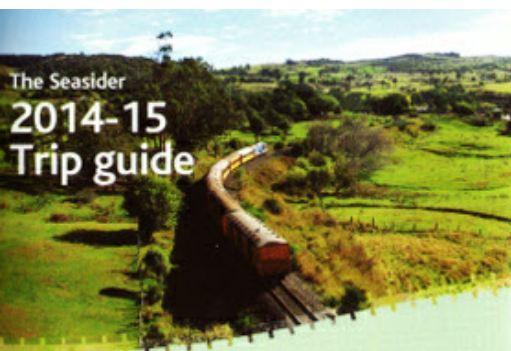


The Seaside 2014-15 Trip guide



Service guide

Booking is essential. Please make your booking, then obtain your seating ticket from Dunedin Railway Station BEFORE you board the train.

All trains depart from and return to Dunedin Railway Station. Taieri Gorge Railway trains also stop at Wingatui where you can board/disembark. One way fares are available for all services.

All carriages are fully enclosed and have heating. Train sets comprise heritage carriages and/or modern carriages featuring panoramic windows, dining tables, and air conditioning more suited to group seating. Trains have open air viewing platforms (except 'Dunedin Silver Fern'). Selected The Seaside trips are on board the 'Dunedin Silver Fern', with first class comfort, panoramic windows, air conditioning and table service, but sorry, no open air platforms.

There is an informative live commentary on all trips and photo stops en route whenever possible.

Souvenirs, light foods, tea, coffee, wines, ales and other drinks are for sale on board. BYO liquor is not permitted. Major credit cards accepted.

Sorry, eftpos and debit cards are not accepted on board the train.

Wheelchair access is normally available – please reserve this in advance. Toilets are situated on board all trains.

Pay & Display parking is available on Anzac Avenue at the north end of Dunedin Railway Station.

Group and corporate charters are available. Taieri Gorge Railway also offers a complete booking and ticketing service for Cook Strait ferries, train and coach travel, accommodation and attractions throughout New Zealand.

Important information: Taieri Gorge Railway Limited reserves the right to cancel or alter any services, and change carriages and/or equipment without prior notice. This timetable is valid from 1 May 2014 to 30 April 2015. For timetables beyond 30 April 2015, please our booking office on (03) 477-4449. Timetables are adjusted to take maximum advantage of New Zealand Daylight Saving, effective from late-September to early-April. Please confirm timetable with our booking office (03) 477-4449. If the office is unattended, please leave a message.

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The Seaside Waitati – 90 minutes 2 trips each scheduled day

Either:	Or:
Depart Dunedin 10.00am	Depart Dunedin 11.50am
Arrive Dunedin 11.30am	Arrive Dunedin 1.20pm

There may also be a 2.00pm service depending on demand – please refer to our website www.taieri.co.nz for confirmation

DUNEDIN SILVER FERN

Oct '14	8	22	29								
Nov '14	1	3	5	10	11	13	16	19	24	25	29
Dec '14	4	7	9	13	14	15	23	24	29	30	
Jan '15	2	7	8	10	15	18	20	22	26		
Feb '15	2	3	5	7	11	12	16	19	20	22	28
Mar '15	5	10	11	13	18	19	23	25	27	30	
Apr '15	5	10	11								

The Seaside Palmerston – 4 hours

Depart Dunedin	9:30am
Arrive Palmerston	11:05am
Depart Palmerston	11:50am
Arrive Dunedin	1:30pm

Bookings for all trips:

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Must-do adventures

Taieri Gorge Railway and The Seaside train journeys consistently achieve the highest satisfaction ratings of Dunedin's visitor attractions.

They are perfect all-weather activities for people of all ages. The carriages are enclosed and heated, and on most trains you can take in uninterrupted views from open air platforms. Light food, tea, coffee and drinks are available for purchase on board. All trains are fully licensed.

