

Southland/Fiordland Business Events

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GET IN TOUCH

We're the Business Events Southland team, here to provide complimentary advice to make planning your business activity in our region a breeze. Our team are excited to help you discover the region, connect with local suppliers, and build a programme of activity for your delegates to treasure and remember.

Waihōpai Invercargill and wider Southland/Fiordland venues are world-class, boasting an abundance of options. Accommodation offerings range from boutique to larger hotels with conference facilities. Our friendly, efficient and experienced team will exceed your expectations. Daily direct flights to Invercargill from Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch provide convenient connectivity.

Contact us today!

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For more information about the Southland region visit southlandnz.com

Sometimes you need to see it to believe it!

Southland/Fiordland is a dynamic region, with phenomenal sights and attractions. We would love you to register your interest in a fam so you can experience first-hand our diverse offerings. We'll introduce you to amazing operators, work alongside you to take care of your requirements, and ensure you have everything you need to deliver an incredible experience for your delegates.

Scan to register your interest →





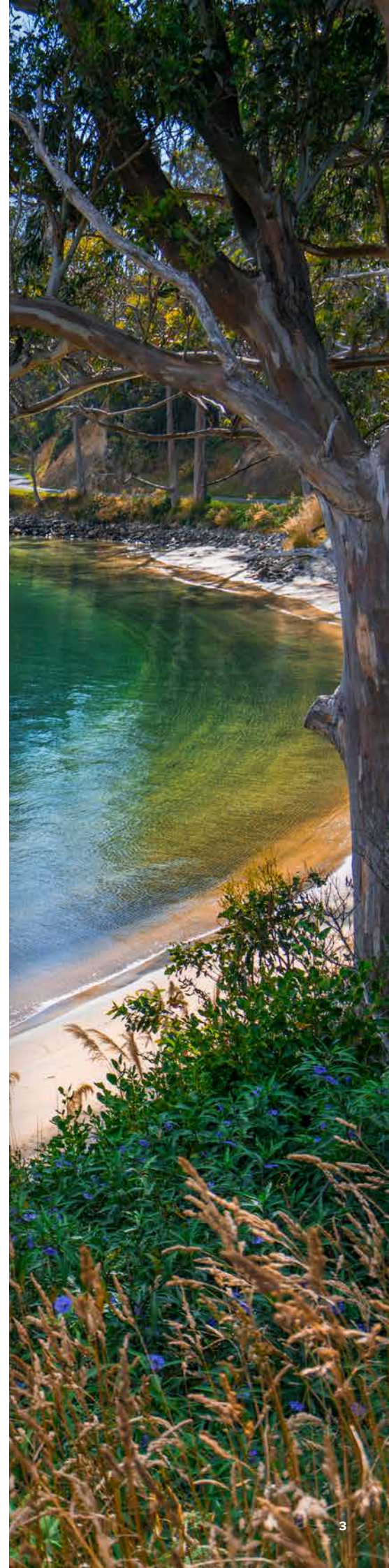
Make Southland/ Fiordland your next meeting or incentive destination and discover some of New Zealand's most captivating experiences!

Catch a glimpse of mystical *Rakiura* Stewart Island as your direct flight arrives in *Waihōpai* Invercargill. Minutes later, you can enjoy your brand-new hotel room at The Langlands, in the heart of the city's newly built CBD, or relax at the Ascot Park Hotel surrounded by serene gardens.

Your world-class venue Bill Richardson Transport Museum or ILT Stadium Southland are both just minutes away, or if your preference is for full conference facilities including accommodation, our venues can create an experience to meet your request. Our venues can deliver spectacular gala dinners tailored to your every need, and we can also provide the perfect venue for a welcome function in one of our unique bars.

Post conference, think exploring heritage in *Maruawai* Gore, soaking up the majesty of *Ata Whenua* Fiordland, or discovering the coastlines of the spectacular Catlins. Surprise and delight yourself as you wander the golden sand beaches of *Rakiura* Stewart Island - an island weekend away without the jetlag! Untouched landscapes, dramatic scenery, unique wildlife, and interesting urban settings are all synonymous with Southland/Fiordland.

Whether your business event takes you to *Waihōpai* Invercargill's reborn CBD - think urban vibes with heritage grandeur - or to the wild beauty of *Ata Whenua* Fiordland, you're bound to fall in love with the wonders of *Murihiku* Southland.



Discover Southland

Southland is world famous. We're home to the spectacular natural area of Fiordland and some of New Zealand's most dramatic, awe-inspiring and iconic wilderness and rare wildlife.

