



# Welcome To Southland

This guide contains suggestions for things to do around Invercargill and Southland while here for the Burt Munro Challenge!



# In Town

## Stay In Invercargill

### **Burt Munro Sculpture**

Located on the edge of Queens Park, this 4.5m bronze statue of Burt Munro by Roddy McMillian is not to be missed!

SEE

*Queens Park's Gala Street car park, Invercargill*

### **Queens Park**

Explore this magnificent 80 hectare park in the heart of Invercargill - featuring wildlife habitats, gardens, a cafe, a golf course, disc golf and more!

SEE • DO

*Access off of Gala Street, Queens Drive & Herbert Street, Invercargill*

### **E Hayes & Sons Motorworks Collection**

Tucked away in a hardware store, Burt Munro's original 1920 Indian Scout forms the centerpiece of a unique display of over one hundred motorcycles, automobiles and memorabilia.

SEE

*168 Dee Street, Invercargill*

### **Classic Motorcycle Mecca & Meccaspresso Cafe**

New Zealand's most diverse motorcycle display, home to more than 300 bikes and sidecars from over 60 manufacturers, ranging from 1902 - 2007.

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*25 Tay Street, Invercargill*

### **Burt Munro Mural**

A spectacular mural by artist Graham Hoete; a tribute to the memory of Burt Munro and his achievements.

SEE

*16 Victoria Avenue, Invercargill*

### **Bill Richardson Transport World & The Grille Cafe**

The largest private automotive museum of its type in the world. With more than 300 vehicle displays, a growing wearable arts collection and more - you'll find something to captivate the whole family.

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*491 Tay Street, Invercargill*

### **Oreti Beach**

Oreti Beach is a coastal playground just minutes from Invercargill that you're able to drive right onto! This beach is famous for being Burt Munro's testing ground.

SEE • DO

*At the end of Dunns Road, Otagara*



# Go North

## To The Gore District & Beyond

### **Mataura Museum**

This museum is based in an 1880s cottage, known locally as Clematis Cottage. It showcases the story of the Mataura Paper Mill and Freezing Works and brings Mataura's rich social and industrial heritage to life.

SEE

### **Mataura**

40 minutes drive from  
Invercargill

### **Hokonui Moonshine Museum**

The Gore District's colourful history of illicit whiskey making and consumption is celebrated in this unique museum.

SEE

### **Gore**

50 minutes drive from  
Invercargill

### **Eastern Southland Gallery**

This gallery is home to the internationally renowned John Money Collection, Ralph Hotere Gallery and many other exhibitions.

SEE

### **Gore**

50 minutes drive from  
Invercargill

### **Howl At The Moon**

A friendly, relaxed dining experience with delicious southern-style meals.

EAT

### **Gore**

50 minutes drive from  
Invercargill

### **Croydon Aviation Heritage Centre**

Learn about some of New Zealand's early aviators and see a wide range of fully restored aircraft, including the largest collection of de Havilland aircraft in the southern hemisphere! Weather dependant, it's highly recommended to take a flight in the Tiger Moth.

SEE • DO

### **Mandeville**

1 hour drive from  
Invercargill

### **Lumsden/Ōreti**

A picturesque traveller's stop, Lumsden is home to two historic diesel shunters and three wagons at the old railway station. Also on display is the chassis of a steam locomotive at the town's southern entrance.

SEE

### **Lumsden**

1 hour and 30 minutes  
drive from Invercargill  
(via Gore)

### **Route 6 Cafe**

A modern 1950's themed Americana cafe with a Kiwiana touch! The highlight is an old restored 1955 Dodge Kingsway that is nestled among the booths and stools.

EAT

### **Lumsden**

1 hour and 30 minutes  
drive from Invercargill  
(via Gore)

# Go South

## To Bluff & Stewart Island

### Bluff Maritime Museum

A must-visit maritime themed museum with displays on whaling, oystering, shipwrecks and Bluff's fascinating history.

SEE

**Bluff**

30 minutes drive from Invercargill

### Bluff Hill/Motupōhue

Enjoy spectacular 360 degree views - you can even see Stewart Island/Rakiura on a clear day.

SEE

**Bluff**

30 minutes drive from Invercargill

### Stirling Point

Snap a photo with the iconic signpost which marks the beginning of New Zealand's State Highway 1 and depicts directions and distances to major cities around the world.