Check out the timetables in this brochure. Then book your Dunedin adventure either online at www.taieri.co.nz or phone +64 3 477-4449.



Dunedin Railway Station



HALF-DAY RETURN JOURNEY

- Dunedin-Pukerangi/Middlemarch-Dunedin
- Via Taieri River Gorge, west of Dunedin
- Operates on most days of the year

Taieri Gorge Railway is a spectacular train journey taking in the wildly diverse scenery of Dunedin City, Taieri Plain and spectacular Taieri River Gorge. Emmy Award-winning television series *Great Scenic Railway Journeys* described it as "one of the world's great train trips".

The Taieri River is New Zealand's fourth longest river and its gorge is dramatic in all seasons, all weathers with dark peaty pools, white water rapids, rugged cliffs, 10 tunnels and towering viaducts. The highest of these is the spectacular 50 metres high Wingatui Viaduct.

The colourful history of constructing the line is part of the adventure and there is a live commentary.

A four hour return journey operates most days of the year travelling as far as Pukerangi, a farm hamlet 250 metres above sea level. The train stops for a short while for the locomotive to switch ends for the return journey.

A six hour return journey on scheduled days continues beyond Pukerangi to the end of the line at Middlemarch. The train stops here for one hour, time enough to explore this quiet country town. For more information visit the Middlemarch website www.middlemarch.co.nz

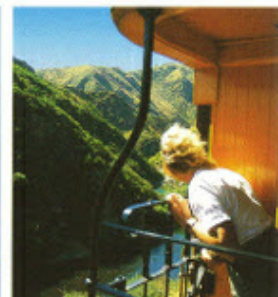
Middlemarch is the eastern portal of the Otago Central Rail Trail. Taieri Gorge Railway links Dunedin with the rail trail and your bicycle can travel on the train with you.



Wingatui Viaduct



Deep Stream Viaduct





Waitati

90 MINUTES RETURN

- ◆ 90 minutes Dunedin-Waitati-Dunedin
- ◆ Via Pacific Coast Railway
- ◆ Operates on scheduled days

The Seaside to Waitati is a 90 minute express train trip north of Dunedin with spectacular Pacific Coast scenery.

This short stretch of line was considered the highlight of a now bygone South Island Main Trunk Line train journey. It takes in Dunedin's picturesque harbourside suburbs before climbing above the historic towns of Port Chalmers and Careys Bay. After emerging from Mihiwaka Tunnel (one of New Zealand's longest), the train traverses the cliffs of Mapoutahi, 80 breathtaking metres above white sand beaches and the Pacific Ocean. Your train will stop for a short time at Waitati for the driver to switch ends and begin the return trip.

The Seaside Waitati trips are on board the 'Dunedin Silver Fern' railcar with first class comfort, panoramic windows, air conditioning and table service.



Palmerston

4 HOURS RETURN

- ◆ 4 hours Dunedin-Palmerston-Dunedin
- ◆ Via Pacific Coast Railway
- ◆ Operates on scheduled days

The Seaside to Palmerston travels the same route as the Waitati trip, then delivers so much more. Beyond Waitati you will have views of beautiful Pacific Ocean bays and the tranquil farmlands of East Otago.

Once beyond Waitati, the train skirts Blueskin Bay then climbs the Kilmog hills with big ocean views of Warrington and Karitane beaches. We journey through Waikouaiti (Otago's first town, founded in 1840), Flag Swamp and Pleasant Valley before arriving at Palmerston.

Palmerston is a busy highway town where there is a 45 minute stopover so you can check out the local shops, cafés and museum before returning to Dunedin.

Some services may run on the 'Dunedin Silver Fern' railcar.