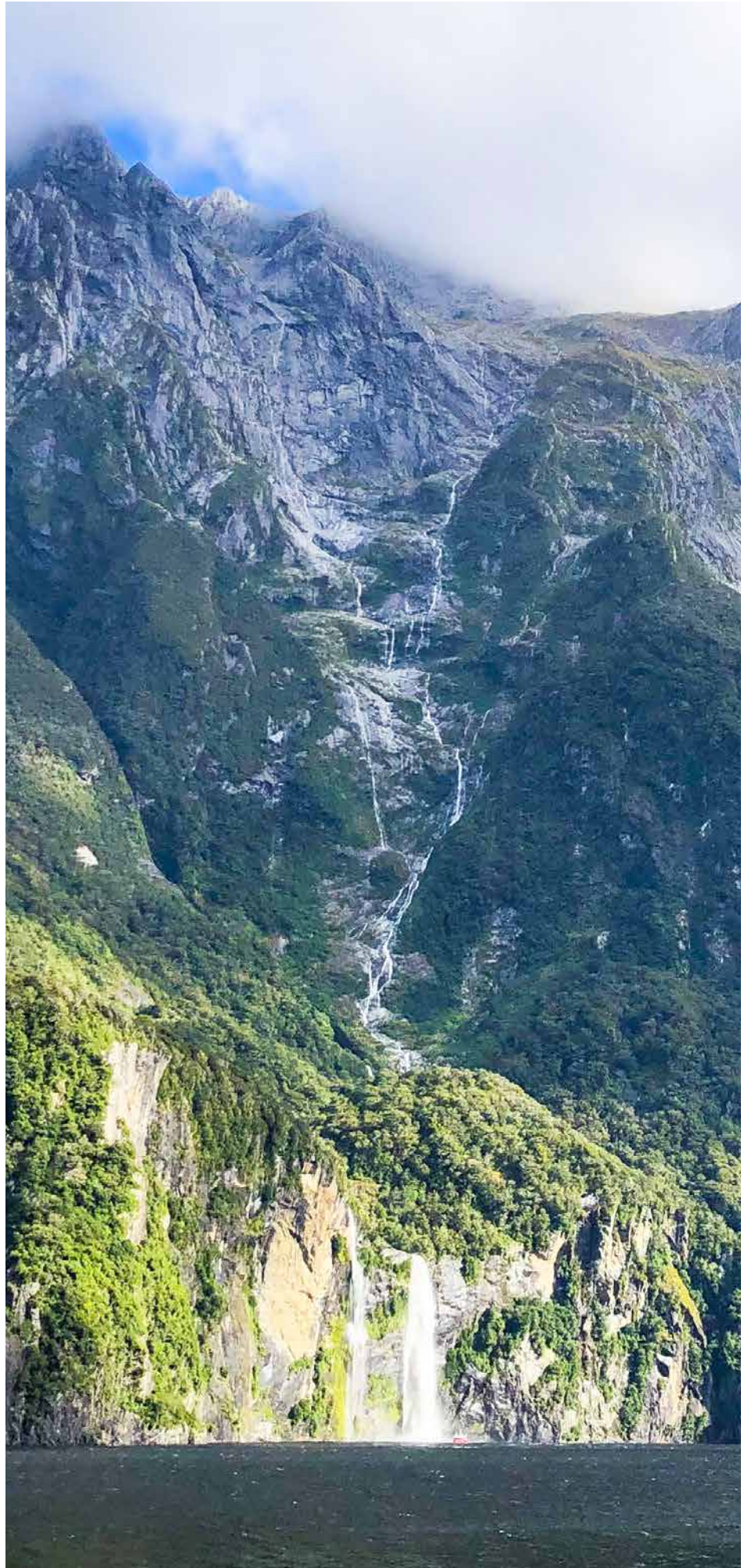
It's always been like this. Maori drew on several hundred years of local know-how and formed a unique bond with early Europeans, leading to the rapid growth of exports by both. We reckon there must be something in the water (and not just Bluff oysters).


Today, *Murihiku* Southland's economy is booming, bringing real opportunity and benefits to the entire region, from our smallest settlements to our largest city. But you don't have to be rich to enjoy our rich lifestyle. Anyone with the right attitude can create the future and freedom they've always wanted.

Our streets are safe, the quality of education high, and the cost of living low. Workdays have a before and after too, so you'll always find time to enjoy our wide-open spaces, eateries, thriving arts scene and world-class sports facilities.

Southlanders are surrounded and sustained by lush farmland, rich waters, bountiful coastlines and abundant nature. We care deeply about the treasures in our backyard, and the Maori spirit of *kaitiaki* (guardianship) over them is something that anchors and unites us all.

We're a welcoming, generous lot. Down to earth, unapologetically proud, and focused on an exciting future. We could go on, but the long and short of it is the door's always open, the kettle's always on, and we can't wait to show you around.



A person with a large backpack is crossing a rope bridge over a forest stream. The person is wearing a red shirt, grey shorts, and black boots. They are holding onto the ropes of the bridge. The background is a lush green forest with many trees and ferns. The stream is flowing over mossy rocks.

Southland/Fiordland is a natural playground, no matter what your passion is!

As New Zealand's ultimate nature and wildlife destination, its dramatic scenery spans pristine rainforests, fertile farmlands, and rugged coastlines. With an abundance of hiking trails, cycling routes, fishing spots, classic motors, the world-famous Bluff oyster, and the region's iconic cheese roll. *Murihiku* Southland has something for you!

Waihōpai Invercargill is the gateway to explore Southland's picture-perfect destinations, and as New Zealand's southernmost city, it seamlessly blends old world charm with modern living. Invercargill has a laid-back atmosphere - except when it comes to celebrating *Murihiku* Southland's obsession with classic motoring!

With a reimagined, rebuilt central city; visiting and doing business in *Waihōpai* Invercargill is an extraordinary experience. Come south, feel and be part of the buzz and excitement, it's everything you want and need in a city, without the big city headaches.

On *Waihōpai* Invercargill's doorstep you'll discover the wild beauty and primeval nature of *Rakiura* Stewart Island where kiwi wander freely, and blue cod caught on the glistening water is transformed into a mouth-watering, gourmet treat. It is possible to visit *Rakiura* Stewart Island for just the day by ferry or helicopter from *Motupōhue* Bluff or a flight from *Waihōpai* Invercargill, but it's always recommended to stay a day or three at least!

Marvel at the wonder that is *Ata Whenua* Fiordland as awe-inspiring sights rise-up around you, then kick back with some fine-dining Te Anau style. Visitors from all over the world come to *Ata Whenua* Fiordland to see the natural icons of *Piopiota* Milford Sound and *Patea* Doubtful Sound or to hike one of the area's Great Walks. Stay a while and base yourself in the picturesque township of Te Anau to experience the area fully.

Making your way here

Murihiku Southland is more accessible than ever!

Murihiku Southland encompasses the southernmost area of New Zealand, including Rakiura Stewart Island. This mighty region stretches from the wilderness of Ata Whenua Fiordland in the West to the rugged Catlins in the East, with the heart of the region, Waihōpai Invercargill, nestled on the southern coast.

Waihōpai Invercargill is a very reachable destination with direct flights from Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch. The short 5km drive from the centre of the city to Invercargill Airport takes just under seven minutes. Both Te Anau and Maruawai Gore are within easy driving distance from the city, with the road to Te Anau taking you through some spectacular scenery.

Waihōpai Invercargill is just a few hours drive from both Queenstown and Dunedin International Airports, with these journeys taking you through some of New Zealand's most stunning landscapes. Queenstown and Dunedin are great pre and post event destinations.

