

CRUISE SHIP PASSENGERS MIGHT LIKE TO ...

Explore our heritage at Rakiura Museum / Te Puka O Te Waka which boasts a nationally significant collection. The museum showcases the development of industries based on Stewart Island's rich natural resources which first attracted Māori followed by a cosmopolitan mix of settlers - sealers, prospectors, timber millers, ship builders, whalers, fisherman and tourism providers.

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Perhaps 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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Watch a movie on the big screen at the Bunkhouse Theatre. "A Local's Tail" is a quirky 40 minute film about Stewart Island as seen through the eyes of Lola the dog and tales overheard at the pub! Have your questions answered and learn about the highs and lows of island pioneers past and present. The Bunkhouse Theatre is one of Stewart Island's historic buildings, arriving prefabricated from Norway in 1928, it was used for accommodation at the Whaling Base in Paterson Inlet until being relocated in 1932. A number of original features remain and it is now the home of "A Local's Tail". Booking are essential as this is a private home. Allow 1½ hours to enjoy the film, check out the house and have a coffee with Penny (home owner & film producer). Closes for winter.

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