Rail Links

Otago Central Rail Trail link

Taieri Gorge Railway is a great way to start or finish your adventure on the Otago Central Rail Trail. It links Dunedin and Pukerangi most days, and Dunedin and Middlemarch on scheduled days. Your bicycle can travel on the train with you – booking essential. For information on the Otago Central Rail Trail visit www.otagocentralrail.co.nz

Dunedin/Queenstown/Wanaka links

All aboard the train and road coach combinations linking Dunedin with Central Otago. Catch the train then road coach from Dunedin to Queenstown or Wanaka. Or catch the road coach then train from Queenstown or Wanaka to Dunedin. You get the best of both worlds! For timetable information and bookings visit www.taieri.co.nz

Train charters

Hire a train for your group's big event. Our trains can take you on the Taieri River Gorge line or any line in New Zealand. A train trip is a novel addition to corporate and sports event programmes, and for taking wedding guests to and from the venue. For more information and bookings visit www.taieri.co.nz



Welcome aboard...

The Taieri Gorge Railway is a unique half-day train journey from Dunedin to Pukerangi or Middlemarch and return, offering some of the most spectacular scenery in New Zealand. Many of the vantage points you are about to enjoy are only accessible by train.

Souvenirs, light food, tea, coffee, wines, ales and other drinks are available on board. Cash and major credit cards are accepted – sorry, eftpos is not available. Toilets are situated on most carriages.

The first 13km section of line on which we travel, Dunedin to Wingatui Junction, is part of the Main Trunk Line of the South Island. It is owned and managed by OnTrack, a New Zealand Government state-owned enterprise. From Wingatui to Pukerangi/Middlemarch is an historic railway line now owned by Taieri Gorge Railway Limited. It is the longest privately-owned railway in New Zealand at 64km in length.











Distance Dunedin–Pukerangi	58km
Distance Dunedin–Middlemarch	77km
Maximum altitude	254 metres
Maximum gradient	1:50
Number of tunnels	12

Hindon Station 1907



Safety and security...

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the safety information provided please approach a member of the train staff.

-  **STOPS:** At some locations there may be opportunity to leave the train for photo stops. The Train Manager will advise of such stops on the public address system. The train whistle will indicate when you are required to reboard.
-  **EMERGENCY STOP:** An emergency stop lever or button is located on one of the end walls of each carriage. If you need to stop the train in an emergency, pull the lever down or push the stop button, and wait until a crew member arrives.
-  **DISSEMBARKING:** Do not open exterior doors or gates while the train is moving. Do not jump from a moving train. Climbing down backwards is the safest. Please listen to the instructions of the staff before disembarking.
-  **EVACUATION IN AN EMERGENCY:** Wait until the train has come to a complete stop. Exits are located on both sides of the train at both the front and rear of each carriage.
-  **MOVING BETWEEN CARRIAGES:** Please be careful when moving between carriages. If you are traveling with children, please accompany them at all times. Do NOT stand on the gangway between carriages.
-  **FIRE EXTINGUISHERS:** There is a fire extinguisher located in some carriages and the generator car. The instructions for use of this equipment are on the side of the extinguisher.
-  **FIRST AID:** TGR's onboard staff are trained in first aid. A first aid kit is kept in the service area in the buffet car and generator car. Please ask for assistance from your onboard staff.
-  **BAGGAGE IN COAT RACKS:** The overhead coat racks are designed for clothing and small items only. Heavy baggage may fall and injure passengers. Small bags should be placed at your feet. Larger bags will need to go to the baggage van.
-  **HEARING IMPAIRED?** Please advise staff of your communication needs. Our staff will assist with any other special needs if they can. Please ask.
-  **NO SMOKING:** By law, smoking is strictly forbidden in all areas on this train, including toilets, vestibules and outdoor viewing platforms.

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Along the line...

Dunedin Railway Station

Dunedin's magnificent railway station near the city centre is the departure point for Taieri Gorge Railway. You are invited inside to marvel at the ornate Edwardian fixtures, Royal Doulton mosaic tile floors and intricate stained glass window. A souvenir booklet is available for sale at the Taieri Gorge Railway booking office and on the train.

