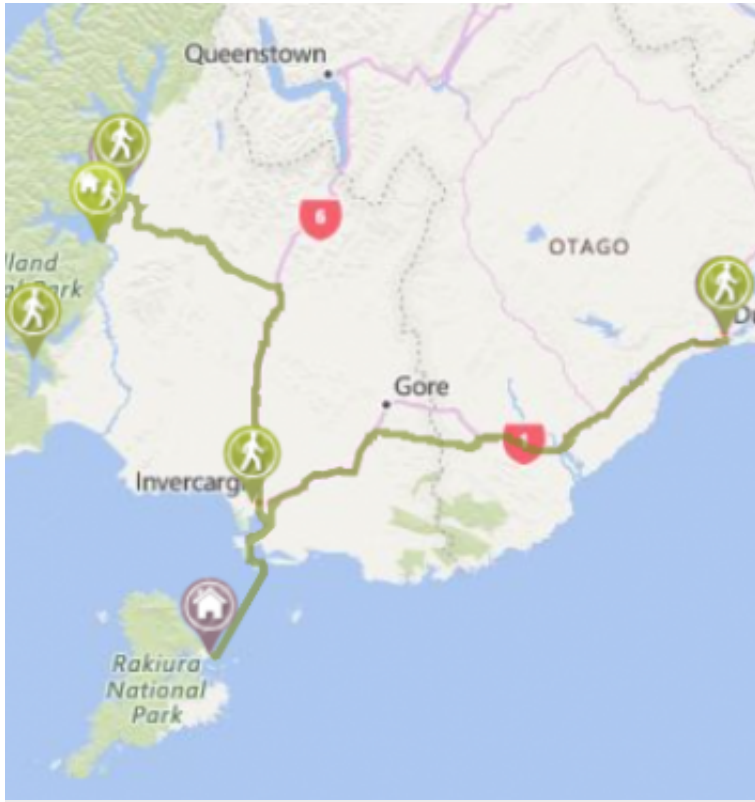


# Wild Collection

## Wildlife Havens of the South



The far south of New Zealand has some of the most remote and wildlife-rich landscapes in the country. The Otago Peninsula is famous for marine life, penguins, seals and albatross, and for bird lovers. The drive through the Catlins with a stop at a Curio Bay to see Hector's Dolphins surfing and then to Stewart Island which is a must and will be your best chance to see kiwi in the wild. The Fiordland experiences included here are some of the best with a an overnight cruises on Doubtful Sound and a guided mountain hike. You can add this journey or elements from it to most of our journeys further north.



### At a glance

**Duration:** 10 days, 9 nights

**Connection points:**  
Dunedin airport  
Queenstown airport

**Activity level:** moderate

**Best season:** November-April

### Driving times

Dunedin - Invercargill 3 hours  
Invercargill - Stewart Island ferry/plane 30-60 mins  
Invercargill - Te Anau 2 1/2 hours

### Indicative Price from \$5,901

Price is for accommodation only and excludes meals, ground or air transport unless stated. [Contact one of our Travel Agents](#) or use [My Holiday](#) to contact the operators and book direct.



## WILD HAVENS OF THE FAR SOUTH

### Pure Nature

South Island



### Day 1 - Dunedin, Otago

Stay [Fletcher Lodge](#)

Fletcher Lodge is a short stroll from the centre of Dunedin and its restaurants.

### Day 2 - Dunedin, Otago

Do [Nature Guides Otago | Otago Peninsula Nature Tour](#)

Stay [Fletcher Lodge](#)

The Otago Nature Guides tour provides you with a personal tour of the Otago Peninsula on its 6-hour Peninsula Excursion & Albatross Encounter.

### Day 3 - Oban, Stewart Island

Do [Stewart Island Flights | Stewart Island Flights](#)

Stay [Sails Ashore Lodge & Ulva Island Trip](#)

The drive to Invercargill takes 2 1/4 hours. From there, fly to Stewart Island with Stewart Island Air. (There is a boat which leaves from Bluff 20 minutes south).

Sails Ashore has both lodge accommodation and a self contained cottage. Settle in and enjoy the plenitude of birdlife even within the tiny settlement of Oban.

### Day 4 - Oban, Stewart Island

Stay [Sails Ashore Lodge & Ulva Island Trip](#)

Join your hosts for a tour of Ulva Island, part of Rakiura National Park and now free of introduced animals. Several species of threatened birds have been reintroduced to this open sanctuary and are doing very well. In addition the forest is flourishing without the influence of rats and deer. The orchids are particularly impressive during their flowering seasons.

### Day 5 - Oban, Stewart Island

Stay [Sails Ashore Lodge & Ulva Island Trip](#)

Day at leisure to take one of the many local hikes or the kiwi watching trip.

### Day 6 - Te Anau, Fiordland

Stay [Dock Bay Lodge](#)

### Day 7 - Te Anau, Fiordland

Do [Trips & Tramps | Fiordland Guided Day Walks](#)

Stay [Dock Bay Lodge](#)

A guided hike on the Kepler Track to experience a taste of the majesty of the Southern Alps on one of New Zealand's Great Walks.

### Day 8 - Te Anau, Fiordland

Do [Wairaurahiri Jet | Fiordland River Adventure](#)

Stay [Dock Bay Lodge](#)

The Wairanahiri Jet takes you deep into Fiordland's wilderness for a truly unique day amongst nature.

### Day 9 - Te Anau & Doubtful Sound

Multi-day [Fiordland Expeditions](#)

After being welcomed aboard this comfortable small vessel, you set off to discover the many arms of the fiord. Relax on deck with a glass of bubbly and spot for Tawaki (Fiordland Crested Penguins), Kekenos (NZ Fur Seals) and Bottle-nose Dolphins. Borrow a kayak to paddle across the still waters, fish, swim or dive. Dinner is generally a feast of freshly caught fish.

### Day 10 - Journey's End

Queenstown airport is 2 hours drive away with good connections to other New Zealand destinations as well as a number of direct flights from Australian cities. Or fly into and out of Dunedin Airport and make this a round-trip. Dunedin is 3 1/2 hours drive from Te Anau.