





Otago Museum

Tūhura Otago Museum

Tūhura Otago Museum is Otago's most visited institution and has been growing and sharing its famous collection for more than 150 years. Showcasing captivating displays that encompass a diverse array of topics, we cover themes from Dunedin to deep space, from events of millions of years ago to the most recent discoveries.

Our permanent galleries are a must for those wanting to find out more about the past, present and future of Southern New Zealand's places, people and wildlife. Our science centre offers hours of fun, and our shop and café are the perfect places to refuel on local treats and find some New Zealand treasures of your own.



A Uniquely Otago Experience

Conveniently located in the heart of Dunedin, Tühura Otago Museum offers unmissable experiences for everyone.

Our amazing collection of over 1.5 million objects from around the globe is central to our passion for sharing the natural, cultural and scientific stories of Otago, Aotearoa New Zealand and the world.

All ages and interests are catered for with seven permanent galleries and a range of special exhibitions, plus New Zealand's largest hands-on science centre and tropical forest. Experiences range from self-guided visits to regularly scheduled tours and specially tailored unique experiences to suit specific group interests or time frames.

Tuhura Otago Museum caters for those with limited time, as well as those looking for a full day out. With excellent accessibility and centre-city location, it's the perfect introduction to Dunedin and the ideal place to see rare local wildlife in any weather!

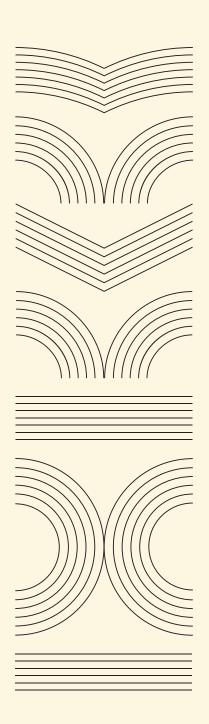


Otago Wonders

Explore the best that Tūhura Otago Museum has to offer in this captivating 50-minute tour. One of our knowledgeable guides will show you the highlights of the Museum's seven permanent galleries, ensuring you don't miss a thing.

As we journey through both natural and human history, you'll see everything from exquisitely carved pounamu (greenstone) and a 17-metre-long waka taua (Māori war canoe) to the towering South Island giant moa and the biggest eagle the world has ever known.

If you're a first-time visitor, or interested in a little bit of everything, this is the tour for you!





Stories of the South Tour

A journey through southern New Zealand's living history

Standard Tour

New Zealand's dramatic southern landscape has shaped and been shaped by people for centuries.

Learn about the movements of early southern Māori as they harvested resources from mountains to sea. Hear how waves of immigrants built wealth through gold mining, farming, and new industries. Explore how the region's natural resources – from grass to gold, fur seals to flax, and clay to coal – created unique southern ways of life.

We'll introduce you to an Otago you wouldn't recognise – a subtropical "Everglades" home to ancient crocodiles – and show you a giant marine reptile that once swam offshore.

Discover how modern conservation efforts are now reshaping the region once again as we look to preserve the life and landscapes native to New Zealand.

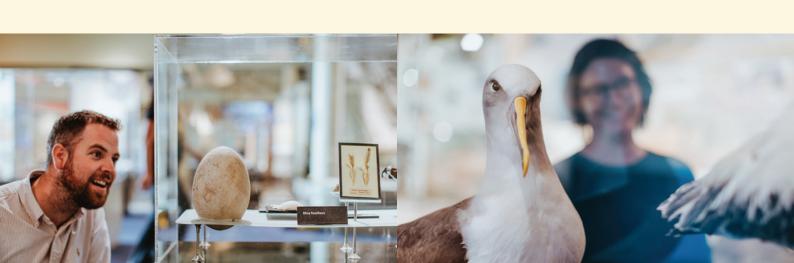
Duration: 50 Minutes

Premium Tour

This expanded version of the Stories of the South tour caters to people who appreciate extra detail and smaller group sizes.

