

CITY TO SEA TOUR



Tour Times

Summer (Oct-Mar):

4:00pm to 7:30pm

Winter (Apr-Sep):

1:00pm to 5:00pm

Enjoy a relaxed cruise down the Otago Harbour. Travel past the beautiful bays, hills, farmland and forest that surround the Harbour. See the quaint little fishing villages, the busy commercial wharves of Port Chalmers and the historic Quarantine Islands.

Sit back, relax and take in the sights with a drink from our fully licensed galley. The skipper will give a commentary full of local stories, interesting info about the harbour's volcanic geology, and its Maori and European history.

Meet our unique local wildlife and discover why Dunedin is NZ's nature capital. Travel around Taiaroa Head and enjoy uninterrupted views of the royal albatross nesting colony, the world's only mainland breeding site for albatross. Watch as these huge birds glide in from the ocean on three metre wings and then soar high above the hillside.

The boat will get close to spectacular volcanic cliffs for postcard views of a historic lighthouse. Below the cliffs you'll watch as fur seals play, swim and interact around their breeding rookery. A short way out to sea and we spot rarely seen ocean birds, like other albatross species, cormorants and petrels. On some trips we come across sea lions, blue penguins, dusky dolphins, hectors dolphins and other marine mammals.

During the summer months (Oct-Mar) the tour includes a one-way scenic bus tour, out along the Otago Peninsula. Hear stories of sea creatures and early settlers as you travel past the townships and rolling farmland. Keep an eye out your window for great views of the harbour and rugged coastline. In winter, the boat will cruise both ways, up and down the harbour, with no bus tour component.



Tour check-in & departure point:

Guests can check-in 20 mins before departure at 20 Fryatt St, Dunedin (Monarch Wildlife Office). Free all-day carparks are available around this location.

Accommodation pickups & dropoffs:

Transfers available on request from Dunedin hotels, motels, backpacker hostels, holiday parks & iSite Visitor Centre. We do not pickup from accommodation on the Otago Peninsula, Airbnb, Bookabach or private residences.

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-  This tour departs from our office at 20 Fryatt Street, Dunedin. Please check-in fifteen minutes before your scheduled start time. All-day free carparks can be found around this location.
-  Complimentary pickups & dropoffs are available upon request. We pickup from central Dunedin hotels, motels, backpacker hostels and the iSite Visitor Centre (no private residences or AirBnB's).
-  Dress warm for the days forecast and bring a waterproof layer. The weather can be unpredictable at times and we highly recommend being ready for all conditions. Extra jackets are available.
-  We suggest wearing sturdy and comfortable footwear. If you decide to stand whilst on the boat always have a hand free to stabilise yourself on a rail. Take extra care when moving around the vessel.
-  This tour is suitable for people with limited mobility (year-round) or wheelchair users (winter months only). If a wheelchair ramp is required please let us know in advance of your trip.
-  Meals are not provided during this tour. You are welcome to bring your own food & drink onboard. We have a fully licensed bar onboard and snacks and beverages can be purchased.
-  The area we cruise around is fairly sheltered from swell, however some wind and tide combinations can cause a little rock and roll. Don't worry if the forecast is for a cold, wet or windy day, the albatross love it. They won't stop for rain and neither do we. The best viewing often comes from the wilder days.
-  High quality binoculars and multi-language information sheets will be provided.
-  Wildlife viewing is never guaranteed, but we'll always aim to give the best possible experience.
-  Toilet and bathroom facilities are available during the Wildlife Cruise.
-  If you are concerned about potential sea sickness, a variety of preventative medications can be purchased at local pharmacies. Our crew can also provide pressure pressure point wristbands and peppermint oil pads if you begin to feel queasy or uneasy (they really do help).
-  We love feedback and really appreciate it when our visitors leave a review at [tripadvisor.com](https://www.tripadvisor.com) Share your photos with us at [facebook.com/monarchwildlife](https://www.facebook.com/monarchwildlife) and on instagram @monarchwildlife
-  Questions? Contact us via email monarch@wildlife.co.nz or phone +64 3 477 4276 or 0800 666 272.

Cancellation Policy:

Monarch Wildlife Ltd will provide a refund (less our transaction fee) or credit for cancellations made more the 24 hours prior to your tour. We reserve the right to charge up to 100% for no-shows or bookings cancelled within 24 hours. We reserve the right to cancel or alter any cruise, service or price. If your trip is cancelled for any reason, such as extreme weather, We will attempt to reschedule your tour or provide a full refund.