

**Welcome to  
SOUTHLAND**

**Invercargill & The Catlins - 4 days, 3 nights**

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<b>Day 1</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Breakfast</b>	Breakfast in Dunedin	
<b>0800</b>	Drive Dunedin to Invercargill	Following SH1
<b>1030</b>	Arrive in Invercargill	
<b>1035</b>	Visit <a href="#">Bill Richardson Transport World</a>	The largest private collection of its type in the World, Bill Richardson Transport World has literally hundreds of vehicles and petrol pumps on display throughout 15,000sqm - there is a lot to take in.  491 Tay St, Hawthorndale Invercargill 9810, New Zealand
<b>1235</b>	Suggested lunch: <a href="#">The Grille Cafe</a>	Located at Bill Richardson Transport World, The Grille Cafe serves delicious food and is a big part of the experiences at Transport World. Their flavours strive to include the very best of New Zealand and Southland cuisine.
<b>1330</b>	Drive to Riverton - the 'Riviera of the South'	Follow the Southern Scenic Route to the popular seaside village of Riverton, which is rich in Maori history and is one of the earliest European settlements in New Zealand. Visit the Te Hikoi Southern Journey Heritage Museum and take a photo with the infamous paua shell on the main road.
<b>1400</b>	Arrive in Riverton	
<b>Suggested places to visit</b>		
	Colac Bay	For surfers, food lovers, history buffs or those simply contemplating the power of the great Southern Ocean, Colac Bay and its surrounds offer a great place to slow down and take a

		break.
	<a href="#">Riverton Local Organic</a>	The Riverton Organic Food Co-op is a non-profit group run by volunteers enabling people to buy organic food at cost price and in doing so supporting natural and sustainable practices
	Visit <a href="#">Te Hikoi Southern Journey Heritage Museum</a>	Take an interactive journey through 'Te Hikoi', featuring authentic displays, adventurous characters and engaging stories. These reveal how our Maori and European ancestors adapted to survive on nature's edge.
	Monkey Island	Monkey Island can be reached by foot at a low tide, and offers good views of the beach and distant mountains.
	Gemstone Beach	Known for its constant state of change from sand to stones with the storms and tides. Semi-precious gems such as garnet, jasper, quartz and nephrite can often be found on the beach.
	<a href="#">Orepuki Beach Cafe</a>	The grand old house built around 1885 stands on the main highway of Orepuki overlooking Te Waewae Bay and the Longwoods forest. It has recently had a lot of love put into it with restoration of the old character and a few new additions of today's native timbers, to be transformed into a relaxing and inviting cafe where you can enjoy a great meal or cabinet food along with a drink or coffee.
<b>Suggested stay Option 1</b>	<a href="#">Folster Gardens B&amp;B</a>	Folster Gardens is a stunning B&B where you will be treated to many home-grown delights and fantastic stories. The gardens surrounding the property are something to truly admire and to take the time to explore.
<b>Suggested stay Option 2</b>	<a href="#">Ascot Park Hotel</a>	Ascot Park Hotel is a large, popular venue with a vast array of

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<b>0830</b>	Breakfast at accommodation	
<b>0900</b>	Drive the Bluff	
	Bluff Hill	360deg panoramic views of Foveaux Strait, Stewart Island and the rest of Southland.
	Stirling Point and Foveaux Walkway	Located at the beginning of SH1, Stirling Point is famous for its signpost, which has featured in thousands of photographs with tourists from all around the world. While there check out the popular Foveaux Walkway - an easy coastal walk through to Lookout Point - watch for Southern Rights Whales.
<b>1300</b>	Suggested Lunch: <a href="#">Oyster Cove</a>	Enjoy some time off with family and friends at the amazing and unique restaurant located at the beginning of the road Stirling Point Bluff. With spectacular 180 degree views of Ruapuke, Dog and Stewart island. Their menu offers a variety of different foods. Try the locally sourced seafood. Oysters, Blue Cod, Mussels and Mutton Bird.
<b>1430</b>	Travel back to Invercargill	
<b>1500</b>	Visit <a href="#">Seriously Good Chocolate Company</a>	Making delicious homemade chocolates on-site, the Seriously Good Chocolate Company has a huge range of treats to suit every taste bud.
<b>1600</b>	Take a tour around the <a href="#">Invercargill Brewery</a>	New Zealand's southern most craft brewery, Invercargill Brewery produces award winning craft

		beers and ciders like Pitch Black, Wasp, B Man.
<b>1800</b>	Dinner suggestion: <a href="#">The Saucy Chef</a>	Great casual a la carte dining with a range of exciting speciality dishes. A feature of this restaurant is its fantastic range of seafood dishes.
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<b>0800</b>	Breakfast at accommodation	
<b>0830</b>	Drive Invercargill to The Catlins	Via Southern Scenic Route - Rated one of the top 10 drives in the world
<b>Suggest stops</b>	Waipapa Point	At Waipapa Point visitors can enjoy the golden beach, sea lions, rock platforms and the beautiful lighthouse.
	Curio Bay	Few places offer such scenic, wildlife and recreational values in one small area. This idyllic bay is home to a 180 million year old petrified forest, dolphins and Yellow-eyed penguins.
	McLean Falls	Easy 40min return walk to the striking falls.
	Cathedral Caves	The caves and access road are only accessible two hours before

		and up to two hours after low tide. The 40 minute return walk winds down to the beach through dense bush and then a short distance north along the beautiful Waipati beach. <a href="#">Visit here</a> for further details
	Lake Wilkie	An easy 20min return walk takes you to a boardwalk over part of the lake. When the rata is in flower around the viewing area, there can be a magnificent feast of colour as well as birdsong as tui and bellbirds enjoy the nectar.
	Florence Hill Lookout	This is a great place to stop and enjoy the spectacular views of Tautuku Bay and Tautuku Peninsula to the south; and Tahakopa Bay and Long Point to the north. It has become popular for 'big wave' surfing competitions.
	Purakaunui Falls	An easy 20min return walk, the Purakaunui Falls are amongst the most photographed in New Zealand and are a must do during your Catlins visit
<b>1700 Stay</b>	<a href="#">Mohua Park</a>	<p>CONTACT DETAILS  Gill &amp; Lyndon  744 Catlins Valley Rd, Tawanui  9586, New Zealand  P: +64 3 415 8613  E: info@catlinsmohuapark.co.nz</p> <p>Explore their 8 hectare forest reserve with its many birds, varied walks, seats and gardens, glow-worm grotto, owl trail, moss garden, picnic areas as well as the historic Tawanui railway station.</p> <p>Highly suggest having your dinner with them - great story tellers and a wealth of knowledge on the region</p>

<b>Day 4</b>		
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<b>Option 1 - 0530</b>	<a href="#">Sun Rise Tour with Mohua Park</a>	Duration: 4 hours  1. Yellow eyed Penguin going out to sea. 2. Nugget Lighthouse 3. Guide will point out landmarks 4. New Zealand Fur Seals 5. Sea Birds
<b>Option 2 - 0530</b>	<a href="#">In Depth Nature and Natural History Tour</a>	Duration: 8 hours  1. Yellow eyed penguins 2. Nugget Lighthouse 3. New Zealand Fur Seals 4. Sea Birds 5. Wading Birds 6. Beech Forest 7. Native Bush Birds 8. Catlins River & Valley Walk - a chance to see NZ native birds such as the rare Mohua (yellowhead), Tui's, NZ Rifleman.  This tour is for people with a passion for spotting NZ's many native and exotic and wading birds, and for those who have an interest in NZ natural history.
	Travel back to Dunedin	