

PENINSULA ENCOUNTERS

+ Wildlife Cruise



Tour Times

Summer (Oct-Mar):

2:00pm to 8:30pm

Winter (Apr-Sep):

11:00am to 6:00pm

A small-group bus tour from Dunedin. Join our local guide for an exploration of the Otago Peninsula.

Travel over the high road with postcard views of the harbour and coast. You'll travel past quaint communities and rural farms. Spot wading birds as your mini-bus explores around the inlets and the wetland eco-systems.

Your tour will visit a remote Otago Peninsula beach. A short walk from the mini-bus will provide dramatic views of rugged coastal cliffs, offshore islands and perhaps some huge sea lions.

The trip continues to Wellers Rock Wharf, for a one-hour Wildlife Cruise. You'll travel out of the harbour, around Taiaroa Head, and out to sea. Watch royal albatross glide across the water and return to their breeding colony. Beneath a historic lighthouse is a colony of playful furseals. You'll spot other rare seabirds and maybe blue penguins or other marine mammals.

Guests are also welcome to bring pre-packed food & drink on tour with them. We recommend having a good sized lunch before the tour departs Dunedin.

The final stop is at a Yellow-eyed Penguin conservation reserve. Visit the on-site rehab centre before entering the reserve. You'll take trails through native bushland, walking through tunnels and trenches to different viewing hides scattered around the reserve. We hope to watch as the world's rarest penguin returns ashore and interacts around it's nest. Throughout the tour your guide will also discuss the conservation work being done to help save this special penguin species

The tour ends with a relaxed drive, following the harbour, back to Dunedin.



Tour check-in & departure point:

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

Accommodation pickups:

Pickups available on request from Dunedin hotels, motels, backpackers & iSite Visitor Centre (No Airbnbs). Guests staying on the Peninsula can request a pickup from Portobello Store (1 Harington Point Road, Portobello).

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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). Staying on the Otago Peninsula? We can potentially pick you up from Larnach Castle or Portobello.



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.



We suggest wearing sturdy and comfortable footwear. During the tour you may walk up to two kilometres on bush tracks, grass and soft sand. You'll need to be able to walk up sets of stairs.



Unfortunately, this tour is not suitable for people with limited mobility or wheelchair users.



A meal is not provided during this tour, you are welcome to bring your own food & drink on tour with you. We recommend having a good-sized meal before checking-in and joining the tour.



Don't worry if the forecast is for a cold, wet or windy day, the albatross and other local wildlife love it. They won't stop for the 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 attempt to provide our guests with the best possible viewing experience.



Yellow-eyed Penguins are the rarest of all the world's penguin species. Unfortunately, numbers are currently in decline and viewing does vary. Your tour patronage supports the ongoing conservation work to help save these special birds.



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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 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.