

Southland and Clutha



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Take a journey off the beaten track and celebrate the unique wildlife, natural beauty and heritage of the Clutha District.
The Catlins is home to spectacular waterfalls, beautiful beaches, wonderful wildlife, and lush rainforest. Visit natural wonders such as the iconic Nugget Point or Cathedral

Caves. Watch penguins and seals frolic in the surf. Soak up the rich heritage of Lawrence, where one of the world's largest gold rushes took place. The Clutha Gold Cycle Trail, one of New Zealand's Great Rides, takes you through rolling hills and follows the Clutha River. Lying between Dunedin and Invercargill on the popular Southern Scenic Route, the Clutha District is waiting to welcome you.

Southland is a natural playground renowned for its unmatched beauty.
Ultimate nature and wildlife destinations include

the stunning Catlins coast and Stewart Island. The rolling hills of Eastern Southland and the mountains of Northern Southland provide the backdrop for amazing agritourism opportunities. The dramatic scenery spans pristine rainforests, fertile farmlands, and rugged coastlines. The region has an abundance of cycling routes, hiking, fishing, surfing, wildlife watching and classic motoring, and serves up incredible food including the world-famous Bluff Oyster and iconic cheese roll. Southland has something for everyone.

TOP 10 MUST DOS

1. The Clutha Gold Cycling Trail, one of NZ's Great Rides
2. The Tuapeka Punt: A unique ferry across Clutha River
3. Cathedral Caves at Waipati Beach, Catlins coast
4. Southern Scenic Route: stunning coastline, wildlife
5. Stewart Island: Amazing walks and wild Kiwi
6. Around the Mountains Cycle Trail for alpine scenery
7. Eat famous Bluff Oysters at the Bluff Oyster Festival
8. Get in an excavator and dig massive holes at Dig This
9. Cage dive with Great White Sharks at Shark Experience
10. Fun and farm experiences with Real Country

TOP 5 for ADVENTURE SEEKERS

Paid Activities & Accommodation

1. Catlins Mohua Park: Wildlife tours and ATV experience
2. Clutha Gold Cycle Trail: Guided cycle trips along the Clutha
3. Shark Experience, Bluff: Cage dive with an apex predator
4. Dig This, Invercargill: Do fun stuff in big diggers!
5. Wairaurahiri Jet, Southland: Epic jetboat adventure

TOP 5 for OLDER TRAVELLERS

Paid Activities & Accommodation

1. Transport World: Amazing collection of vintage vehicles
2. Stewart Island Lodge: Secluded, peaceful B&B
3. Ruggedy Range: Guided walks of Stewart and Ulva islands
4. Mohua Park: Beautiful eco-cottages in the Catlins
5. Stewart Island Village and Bays Tour: Explore and enjoy

TOP 5 for COUPLES

Paid Activities & Accommodation

1. Welcome Rock Trails: Great mountain biking and alpine accommodation
2. Ulva's Guided Walk: Magical guided evening Kiwi tours
3. Gravity Fishing: Three-day catch and eat experience
4. Stay in a stunning log cabin at Cascade Creek Retreat
5. The Lodges at Transport World, Invercargill

