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Your visit to the Waitaki District will be an adventure you'll want to enjoy for days on end. Here, amid scenery that takes in mountains, lakes, valleys, farmland and sea shores – with a 300km cycle trail that allows you to explore it at your leisure, you'll find splendid natural and cultural attractions that make the Waitaki unique in New Zealand.

Straddling the 45th parallel and extending over 7,151.94 km<sup>2</sup> (2,761.38 sq mi), the Waitaki District (population 21,000) is bounded by the braided Waitaki River in the north, the Southern Alps in the west and its southernmost boundary lies just below the town of Palmerston on the South Pacific coast.

The scintillating town of Oamaru (population 13,000) is the hub of the region. It boasts gracious Victorian architecture, a historic precinct, penguin colonies, Steampunk installations and excellent cuisine. It lies just three hours drive south of Christchurch, 90 minutes north of Dunedin and 90 minutes from Omarama – the gateway to Wanaka, Queenstown and Tekapo.

# OAMARU & THE WAITAKI DISTRICT

## It's a promise!

Come and visit us – we'd love to see you!

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# A LIMESTONE LEGACY

Within 25 years of the first European dwelling of cabbage trees and clay, Oamaru rose to become not only the country's ninth largest town, but also reputedly 'the best built in New Zealand'.



## NATIONAL BANK

This former Bank of New South Wales was designed by Dunedin architect Robert Lawson in 1883.



## FORRESTER GALLERY

The former Bank of New South Wales, built in 1883. It was converted to an art gallery in 1983.



## CRITERION HOTEL

Built in 1877, this hotel was designed in the Victorian Italianate style. It is now a superb restaurant & hotel.



## CUSTOM HOUSE

The former Customs House has had many varied uses over the years. It was designed in 1883.



## NORTH OTAGO MUSEUM

Built in 1882 the museum used to be the Oamaru Library.



## OPERA HOUSE

The Opera House was completed in 1907. The Chamber and the auditorium is noted for its fine plasterwork.



## COURT HOUSE

The courthouse was built in 1882-3.



## UNION BANK

This building was built in 1878-9. It is now the home of the Oamaru Squash and Badminton Club.



## AMP BUILDING

This building was built in 1871.



## FIRST POST OFFICE

Built in 1864 this is now Oamaru's oldest surviving public building.



## FORMER POST OFFICE

This elegant building was designed in 1883. The clock tower was added in 1903.



## THAMES STREET BRIDGE

This bridge was built in 1861 to link the old town centre to Thames Street in the north.



## RAILWAY STATION

This wooden building was designed and built in 1900. It was Oamaru's second station and typified the town's move from the business area.



## ST ALBANS CHAPEL AND VICARAGE

This vicarage and chapel was built of locally quarried limestone, circa 1892-4.



## ST KEVIN'S COLLEGE

This Catholic co-educational school was founded on the property known as Redcastle in 1927.



## NZ LOAN AND MERCANTILE WAREHOUSE

Built in 1882, the NZ Malt Whisky Co Ltd, and Whisky Gallery now occupy this old warehouse.



## HARBOUR BOARD OFFICE

This building was built in 1876. It is now the Headquarters of the Oamaru Whitestone Civic Trust.



## SMITH'S GRAIN STORE

Built in 1881-2 by James Johnston, this building was occupied from 1906-1970, by the Oamaru Mail.

Hotels, Banken, die Post, ein Opernhaus, das „City Council“, das „North Otago Museum“, Restaurants und Cafés im viktorianischen Stil, kannst du in Oamaru finden. Dazwischen natürlich die gleichen überdachten Fußwege vor den zahllosen Shops, Boutiquen und Cafés, wie überall in Neuseeland.

Die vielen historischen Gebäude, von denen die meisten bereits Ende des 19. Jahrhunderts errichtet wurden, sind herrlich anzuschauen und sehen liebevoll restauriert aus. Die Straßenzüge der historischen Innenstadt sind besonders beeindruckend und du findest dort in der Nähe der „I-Site“, beim „Steampunk Headquarter“ eine nahezu geschlossene Bebauung aus viktorianischer Zeit.

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#### ST PATRICK'S BASILICA

Like a number of large churches, St Patrick's was built in various stages, the first in 1893 and the last in 1918.



#### ST MARTIN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

This handsome Gothic revival structure was built of locally quarried limestone in 1901.



#### STANLEY'S HOTEL

Built in 1882, the schist stone hotel was built by John Budge, and survives to serve another generation of goldseekers.



#### WAITAKI GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

Established in 1887, Waitaki Girls occupies a largely modern complex of buildings and still dominates the Thames Street frontage.



#### WAITAKI BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

Like many other schools, the first part of Waitaki Boys was built in 1883, followed by additions in 1905 and 1912.