Flights

DIRECT FLIGHTS TO INVERCARGILL

- Auckland - 2h
Up to 6 days a week, 1 flight per day
- Wellington - 2h 10m
7 days a week, 2 flights per day
- Christchurch - 1h 25m
7 days a week, 6-7 flights per day

Drive times

DRIVING TO INVERCARGILL

- From Queenstown Airport - 180km
Approx. 2h 15m
- From Dunedin Airport - 183km
Approx. 2h 20m
- From Christchurch - 566km
Approx. 7h



Getting around the region

Wherever you'd like to go in the region, Murihiku Southland has a transport service that can get you there in comfort and style.

From getting around town to flying across sounds, boating across lakes or landing on beaches.

By road

RENTAL CARS

Avis Car Rental - 03 218 7019
Jucy Rentals - 0800 399 736
Budget Car & Truck Rental - 03 218 7012
Thrifty Car Rental - 03 218 6100
Apex Car Rentals - 03 928 5205
RaD Car Hire - 03 214 4820
Hertz Car Rental - 03 218 2837
Europcar - 03 486 2358

TAXI SERVICES

Blue Star Taxis - 03 217 7777
Invercargill Taxi - 03 216 5995
EziCab - 027 217 6767
Te Anau Taxi Transfers - 020 483 2628
MT Taxi Gore - 03 208 12443

CHARTER COACHES

Go Bus - 03 218 7108
Event Bus - 0800 66 77 44
Executive Car Services - 03 216 3434

By air

FLIGHT SERVICES

Stewart Island Flights - 03 218 9129
Fiordland Helicopters - 03 249 7575
Te Anau Helicopters - 03 249 5879
Wings and Water - 03 249 7405
High Country Helicopters - 03 202 4042
Milford Helicopters 03 249 8384
Fly Fiordland - 03 2494352
Southern Lakes Helicopters
- 021 210 0631
Stewart Island Helicopters
- 0800 234 890



By water

FERRY AND WATER TAXI SERVICES

Stewart Island Ferry - 03 212 7660
Fiordland Outdoors - 0800 347 4538
Rakiura Charters - 03 219 1487
Ulva Island Ferry & Water Taxi
- 027 28 98 292



Meeting spaces

Whatever your event, you'll find a meeting space that suits your needs in Southland/Fiordland.

From conference hotels to ready-themed spaces and theatres, *Murihiku* Southland has a well-established range of event venue options.

Invercargill

ASCOT PARK HOTEL

CAPACITY: 250

The Ascot Park Hotel is recognised as *Waihōpai* Invercargill's premier hotel and conference centre, with nine function rooms covering everything from small boardroom style meetings to large events for 700 people. The hotel has 116 guest rooms, ample parking and a reputation for hosting weddings and other special occasions.

BILL RICHARDSON TRANSPORT WORLD

CAPACITY: 300

For a venue with a difference, organisers should look to Bill Richardson Transport World, the largest private automotive museum of its type in the world. Its versatile function and conference spaces can host between five and 1000 guests. It is ideal for gala dinners as well as intimate meetings and everything in between. The venue is close to the inner city so both accommodation and transport are easily accessible.

CIVIC THEATRE

CAPACITY: 235

For a more historical option, The Civic Theatre was built in 1906. A multimillion-

dollar project in 2004 turned the complex into a much-applauded performing arts and events facility that seats 1015 people. The Civic Theatre complex has a range of areas for hire and is centrally placed in the inner city. The theatre complex is a popular option for smaller conferences, it's ideally suited with breakout rooms for workshops or for cocktail functions and dinners.

ILT STADIUM SOUTHLAND

CAPACITY: 2000

ILT Stadium Southland provides one of the largest events and exhibition spaces in *Murihiku* Southland and has modern and multi-functional facilities. The stadium has banquet seating for 1200, theatre seating for 1500 and can host a cocktail function for up to 2000.

KELVIN HOTEL

CAPACITY: 160

In the centre of the city, The Kelvin Hotel offers a sixth-floor venue with abundant natural light and panoramic views of the city and scenery beyond. The Kelvin Hotel offers five versatile function spaces providing a relaxing ambience and can be configured for a range of situations. It has banquet seating for up to 120, theatre style 140 and boardroom 32, but is also adept at hosting smaller corporate meetings.

THE LANGLANDS

CAPACITY: 80

Located in the heart of Invercargill, The Langlands is Invercargill's newest hotel set to become a local landmark. The 4.5-star hotel includes three meeting spaces and, with an array of food and beverage choices, can offer private dining options for up to 80. The 360 rooftop bar doubles as a function space awarding great views. The Langlands can cater for banquet seating for 80 and theatre style and cocktail settings for 100.



ASCOT PARK HOTEL



KELVIN HOTEL



THE LANGLANDS



Fiordland

DISTINCTION TE ANAU HOTEL AND VILLAS

CAPACITY: 220

Distinction Te Anau Hotel and Villas provides the option of a meeting in *Ata Whenua* Fiordland on the edge of New Zealand's second largest lake. Ideal for team building exercises below towering peaks, this is also perfect for an incentive programme or a high end 'break-out session' or corporate retreat.



Gore

CROYDON LODGE

CAPACITY: 300

Croydon Lodge is situated on six acres of park-like surrounds on the outskirts of *Maruawai* Gore, with a variety of event spaces to choose from. The complex can cater for your guests with quality hotel rooms, catering, restaurant, bar and guest facilities and a range of meeting rooms that can cater to large corporate events.

Gala dinner spaces

Southland/Fiordland is home to many unique venues that can create your ideal gala dinner experience.

You are spoilt for choice in *Murihiku* Southland, with everything from hotels, bars and gardens, to churches, stadiums and unique world-class attractions available to be turned into show-stopping dinner venues. From paddock to plate - fresh, succulent and locally-sourced fare awaits. Our gala dinners will exceed your expectations!

Invercargill

ASCOT PARK HOTEL

CAPACITY: 400

Special events call for special dinners, and Ascot Park Hotel have the experience on board to make your gala dinner a night to remember. Their events team can advise you on the many possibilities available for theming which can be completed in-house, or can recommend suppliers to help you design a theme with that extra something - turning conference rooms into dazzling dinner spaces!

BILL RICHARDSON TRANSPORT WORLD

CAPACITY: 900

Jaw-dropping, lavish, spectacular; Bill Richardson Transport World is everything you want a gala dinner venue to be. With a backdrop this sensational, guests will be stunned long after the party ends. Transport World is in a league of its own, and Bill's Shed - the impressive space that houses the gleaming collection of Henry Ford letter cars, glamorous 1930s V8s, and pastel-perfect mid-century convertibles - is the jewel in its crown.

