

Key Dunedin Events

Chinese Cultural Festival and Chinese New Year

January/February

Celebrate the long history of Dunedin's Chinese community at this traditional Chinese New Year event and Chinese Cultural Festival. Featuring dance, music, food, fireworks, colour and fun.



Chinese New Year, Lan Yuan Dunedin Chinese Garden

Dunedin Fringe Festival

March

The Dunedin Fringe Festival presents an eclectic array of entertainment from the on-trend to the offbeat, guaranteed to make you laugh, cry, clap and/or gasp. Events take place in theatres, bars, galleries, churches, book stores, pop-up spaces, the Town Belt and maybe even someone's backyard.



Dunedin Fringe Festival

iD Dunedin Fashion Week

Bi-annual March/April

Top designers and fashionistas flock to the city for the iconic iD Dunedin Fashion Week. The main runway event is held on the platform of the Dunedin Railway Station and showcases some of the world's top emerging fashion talent. During the week there are several fashion events including exhibitions, industry panels and films.



iD Dunedin Fashion Week

Otago Rally

April

Experience top motorsport action as New Zealand's best rally drivers pit their skills against competitors from across the globe. Three days of world-class rally excitement set against the stunning backdrop of wider Dunedin.



Otago Rally

George Street Market

February

The heart of Dunedin springs to life again as George Street transforms into a vibrant open-air marketplace bursting with colour, flavour, and creativity. The market will host a dynamic line up of international street performers to entertain the crowds. Featuring Bath Street Eats and Beats and The Poptagon.



George Street Market

New Zealand Festival of Nature - Wild Dunedin

April

Dunedin is New Zealand's Wildlife Capital so come and experience a myriad of activities and events celebrating nature and conservation during the annual Wild Dunedin Festival of Nature - take a walk on the wild side in April.



Wild Dunedin Festival of Nature

Puaka Matariki Festival

June/July

Puaka Matariki Festival celebrates Māori New Year through a diverse citywide programme of events including shared feasts, Toi Māori visual arts, literary works, music and dance performances.

Matariki mā Puaka

A free family- friendly event with live music, light show and food truck market.



Matariki mā Puaka

Dunedin Midwinter Carnival

June

The Dunedin Midwinter Carnival celebrates the season with a dazzling spectacle of giant lanterns, performers, projections and entertainment in the heart of the city.



Dunedin Midwinter Carnival

Emersons Dunedin Marathon

September

Run your way round the spectacular Dunedin Harbour on the full marathon run or tour your way around the city for the half and 10km runs. A must on your marathon calendar.



Emersons Dunedin Marathon

Dunedin Craft Beer and Food Festival

November

Something of an institution, the Dunedin Craft Beer and Food Festival is a hugely popular event. Held at the covered Forsyth Barr Stadium, the festival brings together the best local and national brews, food and kiwi music.



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