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NEW ZEALAND
**Birding
Guide**



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WELCOME

New Zealand is famous for its birds.

Why and how did this happen?

When the New Zealand land mass separated from Gondwanaland 85 million years ago, an odd assemblage had gathered. This assemblage was odd not just for what was present, but what was absent.

This has led to the New Zealand avifauna being truly weird and wonderful, and having a very high level of endemism (currently around 28% of bird species only breed in New Zealand). To name a few we have an alpine parrot (kea), a shorebird with a beak bent to one side (wrybill), an iconic flightless and nocturnal bird with nostrils at the end of its beak (kiwi), and a multitude of seabird species (91 species breed in the NZ region, with nearly 65% being endemic) making it the seabird capital of the World).

It's what was missing that seems to have really shaped our birds, with an apparent lack of land mammals except for three species of bats. This meant that birds were able to proliferate and occupy niches normally occupied by furry counterparts. With the Southern Ocean lapping our shores, the islands of New Zealand have provided a nesting site for hordes of seabirds for millions of years.

Today there are four bird Families that are endemic to New Zealand, the kiwi (Apterygidae), the New Zealand wrens (Acanthisittidae), the stitchbird (Notiomystidae), and the New Zealand wattlebirds (Callaeidae). These four families and the seabirds often form a focus for overseas birders visiting New Zealand. With a short visit to our shores it is possible to see representatives of all four, plus a good assemblage of seabirds. For many a trip to New Zealand is a once in a lifetime opportunity, and whether self-driving or an organised tour, it is possible to see many more.

With breath-taking scenery as a backdrop, there is no better way to see New Zealand than on a birding holiday or adventure. You are sure to see some of our premier scenery and visit many places regular tourists will not see.

Planning ahead is advised as accommodation and activities can often be booked well in advance.

With the help of our New Zealand Birding Directory we look forward to making your visit a special one.



ABOUT NEW ZEALAND

General Information

New Zealand's spectacular landscape includes vast mountain ranges, lakes, fiords, lush rainforests and sweeping coastlines.

Comparable in size to Japan, New Zealand's population is only just over four million people.

New Zealand Seasons

New Zealand weather can change unexpectedly. You should be prepared for sudden changes in weather and temperature if you're going hiking, especially in alpine areas.

Winter temperatures can be below freezing with Summer reaching highs of over 35°C.

For information on planning a New Zealand holiday visit www.newzealand.com



Spring - September, October, November

Summer - December, January, February

Autumn - March, April, May

Winter - June, July, August

International calling

Please note the all phone numbers listed are New Zealand local numbers. If you wish to call a New Zealand number from an overseas location New Zealand's country code is +64.

Freephone 0800 numbers are within New Zealand.

 Auckland Island

 Campbell Island

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Pterodroma Pelagics specialises in New Zealand pelagics (seabird tours) with regular trips on the Hauraki Gulf.

The Hauraki Gulf Marine Park is an internationally recognised region of high biodiversity value, and seabirds, as top predators, are key components of this ecosystem. Gulf islands are also vitally important refugia for seabirds, with twenty-three species confirmed to breed in the region. For a number this is the only place in the world where they breed underlining its importance.

Join us, the local experts, to see a unique range of locally endemic seabirds including the recently rediscovered NZ Storm Petrel, thought extinct for over 100 years. The beautiful Hauraki Gulf is close to Auckland, New Zealand's most popular international entry point, the perfect place to start your birdwatching adventures.

Trip calendars and a full sightings record for our tours can be found on our website. Pterodroma Pelagics is a subsidiary of Kiwi Wildlife Tours NZ Limited and operates through its DOC concession for any island visits.

Shearwaters and prions images courtesy of Jon Irvine.
White-faced storm petrels courtesy of Karen Baird.



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Kiwi Wildlife Tours NZ offers comprehensive bird-watching, nature & ecological tour and travel services for New Zealand and the South Pacific. We are New Zealanders and know our country, its birds, wildlife and landscapes intimately.



We specialise in catering for birders who want to travel independently in our region, you can either choose one of our set routes and itineraries, or we can tailor one especially to take account of your interests and tastes. We provide an up-to-date map service for key birding locations. And you don't have to be completely on your own. As an Auckland-based company we can help you ease into your New Zealand holiday with some guided birding in the north before you head out and explore the rest of the country on your own.

We also act as ground agents to a number of overseas companies for tours up to 22 days exploring New Zealand and some associated offshore islands. We begin in Auckland and at each place we go, the more spectacular the scenery becomes and the more havens for endangered species we encounter.