ILT STADIUM SOUTHLAND

CAPACITY: 1200

From gala dinners to a black tie ball, ILT Stadium Southland will wow and amaze your guests. The main events arena is designed to be completely transformable and your guests will find it hard to believe they are in a sports facility. The Stadium is the perfect blank canvas for creating a spectacular event.

THE CHURCH 1914

CAPACITY: 60

Invercargill's Knox Presbyterian Church opened its doors to the first congregation of 500 people in 1914. In 2010, Andy and Sharyon Ralph purchased a derelict building and began restoring a beautiful piece of Invercargill's history into a luxury accommodation and event space. The doors are now open for bookings!

THE HANDLE BAR

CAPACITY: 60

For a refined cocktail party look no further than The Handle Bar at Classic Motorcycle Mecca, a striking venue full of character and atmosphere. You won't find stuffy display cases here, just up-close-and-personal views of the finest vintage motorbikes from around the world. Original exposed brick and gleaming tongue-and-groove details round out this space's unique ambience.

THE HIDEAWAY 201

CAPACITY: 250

Located 20 minutes out of Invercargill, the Hideaway 201 offers a unique function space with indoor-outdoor flow. Stone walls, archways, ponds, waterfalls and mature trees surrounded by lush gardens are just some of its charms. Set amidst the ten acres of stunning grounds are two options: a rustic indoor space or a dreamy silk marquee with fairy lights.



ASCOT PARK HOTEL



THE CHURCH 1914



THE HIDEAWAY 201



BILL RICHARDSON
TRANSPORT WORLD



THE HANDLE BAR



ILT STADIUM SOUTHLAND

Fiordland

DISTINCTION TE ANAU HOTEL AND VILLAS

CAPACITY: 130

Imagine watching the sunset over the stunning Lake Te Anau while waiting for Distinction Te Anau's talented chefs' imaginative flavour combinations made from fresh local ingredients. Sample the best of South Island delicacies and savour the wide range of flavours including Southland beef and lamb. This venue is surrounded by extensive, colourful gardens overlooking the spectacular Lake Te Anau and the Fiordland ranges.

FIORDLAND LODGE

CAPACITY: 120

Awarded 'Best Destination Venue' at the 2019/2020 Hospitality New Zealand awards, Fiordland Lodge is remarkable! Situated in a truly idyllic setting on the edge of Lake Te Anau, it offers sweeping panorama views of lake Te Anau and the surrounding Kepler and Murchison mountains. A regional approach to food ensures the finest and freshest produce from Fiordland and Central Otago is showcased matched to a wine list which features some very special vintages showcasing Central Otago wineries.



DISTINCTION TE ANAU
HOTEL AND VILLAS



FIORDLAND LODGE

Accommodation options

When it's time to turn in, Southland/Fiordland offers a range of accommodation that caters for every taste and budget.

With 1,300 commercial accommodation rooms in *Waihōpai* Invercargill alone, you have so many choices in *Murihiku* Southland! From hotels to motels, apartments to backpackers, holiday parks to farm stays - wherever you make your "home away from home" you'll find the warm hospitality that is synonymous with Southlanders.



Invercargill

Name	Rooms	Location	Category
Ascot Park Hotel	116	Invercargill	Hotel
Ibis Styles Invercargill	47	Invercargill CBD	Hotel
Kelvin Hotel	61	Invercargill CBD	Hotel
The Langlands	78	Invercargill CBD	Hotel
295 On Tay	34	Invercargill	Motel/Apartments
388 Tay Motel	13	Invercargill	Motel/Apartments
554 Moana Court	10	Invercargill	Motel/Apartments
Admiral Court Motel & Apartments	17	Invercargill	Motel/Apartments
Balmoral Lodge	38	Invercargill	Motel/Apartments
Bavarian Motel	11	Invercargill	Motel/Apartments
Bella Vista Motel Invercargill	18	Invercargill	Motel/Apartments
Birchwood Manor	15	Invercargill	Motel/Apartments
Coachman's Inn Motor Lodge	21	Invercargill	Motel/Apartments
Colonial Motel	13	Invercargill	Motel/Apartments
Colonial on Tay	10	Invercargill	Motel/Apartments
Comfort Inn Tayesta Motel	14	Invercargill	Motel/Apartments
Homestead Villa Motel	35	Invercargill	Motel/Apartments
Monarch Motel	22	Invercargill	Motel/Apartments
Queens Park Motels	14	Invercargill	Motel/Apartments
Quest Invercargill Apartments	38	Invercargill CBD	Motel/Apartments
The Lodges at Transport World	8	Invercargill	Motel/Apartments
Tower Lodge Motel	17	Invercargill	Motel/Apartments

Fiordland

Name	Rooms	Location	Category
Distinction Luxmore Hotel	180	Te Anau	Hotel
Distinction Te Anau Hotel & Villas	112	Te Anau	Hotel
Fiordland Hotel	80	Te Anau	Hotel
Fiordland National Park Lodge	46	Te Anau	Hotel
Kingsgate Hotel Te Anau	94	Te Anau	Hotel
Anchorage Motel	14	Te Anau	Motel/Apartments
Explorer Motel & Apartments	16	Te Anau	Motel/Apartments
Fiordland Lakeview Motel & Apartments	23	Te Anau	Motel/Apartments
Lakeside Motel & Apartments	33	Te Anau	Motel/Apartments
Radfords on the Lake	14	Te Anau	Motel/Apartments
Red Tussock Motel	20	Te Anau	Motel/Apartments
Cabot Lodge	4	Manapouri	Lodges/Retreats
Fiordland Lodge	12	Te Anau	Lodges/Retreats
Te Anau Lodge	11	Te Anau	Lodges/Retreats

Gore

Name	Rooms	Location	Category
Croydon Lodge	39	Gore	Hotel
Riverlea Motel	10	Gore	Motel/Apartments

