

YELLOW-EYED PENGUIN 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 10-minutes prior to 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, cormorants, petrels 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 Penguin Place. It is a short 5-minute drive away. Our crew can provide directions from the wharf if you need them.

Your guide will start the tour with an interactive discussion about Yellow-eyed Penguins and Penguin Place. You'll then enjoy a brief behind-the-scenes look at the on-site rehabilitation centre before travelling across working farmland to the entrance of the reserve.

You'll be guided along 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 penguins return ashore and interact around their nests.

Throughout the tour your guide will discuss the conservation work being done to help save this special penguin species. They'll also point out different types of native bush, that has been planted to regenerate the landscape and provide a natural environment for the penguins to thrive in.

**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 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.

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Penguin Place
CONSERVATION RESERVE
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-  The Wildlife Cruise departs from Wellers Rock Wharf - 813 Harington Point Road, Otakou. Penguin Place is located a short 5-min drive from the wharf at 45 Pakihau Road, Harington Point. 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.
-  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 Penguin Place reception.
-  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 Penguin Place Tour is not suitable for people with limited mobility or wheelchair users.
-  A medium level of fitness is required to join this tour. It involves walking up to two kilometres over well maintained bush tracks and you may climb up and down several flights of stairs.
-  Yellow-eyed Penguins are the rarest of all the world's penguin species. Unfortunately, the mainland population numbers are currently in decline and viewing does vary. By booking this tour you are directly helping the ongoing conservation work to help save these special birds.
-  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
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