

Dunedin Visitor Information

Accommodation

For all accommodation and attraction requirements please contact the Dunedin Information Centre i-SITE visitor.centre@dcc.govt.nz

Mercure Hotel Dunedin

www.accorhotels.com/dunedin

Qualmark rating: 4 Star Plus

Located in the heart of the city, Mercure Dunedin occupies the elegant Victorian building which once housed the "Wains Hotel" and has been beautifully renovated. This boutique-style property features 50 guest rooms and suites, the stunning Relish Restaurant and Bar, featuring a creative seasonal menu which makes use of delicious local produce. The hotel also offers two conference rooms which cater to all kinds of events. Business Centre facilities include Wi-Fi broadband Internet, an email terminal and a photocopying/faxing service.

Mercure Leisure Lodge

www.mercureleisurelodge.co.nz

Qualmark rating: 4 Star

"Dunedin's Garden Hotel". Nestled in a relaxed, landscaped garden setting, adjacent to Dunedin Botanic Gardens; a short stroll to the Stadium, Otago University, the Hospital, the city's dynamic shopping centre, and visitor attractions. Easy access from State Highway 1, with plenty of complimentary off-street parking for cars and coaches. 76 spacious, well appointed rooms, offering either a balcony, or outside patio; LCD TV, high speed internet.

McGavin's Restaurant and Bar, offering contemporary cuisine using the freshest of local produce. Two well appointed Conference rooms – the historic stone Oast House, and the McGavin Room – catering for all events from 10 to 100 delegates.

Scenic Hotel Dunedin City

www.scenichotelgroup.co.nz

Qualmark rating: 4 Star Plus and Enviro Silver

Scenic Hotel Dunedin City Hotel is a modern, inner-city property. Contemporary design incorporating clean lines and dramatic features that are softened with natural elements including timber, cedar venetian blinds and neutral tones. The hotel has 110 spacious rooms with natural lighting, a large restaurant with street views, lounge bar with a cosy gas fire, gymnasium and car parking. A further twelve 1 and 2 Bedroom suites are being built on the top floor of the hotel. New rooms will have stadium and harbour views with balconies. Completion due March 2011 will bring total number of rooms to 122.

Scenic Hotel Southern Cross

www.scenichotelgroup.co.nz

Qualmark rating: 4 star + and Enviro Silver

Situated in an 1880's building, Southern Cross Hotel offers the combination of distinctive, historic architecture with modern facilities. With 178 rooms, offering the choice of standard, superior and suite rooms, all were refurbished in 2008 bringing them up to world-class standard. There are eight function/meeting rooms, two restaurants, a bar and a cafe as well as the boutique Dunedin Casino. Guest facilities include 24-hour portage and reception, guest laundry, gymnasium, undercover parking, lift, shop and toiletries, 24-hour room service and internet access.

Executive Residence Boutique Hotel

www.otago.ac.nz/execres

The University of Otago's School of Business has its own boutique hotel accommodation for visitors to Dunedin. Offering spacious rooms all with en-suites, conference and catering facilities, ample parking, and close proximity to the Dunedin City Centre, the Executive Residence is an excellent choice for accommodation boasting 24 beautifully appointed rooms and superb facilities for meetings, interviews, conferences and retreats, dinners and cocktail functions.

Kingsgate Hotel Dunedin

www.kingsgatedunedin.co.nz

Qualmark rating: 3 Star Plus and Enviro Bronze

Kingsgate Hotel Dunedin is right in the heart of the city and ideal for business or leisure. You are within strolling distance of stately homes and Gothic revival style buildings; Otago Museum is a fifteen minute walk away, the beach ten minutes drive and the Central Business District is right on your doorstep. Kingsgate Hotel Dunedin has 55 sunny north facing guest rooms and facilities such as newly renovated, contemporary style ensuite bathrooms, broadband, Sky TV, direct dial phones. Each room at the Kingsgate Hotel Dunedin has a balcony, and the hotel is fully non-smoking. Offering full bar facilities and also the opportunity to dine in our own restaurant branded "Jimmy Cook's Kiwi Kitchen" where you will be served fantastic Kiwi Cuisine.