Kiwi Wildlife Tours NZ Ltd holds a comprehensive Department of Conservation (DOC) concession to operate commercial tours in national parks, reserves, forest parks and on island sanctuaries throughout New Zealand.

NZ dotterel and rock wren photos courtesy of Jon Irvine.

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Since 1993 Manu Tours has been conducting birding tours in New Zealand and the Chatham Islands. In 2000 we expanded and now include Australia, Fiji, New Caledonia, Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands.

While birding is our main passion we also like to share our general knowledge of the nature, history and spectacular scenery of these countries.

In nearly twenty years of organizing tours we have learnt that we can't be all things to all people so we take a middle of the road approach. We travel in small groups, at a comfortable pace making your travels more comfortable and your wildlife experiences more personal and enjoyable. We take deep pleasure in making your birding tour special!

We run several scheduled tours each year and we can also customize a private tour for you at affordable prices.

Happy clients are our best form of advertising; please feel free to ask for references.

We look forward to meeting you and sharing our special corner of the world.



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See New Zealand with the birding experts. Brent Stephenson and Sav Saville run Wrybill Birding Tours, NZ.

We are experienced and passionate birders, with unrivalled first-hand knowledge of New Zealand's birds. As the re-discoverers of the supposedly extinct NZ storm-petrel, we know New Zealand and it's birds inside out. Whether its endemic landbirds, shorebirds or pelagic seabirding – we can do it. We offer scheduled tours of 3-weeks duration, but are happy to tailor trips to your own specification and custom-build a trip for you.

We also offer pelagic trips around the country (inc the Hauraki Gulf) and if you are a photographer then a photographic tour with Brent (one of NZ's top bird photographers) might be for you. Or we can save you money and time by producing an itinerary and site information for the independent traveller. Just tell us what you want to do and we will make it happen!

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Wild Earth New Zealand offers unique natural history self drive programmes supported by personalised resource manuals with indepth articles to guide you through our country.



With our individually designed experiences, we cater for the single traveller through to groups. Our programmes combine with NZ Birding Network members creating comprehensive NZ experiences.

Meet with New Zealander's, hear their story, connect with the best local operators to experience the secrets of our land. Travel at your pace with local tips and hints for additional places to visit as you connect with our culture, geology and diverse flora and fauna.

Each programme builds on the experience of twenty five years of natural history travel, we look forward to sharing our world with you.



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To discover New Zealand's unique birdlife and finest natural wonderlands, contact the specialists in custom designed birding tours for small groups, couples and individuals.



For over 23 years Mark Hanger and Nature Quest New Zealand Ltd have been designing and leading birding tours in New Zealand. To maximise your visit to New Zealand let us know your requirements. We'll ensure you the widest array of species, at your pace, to your budget and within your time frame, all the while being guided by the finest birding leaders in New Zealand. Alternatively if you would prefer a fully independent trip, then we can help in the itinerary design, make the necessary bookings, and ensure once again that your New Zealand trip is the best it could be.



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Birders Rest offers quality accommodation in attractive riverside garden surroundings coupled with trips to see local birds.



Our speciality is the North Island brown kiwi of which there is a good population in our area. Kiwis are traditionally native forest birds and are notoriously difficult to see. Some local sites are in open paddocks with scattered bush and in such habitat sightings are more reliable. We see kiwis on nearly all our trips.

Other birds to look for include the skulking fernbird, tomtit, New Zealand dotterel, royal spoonbill, New Zealand dabchick, Australian little grebe and the shy Australian bittern. We have recently started running pelagic trips in the Far North which have produced specialties like black-winged, grey-faced and white-naped petrels, brown skua, 4 species of albatross and New Zealand storm petrel. Visitors driving to Kerikeri can incorporate a detour to Waipu for fairy tern, to Teal Bay for brown teal and other sites of which we can give details.

We have 2 self-contained units attached to the house; these have ensuite bathroom & kitchenette and access to the deck, garden and swimming pool. Please contact us for prices and availability.



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With forty three species recorded here, Miranda - on the south west corner of the Firth of Thames, is one of the best wader sites in New Zealand.

It is the best place for large flocks of wrybill – birds are here all year round, but between December and July over 2000, (40 % of the population) are present. Other endemics include New Zealand dotterel, black-billed gull, variable and pied oystercatchers. The 8500 ha intertidal area on the Firth also attract large numbers of Arctic tundra-breeding species– particularly bar-tailed godwit, red knot, ruddy turnstone, Pacific golden plover, sharp-tailed sandpiper and red-necked stint. Miranda Shorebird centre is an information and education centre, open 9am to 5pm 7 days a week. We have accommodation – self contained units or bunk dormitories. Visit us for interpretive displays and recent sightings. In our shop you will find an extensive range of natural history books – one of the most comprehensive collections in New Zealand.