SEE

**Bluff**

30 minutes drive from Invercargill

### Oyster Cove

This superb restaurant at Stirling point showcases the best in southern seafood with panoramic views over Foveaux Strait.

EAT

**Bluff**

30 minutes drive from Invercargill

### Stewart Island/Rakiura

Nature's paradise, New Zealand's third main island a perfect retreat for both those seeking peace or those seeking adventure! With activities such as walking tracks (including one of New Zealand's Great Walks), bird watching, fishing, star gazing and much more it is highly recommended to spend more than one day here, but day trips are possible.

SEE • DO

**Stewart Island**

20 minutes by plane  
OR approximately  
1 hour by ferry from  
Invercargill

### South Sea Hotel

Enjoy local seafood and great views of Halfmoon Bay.

EAT

**Stewart Island**

Within the Oban township

### Ulva Island

Stewart Island's pristine predator-free open island sanctuary, home to abundant birdlife, rich native forest, and well-maintained walking tracks.

SEE • DO

**Ulva Island**

15 minutes by water  
taxi from Stewart  
Island



# Go West

## To Riverton & Beyond

### Riverton/Aparima

This popular seaside township is known as the 'Riviera of the South'. It is rich in early Maori history and is one of the earliest European settlements in New Zealand.

SEE

### Riverton

35 minutes drive from Invercargill

### Te Hiko Southern Journey Heritage Museum

An interactive museum featuring authentic displays and engaging stories. These reveal how our Maori and European ancestors adapted to survive on nature's edge.

SEE

### Riverton

35 minutes drive from Invercargill

### Aparima Restaurant & Bar

A great place to have a meal while enjoying unobstructed views of Jacobs River Estuary.

EAT

### Riverton

35 minutes drive from Invercargill

### Monkey Island/Te Puka o Takitimu & Beach

A fascinating beach with a small island that can be reached by foot - but only at low tide! A stairway leads to the top of the island, where there are spectacular views of Te Waewae Bay and the mountains of Fiordland.

SEE • DO

### Orepuki

55 minutes drive from Invercargill

### Orepuki Beach Cafe

A grand old house built around 1885 has recently been transformed into a relaxing and inviting cafe. Voted 'best rural cafe in New Zealand' in 2018.

EAT

### Orepuki

55 minutes drive from Invercargill

### Gemstone Beach

Known for its constant state of change from sand to stones with the storms and tides, semi-precious gems can often be found on the beach.

SEE • DO

### Orepuki

55 minutes drive from Invercargill

### Clifden Suspension Bridge

The longest suspension bridge in New Zealand!

SEE

### Clifden

1 hour drive from Invercargill



# Go East To The Catlins

## Waipapa Point

Home to a historic lighthouse, this often-photographed point is one of the best spots to see sea lions resting on land. Its sweeping golden beach is the ideal place for a relaxing walk.

SEE

## South Catlins

50 minutes drive from  
Invercargill

## Slope Point

The southernmost point on the South Island of New Zealand, accessible via a short walk. The views of the surrounding ocean off of the point's steep rugged cliffs are spectacular!

SEE

## South Catlins

1 hour drive from  
Invercargill

## Niagara Falls Cafe

Housed in a historic school building, Niagara Falls provides quality meals using home grown vegetables and the best of Southland's fresh produce, as well as good coffee and beverages.

EAT

## South Catlins

1 hour drive from  
Invercargill

## Curio Bay

This unique bay is of international significance for its fossilised forest. The tree fossils you can see here date back to the Jurassic period and are 160 million years old - the forest was alive when New Zealand was part of Gondwanaland!

SEE • DO

## Curio Bay

1 hour and 10 minutes  
drive from Invercargill

## Tumu Toka Curioscape

A world class interpretive centre especially designed to share the stories and history of this amazing place on the edge of the world. Tailor your own experience with interactive touch screens and more! The centre also has a cafe for a bite to eat.

SEE • DO • EAT

## Curio Bay

1 hour and 10 minutes  
drive from Invercargill

## Pūrākaunui Falls

These falls are one of New Zealand's iconic, most-photographed sights. The 15 minute return track to the falls trails through mature beech and podocarp forests.

SEE

## Clutha Catlins

2 hours drive from  
Invercargill



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