Stewart Island

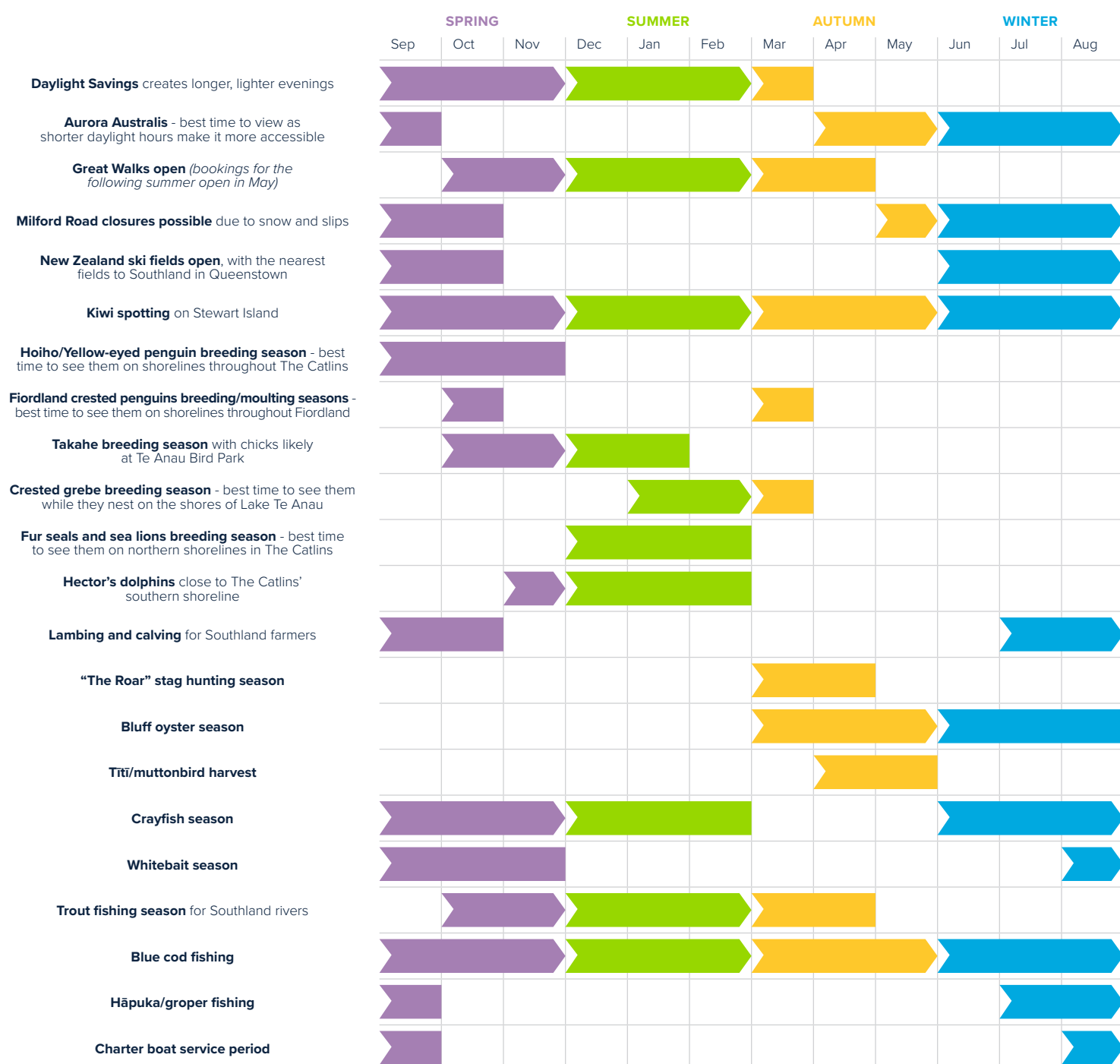
Name	Rooms	Location	Category
Kaka Retreat	7	Oban	Motel/Apartments
The Bay Motel	12	Stewart Island	Motel/Apartments
Church Hill Boutique Lodge	3	Oban	Lodges/Retreats
Stewart Island Lodge	6	Stewart Island	Lodges/Retreats
Argyle Apartments	3	Oban	Cottages/Apartments
Anchorstone	3	Stewart Island	Cottages/Apartments
Rakiura Retreat	5	Stewart Island	Cottages/Apartments

Timing your visit

Southland/Fiordland is well worth visiting at any time of year.

Whether you're a hunter/gatherer or a foodie, an adventure junky or a relaxation seeker, a give-it-a-go type or a sit-back-and-watch type - there's something for everyone all year round in *Murihiku* Southland.

Southland/Fiordland Seasonal Guide



Time your meeting with an unmissable event

SPRING HIGHLIGHTS



TE ANAU MANAPOURI FISHING CLASSIC

Picture this. Your Labour Weekend break away spent on Fiordland National Park's lakes. Soaking in the spring rays and melted snow while fishing for that perfect trout during the Te Anau Manapouri Fishing Classic!

southlandnz.com/fishing-classic



SBS BANK TOUR OF SOUTHLAND

Aotearoa's most successful multi-stage cycling race traversing 800km of the Southland region. Who needs the Tour de France when the largest, toughest and most prestigious cycling event is right on your back doorstep.

southlandnz.com/tour-of-southland

SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS



BURT MUNRO CHALLENGE

One of New Zealand's major motorsport events, honouring the motorbike racing legend, Burt Munro, for his love of speed. An action-packed five day event with a number of racing disciplines, exciting events and fantastic entertainment.

southlandnz.com/burt



DISTINCTION HOTELS TE ANAU TENNIS INVITATIONAL

A premier New Zealand tennis fixture, served with a side of world class Fiordland scenery and sporting talent to match. As the hard-court action heats up, there's no shushing the crowd!

southlandnz.com/tennis-invitational

AUTUMN HIGHLIGHTS



BLUFF OYSTER & FOOD FESTIVAL

There is no better place to enjoy the sumptuous Bluff Oyster than when hosted by the salty seaside township, Bluff. A festival celebrating Southland's unique flavours and local fare that will tempt any taste buds.

southlandnz.com/oyster-festival



SAVOUR THE SOUTH

Surrounded by ocean and pasture, Southland is the ultimate foodies' paradise destination. Celebrate the tastiest dishes, drops and accommodation in this month-long culinary autumn festival.

southlandnz.com/savour-the-south

WINTER HIGHLIGHTS



TUSOCK COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL

The closest thing to Nashville you'll find on these shores is right here in Gore, world-renowned as the home of country music in New Zealand. Join the nine-day festival celebrating the best and brightest Kiwi country talent!

southlandnz.com/tussock-country



MLT HOKONUI FASHION DESIGN AWARDS

Firmly established in the national fashion calendar, this event brings together Southland's fashion community and designers from all over New Zealand. Witness their designs alongside industry leaders and a high profile panel of judges.

southlandnz.com/design-awards

Explore and experience the region

Explore what Southland/ Fiordland has to offer during your event. With a vast array of experiences available in the South, there's something to suit every group's interests.

