## NEW ZEALAND REGIONAL SNAPSHOT



Neighbours in spirit as much as location, Dunedin and Waitaki are jam-packed full of curious geological wonders, rare wildlife, heritage treasures and boutique accommodation.

Collectively covering an area of outstanding coastal scenery through to alpine grandeur, the

#### TOP 10 MUST DOS

- 1. Admire Dunedin's architecture and heritage
- 2. Stroll through Lan Yuan Chinese Gardens
- 3. Baldwin Street- the world's steepest!
- 4. Spot an amazing array of wildlife
- 5. Sample craft beer at local breweries
- 6. Explore Ōamaru's quaint Victorian Precinct
- 7. Visit the famous Moeraki Boulders
- 8. Ōamaru Blue Penguin Colony
- 9. The fun & funky Steampunk HQ
- 10. Ride the Alps 2 Ocean Cycle Trail

quirky cool vibe of these two closely connected regions takes in unique arts and cultural experiences and an exceptional range of destination eateries, breweries, and vineyards.

The gateway to both regions, start in Dunedin and sample iconic local attractions such as Larnach Castle and gardens, the Royal Albatross Centre or a Speight's Brewery tour and tasting, among many other highlights. For active travellers, the emerging new Otago Harbour cycling and walking path offers

**Paid Activities & Accommodation** 

2. Enjoy a stay at the exclusive

1. Amazing stargazing with

3. Beer & Cheese Tasting at

4. Soak in the views from Hot

5. Overnight in the luxe Nest

**TOP 5** 

for COUPLES

Horizon Tours

Fable Explorer

Speights Brewery

Tubs Omarama

Tree House

plenty of opportunities for recreation and sightseeing, as does the colourful Dunedin Street Art Trail.

Take the spectacular drive north, stopping at the world famous Moeraki Boulders before heading onto Ōamaru, where Victorian architecture and the world's cutest and smallest little blue penguins await. This is also where you'll discover a very unique attraction in Steampunk HQ and the start of the stunning Alps to Ocean cycle trail.

### TOP 5

#### **Paid Activities & Accommodation**

- 1. Adventure and Wildlife with Natures Wonders Argo Tours
- 2. Marvel at the Planetarium at Otago Museum
- 3. Enjoy a Stables stay at Larnach Castle
- 4. Visit Ōamaru Blue Penguin Colony
- 5. A tasty Whitestone Cheese Guided Tour

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#### **Getting There**

Dunedin Airport receives regular direct flights from Auckland, Wellington & Christchu<u>rch.</u>\_\_\_\_\_

Pick up a hire car from Dunedin Airport and take time to explore the epic southern Pacific coast from Dunedin north <u>to the Waitaki.</u>

#### **Driving times**

Dunedin to Ōamaru: 1 hour 30 mins Dunedin to Middlemarch: (Start of Otago Rail Trail): 1 hour Dunedin to Catlins: 1 hour 30 mins Dunedin to Queenstown: 3 hours 30 mins

#### TOP 5 for OLDER TRAVELLERS

#### Paid Activities & Accommodation

- 1. Double Albatross Combo, Albatross Classic & Monarch Cruise
- 2. Castle to Cruise Tour with Larnach Castle & Monarch Cruise
- 3. Enjoy a scenic stroll with City Walks
- 4. Explore with Ōamaru Heritage Walking Tours
- 5. Waitaki wine tasting at River-T Estate

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