Dunedin

Dunedin is New Zealand's first city, constituted in 1865, and it is indeed a city of firsts. It has New Zealand's first university, botanic garden, daily newspaper, co-op dairy factory and skyscraper; the tallest tree; the first girls' high school in the southern hemisphere; New Zealand's oldest farm buildings and working brewery; and the world's steepest street and only mainland albatross colony. The Māori name is Otepoti, 'place beyond which one cannot go', where waka (canoes) could travel no further and were put ashore.

Carisbrook

Travelling south through Dunedin's suburbs we pass Carisbrook Stadium, scene of many epic international rugby and cricket tests, and former home of the Highlanders and Otago rugby teams.

Abbotsford

The suburb of Abbotsford was the scene of a disastrous land slip in 1979, which affected seven hectares of land and destroyed 69 homes. Luckily, there were no human casualties.

Wingatui

The popular story behind the naming of Wingatui is that an early settler shot and wounded a tui bird ("wing-a-tui") on his arrival to the province in 1848. He rescued the stricken bird and his wife took care of it at their new home here. From Wingatui Junction the Otago Central Railway heads north-west across the Taieri Plain. As we leave the main line, Wingatui Racecourse is on the right and 3km beyond on the left is Taieri Aerodrome. Panoramic views of the plain are revealed as the line climbs to Salisbury.

Salisbury – 150m above sea level

Salisbury Tunnel (437m) is the longest on the Taieri Gorge line. There are natural soda springs near the tunnel mouth. The line now follows Mullocky Gully to the Taieri River.

Wingatui Viaduct – 34m above sea level

This viaduct, 197m long and 47m above Mullocky Stream, is one of the largest wrought iron structures in the southern hemisphere.

Parera – 54m above sea level

This was formerly a crossing station. The railway house, splendidly isolated, is now a holiday home. The railway continues to follow the Taieri River for the next 26km. Parera is the Māori name for the grey duck.

Mount Allan – 60m above sea level

This station formerly served a sheep run which had no road access until 1970. After the homestead was ruined by a 1980 flood, the run was sold to Tasman Forestry Ltd and planted in pinus trees.

Little Mount Allan – 64m above sea level

A former water stop for steam locomotives.

Christmas Creek – 67m above sea level

Here is another curved viaduct. A railway station here served two large sheep runs, Lamb Hill and Silver Peaks. A miner discovered gold in the creek on Christmas Day 1863.

Hindon – 71m above sea level

This is still a crossing station. There were refreshment rooms here until 1949, when they burnt down. The first section of the Otago Central Railway was opened here in October 1889 – ten years after construction had begun at Wingatui.

Deep Stream – 95m above sea level

About here the line begins to climb higher above the river to eventually emerge from the gorge near Pukerangi.

Flat Stream – 191m above sea level

On the slopes above the halt a number of stone chimneys and some wild gooseberries mark the site of a construction workers' camp. Ahead are The Notches, where the line traverses four deep gulches.

The Reefs – 248m above sea level

A passenger halt was opened here in 1906 to serve the Barewood Gold Mines, 2km to the south.

Pukerangi – 250m above sea level

Pukerangi is 250 metres above sea level and means "Hill of Heaven". This is end of the line for Dunedin-Pukerangi excursions, and the locomotive will switch ends for the return journey.

For those on Middlemarch trips...

Sutton

After crossing another combined rail and road bridge across Sutton Creek, the line passes through Sutton. The station here was recently refurbished, uncovering "graffiti" etchings of many local identities, including soldiers departing the station en-route to World War One. Sadly, some never returned. Near Sutton is New Zealand's only inland salt lake.

Middlemarch

The end of the line and we pause for one hour here before the return journey. Middlemarch is a quiet country town on the Strath Taieri Plain bounded to the west by the Rock & Pillar Range. Middlemarch is the eastern portal for the Otago Central Rail Trail, a 150km track restored from the former Middlemarch to Clyde rail route. It attracts thousands of walkers and bikers each year.