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A visit to the North Island isn't complete without seeing Whirinaki Forest, one of the world's premier rainforests.

Its stunning 60-metre trees are home to many rare and endangered birds - kaka, kakariki, whitehead, North Island robin, whio/blue duck, karearea/NZ falcon, North Island brown kiwi and much more. Join us for short, easy walks highlighting the best of this amazing ancient forest.

Foris Eco-tours offers a great day out in stunning places - we can also include a river trip on the pristine forest-lined Rangitaiki River to view the rare whio/blue duck, scaup and other river and forest birds. Tom has 20 years' experience as a river guide and holds licences to run rafting operations.



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Tom Lynch has built his career in conservation education - he's ex-Zealandia, a secondary teacher and birding expert.



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Out in the Styx Guesthouse is a unique, peaceful, rural retreat nestled in the heart of the Waikato with the 3,400 hectare Maungatautari wildlife sanctuary literally on its doorstep.

Our 3½ star Qualmark rated accommodation includes a range of options from our themed ensuite rooms to our 15 bed bunkhouse – all with views of Maungatautari. Join us for one of our locally famous delicious dinners, a warm winter fire and an informative chat with your convivial hosts.

Day and night guided walks on Maungatautari are available by arrangement with proceeds going to the Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust. Tomtits, kaka, fantails and kereru abound on the mountain during the day and at night the call of kiwi and moreporks can be heard from the comfort of your spa. Maungatautari has the only pair of breeding takahe on mainland North Island New Zealand.

Enjoy the birdlife from the metalled tracks in the southern enclosure, along the two hour trek to Pukeatua peak, or via the 6 hour tramp across the mountain.

Out in the Styx Guesthouse is also a great base for trips in and around the Waikato. Within one and a half hours you can visit the Whangamarino wetland or Miranda shorebird sanctuary to the north, Waitomo and nearby Rurakuri walk to the south, or Rotorua to the east.

Bookings essential.



Image courtesy of Phil Brown.



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Conservation – Preservation – Exploration



Located on the banks of the Whanganui and Retaruke Rivers, and surrounded by Whanganui National Park, Blue Duck Station is steeped in Maori and European history, dramatic landscape, breath taking scenery, an abundance of outdoor activities and the most authentic and passionate true kiwi host you will meet during your time in New Zealand.

Set amongst a 5000 acre working sheep and beef farm and surrounded by native forest, birdlife and beautiful rivers, there are 3 lodges to choose from all with their own character, but above all they are fantastic places to relax in.

Blue Duck Station is involved in several conservation, biodiversity and history preservation projects including surveying and protecting blue ducks, kiwi, native bats and weta as well as restoring some of the history that still exists on Blue Duck Station. Our core values are based on conservation of our endangered wildlife, our forests and rivers, and preserving the historic buildings, roads and tales of the area.

Blue Duck Station is a destination with everything to offer so come on in to see it for yourselves but above all come on into have some fun! See you soon!

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GANNET BEACH ADVENTURES



Established in 1952, Gannet Beach Adventures has a long history of providing tours on a spectacular stretch of the Hawke's Bay coastline, from Clifton to Cape Kidnappers.



This unique & fun eco-experience tour involves travel with local experienced guides by vintage tractors and trailers on a comfortable four-hour adventure to the largest mainland gannet colony in the world.

At the Black Reef colony visitors can almost touch the gannets in their natural environment, without even stepping off the trailer. An approximate 90 minute break at Cape Kidnappers itself enables visitors ample time to enjoy a scenic walk to the Plateau colony, where the Saddle & Whalebone Reef colonies can also be seen.

Depending on the time of the season, visitors can witness new-born chicks through to 4-month olds preparing for their first ever flight to Australia.

Season runs from mid-October to the end of April and is suitable for all age groups with moderate fitness levels.

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**Enjoy an exclusive tour over
Cape Kidnappers Station.**



Gannet Safaris has been operating successfully for over 40 years, the only operator that drives you to within a few metres of the birds. We travel in air conditioned 4x4 vehicles over the hill country of Cape Kidnappers Station. On the way view the spectacular scenery and rugged coastline, the fantastic views of Hawke's Bay out to Mahia Peninsula or Mt Ruapaehu and the ranges.

Cape Kidnappers is the largest and most accessible mainland gannet colony in the world. Visitors will see these amazing birds nesting, preening, flying and performing the famous recognition ritual "DANCE OF THE GANNETS."

Our driver/guides have excellent knowledge of the history of the property, the farm and the gannet colony .



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Pukaha Mount Bruce is one of New Zealand's most successful wildlife and captive breeding centres.