Quality Hotel Cargills

www.cargills.co.nz

Qualmark rating: 3 Star Plus

Quality Hotel Cargills offers 50 well appointed rooms set amongst a magnificent garden courtyard. The Atrium on George restaurant and lounge bar holds the NZ Beef & Lamb Hallmark of Excellence and our 3 function rooms cater to a wide range of events. Wireless internet is available throughout the property. Free car parking is available and the Hotel is located within walking distance of the University, Hospital and City Centre.

Quest Dunedin – Serviced Apartments

www.questdunedin.co.nz

Qualmark rating: 4 Star Plus and Enviro Silver

Quest Dunedin is a new 40 room serviced apartment complex located in Dunedin's CBD (approx 2-5 minute walk to the Octagon, main shopping precinct, Dunedin Hospital and directly across the road from Cadbury World). Quest Dunedin consists of studio, one bedroom and interconnecting two bedroom apartments (one bedroom and two bedroom apartments are self contained). All apartments have internet access (ethernet cable) and all guests have complimentary access to a nearby off site gymnasium. Pantry shopping, breakfast packs and restaurant chargeback are available. Nightly, weekly and monthly rates available.

Living Space

www.livingspace.net

128 funky affordable hotel style rooms in the centre of the city. We have Queen bed studios, Premium studios with king, twin and triple bedding and family rooms that can sleep up to five adults. All rooms have 26" LCD televisions with five sky channels, high speed internet connection, a desk with direct dial phone and voicemail, stylish new glass bathrooms and a kitchenette which includes tea and coffee making facilities.

St Clair Beach Resort

www.stclairbeachresort.com

Just 10 minutes from the city centre, the recently completed St Clair Beach Resort hotel is the city's only beachside hotel. Built with the environment in mind, this boutique hotel offers 26 contemporary rooms - each beautifully designed and furnished with in-room features including

Super King bed's, LCD TV's, iPod/mp3 connectivity and broadband internet, Sky channels and on demand movies, with lounge area. Also incorporating two dining options; Pier 24 Restaurant and Bar with Celebrity Chef Michael Coughlin and Swell Café-Bar.

Holiday Parks

Aaron Lodge Top 10 Holiday Park

www.aaronlodgetop10.co.nz

Qualmark rating: 4 star +

Provides modern, clean and comfortable surroundings with a variety of accommodation including motels, tourist flats, standard cabins, motor home and tent sites. Five studio and four two bedroom. On-site facilities include Wireless internet and skype kiosk indoor heated pool, spa pool, BBQ area, petanque piste and mini golf. Situated 2.5 km from the city centre.

Dunedin Holiday Park

www.dunedinholidaypark.co.nz

Qualmark rating: 4 star + Enviro Sliver

Situated only minutes from the beach and on the gateway to the Otago Peninsula.

Accommodation includes Motels, tourist flats, ensuites, cabins, power/tent sites and a 50 bed lodge.

Leith Valley Touring Park

www.leithvalleytouringpark.co.nz

Qualamark rating: 4 star +

Situated in a quiet park like setting on the banks of the Leith Stream and only 2.5km to the city centre. Accommodation includes self contained motels, tourist flats caravan/campervan sites, tent sites and on site caravans.

Transport

Rhodes Rentals are the suppliers of rental vehicles and vans for the 100% Pure New Zealand Winter Games in Dunedin.

Email: dunedin@rhodesrentals.co.nz

Website: www.rhodesrentals.co.nz

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Attractions

City and Heritage

Begin your experience in the Octagon and see how the traditions and foresight of the Scottish settlers combined with the prosperity of the gold rush to create a city of elegance. Enjoy a superb collection of Victorian and Edwardian architecture including the Dunedin Railway Station and Olveston House, before continuing on to the University of Otago, the first to be established in New Zealand, Otago Museum, where the "Southern Land, Southern People" gallery provides an excellent interlude, and the Otago Settlers Museum.

Baldwin Street

Just along from the Dunedin Botanic Garden is Baldwin Street, the steepest street in the world. One part of the upper section has a gradient of 1 in 2.86 which tilts it at an angle of 19 degrees! There is a souvenir shop in the 1914 former North End Post Office building and for \$2 you can buy a certificate acknowledging your achievement of conquering the world's steepest street, signed by the mayor.

