

Eco-tourism/Nature Self Drive Itinerary

Days	Suggested activity/attraction	Suggested dining	Suggested accommodation	Special hints/tips
<p>Day 1: Travel from Dunedin to Papatowai via the Southern Scenic Route and meet up with your hosts who are renowned conservationists.</p> <p>Stay for a two day and two night ecotour experience</p>	<p>Explore and learn about New Zealand rainforests, plants, animals, geology, history and conservation.</p> <p>All wildlife is seen in natural habitats and rare species, Hooker's sealions and Yellow-eyed penguins are always seen, as well as the often-observed Yellow head, Fernbird, Hector's dolphin and Elephant seal.</p>	<p>Dine in with your hosts who also specialise in vegetarian meals.</p> <p>Meals include breakfast, lunch and dinner</p>	<p>Stay with conservationists in their own home</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sturdy walking shoes and wet weather clothing, hat and gloves. • Insect repellent.
<p>Day 2:</p>	<p>Rise early in the morning and visit the yellow-eyed penguin colony. Visit waterfalls, take in native bush walks, look for fossils and visit the fossilised forest.</p> <p>Evening workshops are available on request.</p>	<p>As above</p>	<p>As above</p>	
<p>Day 3: Depart by car for Invercargill and travel to Bluff to take the ferry to Stewart Island.</p>	<p>Relax and unwind.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take an island bus tour. • Take a glass bottom water taxi excursion and have an aquaculture experience. • Go kiwi spotting (an evening excursion). 	<p>The hotel provides meals and there is a restaurant and cafes.</p> <p>Specialties of the area are: Blue Cod, Titi (muttonbird) and seafood.</p>	<p>The island caters for all tastes, with accommodation ranging from luxury lodge to country style hotel, motel private bed & breakfasts and a holiday park.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical walking shoes wet weather clothing, hat and gloves. • The car can be placed into storage at Bluff, inquire at the Ferry booking

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit New Zealand's smallest live theatre. • Visit Ulva Island and walk through a podocarp forest. 			<p>office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no banks or chemists on the island. • Kiwi spotting is held every alternative day and schedules are governed by the weather, and numbers are limited. Bookings to be made independently on arrival.
Day 4: Stewart Island	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Try your hand at seakayaking and explore this beautiful unspoiled oasis. • Take an all day nature watch excursion to offshore islands and Ulva Island bird sanctuary. Many pelagic and landbird species, seals, dolphins, etc. • Take one of many one-day bush walks. • Fly to Masons bay at low tide and explore this unspoiled coast. Fly-Boat or Boat-Fly. 	As above	As above	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On Stewart island winters are milder and calmer than the mainland. • During the summer months Southland experiences long twilight hours.
Day 5: (if applicable) Sail back from the island to Bluff. Travel back to Invercargill and fly out of Invercargill Airport.				