Positioned on 942 hectares of ancient podocarp (hardwood) forest, Pukaha is home to many endangered species including; the takahe, kokako, kaka and our national icon, the kiwi. You will also see the prehistoric tuatara and monster eels.

Located 30kms north of Masterton on State Highway 2, we welcome you to our award-winning interactive displays in our beautiful visitor centre.

During breeding season, our kiwi house enables visitors to see behind the scenes of our kiwi nursery.

You can take in a walk to the summit on the Loop Walk and enjoy the breathtaking view from the top, find out some fascinating facts when you take in the Eel Feed at 1.30pm and enjoy the antics of the kaka at their feed at 3pm daily.

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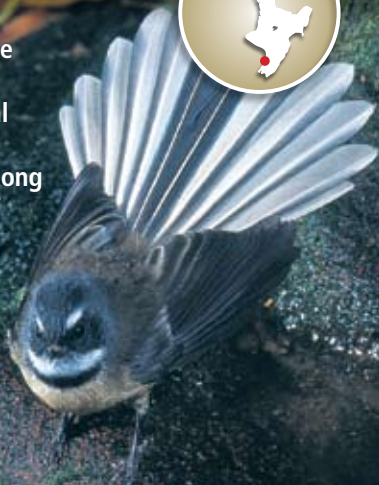
Our cafe provides beautifully prepared food and hot and cold refreshments.



NGA MANU NATURE RESERVE



At Nga Manu Nature Reserve you will get to explore the last large remnant of coastal lowland swamp forest to be found on the Kapiti Coast along with its interesting range of native flora and fauna.



Nga Manu Nature Reserve covers an area of approx 13 hectares and provides visitors with an opportunity to view, and have close encounters with, a range of native plants, Tuatara, native birds, lizards and not to forget our Silver Fern.

A mix of bushwalks, open areas, observation points, walk-in and protected aviaries along with our nocturnal house with two North Island Brown Kiwi provide you with the opportunity to see a range of New Zealand's unique flora and fauna. Stand underneath New Zealand's tallest tree species 'Kahikatea'. We have some beauties that are estimated to be over 300 to 400 hundred years old.

Everyday the experience you will have at Nga Manu can change. These changes allow you a unique experience that visitors the previous day may have missed. You will be warmly received by our Kiwi Host trained staff who love to share their knowledge with you.

We have the big three; Kiwi, Tuatara, Silver Fern plus a wide range of native birds.

Bird Feedout tour daily 11am.

Eel feeding at 2pm daily.



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Kāpiti Island is a world-renowned bird sanctuary and one of New Zealand's only publically (limited) accessible nature reserves. It is blessed with an abundance of native and endangered species like takahē, kaka, kokako, stitchbird and saddleback.

Kāpiti Island Nature Tours provides your best chance of seeing little spotted kiwi in the wild.

Other birds include weka, kereru, NZ robin, whitehead, kakariki and ruru. Keen 'birders' will have great access and interaction with the widest range of species in thriving regenerating forest, all at one easily accessible site.



Kāpiti Island Nature Tours & Kāpiti Nature Lodge

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Ferry leaves from Paraparaumu Beach.

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Overnight kiwi spotting also provides opportunities for great dawn and dusk birding. Full day tour or overnight stay - both offer terrific birding.





ZEALANDIA: The Karori Sanctuary Experience is a 'mainland conservation island' located just 10 minutes' drive from Wellington's CBD.

Surrounded by an 8.6km long predator proof fence, 225 hectares of regenerating native forest echoes with the sound of birdsong not heard on the mainland for over 100 years. ZEALANDIA is home to takahē, kākā, little spotted kiwi, saddleback, hihi, bellbird, NZ falcon, north island robin, pāteke, kererū, grey warbler, whitehead, kākāriki, fantail, tūī and morepork, as well as tuatara, Wellington green geckos, giant weta and glow worms. Visitors can explore more than 32km of walking tracks during the day or join the popular night tour, which departs 364 days a year. Don't miss the ZEALANDIA exhibition, an interactive experience that tells the story of New Zealand's natural history.

Prices start from \$9 for kids and \$18.50 for adults.

Images courtesy of Tom Lynch.



ZEALANDIA
THE KARORI SANCTUARY EXPERIENCE
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Farewell Spit is a nature reserve and a wetland of international importance right on the northern tip of the South Island.

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Our hand picked local guides have a wealth of knowledge to share and we welcome visitors from all over the world. Many of whom return time after time – just like the godwits.



Farewell Spit Eco Tours

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BUSH AND BEYOND



Bush and Beyond operates in Kahurangi National Park – New Zealand's second largest and most diverse park.