To make your meeting more memorable, why not showcase the region to your delegates.

Highlights

EXPERIENCE Paddock TO PLATE DINING

Surrounded by ocean and pasture, *Murihiku* Southland is the ultimate Surf'n'Turf destination - a produce paradise. Enjoy the freshest seafood, including world-famous Bluff oysters, Stewart Island salmon, mussels, pāua, and succulent blue cod. Take your pick of exceptional tasting, grass-fed lamb, prime pasture-fed beef, and the finest venison, alongside the crispness and crunch of farm-fresh veges. And let's not forget that Southland delicacy – the famous cheese roll - the perfect companion for a fabulous, locally-roasted coffee.

DISCOVER LOCAL CULTURE AND HERITAGE

Murihiku Southland has rich and varied natural and cultural heritage, with distinctive areas of the region embracing their unique stories. From tales of early Māori voyages to remote lighthouses and whalers' sites, moonshine distilleries, Victorian hotels, farming and mining history, and a 180-million-year-old petrified forest, *Murihiku* Southland

is a treasure trove of astonishing experiences. The region's living history is wonderfully showcased through interactive modern museums, and unforgettable outdoor experiences.

ENCOUNTER UNIQUE WILDLIFE AMONGST UNTAMED WILDERNESS

Listen to native birdsong, spot kiwis hiding in the dark or take a cruise to experience a range of wildlife. *Murihiku* Southland is the place to find everything from rare native birds to dolphins, seals and sharks. On Stewart Island, kiwi outnumber humans 50 to 1 and the southern sanctuary offers a unique kiwi spotting experience as the birds are practically on your doorstep. Discover the Catlins and observe hoiho yellow-eyed penguins as they come ashore on the 180-million-year-old petrified forest at Curio Bay. In *Murihiku* Southland there are many options for tours and cruises that will let you experience the wildlife without having to find where they hide yourself. Tours allow you to sit back, photograph and relax, and enjoy a true Southern experience without hassle.

ENJOY UNFORGETTABLE STARGAZING

An International Dark Sky Sanctuary, *Rakiura* Stewart Island combines stunning scenery with an almost primeval landscape, for an incredible night sky experience. The Island's remote location, free from light pollution, makes for exceptional stargazing. *Ata Whenua* Fiordland is equally amazing for stargazing, you can admire the Milky Way from the Marakura Wharf in Te Anau, or the epic, starry night vistas above Mitre Peak in *Piopiota* Milford Sound. Fiordland National Park is set to become the first National Park in New Zealand to be awarded International Dark Sky Park status.



Invercargill & Bluff

Waihōpai Invercargill is Southland's main commercial hub and New Zealand's southernmost city. Dubbed the "City of Water and Light" due to the city's position beside a river estuary and the long summer daylight hours, Invercargill has a laid-back atmosphere - except when it comes to celebrating Southland's obsession with classic motoring!

Motupōhue Bluff lies thirty kilometres south of *Waihōpai* Invercargill and is the southernmost settlement on mainland New Zealand. The most-photographed spot in Bluff is the famous signpost at Stirling Point, which is a highlight for any visitor to the South.



BILL RICHARDSON TRANSPORT WORLD

The largest private automotive museum of its type in the world. With more than 300 vehicle displays, a growing wearable arts collection and more - there's something to captivate everyone.

twevents.nz



QUEENS PARK

Explore this magnificent 80-hectare park in the heart of Invercargill - featuring wildlife habitats, gardens, a cafe, a golf course, disc golf and more!

southlandnz.com



CLASSIC MOTORCYCLE MECCA

New Zealand's most diverse motorcycle display, home to more than 300 bikes and sidecars from over 60 manufacturers, ranging from 1902 - 2007.

motorcyclemecca.nz



DIG THIS INVERCARGILL

New Zealand's first heavy equipment playground is an experience quite unlike any other. Get ready to rip, push and pull your way to a whole new level of excitement.

digthisinvercargill.nz



STIRLING POINT

Located at the beginning (or end) of New Zealand's State Highway 1, Stirling Point is most famous for its signpost, which depicts directions and distances to major cities around the world.

southlandnz.com



HE WAKA TUIA ART + MUSEUM

Southland's together space, the collaboration between the Invercargill Public Art Gallery and the Southland Museum and Art Gallery, is called He Waka Tuia Art + Museum.

hewakatuia.nz



ORETI BEACH

Oreti Beach is a coastal playground just minutes from Invercargill that you're able to drive right onto! This beach is famous for being Burt Munro's testing ground.

southlandnz.com

Fiordland

Encompassing New Zealand's biggest national park, the remote *Ata Whenua* Fiordland is awe-inspiringly beautiful, with high-sided valleys, fiords, and lakes carved by ancient glaciers. The only fiord accessible by road, the breathtaking *Piopiota*hi Milford Sound has been attracting international visitors for more than 100 years.

A boat cruise on a lake or sound is one of the best ways to take in this world-class sightseeing destination. However, tackling one of the three Great Walks - the Milford, Routeburn, or Kepler Track - is another fantastic way to discover this beautiful part of *Murihiku* Southland.



