

CRUISE SHIP PASSENGERS MIGHT LIKE TO ...

Go for a walk. Stewart Island caters for walkers and hikers of all ages and abilities, from 10 minute strolls to multi-day hikes, with a variety of scenery and terrain. Guided options are available for many Stewart Island walks. Observation Rock provides a panoramic view across Paterson Inlet. The rich natural forest of Fuchsia Walk offers a short bush walk for those wishing to avoid the road when heading towards Golden Bay. It links with Raroa Reserve Track to the peaceful Thule Bay and quaint boat sheds. Bathing Beach track rewards walkers with golden sands and the option of a swim in sheltered clear waters - at low tide remnants of timber are visible from early milling days at Mill Creek. Further out of the Oban township walkers can explore the island's oldest structure, Acker's Cottage at Harrold's Bay. On the way back take a detour to Ringaringa Point and discover the history of missionaries at Wohlers Monument. Or purchase the Rakiura Heritage Walk brochure for a small fee at Rakiura Museum / Te Puka O Te Waka, which plots a fascinating perambulation to ten historical sites, including the peaceful haven that is Moturau Moana Native Gardens.

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Take a scenic road tour. Book a tour, sit back and relax, and let someone else do the driving on our 28 kilometres of road while you listen to tales of island history. Take in the stunning beach views, panoramic vistas across Paterson Inlet, try making a phone call from the iconic 'telephone tree' near Horseshoe Bay, marvel at the Anchor Chain and Matariki sculptures at Lee Bay - where the road ends and the Rakiura "great walk" begins. Various modes of transport are available for road tours which cater for single travellers to large groups.

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The anchor chain symbolises the connection between Rakiura (Stewart Island) and Te Wai Pounamu (the South Island). It is said that demigod Māui, fished up Te Ika-a-Māui (the North Island) from his canoe (the South Island) which was anchored to Stewart Island. The late Russell Beck created the Lee Bay anchor chain sculpture in 2002 and its twin at Stirling Point was installed in 2009 at Bluff on the South Island.

The Tupuārangi pou (post/column) at Rakiura (Stewart Island) represents one of nine stars in the Matariki cluster. Matariki is the Māori name for the star cluster also known as Pleiades and marks the start of the Māori New Year, heralding a time of remembrance, joy and peace. The Tupuārangi pou was created by James York and Keri Whaitiri and is part of the Matariki wayfinding pou project connecting locations throughout the Southland region of New Zealand.

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