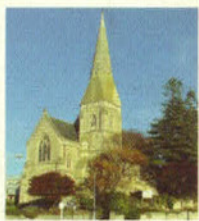
#### WAIANAKARUA BRIDGE

This twin-arched bridge was constructed in 1874. Widened and strengthened during 2004-5, it is one of the oldest bridges still in use on a main highway.



#### ST PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

This fine church building rose in 1875 on the foundations of an earlier church frontage and was opened in 1876.



#### ST LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

The nave was built around 1866 and finished in 1876. The spire and chancel was completed in 1913 and finally the west porch in 1922.

## OAMARU

Here are just a few of the many rewarding walks that are on offer in our district. For more information and brochures, please contact the friendly staff at Oamaru i-SITE or visit: [www.visitoamaru.co.nz](http://www.visitoamaru.co.nz).

### CAPE WANBROW

Those with an interest in military history will enjoy the chance to visit a former gun emplacement at Cape Wanbrow.

### OAMARU BLUE PENGUIN COLONY

This is New Zealand's largest scientifically monitored Blue Penguin Colony. Offering daily tours through the colony, allowing a natural insight into the lives of the world's smallest penguins.

### OAMARU HARBOUR

This is one of the best surviving examples of a deep water Victorian / Edwardian port that has survived relatively intact.

### VICTORIAN PRECINCT

Many of Oamaru's majestic Whitestone buildings reside within this Victorian Precinct, once the business hub with banks, hotels, grain and wool stores.

### OAMARU PUBLIC GARDENS

For over a century Oamaru's Public Gardens have entertained and inspired visitors and local people alike.

### FENWICK PARK

Gifted to the community in 1962 this lovely tranquil park is located close to the camping grounds, Oamaru Creek and Community garden. Providing a pleasant place to relax and enjoy the sheltered native plantings away from the hustle and bustle.

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Oamaru was recently awarded the title: "Sharpest Town in New Zealand" in a 30 minute national TV programme. Locals and visitors agree.

The town sits on the edge of a pretty Victorian harbour and the main retail centre attracts visitors looking for cleverly sourced foot wear, fashion and gift ware.

The Victorian precinct is a short stroll from the main street. Magnificent limestone warehouses, hotels and commercial offices of the 1870s are now workplaces for fifty businesses: retailers, artists and artisans. Here, a working wool store carries on its business amid art galleries and artists' studios. You can also visit and shop at a ceramic tile works, a furniture factory, a textiles co-operative, antiques, gift shops, a beauty parlour, a bakery, a pub, restaurants, cafés, a tiny cinema, a vehicle museum, an entertainers' club, a boutique brewery, a whisky tasting room and a wine bar, among other establishments. There are eight shops retailing second hand books in the precinct and these, together with a traditional bookbindery and a printing press, make the area a desirable destination for book lovers.

The fun and frivolity of Steampunk has become a feature of the town. This might have been the way the Victorians imagined the future – tomorrow as it used to be! Steampunk HQ on the edge of the historic precinct houses scores of weird, steam driven and mechanical inventions while the children's playground on the harbour

foreshore has a distinctive Steampunk look. There are even Oamaruvians who dress up in aviator helmets, brass goggles and tatty fox fur stoles every day.

Oamaru is the penguin capital of New Zealand. On the far side of the harbour you can visit the Blue Penguin Colony where you'll find the world's smallest penguins. Drive a further five minutes to Bushy Beach on the far side of Cape Wanbrow to see the yellow-eyed penguins – the world's rarest – in their natural habitat.

You can eat and drink at scores of cafés, restaurants, pubs and bars in Oamaru. Some of our restaurants and cafés have been recognised as among the best – and even the best – in the country. Likewise our boutique cheeses, wines and whiskies have won national and international awards. And there's a newly established boutique brewery.

At the end of the day you can rest in an excellent boutique lodge, hotels, motels, B&Bs, backpackers' hostels, private holiday homes or a fully serviced holiday park with cabins and sites for tents and camper vans.