We offer conservation based eco walks, concentrating on birds, flora and conservation education.



Because of the diversity of Kahurangi, birdlife includes all habitats – alpine/sub-alpine/ mountain/lowland/wetland and sandspit. Our special 7-day birders trip visits Farewell Spit bird sanctuary and 3 other conservation projects.

Some of the rarer bird species to be seen are: blue duck, kaka, falcon, kea, yellow crowned parakeet, fernbird, rifleman, brown creeper, Australasian bittern. More common bush species includes: robin, tomtit, bellbird, tui, grey warbler, NZ pigeon, fantail and many more. Many waders and migrants can be viewed on Farewell Spit.

Only day packs required.
Cottage and cabin accommodation. Twin/share.
Many other trips available.



Bush and Beyond Guided Walks

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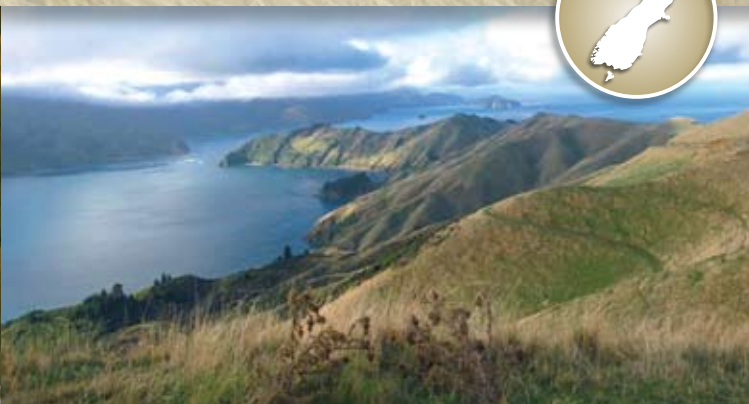
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Relax in Qualmark 4 star beachfront villas. Watch dolphins and seabirds from your balcony and enjoy wonderful kiwi hospitality. Weka walk our lawn and king shags often feed in our bay. The rare NZ falcon can regularly be seen in the area.

Join the award winning Spirit of d'Urville for a wildlife discovery tour, seal swim or specialized charter to see four shag species including the rare king shag, little blue penguins, fluttering shearwater, white fronted tern, reef heron, Australasian gannet, oystercatcher, gulls and other birds. Each tour is followed by a high definition wildlife film of the French Pass and d'Urville Island area.

Seasonally we can also see flesh footed and sooty shearwater, arctic skua, giant petrel, diving petrel and other species.

Group day charters into Tasman Bay and Cook Strait to see a wider range of mollymawks, fairy prion and shearwaters can be accommodated.

Bookings are recommended.

Photo courtesy of Mennobart van Eerden.



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The king shag, found only in the Marlborough Sounds and the South Island saddleback are two rare birds that can be seen when you join us on the 'Birdwatchers Expedition'. The four hour boat tour in Magnificent Queen Charlotte Sound takes in marine wildlife, seabirds and a guided bush walk on Motuara Island bird sanctuary.

Tour Highlights:

- Close up encounters with king shag and South Island saddleback
- Dolphins (98% encounter rate), seals and seabirds
- Fantastic Photo opportunities
- Complimentary full colour birding guide
- Free tea, coffee, hot chocolate and cookies



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Join Pete and Takutai on a unique birding expedition.

Take advantage of their local knowledge and passion for the natural environment, be enthralled by their wonderful stories of the history and culture of the sea.

Kawau a Toru King Shag

Maori say the king shag *kawau a Toru*, guided Polynesian explorer *Kupe* to *Aotearoa* (New Zealand).

Weather permitting you can visit one of the colonies of the rare king shag; Marlborough Sounds is the only place in the world where you can see this seabird.

Group size is small for a personalised experience. Lunch is included. As you cruise on their 42ft classic launch "*Tutanekai*" you may encounter dolphins, NZ fur seals and other wildlife.

Takutai has the uncanny ability to sense, see and hear the birds and will guide you onto the island bird sanctuaries to see rare saddlebacks and kakariki (yellow crowned parakeet), South Island robins, NZ bellbirds, fantails and kereru may also be seen.



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Lochmara Lodge Wildlife Recovery and Arts Centre is set on the tranquil shores of the Queen Charlotte Sound.

We offer accommodation and Marlborough Sounds art and nature day trips for trampers, nature lovers, and families. Our Wildlife Recovery and Arts Centre is a facility for rehabilitating injured wildlife and we have several captive breeding programmes in place.

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ALBATROSS ENCOUNTER



Albatross Encounter is a well-established pelagic boat tour operating from the picturesque coastal town of Kaikoura.

