

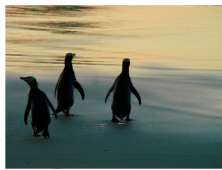


Two-night Nature Package

- **Two nights B&B at Nisbet Cottage**
- **Sunrise Penguin Walk**
- **Peninsula Excursion & Albatross Encounter**

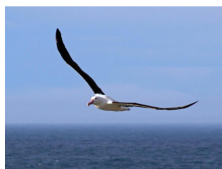
Day 1: Arrive Nisbet Cottage.

Day 2 (or Day 3 see below): **Sunrise Penguin Walk:** Start very early for this 3-4 hour tour with a 15 min drive, a walk down a steep sand dune and a beach walk to our private viewing hide to observe rare Yellow-eyed Penguins on their daily journey to the sea. Penguins share this remote coastal habitat with a variety of different species, the most prominent being New Zealand Fur Seals and Sea Lions. We may encounter both and will certainly be able to see a number of other bird species. Learn about the penguins, their environment, and the management challenges for this unique place so close to a major city. Return to Nisbet Cottage for a hot shower and a well earned breakfast.



10.30 am: **Peninsula Excursion & Albatross Encounter:** 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.



Day 3: Depart Nisbet Cottage after breakfast.

- **All activities mentioned in this itinerary and 2 nights B&B at Nisbet Cottage are included in the total cost. Some activities are dependent on tide. We therefore reserve the right for changes mainly with regard to the order in which the various activities are carried out.**
- **Please note that all our tours require a good level of fitness as we climb sand dunes and hills, good walking shoes are warm clothing are essential.**
- **Weather and availability of guide may make it necessary to conduct the Sunrise Penguin Walk on day of departure (Day 3). Latest return between October and April is around 9.30 am. Please arrange your onward travel accordingly.**