

ŌTEPOTI DUNEDIN

TOP TEN THINGS TO DO



Larnach Castle
Dunedin

Ōtepoti Dunedin offers a diverse array of experiences, from its breathtaking landscapes to its rich cultural tapestry. Regarded as the wildlife and heritage capital of Aotearoa New Zealand, visitors can encounter rare wildlife like the world's smallest penguins, fur seals, sea lions, and albatross. Nestled around the picturesque Otago harbour, framed by rolling hills, the city boasts beautifully preserved Victorian and Edwardian architecture making this a fascinating region to explore.

AWE-INSPIRING WILDLIFE EXPERIENCES

Along the Otago Peninsula manuhiri (visitors) can spot kororā (little penguins), hoiho (yellow-eyed penguins), kekeno (fur seals) and pakake (sea lions) thriving in their natural environment. A visit to the **Royal Albatross Centre** is the best way to see the world's only mainland breeding colony of Northern Royal Albatross. Get close to Southern Ocean wildlife on a **Monarch Wildlife Cruise**, while **Orokonui Eco Sanctuary** is home to tuatara lizards, Otago skinks, and native birds, including kiwi. See tiny blue penguins return to shore at dusk with **Blue Penguins Pukekura**, the perfect way to end the day!

VISIT MAJESTIC LARNACH CASTLE

Perched on the scenic Otago Peninsula, **Larnach Castle** stands as a cherished icon of Dunedin's past. Built in 1871 by William Larnach, merchant and politician, New Zealand's only castle has been meticulously restored to its original Victorian splendour. Visitors are welcome to wander through its ornate rooms and manicured gardens, the ballroom hosts daily high teas, and the tower offers panoramic views of the Otago Peninsula. Guests can enjoy a day visit or a luxurious **overnight stay**, promising a truly unique experience.

ENJOY A LOCAL BREW

After a day of exploring Dunedin's sights, visitors can check out the city's vibrant craft beer scene, relax in one of the city's cozy pubs and enjoy a local brew. Tucked down alleyways, in heritage buildings, and atop hillside locales, Dunedin's breweries and distilleries offer a diverse range of experiences. From Speight's Brewery established in 1876 to Emerson's in 1992, visitors will find **joining a tour** and tasting a fun way to learn all about what it takes to brew and pour award-winning beers.

SOAK UP STARRY NIGHT SKIES

Dunedin's clear night skies offer a chance to experience the mesmerising cosmic wonders of the southern hemisphere's Aurora Australis and the Milky Way. The Otago peninsula coastline provides a breathtaking view of the stars, accompanied by the sounds of coastal bird calls echoing across Hoopers Inlet. Join an enchanting stargazing experience with **Horizon Tours** and be led by knowledgeable guides. Journey through the southern night sky, delving into Māori myths and legends, sharing stories and waiata (songs).



Blue Penguins Pukekura



Speight's Brewery Tour



Aurora Australis



Sea lions, Otago Peninsula

STROLL THROUGH THE WEEKEND FARMERS MARKET

Located adjacent to the Dunedin Railway Station, is the vibrant Saturday **Otago Farmers Market**. Here visitors can explore a world of foodie delights, artisanal treasures and meet the local producers. Wander through the bustling market and collect a range of locally sourced gourmet delights for a picnic to accompany a leisurely cycle trail or scenic walk. Visitors will enjoy discovering the culinary hidden gems all around Dunedin including breweries and bars, artisan producers, restaurants, cafes and food trucks.

JOURNEY THROUGH TIME AND CULTURES

Dunedin offers visitors a vibrant tapestry of cultural and heritage attractions to explore. **Tūhura Otago Museum** houses over 1.5 million objects that tell tales of nature, culture, and science. The **Toitū Otago Settlers Museum** takes visitors on an immersive journey through Dunedin's past, complete with interactive displays and nostalgic artifacts, spanning from Māori culture to early European settlement. The **Lan Yuan Dunedin Chinese Garden** is a slice of cultural tranquillity in the heart of the city and was gifted to Dunedin by their sister city Shanghai, a testament to the city's global connections and Chinese heritage.

DISCOVER THE REGION BY BIKE

Journey along Dunedin's **Otago Harbour path**, where cyclists are treated to panoramic views of the harbour and beyond. Whether seeking a leisurely pedal or a more adventurous ride, the well-maintained trails cater to all skill levels and are surrounded by stunning coastal views. Visitors can rent a bike from a selection of bike hire businesses and complete the full Loop with a cycle ferry transfer across the harbour with **Port to Port Wildlife Cruises and Tours**. Explore world-class mountain bike trails in the city on Signal Hill, or head for the Otago Central Rail Trail in Middlemarch.

CLIMB THE WORLD'S STEEPEST STREET

Go for a stroll up the dizzying incline of Baldwin Street, an iconic Dunedin landmark. Here visitors can capture an unforgettable selfie moment atop the world's steepest residential street. The picturesque backdrop and the exhilarating sense of accomplishment make for a perfect photo opportunity. Join a city sightseeing tour with **Horizon tours** where visitors can experience Dunedin like a local, exploring attractions such as Baldwin Street, the Railway station, captivating street art, and delving into the city's rich heritage and culture.

MARVEL AT GRAND ARCHITECTURE AND VIBRANT STREET ART

Be immersed in Dunedin's diverse street art scene, boasting over 100 captivating works by local and international artists interwoven among the city's stunning heritage buildings. Wander through historic precincts adorned with majestic Victorian-era architecture and learn about tales of a rich past. Explore vibrant displays of contemporary murals and artistic expressions, blending seamlessly with the city's architectural charm. Join a guided one-hour walk through Dunedin's old warehouse precinct with **City Walks**, where street art and smart design are highlights of the tour.

EXPLORE SPECTACULAR COASTLINES

Escape to Dunedin's captivating coast, just minutes from the city centre. From the renowned surf of St Clair Beach to the tranquillity of Brighton Beach, each offers its own allure. Discover Long Beach's rock-climbing opportunities and vast caves or marvel at Tunnel Beach's spectacular sea arch. For a unique way to explore, Karitāne Māori Tours offers **guided walking** or **waka (canoe) tours**. Learn about vibrant Māori history and stories along the coast.



Otago Farmers Market



Tūhura Otago Museum



Otago Harbour Path



Baldwin Street



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