

the best day-walks in **OUTSTANDING OTAGO**

HIGHLIGHTS

- The special character of New Zealand’s “Edinburgh of the South” (Dunedin)
- The amazing seascapes of the Otago Peninsula
- The unique tussock and tors landscape of central Otago
- The geological wonders of the Old Man/Rock and Pillar Ranges
- The most spectacular sections of the Otago Rail Trail
- Ice-skating rinks and curling ponds in a pristine landscape
- A stunning lake created from a goldmine, alongside a “haunted” hotel (St. Bathans)
- One of the longest water races in the country (Ida)
- New Zealand’s hottest and coldest town (Alexandra)
- The site of NZ’s first gold strike and ensuing gold rush (Lawrence)
- Awesome autumn colours throughout the entire region

DATES		7-13 April 2024	
DATE REGISTRATIONS CLOSE		7 February 2024	
STARTING POINT		Dunedin	8.00 a.m.
FINISHING POINT		Dunedin	8.00 p.m.
COST		6pax\$1100,5pax\$1200,4pax\$1300,3pax\$1400	
DAY	POSSIBLE WALKS	OVERNIGHT	
<p>Walks that are highly recommended are printed in red.</p> <p>All times given are for a return (out and back) walk, a loop walk, or a linear walk with transport to/from each end.</p>			
Day 1	<p>Meet and greet. Initial briefing. North of Dunedin <i>Walks selected from:</i> Mount Cargill and the Organ Pipes (2-3h), Waikouaiti Beach and Hawkebury Reserve Lagoon Walk (1h), Heywood Point (2h), Karitane-Huiawa Pa (1h), Mapoutahi Pa and Doctor’s Point (1h15m), Purakaunui Inlet (1h30m), Matanaka (30m), Long Beach (1h30m), Puketapu Summit (1h), Trotter’s Gorge (1h).</p>	Dunedin	
Day 2	<p>Otago Peninsula Sandyfont Rd to Sandyfont via The Chasm & Lovers Leap-Sandfly Bay-Seal Point Rd (3h), Sandfly Bay (1h), Highcliff (30m), Portobello Peninsula (1h), Paradise-Buskin Loop (1h30m), Boulder Beach (1h), Harbour Cone (1-2h), Mt. Charles (2h30m), Taiaroa Head short walks (30m).</p>	Dunedin	
Day 3	<p>Dunedin Delights (a.m.) <i>Walks selected from:</i> City Heritage Buildings (2h), Historic Dunedin (1h), Harbour Basin (2h30m), Tunnel Beach (1h), Tomahawk Track/41 Peg (2h), Tomahawk/Smaills Bch (2h), Flagstaff Hill (1h), Tomakawk Lagoon-Karetai Road (3-4h), Karetai Rd-Boulder Beach-Paradise Track (2-3h). South of Dunedin: Taieri Mouth and Waihola (p.m.) Taieri Millennium Track (2-3h), Waipori Falls (20m).</p>	Dunedin	

<p>Day 4</p>	<p>Rock and Pillar Range / Oteake Conservation Park <i>Longer Options:</i> Glencreag Track to Big Hut (4-6h) Kinvara Road-Leaning Lodge (4-5h) <i>Shorter Options:</i> Rocklands Gorge (1h), Sutton Salt Lake (1-2h), Last Creek Track (2-3h), March Creek Track (3h), Brookdale Track (3h), Dansey's Pass. Little Kyeburn Track to Buster Hut and Diggings (10km,3h). <i>Otago Rail Trail:</i> Kokonga to Tiroiti (8km – Taieri Gorge), Tiroiti to Hyde (6.5km – Cap Burn Bridge, Prices Viaduct).</p>	<p>Middlemarch</p>
<p>Day 5</p>	<p>Oteake Conservation Park / Hawkdun and St Bathans Ranges / Naseby Forest <i>Longer Options:</i> Danseys Pass: Mt. Alexander (4-5h), Mt. Buster Diggings (4-5h), Mt. Kyeburn (5-6h), Boundary Ck Hut Loop (5-6h), Mt. Ida Water Race: Shepherd's Ck-Pierces Gorge (4-5h). <i>Shorter Options:</i> Naseby Forest: Swimming Dam to Hoffmans Dam (1h30m), Hoffmans Dam to Coalpit Dam (1h). Around Blue Lake Track at St. Bathans (1h30m). <i>Otago Rail Trail:</i> Oturehua to Wedderburn (12km), Lauder to Auripo (10.5 - features the Poolburn Tunnels/Viaduct).</p>	<p>Naseby or Ranfurly</p>
<p>Day 6</p>	<p>Around and About Alexandra <i>Longer Options:</i> Old Man Range/Fraser Basin (3-5h). <i>Otago Rail Trail:</i> Alexandra to Chatto Creek (4-5h) <i>Shorter Options:</i> Golden Progress Mine (45m), Historic Ophir (1h), 150th Anniversary Walk Clyde to Alexandra (3-4h) Lake Roxburgh Walkway to Butcher's Point (2-3h), Earncleugh Tailings Historic Reserve (2-3h), Conroys Gully (2h), Shek Harn-Fraser Dam (1-2h), Tucker Hill-Alexandra Clock(1-2h). <i>Otago Rail Trail:</i> Alexandra to Galloway (7km), Galloway to Chatto Creek (10km), Chatto Creek to Omakau (12km), Omakau to Lauder (7km).</p>	<p>Alexandra</p>
<p>Day 7</p>	<p>Further walks near Alexandra: Flat Top Hill/Butcher's Dam (1-2h), Mitchells Cottage (15m). Towards Dunedin Gabriel's Gully (1h), Lonely Graves (5m), Horseshoe Bend (20m) Travel to Dunedin. Farewell Dinner. Trip concludes.</p>	<p style="background-color: #cccccc;"></p>



Blue Lake, St. Bathans