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STEWART ISLAND | RAKIURA
TRANSPORTATION

Seasonz can arrange all of your transport needs and getting to Stewart Island is more simple than you may think – just a 20 minute flight from Invercargill or a one hour ferry from Bluff.

Our recommendation is to take the flight as the Foveaux Strait can get quite rough in certain conditions. Or for some extra luxury take a helicopter from Queenstown!

Return Flight Pricing: from NZ$ 225.00 per person
*Between Invercargill and Stewart Island
*Luggage Limit: 15kg per person

Return Ferry Pricing: from NZ$ 178.00 per person
*Between Bluff and Stewart Island
*Luggage Limit: 1x Checked In and 1x Carry On

Helicopter Pricing: On Application
Church Hill is a proudly New Zealand owned and operated business that offers fully hosted accommodation and dining on Stewart Island. Your hosts are Deanne and Chris Sara who re-established Church Hill Restaurant & Oyster Bar in 2012 and Church Hill Boutique Lodge & Restaurant in 2017.

Situated on the hill by the church this lodge offers guests wonderful views of the bay, the outer islands and the best of Stewart Island.

The 3 rooms are all stand-alone and are merely metres from the restaurant, car park, and gardens. Church Hill is a 5 minute walk from the Oban township, ferry terminal and flight centre.

The rooms have views of the bay and beyond and face the sunrise for the perfect wakeup call. Surrounded by the native bush of the Church Hill site the birds are only an arm’s length away. Many visitors to the Island come for the bird life and from your room you will be able to get some great photographs without getting out of your pyjamas or possibly, even out of bed.

Per Night Pricing: from NZ$ 595.00 per room
*Double Occupancy incl. Breakfast

*Minimum 2 night stay applies
ACCOMMODATION

Stewart Island Lodge is an upmarket bed and breakfast complex, nestled in native bush on Stewart Island. Located just a five minute walk from the island’s village, the lodge is private and secluded with commanding views across Halfmoon Bay and Foveaux Strait. The lodge’s terrace offers sweeping views of the gardens and ocean beyond, providing an idyllic place for contemplation and relaxation. During cooler weather, relax in the communal guest lounge and admire the vistas over the bay.

Featuring 6 Guestrooms that all enjoy stunning outlooks and open directly onto the expansive balcony

Per Night Pricing: from NZ$ 395.00 per room
*Double Occupancy incl. Breakfast

*Minimum 2 night stay applies
ACCOMMODATION

Departing Oban experience Stewart Island’s abundant marine and bird life on this 6 night cruise on board the Fiordland Jewel. Explore the inlets, bays and rivers of Stewart Island in a kayak, or on the Fiordland Jewel’s tender boat.

If the weather permits there is a chance that you will circumnavigate the island and discover remote areas of Rakiura National Park, which comprises 85% of the island’s 1,570 square kilometres.

The Fiordland Jewel is a 24m high-spec catamaran that features a helipad, top-deck hot tub, nine climate-controlled cabins all with en-suite bathrooms and majestic fiord and sea views.

With an on board chef, comfortable and elegant dining and seating areas, and genuine Kiwi hospitality, Fiordland Jewel provides a truly special way to experience the incredible beauty of Stewart Island.

Pricing: from NZ$ 4,000.00 per person for 6 nights *Based on 2 Single Bunkbeds
*Maximum 18 passengers
*Other cabin options available

Current Departures: 26 February and 16 October 2021
THINGS TO DO

Wild Kiwi Encounter
At dusk depart Halfmoon Bay by catamaran for a cruise across Paterson Inlet to Little Glory Cove. During the cruise pass Ulva Island (a predator-free sanctuary) and learn about Stewart Island’s rich history. Once at Little Glory Cove, disembark and enjoy a walk, led by your nature guide, on a well-formed track across the peninsula, through spectacular coastal forest to a secluded sandy beach. As dusk sets in and daylight diminishes, venture by torchlight through the native forest with the stars and forest night sounds around you. The walk will take about 45 minutes one-way and the track emerges on to Ocean Beach. This wide sandy beach is where kiwi are often found feeding among the grasses and seaweed. Here in the darkness you will get to see the Southern brown kiwi (Rakiura Tokoeka) - often searching for food. Afterwards retrace your steps through the forest to Little Glory Wharf for your catamaran ride back to Oban.

