



Dunedin – 4 Day Itinerary

Nestled between forested hills at the base of the Otago Peninsula, Dunedin was New Zealand's largest city in the days of the Otago gold rush. Now a thriving artistic community and student city, Dunedin has preserved its natural beauty and cultural heritage.

Day one

Explore Dunedin and its surrounds

Encounter some of New Zealand's rarest birds and majestic native trees in the mystical cloud forest at [Orokonui Eco-sanctuary](#), the largest area of native forest on the South Island mainland.

Another great option is a guided tour of the city centre highlighting Dunedin's unique mix of heritage and modern culture. While you're visiting the city centre, the recently redeveloped [Otago Settlers Museum](#) is a great way to learn about New Zealand's early history.

Finish the day with a toast to your good health on a tour of the famous [Speight's Brewery](#).

Day two

Get back to nature

Start the day in style viewing New Zealand's best known castle. Majestic [Larnach Castle](#) overlooks the city from the hilltops, and is home to one of New Zealand's most internationally renowned gardens. Learn about the castle's history and explore its expansive grounds before embarking on an Otago wildlife experience.

Discover innovative conservation techniques at [Nature's Wonders Naturally](#) - a privately owned project designed to shelter rare birds like the yellow-eyed penguin. After this, depart on a cruise from Weller's Rock to see the Otago Peninsula's wildlife reserves and seal colonies as well as the world's only mainland royal albatross colony.

Day three

A day of refinement

Relive the grandeur of Edwardian times on a guided tour of [Olveston](#). This estate is a marvel of thousands of hours of restoration work- a colonial mansion taken back in time to the glory of Dunedin's heyday. From the 1922 Fiat Tourer in the garage to the works of art on the walls of the Great Hall, Olveston is an inspiring experience.

Indulge your senses at [Cadbury World](#), New Zealand's best known chocolate factory. View the production lines and learn about the craftsmanship that brings chocolate to the stores before seeing the tour's centrepiece - a chocolate mixing waterfall five stories high.

Spend the afternoon relaxing on the scenic [Taieri Gorge Railway](#) line. The rail journey takes you through goldfields and hand-carved tunnels to the heart of Central Otago. With gourmet lunch provided and a gold mining tour, Taieri Railway is a great way to get to know Otago.

Day four

Be inspired

Take a stroll through the majestic grounds of Otago University before finding inspiration and enlightenment in Dunedin's many museums and art galleries. The [Otago Museum](#), the Southern Land, Southern People gallery, and the [Dunedin Public Art Gallery](#) are just a few of Dunedin's galleries housing famous art and artefacts from New Zealand's history and present.

Farewell Dunedin with a stroll in the botanic gardens or along the rugged coastline. If you're in the mood for an afternoon outing, you could explore the artistic settlement of Port Chalmers, or stay in town and browse the many boutiques of both internationally and nationally acclaimed designers centred around George and Princes Streets.