

Stewart Island Flights

Invercargill & Stewart Island

Scheduled Flights & Scenic Day Tours



Stewart Island Air operates regular flight service to Stewart Island from Invercargill to Oban. Flying is the best option to access Stewart Island.

Stewart Island is a nature-lovers paradise and one of the best places to spot kiwi in the wild. Being much more predator-free than the mainland the birdlife is almost as it would have been before Europeans arrived.

Stewart Island Flights also operate regular scenic flights and transport to magnificent Mason Bay, Ulva Island and other hiking track access points.



Scheduled Flights - Invercargill-Stewart Island

The flight from Invercargill to the Ryan's Creek airfield on Stewart Island offers astonishing views of both Foveaux Strait and Stewart Island.

Journeying across Foveaux Strait, you will see Dog Island and its lighthouse outside the entrance to Bluff harbour, Ruapuke Island and the Titi Island (Mutton Bird Island) group. As you draw closer, Stewart Island, "The Emerald of the South" appears, with its golden beaches, sparkling turquoise water and verdant green native bush.

Touch down at the Ryan's Creek airfield, where a courtesy coach will take you to the Stewart Island Flights Depot in Oban, the hub of Stewart Island.

Departures 8am*, 1pm, 5pm*| Duration 20 minutes (*winter 9am, 1pm, 4pm) Flights return from Oban, 30 minutes later.

Scenic Flights - Mason Bay & Ulva Island

Almost 80% of Stewart Island reserved as Department of Conservation land with some of New Zealand's best birdlife, sealife, fishing and hiking.

Mason Bay is a vast stunningly beautiful beach on the southernmost edge of New Zealand with sandhills that go for miles. It is also well-populated with kiwi and you may even be lucky enough to spot them by day. You can fly in and land at Mason's Bay, picnic, explore and return or set off hiking back to Fisherman's Inlet and a water taxi ride home (a full day trip).

Ulva Island is famous for birdlife and kiwi. Stewart Island also has the highest population of Kiwi in New Zealand with an estimated 20,000 Stewart Island Brown Kiwi (Tokoeka). With the long daylight hours experienced over summer it is common to see them during the day along many of the walking tracks. Join Stewart Island flights for a very special day tour of Ulva Island.

We proudly operate two Britten Norman Islanders, a Piper Cherokee Six and one Cessna 185. All aircraft are maintained to the highest standard and fulfill all safety requirements.

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Additional Information

Baggage allowance is 15kg per person. Excess baggage may be deferred until a later flight. We can store unnecessary baggage free of charge.

There is a car park at Invercargill airport terminal monitored with security cameras (charges apply).

On arrival in Oban courtesy van will meet you off the aeroplane, pick up your bags, and transfer you to our depot on the waterfront in Halfmoon Bay. Your accommodation will pick you up from the depot.



Directions

Stewart Island Flights is located in the main terminal at Invercargill Airport.

Terms

CANCELLATION All flights are subject to weather conditions

SEASON Open all year

Accommodation in this area

- [xxx](#)
- [Church Hill Lodge](#)
- [Sails Ashore & Kowhai Lane & Ulva Island Trip](#)