriawa Pā walk and the waka tour on the Waikouaiti River will deepen your connection to Māori culture and the natural environment with stories of the past.



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## Lan Yuan Dunedin Chinese Garden

Lan Yuan Dunedin Chinese Garden is an authentic example of a late Ming early Ching Dynasty scholar's garden and celebrates the Chinese influence on Otago's history and heritage. It is one of only three outside of China and the only garden in the southern hemisphere. Lan Yuan is a tranquil oasis in the city and visitors can try traditional-style Chinese teas. Group Guided tour options for 1 hour.

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## Larnach Castle

New Zealand's only historic castle. Learn about the interesting and sometimes scandalous stories of its past, take in the dramatic harbour views from the top of the tower and enjoy their Garden of International Significance. Open daily to the public with audio tours and guided tours available. There are also three accommodation packages ranging from luxury to affordable with each package including admission to the castle and breakfast. Guests can also have dinner in the Castle.

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## Monarch Wildlife Cruises and Tours

Monarch Wildlife Cruises & Tours offer unrivalled viewing opportunities showcasing the natural wonders and wildlife of the Otago Peninsula and harbour. The team are focused on conservation and respect for the environment and exclusive access to remote locations means visitors receive close-up interactions with wildlife like Royal Albatross, Penguins and Sea Lions. Bespoke offering for groups who would like to visit other attractions on the peninsula.

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## Natures Wonders

The Otago Peninsula Headland is arguably the most precious wildlife habitat in New Zealand and the farm owned by the Reid family is on the forefront. Daily tours on either an Argo, the 8 x 8 wheel ATV, or coach, where you can view wildlife including penguins. At the sheep shed you can view sheep shearing and learn about mustering while the *Albatross Express*, a 50ft catamaran, offers cruises to see the albatross and other sea birds.

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## No.8 Distillery

Four generations in the making, No. 8 Distillery crafts a range of award-winning boutique spirits and liquors and holds workshops and tasting sessions. Sample their range of award-winning gins, rums and other delicious drops, made with recipes passed down by the French distiller's grandmother. Tours and Tastings include Forager Journeys, NZ Chocolate and Spirits Pairings, Craft beer and Spirits pairings.

**FIT and bespoke group tastings available**



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## OCHO Chocolate Tasting Journey

OCHO chocolate is grown in the Pacific and locally crafted in Dunedin. This delicious local chocolate is sustainable which is good for the growers, the planet, the makers and the eaters. The bean to bar tasting journeys and self-guided tours are available 7 days a week. For the self-guided tour, a smart phone, that can read QR codes & headphones are required.

**FIT & Small Groups**



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## Olveston Historic Home

Olveston Historic Home is New Zealand's finest historic house. Built as the family home of philanthropist David Theomin the house was gifted to the city complete with all the original contents in 1966. This architectural masterpiece is set within a 'Garden of National Significance' and Olveston is a visual, historic, and aesthetic delight with artworks, sculptures, tapestries telling the story of this wealthy merchant family. Visitors experience the home by guided tour. Bespoke group tours, afternoon tea and dining experiences are available.

**FIT and Groups**



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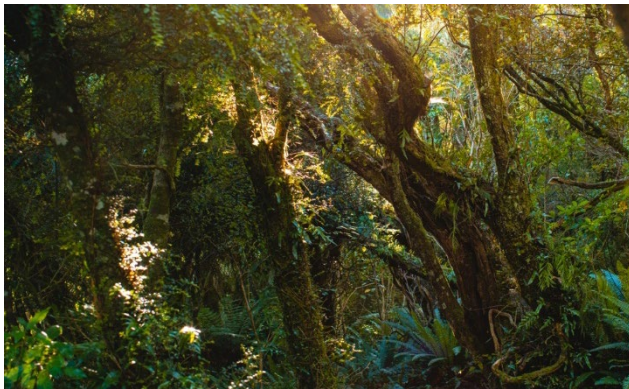


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## Orokonui Ecosanctuary

Orokonui ecosanctuary is a large predator free cloud forest and home to some of the world's most fascinating and rare forest birds, reptiles, and plants. Walking tracks to suit all abilities and the Eucalyptus forest is home to the tallest tree in New Zealand. You can walk independently or have a pre-booked tour with expert guides. The award-winning sustainably designed Visitor Centre is complete with informative displays, eco-friendly gift shop, and Café.

### **FIT and bespoke groups**



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## Tūhura Otago Museum

Otago Museum is home to eight free galleries with a collection of over 1.5 million objects. It holds the largest southern Māori collections in the world, one of the best Pasifika collections in the world, and incredible natural history displays – complete with a gallery of Victorian taxidermy. But it is more than a museum, it is New Zealand's science hub with the largest science centre in the country and the only 3D planetarium in Australasia. Otago Museum can offer bespoke offerings groups.