Hiking on Stewart Island
Stewart Island has approximately 230km of walking tracks available for you. The option of boating out and walking back is popular and is easy to arrange when you arrive on the Island. We recommend taking a private water taxi to Port William Hut, approximately 30 minutes from Oban by boat. This is the first Hut on the famous Rakiura Track, one of the Great Walks of New Zealand. From Port William Hut hike the 12 km back to Oban village on what is considered the most scenic part of this three day track. The Halfmoon Bay area also has a good selection of walking tracks available to choose from, ranging from 20 minutes walking time, up to a full day return. The popular Horseshoe Bay track is a three hour return hike (from Post Office). Both the DOC information centre (Department of Conservation) and the ‘Red Shed’ the official tourist information centre offer fantastic information and maps for the available hikes.
THINGS TO DO

Ulva Island Experience
Explore Ulva Island with your local guide where you will have the opportunity to view Land and Sea Birds as well as the Brown Kiwi. There is a range of half and full day options and the day can be tailored to suit your interests. Enjoy discovering the unique, rare and endangered birds and plants at close quarters.

Fishing
Discover your one-of-a-kind fishing experience, while taking in the spectacular surroundings of Foveaux Strait and Stewart Island. There are a number of charter operators on the island where using traditional hand lines, you will be able to fish for your own Blue Cod to take back to your accommodation. Observe the workings of a local commercial fishing operation with demonstration on how to prepare, set & retrieve cod pots and process the catch once landed. See the great variety of Sea- and Wildlife living in and around the waters of Stewart Island.

Guided Sea Kayaking
Explore the pristine clear waters with an amazing marine life, bays and sandy beaches. You will often see penguins, marine mammals and mollymawk / albatross. Half or Full Day options are available and Ulva Island Circumnavigation, Halfmoon Bay Scenic or Paterson Inlet are some of the kayak locations.

Village and Bays Tour
Gain an entertaining insight into the community on this 1.5 hour tour. Your local guide will talk about the history and environment of Stewart Island as you explore Oban and the surrounding bays. Visit Lee Bay, Horseshoe Bay and see views from Observation Rock of stunning Paterson Inlet.
THINGS TO DO

Stewart Island Dark Sky Sanctuary
Take a moment to look up and enjoy the Milky Way and its dozens of stars. Stewart Island/Rakiura is the southern-most Dark Sky Sanctuary in the world and offers one of the darkest locations to view the night sky. *Speak to Seasonz for the best time to view the night sky

A Local’s Tail
Shown three times daily at Bunkhouse Theatre “A Local’s Tail” is a quirky 40 minute film about Stewart Island as seen through the eyes of Lola the dog. Have your questions answered and learn about the highs and lows of island pioneers past and present – a Must See on the island! *Showing everyday through summer (Oct-Apr)

Rakiura Museum
Rakiura Museum boasts a nationally significant collection and showcases the development of industries based on Stewart Island’s rich natural resources which first attracted the Maori followed by a cosmopolitan mix of settlers - sealers, prospectors, timber millers, ship builders, whalers, fisherman and tourism providers. *Open to the public from 1 Dec 2020

South Sea Hotel Quiz Night
Don’t miss the weekly Stewart Island Pub Quiz on Sunday nights! Maximum of 6 people to a team. Arrive by 6pm at the latest to register

RESTAURANT RECOMMENDATIONS:
• Church Hill Restaurant & Oyster Bar: Food philosophy is “home grown, home made” - specialising in local seafood *Offers 3 course dining experience, restaurant open from 6pm daily

• South Sea Hotel: This hotel is a Stewart Island icon, located in Half Moon Bay and offers fabulous ocean views. Dinner available 5.30pm-7.30pm