Situated on the East Coast, two hours north of Christchurch, it is a region of rich heritage and natural beauty. Kaikoura's strength is the diversity of marine mammals and bird life so accessible to its shores – a truly unique area to New Zealand.

The Albatross Encounter operates boat cruises to the pelagics all year round and allows visitors the opportunity to see a magnificent array of ocean going birds at very close range. There are many species to impress the birdwatcher and nature lover, from albatross, mollymawk, petrels and shearwaters to name a few. This tour is arguably the best short pelagic tour in the world – plan enough time in your itinerary to experience this special tour.



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Accommodation is at Shearwater Lodge. At 1000m our eco friendly lodge provides a total sanctuary in an alpine environment that boasts outstanding birdlife and expansive alpine vistas.

The Puhi Peaks Nature Reserve is home to one of only two colonies in the world of the endangered Hutton's shearwater (*Puffinus huttoni*) which nest high in the mountains. The Reserve is also New Zealand's eastern most habitat for kea, the famous (or infamous) alpine parrot. Other bird species likely to be seen are the bellbird, rifleman, fantail, tomtit, NZ pipit, South Island robin, NZ pigeon, NZ falcon, harrier hawk, introduced finches and more.

Our family operated business offers a unique mix of professionalism combined with attention to detail, home comforts and a commitment to our guests having an outstanding wilderness experience.



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Okari Estuary - Accommodation

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Wilderness Lodge Arthur's Pass is a 24 room nature Lodge nestled in Mountain beech forest on its own 3,000 hectare nature reserve/merino sheep station.

Located in the heart of the Southern Alps the Lodge offers warm hospitality, stylish accommodation, magnificent mountain views and gourmet meals and wine. Each day we offer a variety of shorter and full day naturalist guided walks including canoeing, bird watching and farm trips. Special birdlife includes: kea, NZ falcon, wrybill plover, rifleman, NZ pipit, southern (great) crested grebe and rock wren (total 45 bird species in area).



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Explore the Okarito Lagoon with us and witness the magnificent diversity of a landscape that sweeps from sea to mountains across New Zealand's largest unmodified wetland area.

It is the main feeding ground for the kotuku (great white heron), as well as many other species including the royal spoonbill, pied stilts, cormorants and shags, white-faced herons, Australasian bitterns and many forest birds including tuis, bellbirds, fernbirds, kingfishers, NZ pigeon (kereru) and tomtits.

The rainforest waterways are a diverse mix of salt and fresh water plants and magnificent rimu and kahikatea trees. Different seasons offer the chance to see flowering rata, orchids, kamahi, manuka, flax, native jasmine and clematis.

Daily departures begin with the **Early Bird Tour** at 7:30am (reservations required) followed by **2 Hour Nature Tours** at 9 & 11:30am and **1 Hour Sightseeing Tour** at 3pm. Prices from \$45 - \$85 pp.

Guided Nature & Heritage Walks are now also available from \$25pp. Group & Children's rates available.



Okarito Boat Tours

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Kayaking on Okarito Lagoon, NZ's largest unmodified wetland. We offer Guided Kayaking Tours and Freedom Rental Kayaking (unguided).



Image courtesy of Julian Apse.

Okarito Lagoon covers over 3240 hectares of shallow open water and is well known for its outstanding avifauna (over 70 species have been recorded here). The lagoon is a primary feeding ground for kotuku (white heron) and they can be seen on the lagoon all year round. Other species include royal spoonbills, bar-tailed godwits, fernbirds and Australasian bitterns. The lagoon is bordered by the Okarito Kiwi Sanctuary, home to the rare Okarito brown kiwi (rowi).

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WHITE HERON SANCTUARY TOURS



A unique experience.



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A scenic boat ride down the Waitangi Taona River, into the Waitangi Roto Nature Reserve will let you experience one of the most magical occurrences in today's world, the beautiful white heron (kotuku) nesting in its natural habitat... You will only see this in the Waitangi Roto Nature reserve... the only place in New Zealand!

The tour from the Whataroa office takes approximately 2¹/₂ hours. A short drive to connect with the jetboat, the jetboat ride is a gentle 20 minutes each way. From the jetty it is just a short boardwalk (500 metres) through native bush to where you can stay for 30-40 minutes to view the birds. The royal spoonbill and the little shag also nest there.

Please Note: There is no access from Okarito.

Tours: Tours operate under a Department of Conservation concession. Entry by permit only. All tours are accompanied by a guide. Wet weather gear provided.

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Wilderness Lodge Lake Moeraki is a 28 room Nature Lodge in the untouched rainforest of the South West New Zealand World heritage Area.