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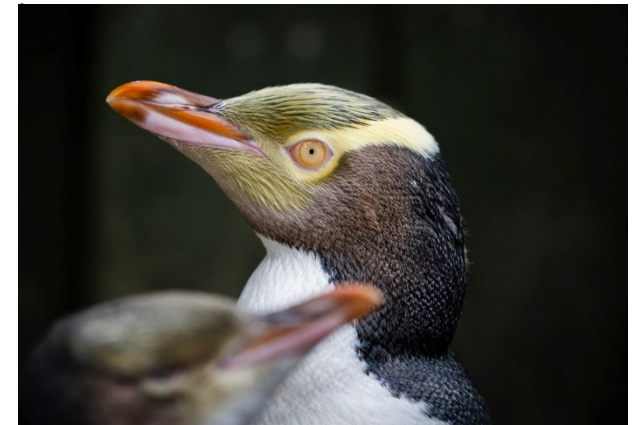
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## The OPERA

The OPERA (Otago Peninsula Eco Restoration Alliance) is a private eco reserve focused on conservation, reforestation, rehabilitation, and education of all native species living on the property. The interpretive tour of the working conservation reserve visits the rehabilitation facility if there are birds in care. Then you travel to the coastal reserve where you will continue on foot. Wild Yellow Eyed Penguins, or Hoiho, are often seen in the reserve but this is not guaranteed. The coastal environment is also home to fur seals, blue penguins, and many other coastal species.

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## Port to Port Wildlife Tours

Explore the beautiful Otago Harbour on board the comfortable and fast custom-built, *Sootychaser*, alongside your enthusiastic and experienced skipper, Rachel. Wildlife cruises can help you get a close look at albatross, seals, penguins, sea lions, dolphins, and anything else that can be found. Rachel also operates a mini harbour tour & bike-friendly ferry crossing from Port Chalmers to Portobello and vice versa, allowing your clients to cycle the loop of the harbour.

**Bespoke group cruises max 20**



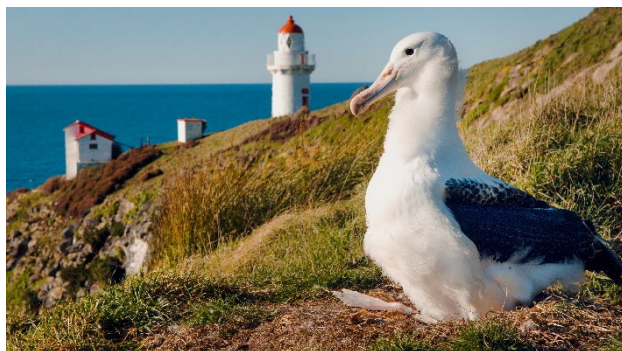
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## Royal Albatross Centre

Nestled at the tip of the beautiful Otago Peninsula is the world's only mainland breeding colony of royal albatross. Witness the fascinating social life of the breeding colony and have the chance to be awed by the soaring three-metre wingspan of the albatross flying above. History is also a key focus of the Royal Albatross Centre. Visit Fort Taiaroa which features fully restored tunnel systems and the Armstrong Disappearing Gun. Bespoke tours Available.

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## Speight's Brewery Tour

Pride of the South since 1876, the Speight's Brewery and the beer it produces are icons of Dunedin. Share the journey by taking the award-winning Speight's Brewery Tour. During the 75-minute experience you will touch, smell and taste your way through this heritage site. Finish off with a tailored tasting in the "Tasting Room", and then find your perfect beer to take home at the Cellar Door. Brewery tours and lunch and dinner options available.

**Bespoke group tours available**



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## Tales from Darkest Dunedin

Have you ever passed through a cemetery and wanted to glimpse into the stories behind the headstones? Tales from Darkest Dunedin is an interactive and interesting way to learn Dunedin's colonial history and about the everyday people who sought to make a life here. Local historian and experienced tour guide, Gregor Campbell and his impressive catalogue of tales are available through guided tours of some of the oldest cemeteries in New Zealand.

**Bespoke group tours available, max 10**



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## Toitū Otago Settlers Museum

Toitū is a museum of social history dedicated to telling the story of the people of Dunedin and surrounding area, whose character, culture, technology, art, fashion and transport shaped New Zealand's first great city. Its fourteen themed galleries feature interactive displays and powerful narratives tracing the human history of the area, from the earliest settlers to the most recent arrivals.

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