Cadbury World

www.cadburyworld.co.nz

Cadbury World will delight you and your taste buds. You'll experience the total Cadbury chocolate sensation with a fascinating and fun-filled guided chocolate factory tour with exciting, interactive displays. At the end of the tour spend some time in the Cadbury shop and take some delicious chocolate home with you!

Dunedin Casino

www.dunedincasino.co.nz

Located in the Southern Cross Hotel, Dunedin Casino is New Zealand's leading boutique casino. You can enjoy world class gaming in all the favourite table games including, Roulette, Baccarat, Tai Sai, Caribbean Stud Poker or one of our many gaming machines. Relax in our Grand Bar and Café, open seven days a week until the wee small hours. It is the perfect place to unwind or take in the excitement of the Dunedin Casino.

Dunedin Chinese Garden

www.dunedin.govt.nz/facilities/dunedin_chinese_garden/chinese1

The Dunedin Chinese Garden was built using authentic Chinese materials and crafted by a team of artisans/craftsmen for Dunedin's sister city of Shanghai. In addition to the hand-made wooden buildings, the Garden features hand-made tiles, bricks and lattice-work and hand-finished granite paving stones. A Chinese Garden is more than just a garden in the European sense. The rocks, water plants and buildings are important, symbolic, elements. This is the only authentic Chinese garden outside of China and is a tribute to Dunedin's Chinese heritage.

Dunedin Public Art Gallery

www.dunedin.art.museum

Located in the heart of the city, the gallery is one of the finest in the country. It has an impressive collection of historical works and a changing range of contemporary and other shows. There is an excellent gift shop at the gallery for the perfect souvenir of your visit.

New Zealand Sport's Hall of Fame

www.nzhalloffame.co.nz

The New Zealand Sports Hall of Fame is where New Zealand's sporting past comes to life. The Hall is the only one of its kind in New Zealand, and is housed in the historic Dunedin Railway Station and includes exhibits and displays on sporting champions who have been inducted from more than 30 sports.

Otago Museum

www.otagomuseum.govt.nz

Visit the Otago Museum, the first museum to be established in New Zealand. The Otago Museum is a fascinating house of treasures including a large variety of themed galleries, an exciting hands-on science centre and a regularly changing programme of special exhibitions and activities – something for everyone. Enjoy excellent displays of Pacific Island culture, the bizarre Victorian 'Animal Attic' devoted to the Victorian art of taxidermy and a comprehensive collection of southern Maori artefacts. "Southern Land, Southern People", the icon gallery of the Otago Museum, will give you an insight into the 'southern' way of life, both past and present. The Tropical Forest is the

latest addition to this award winning museum. Enjoy time in the tropical climate as hundreds of colourful butterflies take flight and land around you or on you.

Otago Settlers Museum

www.otago.settlers.museum

Otago Settlers Museum tells the stories of the people who lived and who live in Dunedin. People have come from all corners of the earth to settle in Dunedin. From Southern Maori to Scottish pioneers and Chinese miners, Dunedin is a place of staunch individuals and vibrant communities.

Speight's Brewery Heritage Centre

www.speights.co.nz

Take a step back in time as you become part of Speight's history dating back to 1876. Enjoy a tour in a working brewery surrounded by copper vats and the smell of hops and yeast, while your guide explains the ancient art of brewing. There are entertaining audiovisual displays and hands-on interactive displays that will appeal to the young and old alike. On completion of the tour you'll have the opportunity for a tasting session in the tours own bar.

Taieri Gorge Railway

www.taieri.co.nz

A visit to Dunedin is not complete without a trip on the Taieri Gorge Railway – one of the world's great train trips. Travel from the beautiful Dunedin Railway Station into the Taieri Gorge and rugged mountain interior of Central Otago, accessible only by train. Marvel at the spectacular scenery and wealth of history. A spectacular 'off the beaten track' tour, with optional coach connections to or from Queenstown.