We dive deeper into the natural history of southern New Zealand, using touchable objects from the Museum's collection to bring you closer to the past.

Duration: 60 Minutes



Bespoke Tours

Interested in something in particular, or a different time to suit you?

Let us know and we can help you discover more about what you want to know. Our enormous collection and seven public galleries are a treasure house waiting to be explored. From hand's on experiences for groups of 40+, to private tours for small groups, we can cater to all your needs.

Contact tours@otagomuseum.nz now to create unforgettable bespoke experiences.



Tūhura Otago Museum is more than a Museum

We are also home to New Zealand's largest science centre, with an indoor Tropical Forest teeming with live rainforest butterflies, and the world's southernmost planetarium. There is something here to intrigue and entertain every visitor.

Our café and gift shop are the perfect place to refuel and find some treasures of your own.

With guided tours, hands-on interactives, live shows, theatre productions, immersive environments and behind the scenes opportunities, we cater to every age, interest and ability.

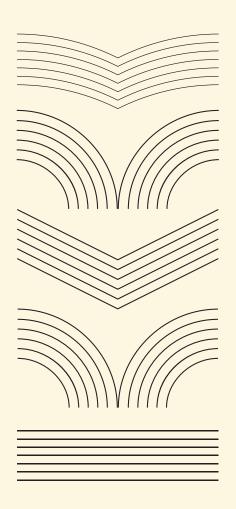


Tūhura Science Centre

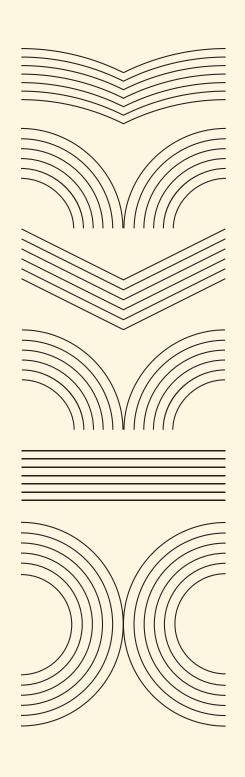
Our science centre is a place to discover, learn, and play.

Inside the only bicultural science centre in the world, you will experience one of the Māori creation stories through a mixture of traditional knowledge and cutting-edge science and technology. A three-storey indoor slide, a bike-riding skeleton, and 43 other hands-on interactives will awaken curiosity and reveal the science in everything that surrounds us.

Explore the indoor tropical forest with exotic butterflies, a five-metre-high waterfall and a sky bridge. Kept to the humidity and warmth of a tropical rainforest, this is the hottest place in Dunedin!







Planetarium

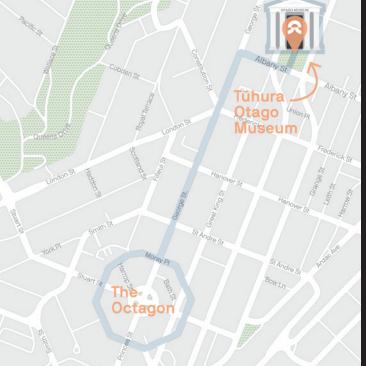
Tūhura Otago Museum is home to the world's southernmost planetarium – a 360-degree dome theatre that surrounds visitors with the wonders of space. Daily live shows, including the Night Sky Live offer captivating explorations of the Otago night sky. On weekends and holidays, kids can enjoy interactive science experiments. Check our website for the latest line-up of documentaries, films, and cult classics – there's always something new to discover.

Special Exhibitions

Tūhura Otago Museum hosts world-class traveling exhibitions showcasing captivating displays that encompass a diverse array of themes and topics. With a commitment to providing enriching experiences for visitors, the Museum consistently brings in exhibitions of the highest calibre, drawing in audiences from both near and far.







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10am-5pm daily Open every day except Christmas

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