

FAR SOUTH (Previously Burt)

Start: Queenstown

Finish: Queenstown

Minimum Days: 3

Recommended: <1 week

Queenstown (via Milford Sound) to Te Anau

Haere mai (welcome)! Today you are in for a treat. It's an early start as we make our way to Milford Sound, one of NZ's most famous destinations, sometimes called the 'Eighth Wonder of the World'. You won't want to nap on this leg of the journey as we drive past Lake Wakatipu and watch the landscape change from farmland to mountains, glacier-carved valleys and fiords. There is time to do an afternoon boat cruise around Milford Sound to soak up this untouched world, where it's likely you'll spot a few wild dolphins, seals and penguins. We then head through to Te Anau for the night.

Accommodation: Lake side accommodation

Optional paid activities: Milford Sound cruise (ask the driver about the special Milford Sound + Stewart Island combo)

Free activities: Stunning views, take a walk around Lake Te Anau

Te Anau to Invercargill/Stewart Island

This morning we'll travel further south to Invercargill and on to Bluff, where you can catch a ferry to Stewart Island. NZ's third largest island, Stewart Island, has an abundance of activities for the outdoor enthusiast, such as fishing, bird watching and tramping tracks. Those not going to Stewart Island will spend the night in Invercargill.

See More moment: When the solar winds are right, between March – September, you might be lucky enough to see the Aurora Australis, better known as the Southern Lights!

Accommodation: Stewart Island backpackers or central hostel in Invercargill

Optional paid activities: Te Anau Wildlife Centre, catch the ferry to Stewart Island (ask the driver about the special Milford Sound + Stewart Island combo)

Free activities: Humboldt Falls walk, Viewing Gantry walk

Invercargill/Stewart Island to Queenstown

For those who stayed overnight on Stewart Island, this morning is free for you to explore, meet the locals, go fishing or enjoy some of the walks before catching an afternoon ferry back to the mainland. Those in Invercargill will have the option to visit Demolition World (a world entirely constructed from demolished buildings and recycled items), race your bus mates around a go-karting track or walk up to the Bluff Hill lookout before reuniting with the island-goers for an express journey back to Queenstown. We hope you had a blast on your Stray adventure!

Accommodation: Central hostel close to all the action

Optional paid activities: Stewart Island: fishing, Village & Bays tour, a visit to Ulva Island.

Invercargill: Go-karting, Demolition World

Free activities: Stewart Island: explore the island and discover amazing birdlife

Invercargill: Bluff Hill walk