Located on the banks of the Moeraki River, close to the lake and the Tasman seacoast, the Lodge offers luxurious comfort and views, gourmet food and wines, warm hospitality, complimentary guest canoes and a variety of shorter and full day guided rainforest and seacoast walks (including birdwatching).

Specific birdlife includes Fiordland crested penguin, NZ pigeon, NZ falcon, tui and fernbird (total 76 bird species in area).



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“Peninsula encounters” a daily Otago Peninsula tour presenting many species during memorable wildlife encounters.

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Also within this conservation area, at the extreme eastern edge of the peninsula, we observe many species of albatross and other sea birds flying by and provide options to join the royal albatross tour or a Monarch cruise to add further viewing opportunities to this unique experience.

‘Peninsula encounters’ tours depart from Dunedin City accommodation or the Dunedin visitor centre during the afternoon and return in the evening around six hours later.

Multi-day expeditions of the southern coastline can be arranged on request.

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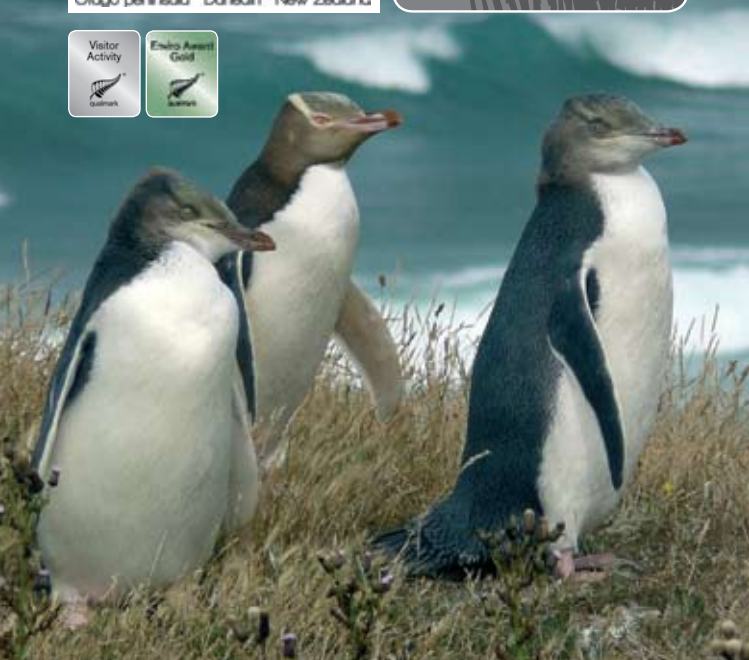
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Monarch's longer tours depart Dunedin and encompass a harbour cruise featuring wading birds both resident and migratory, geological and historical features and a choice of at least one land tour: Scenic Otago Peninsula Drive, Dunedin City Sight, Yellow Eyed Penguin Reserve, Royal Albatross Centre and Richdale Observatory and Larnach castle.

One hour cruise depart Wellers Rock on the Otago Peninsula.



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Orokonui Ecosanctuary is a 307ha fenced nature reserve providing predator free habitat for the conservation of endangered wildlife.



The Ecosanctuary provides for observation in the wild of particularly South Island (SI) subspecies and those of the Coastal Otago region including kaka, saddleback, robin (pictured), Haast tokoeka kiwi (pictured), fernbird, rifleman, grey warbler, tomtit, brown creeper, tui, NZ pigeon, bellbird, silvereye, fantail and NZ falcon.

Just 20 kilometres north of Dunedin, Orokonui Ecosanctuary is a forest based experience which complements the marine wildlife for which the region is famous – albatross, penguin and sea lion.

The Ecosanctuary is open 9.30am - 4.30pm seven days a week. Daily tours with friendly, knowledgeable guides and self-guided walking are available.

South Island robin image courtesy of Dave Curtis.

Haast tokoeka kiwi (which was recently re-introduced into the Ecosanctuary) image courtesy of Kiwi Birdlife Park.



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Penguin Place is a private conservation effort to save one of the worlds most endangered penguins from extinction and is funded entirely by our guided tours.

We offer visitors the opportunity to visit a working conservation programme. To experience and photograph undisturbed activity at close range through a unique system of trenches and viewing hides. With visitors support we are able to restore habitat, control predators, undertake a research programme and rehabilitate the sick, starving and wounded.

Penguin Place is open all year round and each tour is 90 minutes in duration.

Participants need to be comfortable on their feet and be equipped with suitable footwear and warm clothing.

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ROYAL ALBATROSS CENTRE



On the tip of the Otago Peninsula, a short scenic drive from Dunedin, is your only chance to see the world's second largest seabird, the Northern Royal Albatross, at their only mainland breeding colony in the world.