Otago Peninsula and Eco-Tourism

Journey along the stone-walled roadsides of Highcliff Road, to enjoy spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean, beaches and harbour. Larnach Castle, New Zealand's only castle, is in 30 acres of grounds, while far below, Hoopers and Papanui Inlets are home to a large variety of wading water birds. Portobello is a small seaside village where unique ceramic craft studios such as Happy Hens can be visited, and the New Zealand Marine Studies Centre and Aquarium presents an ever-changing display of local marine life.

At Penguin Place, catch an insight into the nesting area of the world's rarest penguin, before catching equally precious moments with the royal albatross at the only mainland breeding colony of royal albatross in the world. Another interesting feature here at Taiaroa Head is the Armstrong Disappearing Gun, the only one in the world still in working order.

Take the opportunity to view the peninsula and harbour onboard a 'Monarch' Wildlife Cruise and see what cannot be seen from land, or spend time exploring in a sea kayak, adventuring on an 8-wheel-drive ARGO or walking on one of the peninsula's many sign posted tracks.

Larnach Castle

www.larnachcastle.co.nz

Set in 35 acres of beautifully landscaped gardens and overlooking the spectacular Otago Harbour, Larnach Castle is New Zealand's only castle. It offers a superb ballroom which is often used for conference dinners, balls or banquets. Guests can also enjoy a tour of the castle to discover its history and grandeur and the story of its fascinating and scandalous past. One of New Zealand's most well known landmarks, Larnach Castle displays magnificent architecture and houses many New Zealand antiques. Built in 1874 the historic Ballroom features a 3000 square foot sprung floor,

beautiful chandeliers and seating for 220 people. The Castle has hosted many fabulous evenings and on occasion large events up to 350 people with theme buffets spread around the Castle areas. When the Barker family purchase Larnach Castle in 1967 the gardens areas were overgrown resembling little more than overgrown fields. Margaret Barker has transformed the grounds into a stunning garden which is now recognised as one of the three gardens of International Significance in New Zealand.

Monarch Wildlife Cruises and Tours

www.wildlife.co.nz

Hop onboard the MV Monarch for a cruise around Taiaroa Head and view what cannot be viewed from land. A variety of daily tours include a one hour cruise on Otago Harbour, featuring wading birds, geology and cultural features, as well as combo tours which include a choice of at least one land tour, maybe New Zealand Marine Studies Centre and Aquarium, Yellow Eyed Penguin Reserve, Royal Albatross Centre or Larnach Castle.

Natures Wonders Naturally

www.natureswondersnaturally.com

Natures Wonders will show you the wild side of the spectacular Otago Peninsula with a thrilling cross-country adventure in the ultimate all terrain vehicle, an 8-wheel-drive Argo. See stunning coastal scenery and an extraordinary range of wildlife, including the world's rarest penguin, the yellow-eyed, seals and sea lions all in their natural habitat.

Penguin Place

www.penguinplace.co.nz

This reserve is a private conservation effort to save one of the world's most endangered penguins, the yellow-eyed penguin, from extinction. Penguin Place offers you the opportunity to visit a working conservation programme and to experience and photograph undisturbed penguin activity at close range through a unique system of hides and tunnels.

Royal Albatross Centre

www.albatross.org.nz

There is nothing to compare with the sheer exhilaration of having a huge albatross, with a 3 metre wingspan, glide effortlessly and silently over you, just a few metres away. This is the world's only mainland breeding colony of the northern royal albatross. Take a guided walk to the observatory for viewing of these magnificent birds.

Taiaroa Head – Disappearing Gun

www.albatross.org.nz/fort.html

Inspect at first hand the great 1886 six inch calibre hydraulic disappearing gun - imagine, it's complete in every detail, sitting in its gun pit in full working order - just waiting for the word to fire! Stroll through the underground tunnels and view the deep-down magazines.

Shopping

Dunedin boasts a fine array of shops, boutique outlets and smaller galleries. There are unique shopping opportunities for gifts, souvenirs, designer fashion, contemporary jewellery and local arts and crafts. Dunedin's main shopping precinct is runs along George and Princes Sts. The main shopping malls, Meridian, Wall St and the Golden Centre are all off George St. Explore the Moray Place and Dowling Sts precincts for art galleries stocking the work of local artists.