ATA WHENUA FILM

This locally produced film takes you on an extraordinary aerial journey across one of the most awe-inspiring places on the planet - Fiordland Ata Whenua.

fiordlandcinema.co.nz



TE ANAU GLOWWORM CAVES

Experience a mysterious underground network of limestone passages filled with whirlpools and an underground waterfall before drifting in darkness beneath the luminous shimmer of glowworms.

realnz.com



FIORDLAND HISTORIC CRUISES

Explore the Fiordland National Park while tasting incredible local cuisine and sipping fine New Zealand wines - all while sailing across Lake Te Anau on board a 1930's sailing ship!

fiordlandhistoriccruises.co.nz



FIORDLAND FROM THE SKY

The glacier-carved cliffs flowing with waterfalls, towering peaks and dense rainforest of Fiordland are best seen by air. From plane or helicopter, the choice is yours.

fiordland.org.nz



FIORDLAND JET

Take in the breath-taking landscape of Te Wahipounamu, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, as you jet boat down the crystal-clear waters of the Waiau River to the awe-inspiring Lake Manapouri.

fjet.nz



PIOPIOTAH

MILFORD SOUND

Often described as the "eighth wonder of the world", the jewel in Fiordland's crown, and one of the New Zealand's top travel destinations. Extraordinary waterfalls and wildlife can be viewed from a cruise or kayak trip.

fiordland.org.nz



PATEA DOUBTFUL SOUND

With towering peaks, rainforest, and twisting, hidden inlets, this fiord is ten times bigger than Milford Sound. Enjoy an overnight cruise to really immerse yourself in the serenity of the national park.

fiordland.org.nz

Stewart Island

Rakiura Stewart Island is the southernmost and smallest island of the three main islands of New Zealand. The island's clear turquoise sea and white sand beaches make it look like a tropical paradise and it is a haven for many rare native birds, such as friendly kaka and weka, beautiful kakariki and South Island saddlebacks, and elusive brown kiwi.

Roughly 85% of *Rakiura* Stewart Island forms the wild and enchanting Rakiura National Park. One of the best ways to experience the park is by tramping the Rakiura Track, one of New Zealand's Great Walks, which explores a range of epic scenery from rainforests, wetlands and vast sand dunes.



RAKIURA MUSEUM TE PUKA O TE WAKA

Displays and information about early Māori settlements, mutton-birding, whaling, fishing, timber milling, mining, boat building, transport, early schools and churches are all featured, delving into Stewart Island's past.

rakiuramuseum.co.nz



RAKIURA DARK SKY SANCTUARY

The remote location of Stewart Island means it is virtually free of light pollution, making the views of the night sky exceptional. Join Twinkle Dark Sky Tours to see some of the most beautiful sights in the universe!

southlandnz.com



GUIDED TOURS OF STEWART ISLAND

The best way to explore the island, guided tours of Oban and surrounds or Ulva Island provide insight into the history of New Zealand's southernmost community and the environment and wildlife of Stewart Island.

southlandnz.com



WILD KIWI EXPERIENCE

Stewart Island is one of the few places where you can see a wild kiwi so close to civilisation. Travel through the native forest by torchlight to see the southern brown kiwi - often seen searching for food.

realnz.com



TE WHARAWHARA ULVA ISLAND

An absolute must-do, Ulva Island is a predator-free sanctuary. Touring the island via the easy walking tracks gives an unspoiled glimpse into the lives of some of New Zealand's most endangered birds.

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BUNKHOUSE THEATRE

Home of 'A Local's Tail', a delightfully quirky film that introduces local characters, reveals the struggles and triumphs of this pioneering community, and gives you a tour of the island - all guided by local dog Lola.

bunkhousetheatre.co.nz



STEWART ISLAND E-BIKES

Explore picturesque Stewart Island in style on eco-friendly electric bikes. Stop at your leisure and have the time to reach more remote destinations.

stewartisland-electricbike-hire.co.nz

The Catlins

A spectacular coastal stretch between *Waihōpai* Invercargill and Balclutha in the Clutha District, the Catlins possesses a rugged beauty and untouched quality that is magnetic; with vast native forests fringed by high cliffs, deserted sandy beaches, and sparkling bays. This area is possibly the most stunning part of the Southern Scenic Route which is rated as one of the world's top 10 drives.

Like the pot of gold at the end of a rainbow, tucked away at the end of various walks in the Catlins are several magnificent waterfalls, including the photograph-worthy McLean Falls and the popular triple-tiered Pūrākaunui Falls.



SLOPE POINT

The southernmost point on the South Island of New Zealand, accessible via a short walk. The views of the surrounding ocean from the point's steep rugged cliffs are spectacular!

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WAIPAPA POINT & LIGHTHOUSE

Home to a historic lighthouse, this often-photographed point is one of the best spots to see sea lions resting on land.

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CURIO BAY

This unique bay is of international significance for its fossilised forest which dates back to the Jurassic period 160 million years ago - the forest was alive when New Zealand was part of Gondwanaland!

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TUMU TOKA CURIOSCAPE

A world class interpretive centre especially designed to share the stories and history of this amazing place on the edge of the world. Tailor your own experience with interactive touch screens and more!

curioscape.co.nz



MCLEAN FALLS

Watch the water pour over the highest waterfall in the Catlins with the early morning light shining through the rainforest.

southlandnz.com



CATHEDRAL CAVES

Feel dwarfed by the sheer size of these magnificent caves! The cavernous caves are only accessible around low tide after a short walk through native bush and along a beach.

cathedralcaves.co.nz



THE LOST GYPSY

Explore all the quirky automata, wind-up and water-driven gadgets and gizmos cleverly made from found objects - shells, toys, coins, wood, watches, wire.

thelostgypsy.com

Gore & More

Maruawai Gore is Southland's second largest town and lies on the banks of the Mataura River. With nearly 150km of easily accessible waters that are internationally renowned for brown trout fly-fishing, it's no wonder Gore is now known as the "Brown Trout Capital of the World"! Alongside fantastic fishing, culture and heritage draw a crowd to the rural town. *Maruawai* Gore is famous for its country music, illicit whisky making and is also a growing hub for the arts.

For those who want to get more off the beaten track, *Murihiku* Southland has a wide range of activities to try and history to explore - all set amongst some of the most stunning landscapes.



EASTERN SOUTHLAND GALLERY

Home of the internationally renowned John Money Collection and Ralph Hotere Gallery, this gallery also features a diverse program of temporary exhibitions.

esgallery.co.nz



HOKONUI MOONSHINE MUSEUM

The Gore District's colourful history of whisky making and consumption is celebrated in this unique museum, located in Gore's heritage precinct.