The Royal Albatross Centre is open 364 days per year. It is operated by a charitable trust; all revenue is used to preserve and enhance the local environment. Entry is free to the Centre, its superb café and souvenir shop. The nature reserve is managed by the Department of Conservation so access to the colony is by guided tour only. Tours leave every half hour from November 24 - April 30 and every hour from May 1 - September 14.



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Lake Cruise & Island Nature Walk 4 hours (1 hour walking).

Cruise to introduced predator free Mou Waho Island. This reserve is home to bellbirds, tomtit, NZ pigeon, falcon and the flightless buff weka which are thriving here (extinct on mainland NZ since 1920).

This island has a secret – a lake on top! Here the panorama of the Southern Alps at our “High Tea” spot is unique & very photogenic. We plant a native tree on every trip to the island- a “Hands On” eco-experience.

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Knobs Flat Accommodation offers six fully self-contained units as well as a small campsite within the national park. Whether you choose to camp on the forest edge, or enjoy spectacular vistas from the comforts of your unit, access to the forest, riverbed and local walking tracks are only a few minutes away.

We offer customised tours, or you can explore the area independently.

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Mohua Park is the top place to stay and see mohua (yellowhead) in the wild!

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Mohua Park is approx. two hours drive from either Dunedin or Invercargill airports and is fifteen minutes drive south of the small town of Owaka on the Southern Scenic Route.



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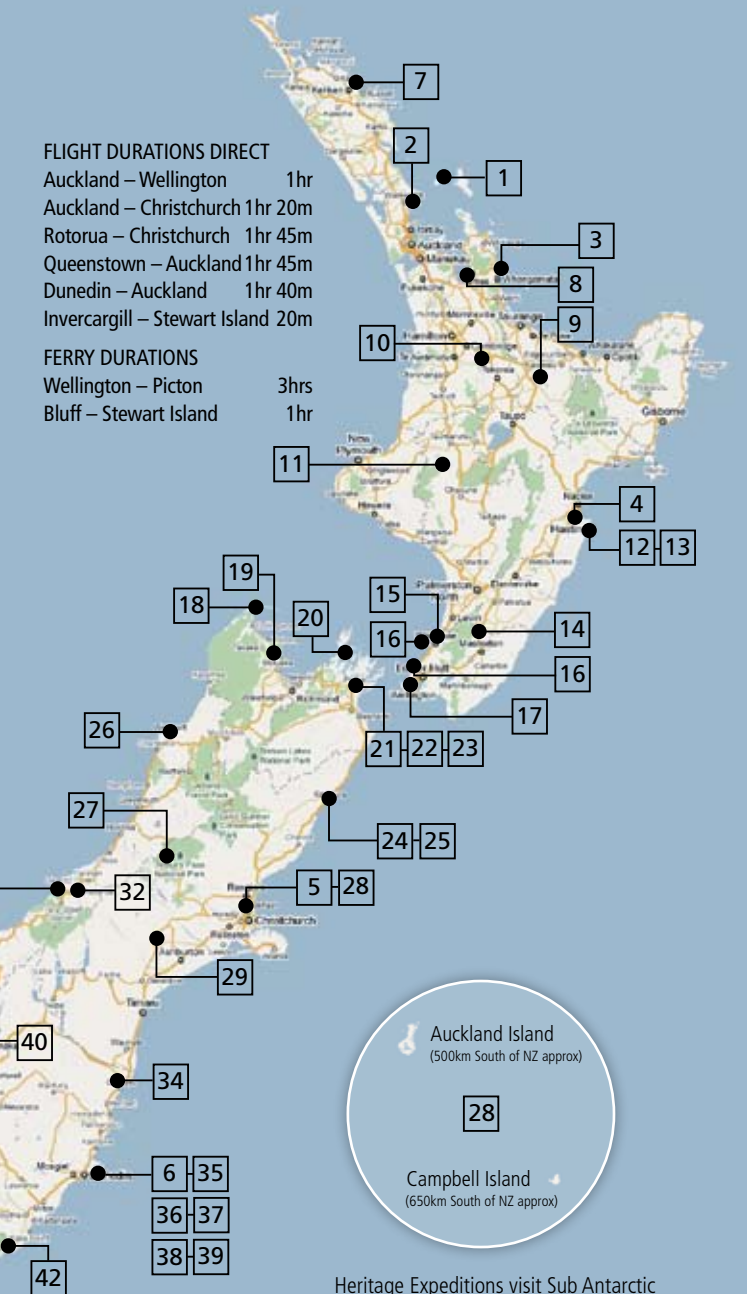
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Wellington – Picton 3hrs

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