

DOUBLE ALBATROSS COMBO



Tour Times

for each tour will be confirmed via email by one of our staff once the booking is completed.

Drive out across the beautiful Otago Peninsula and join two of New Zealand's premier nature experiences.

The Wildlife Cruise departs from Wellers Rock Wharf. Please check-in ten minutes before departure.

The cruise will take you out around Taiaroa Head, home to the world's only mainland nesting place of royal albatross. Watch as these huge birds glide in from the ocean and soar high above their hillside nests. You'll travel beneath a historic lighthouse, perched high above volcanic cliffs. Watch as fur seals play and swim around the rocky outcrops below. Then it's a short way out to look for other species of albatross, petrels, cormorants and other rarely seen ocean birds. Occasionally, we are lucky and spot blue penguins, dusky or hectors dolphins or sea lions.

At the conclusion of the Wildlife Cruise you'll need to drive yourself up to the Royal Albatross Centre. It is a short 5-10 minute drive away. Our crew can provide directions from the wharf if needed.

Your guide will begin the tour with an interactive discussion about Royal Albatross Centre and the history of the Taiaroa Head colony. You'll also be shown a short film by Natural History NZ.

Following the film, you'll be led up a short but steep hill to a soundproof observatory that looks out over the nesting sites of the Northern Royal Albatross. From behind a one-way glass viewing system you'll watch as the albatross soar past and land on the hillside. Depending on the time of year, you may see some interactions between the parent birds and their chicks, and/or non-breeding juvenile birds.

At the conclusion of the tour, we recommend having a walk around the centre's displays, the cliff-top boardwalks or enjoying something nice to eat or drink at the Cafe.

**Tour times and itinerary can vary. Check your email for confirmed tour timings.*



Cancellation Policy:


Monarch Wildlife Ltd will provide a refund (less our transaction fee) or credit for cancellations made more than 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.

DOUBLE ALBATROSS COMBO

Operated in partnership by:

MONARCH
WILDLIFE CRUISES & TOURS



-  Royal Albatross Centre - 1259 Harington Point Road, Harington Point.
Monarch Wildlife Cruise - Wellers Rock Wharf, 813 Harington Point Road, Otakou.
Please check-in ten minutes before your scheduled tour start times. Free carparks are available.
-  Allow 45-60 minutes travel time when driving from central Dunedin. You are responsible for your own transport to each location. If you need transport, have a look at our other tour options.
-  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.
-  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 aboard the cruise.
-  Wildlife viewing isn't guaranteed, but we'll always aim to provide the best possible experience.
-  Toilet and bathroom facilities are available on the Wildlife Cruise and at the Albatross Centre.
-  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 point wristbands and peppermint oil pads if you begin to feel queasy or uneasy (they really do help).
-  The Double Albatross Combo is potentially suitable for people with limited mobility or wheelchair users. Please notify us in advance if you have any concerns or requirements.
-  An average level of fitness is required to join the Albatross Centre tour. It involves walking up a short but steep path to the Observatory Room.
-  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.