



Nature Guides Otago



Peninsula Excursion & Albatross Encounter

Duration approx. 6 hours
Group size: 2 to max. 6 participants

10.30 am - Depart Nisbet Cottage with your Nature Guide for exploration of Otago Peninsula with its spectacular scenery, nature and wildlife. Focus will be on native forest, tidal inlet birdlife, and the Royal Albatross at Taiaroa Head. The itinerary is flexible and we are happy to include features to suit particular interests, weather and time permitting.

Start your peninsula excursion with a scenic drive on the high road to the remote side of the Otago Peninsula with its tidal inlets where, depending on tide and season, a variety of birds can be observed - pied stilt, white faced heron, oyster catcher, spoonbill and arctic waders. Take a walk through regenerating native bush on a private peninsula property where we will see conservation in action and get the opportunity to contribute to ongoing re-vegetation by planting a few native trees. This is followed by picnic lunch at a stunning lookout with views of the beaches, cliffs, geological features, and the vast Pacific Ocean (weather permitting). Further along the peninsula, at Taiaroa Head, Northern Royal Albatross are breeding in the only mainland breeding colony of any albatross species in the world. This special place will be another highlight of the day with the option of either a one-hour guided tour of the albatross colony or a one-hour harbour cruise on the MV Monarch to view these majestic birds in flight.



Approx. 4.30 pm - Return to Nisbet Cottage, relax, and enjoy a glass of wine by the fire or on the deck with views of Dunedin and the surrounding hills. We will be happy to advise on local dining options, make reservations, and provide transport to the restaurant.