Bluff Oyster Festival



from \$1,855 per person

Friday 20 - Monday 23 May 2022 (4 Days)

This weekend head to the bottom of the south for the popular Bluff Oyster and Food Festival. Fly into Invercargill for three nights and visit the salty seaside township of Bluff for this popular annual event. We finish the tour by visiting Invercargill's famous Bill Richardson Transport World which has over 300 vintage vehicles and the classic Motorcycle Mecca collection.

Day 1 Friday 20 May 2022 ARRIVE INVERCARGILL

Our tour commences today with flight from Auckland to Invercargill. On arrival at Invercargill we are met by our driver/guide and will enjoy a short orientation tour before checking into our centrally located accommodation. Remainder of the day is at leisure to explore independently. *Accommodation: Kelvin Hotel - 3 nights*

Day 2 Saturday 21 May 2022 BLUFF OYSTER & FOOD FESTIVAL (B)

After breakfast this morning, we head south to the salty seaside township of Bluff which is home to the **Bluff Oyster & Food Festival** (festival admission ticket included). Grab your hat, scarf and a winter coat for an event filled day of live music along with oyster opening and eating competitions. Join friendly locals and visitors for a taste of Bluff. Complementing the sumptuous Bluff Oyster is a variety of seafoods with Crayfish, Paua (Abalone), Scallops, Salmon, Blue Cod and Whitebait in abundance. Other local foods on show may include mutton bird, venison, lamb, beef and pork, all washed down with great southern ales and a selection of New Zealand wines. All food purchases at own cost. This evening we retrace our journey back to Invercargill where the evening is at leisure.

Day 3 Sunday 22 May 2022 INVERCARGILL SIGHTSEEING (B)

Today we will enjoy some of the sights of Invercargill. Our first stop is **Bill Richardson's Transport World.** This is the largest private collection of its type in the world. Housed in over 15,000sqm of exquisite 'sheds' are over 300 vehicles including retro Kombi's, Henry Ford Letter Cars, Model T's, stunning 1930's V8's and over 200 vintage petrol pumps. There is an onsite café for you to purchase your lunch. This afternoon, you will have time to explore the **Queens Gardens**, a beautiful park in the centre of the city sprawling across 80-hectares of beautifully kept gardens. Highlights include a beautiful and varied rose garden, a rhododendron dell, an azalea garden, Japanese garden, dramatic tree lined walkways, bush paths through a selection of native plants and rock and herb gardens. We'll also visit **Motorcycle Mecca** which displays solo, sidecar and even three wheeled **automobiles and machinery from 1902 onwards**. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. For dinner this evening, you may choose to dine at one of Invercargill's excellent local restaurants.

Day 4 Monday 23 May 2022 DEPART INVERCARGILL (B)

After breakfast, enjoy some time at leisure before we depart the hotel and transfer to Invercargill Airport. We fly Invercargill to Auckland and return home with memories of one of New Zealand's most iconic food festivals!

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