



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.

SEE • EAT

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, Otatara



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

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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 Hikoi 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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