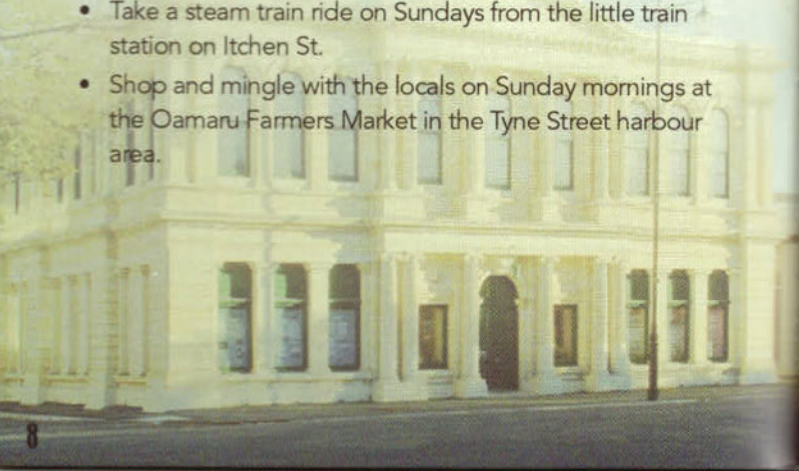


Gehst du die „Esplanade“ im Hafen weiter, kommst du zur „Oamaru Blue Penguin Colony“. Hier sollen immer abends jede Menge Pinguine an Land kommen. Das Schauspiel kannst du dir aber preiswerter (gratis) ein Stück weiter südlich anschauen.



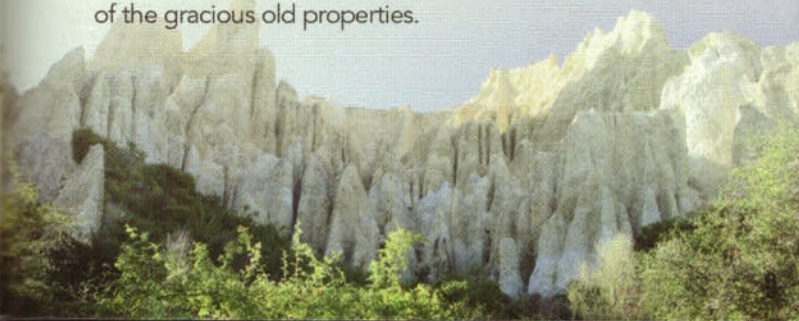
## SPEND TIME in OAMARU...

- Be delighted by the little Blue Penguins as they scuttle ashore at the Oamaru Blue Penguin Colony every night, and observe Yellow Eyed Penguins in their natural habitat at Bushy Beach.
- Explore the 40-plus shops, workrooms, museums and galleries in Oamaru's Victorian Precinct – learn to ride a penny farthing and have your sepia photograph taken in Victorian costume.
- Marvel at what can be created from superannuated machine parts at Steampunk HQ.
- Savour award-winning cheeses at Whitestone Cheese.
- Book tickets for world-class theatrical and musical performances in the gorgeous Oamaru Opera House.
- Dine out at Riverstone Kitchen, 15 minutes north of the town and go shopping at Riverstone Country, the phantasmagorical gift shop on the same site.
- Be inspired by the 1.2ha of Riverstone's kitchen gardens and be amazed as a castle, complete with moat and drawbridge, is being built before your eyes.
- Stroll through Oamaru's charming Public Gardens.
- Tee off at one of four local golf courses.
- Enjoy exhibitions by local and nationally-acclaimed artists at the Forrester Gallery.
- Explore Oamaru's many scenic, historic and literary walkways.
- Discover Oamaru's heritage at the North Otago Museum.
- Let the kids loose at the Steampunk-themed playground at the edge of the Oamaru Harbour.
- Take a steam train ride on Sundays from the little train station on Itchen St.
- Shop and mingle with the locals on Sunday mornings at the Oamaru Farmers Market in the Tyne Street harbour area.



## SPEND TIME in the WAITAKI VALLEY...

- Dine and drink at any of the numerous cafes, restaurants, taverns and pubs.
- Follow the 300km Alps 2 Ocean Cycle Trail.
- Soak up the alpine views and night skies in the Omarama Hot Tubs.
- Soar through the skies over the valley in a glider.
- Ski and snowboard at Ohau Snow Fields and Awakino Ski Field.
- Sip fine wine at altitude when you visit Ladybird Hill Vineyard Restaurant, New Zealand's highest vineyard. Fish for salmon in their well-stocked ponds — get it smoked on site and enjoy!
- Photograph the changing colours of the magnificent Clay Cliffs near Omarama.
- View a live sheep shearing show at the Wrinkly Rams in Omarama.
- Follow the fabulous Alps 2 Ocean Cycle Trail through the valley and around the lakes.
- Go fishing, boating, swimming or picnic at one of the magnificent hydro dam lakes.
- Taste a range of Waitaki Valley wines at the Vintner's Drop in Kurow.
- Visit the Kurow Museum – proof of what a strong community spirit can achieve.
- Be awed by original Maori rock art from 1000 years ago.
- Visit Duntroon's Vanished World Centre and follow the self-guided 80km trail exploring fascinating geological sites.
- Take the Vanished World trail in shorter sections when you wander through the astonishing natural limestone sculptures at Elephant Rocks, Earthquakes and Anatini.
- Detour through the lovely Waiareka Valley and visit some of the gracious old properties.



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