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GORE STREET'S ART TRAIL

Eight bold and beautiful murals have been painted across town by various street artists including ex-Gore artist Sean Duffell. The colorful designs are part of the Streets Alive programme that form an art walking trail.

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FLY FISHING

The Mataura River is a trout fishing paradise, it has the highest population and catch rate of any river in New Zealand. There are many skilled and experienced guides in the region who offer customised fishing trips.

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CROYDON AVIATION HERITAGE CENTRE

Here the golden age of flight can be relived! This museum is dedicated to preserving and celebrating New Zealand's civil aviation heritage, both the stories of pioneer aviators and their equally colourful machines.

croydonaviation.co.nz



SWITZERS MUSEUM

This museum's displays include material relative to high country farming and the area's gold mining past and associated Chinese settlement - Waikaia owes much of its history to gold which was discovered there in 1862.

southlandnz.com



AROUND THE MOUNTAINS CYCLE TRAIL

This 186km trail winds from the shores of Lake Wakatipu and alpine vista views, through rolling farmland and historic townships (such as Lumsden), to high country stations and the beautiful Mavora Lakes Conservation Park.

aroundthemountains.co.nz

Tour the neighbouring regions

The Southland/Fiordland region is bordered by some of New Zealand's most popular destinations, offering many options for pre and post touring.

The tourist hot-spot of Queenstown, the magnificent landscapes of Central Otago, and the characterful city of Dunedin are only a short drive from *Waihōpai* Invercargill, giving many exciting options for touring before or after an event. Tick off some of your bucket list experiences while you are down in the south!

Queenstown

Queenstown is the adventure capital of New Zealand. Located on the shores of Lake Wakatipu and nestled underneath the picturesque Remarkables mountain range, this is a sophisticated four-season holiday resort. The home of the world-famous bungee jump and Shotover Jet, there are plenty of amazing attractions and sightseeing options for all ages.

Visit queenstownnz.co.nz

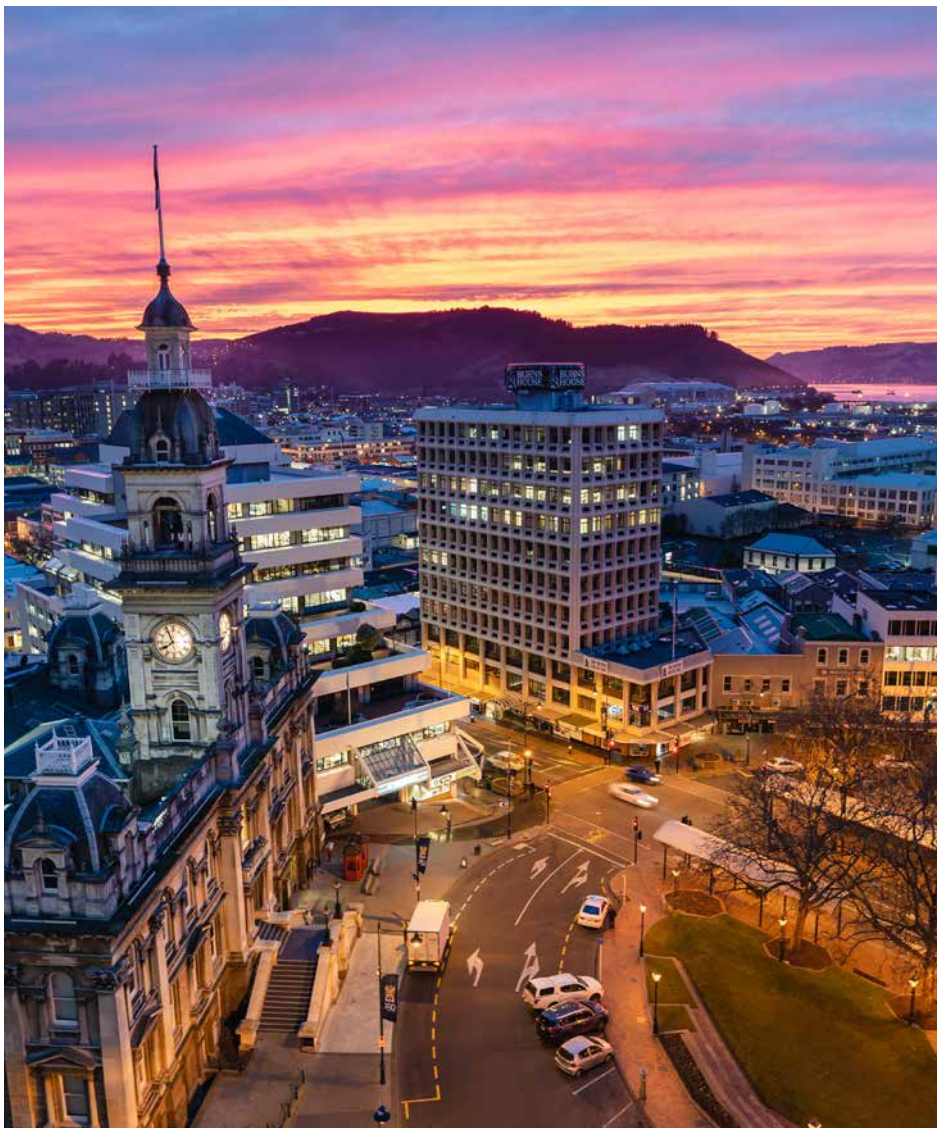


Central Otago

Central Otago has a unique climate, being the hottest, driest and coldest place in New Zealand. Because of this, grapes and fruit grow exceptionally well there. The Otago Central Rail Trail, New Zealand's original great ride, winds through the region and offers some of the best cycling in the country.

Visit centralotagonz.com





Clutha

Take a journey off the beaten track to this area which celebrates nature and history. The northern Catlins has an array of spectacular waterfalls and wonderful wildlife, while Lawrence is home to the rich heritage of one of the world's largest gold rushes - explore it on the Clutha Gold Trail, one of New Zealand's Great Rides.

Visit cluthanz.com

Dunedin

Stretching around the picturesque harbour, sheltered by the Otago Peninsula, Dunedin is home to colonies of rare penguins, Royal Albatross, and Hooker's sea lions. A city rich in heritage – there are many notable historic buildings, museums, and art galleries which are made for exploration.

Visit dunedinnz.com



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