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Ports & Excursions

Dunedin (Port Chalmers), New Zealand

Perched on the hills above one of New Zealand's loveliest harbors, Dunedin is a Kiwi city with a Scottish heart. Hailed as the "Edinburgh of New Zealand," Dunedin is proud of its heritage. A statue of famed Scottish poet Robert Burns graces downtown, and the presence of New Zealand's only kilt maker and whisky distillery - as well as many bagpipe bands - keep Dunedin's ties to Scotland alive. The city also boasts a distinguished architectural and cultural history, a legacy of New Zealand's 1860s gold rush.

Port Chalmers, gateway to Dunedin, is located eight miles from the city center. Dunedin is a planned city: its streets and suburbs fan out from the city's octagon.

Travel tip: Dunedin is pronounced "Dunn-knee-din"

Points of Interest

1 Taieri Gorge Railway

Travel the fabled route of pioneers & prospectors through spectacular Taieri River Gorge. This historic railway, from the 1870s, boasts wrought iron viaducts, tunnels and modern and vintage carriages. Exclusively chartered for Princess Cruises, the train journey commences from alongside the ship and includes tea, lunch and continuous refreshment service.

2 Larnach Castle

Enjoy spectacular tower views and beautiful gardens at this neo-Gothic estate. Commissioned by William Larnach for his beloved first wife, the home preserves the baronial lifestyle of the 1800s.

3 Olveston House

Designed by London architect Sir Ernest George and built in 1904-06 for David Theomin, a Dunedin importer, this magnificent 35-room Jacobean-style mansion tells the story of a gracious age.

4 Otago Harbour & Peninsula

Otago Peninsula is one of the South Island's most significant wildlife areas and boasts untamed landscape.

5 Speights Brewery

Still on Rattray Street at the foot of City Rise, the same site it has occupied since 1876, Speight's Brewery brews the "Pride of the South," a favorite New Zealand beer.

6 Botanical Garden

Established in 1863, the lush Botanic Gardens boast rose, camellia, rhododendron and native plant displays. Also on site are a Glasshouse Garden, aviary, and convenient souvenir shop.

7 Otago Museum

The Otago Museum was founded in 1868 and has undergone many changes over the years. It is the largest cultural and heritage institution in Otago and has a collection of over two million natural science specimens and human history artifacts. The Museum is Dunedin's most visited attraction.

8 Dunedin Train Station

Dunedin's landmark railway station features an elaborate Victorian facade, extravagant tile floors and etched glasswork.

Special Child Pricing Available!

Children age 12 and younger, savings up to 50%. For actual pricing information, click on tour title or Reserve button.

Sightseeing & City Tours

Most Popular

Taieri Gorge by Train & Larnach Castle
PC3-100 | Dunedin (Port Chalmers), New Zealand | Group Size: 42

You will visit: 1 2 8 | You will see: 4 | M | 9 hours | from **$289.95**

A Princess exclusive, board the train alongside your ship and travel through the dramatic Taieri Gorge on a journey that crosses 19th-century, cast-iron bridges and travels through 10 mountain tunnels. Relax over morning tea and a light picnic lunch served along the way with a continuous refreshment service. Disembark at the historic Dunedin Railway Station and drive to Larnach Castle which boasts English tile, Venetian glass and a 3,000-square-foot ballroom.

City Drive, Olveston House & Botanic Gardens
PC3-200 | Dunedin (Port Chalmers), New Zealand | Group Size: 42

You will visit: 3 6 | You will see: 8 | M | 3.5 hours | from **$75.95**

Experience Dunedin's Scottish heritage on a narrated drive. Tour Olveston House, a 35-room Edwardian mansion built by David Theomin in 1906. The mansion is filled with treasures collected on Theomin's world travels. Stroll through New Zealand's oldest botanic gardens, home to a Rhododendron Dell and a rose garden.

City Drive & Larnach Castle
PC3-205 | Dunedin (Port Chalmers), New Zealand | Group Size: 42

You will visit: 2 | You will see: 4 8 | M | 4 hours | from **$89.95**

Take in the sights on a narrated city drive. Dunedin is considered by many to be the best-preserved Victorian city in the world. Take a tour of New Zealand's only castle. Built by W.J.N. Larnach, the Neo-Gothic castle took 15 years to complete. It boasts English tiles, Venetian glass and exotic hardwoods from around the world.

Olveston House & Larnach Castle
PC3-220 | Dunedin (Port Chalmers), New Zealand | Group Size: 40

You will visit: 2 3 | You will see: 8 | M | 4.5 hours | from **$109.95**

Visit two of Dunedin's most lavish landmarks on this half-day excursion. Take a guided tour of Larnach Castle, New Zealand's only castle, for a tour of the amazing residence and its lavish gardens. Partake of a delicious tea and scones in the castle's ballroom. Then visit Olveston House, a 35-room Edwardian mansion filled with treasures from around the world.

Taieri Gorge by Train
PC3-225 | Dunedin (Port Chalmers), New Zealand

You will visit: 1 | You will see: 8 | M | 5.5 hours | from **$239.95**

A Princess exclusive, board the train alongside your ship and travel through the dramatic Taieri Gorge on a journey that crosses 19th-century, cast-iron bridges and travels through 10 mountain tunnels. Relax over morning tea and a light picnic lunch served along the way with a continuous refreshment service. Make a photo stop at the historic Dunedin Railway Station, and admire its architecture, before reboarding the train back to your ship.

Taieri Gorge by Train (Guided in German)
PC3-228 | Dunedin (Port Chalmers), New Zealand

You will visit: 1 | You will see: 8 | M | 5.5 hours | from **$239.95**

A Princess exclusive, board the train alongside your ship and travel through the dramatic Taieri Gorge on a journey that crosses 19th-century, cast-iron bridges and travels through 10 mountain tunnels. Relax over morning tea and a light picnic lunch served along the way with a continuous refreshment service. Make a photo stop at the historic Dunedin Railway Station, and admire its architecture, before reboarding the train back to your ship.

World Heritage Site

Fiordland, Queenstown & Dunedin Overland - Double Accommodations
PC3-800 | Dunedin (Port Chalmers), New Zealand | Group Size: 40

M | 36 hours | from **$699.95**

Experience the scenic wonders of the South Island on a two-day, one-night overland adventure. Explore New Zealand historic gold country on a scenic drive from Dunedin to Queenstown on Lake Wakatipu in the heart of the Southern Alps. Travel through Fiordland National Park to majestic Milford Sound.

World Heritage Site

Fiordland, Queenstown & Dunedin Overland - Single Accommodations
PC3-801 | Dunedin (Port Chalmers), New Zealand | Group Size: 40

You will see: 8 | M | 36 hours | from **$799.95**

Experience the scenic wonders of the South Island on a two-day, one-night overland adventure. Explore New Zealand historic gold country on a scenic drive from Dunedin to Queenstown on Lake Wakatipu in the heart of the Southern Alps. Travel through Fiordland National Park to majestic Milford Sound.

Premium

Olveston House & City Drive by Classic Car
PC3-230 | Dunedin (Port Chalmers), New Zealand | Group Size: 6

You will visit: 3 5 8 | You will see: 6 | M | 4.5 hours | from **$239.95**

Vintage car enthusiasts will relish the opportunity to explore the sights of Dunedin in a classic 1960s Jaguar or Daimler limousine. You'll be driven in style to a trio of popular attractions - historic Olveston House, fascinating Dunedin Train Station and Speight's Brewery - for a sampling of New Zealand's famed beer.

Taieri Gorge by Train (Wheelchair Confined Passengers)
PC3-226 | Dunedin (Port Chalmers), New Zealand

You will visit: 1 | You will see: 8 | M | 5.5 hours | from **$239.95**

This departure is space set aside on lift-equipped vehicles for wheelchair confined passengers - please be sure to read the Notes section of the tour description regarding requesting this space. A Princess exclusive, board the train alongside your ship and travel through the dramatic Taieri Gorge on a journey that crosses 19th-century, cast-iron bridges and travels through 10 mountain tunnels. Relax over morning tea and a light picnic lunch served along the way with a continuous refreshment service. Make a photo stop at the historic Dunedin Railway Station, and admire its architecture, before reboarding the train back to your ship.

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Dunedin by Private Vehicle - Van Class Full Day (With Driver/Guide)
PC3-900 | Dunedin (Port Chalmers), New Zealand | Group Size: 6

M | 8 hours | from **$879.95**

A private vehicle is the perfect solution for passengers who wish to tour privately, or who want the flexibility of designing their own itinerary.

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Dunedin by Private Vehicle - Car Class Full Day (With Driver/Guide)
PC3-905 | Dunedin (Port Chalmers), New Zealand | Group Size: 2

M | 8 hours | from **$719.95**

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Dunedin by Private Vehicle - Van Class Half Day (With Driver/Guide)
PC3-910 | Dunedin (Port Chalmers), New Zealand | Group Size: 6

M | 4 hours | from **$499.95**

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Dunedin by Private Vehicle - Car Class Half Day (With Driver/Guide)
PC3-915 | Dunedin (Port Chalmers), New Zealand | Group Size: 2

M | 4 hours | from **$474.95**

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Nature & Wildlife

Otago Wildlife Cruise
PC3-245 | Dunedin (Port Chalmers), New Zealand | Group Size: 55

You will visit: 4 | E | 2 hours | from **$109.95**

A cruise around Otago Harbour offers views of abundant wildlife ranging from flocks of migratory birds to penguins and seals. Cruise to Taiaroa Head, named after a Maori chieftain; home to an old coastal fort and a colony of Royal albatross - the largest seabirds in the world.

Off the Beaten Path

Nature's Wonders & Otago Peninsula
PC3-465 | Dunedin (Port Chalmers), New Zealand

You will visit: 4 **You will see:** 8 **4.5 hours** from **$179.95**

Explore the untamed headlands of the Otago Peninsula on an eco-style tour that features an 8-wheel-drive Argo vehicle. Visit Penguin Beach, home to yellow-eyed and little blue penguins. You may also see fur seals and pups, sea lions, and a breeding colony of cormorants.

Special Interests

Speights Brewery & Pub Hop
PC3-305 | Dunedin (Port Chalmers), New Zealand | Group Size: 40

You will visit: 5 **6 hours** from **$139.95**

Historic Speight's Brewery is a Dunedin icon. Tour the brewery, founded in 1876, and enjoy a tasting that features six Speight's beers. Hoist a few pints during a Dunedin pub hop that visits three traditional public houses and includes a classic pub lunch.