

# ULVA ISLAND IS A PICTURESQUE, PREDATOR-FREE SANCTUARY FOR NATIVE & ENDEMIC BIRDS AND PLANTS.



Situated in the middle of Stewart Island's Paterson Inlet, Ulva Island is only a 10 minute boat ride from Golden Bay Wharf, Stewart Island.

It is 267 ha in size, 7.8 ha is privately owned. Approx. 3.5 kms long and 1.5 kms wide. Easy gravel tracks with steps, mainly flat with short stretches of beach.

In 1899, Ulva Island became the first reserve in the Stewart Island area. The Island was made predator-free in the late 1990's and continues today as a sanctuary for the protection of flora and wildlife.

During the 1860's Charles Traill an Orkney Islander settled on Ulva Island, opening a store in 1871 and, later in 1872, the first Post Office in the Stewart Island area.

Clad in near-pristine, primeval, native rainforest, with towering podocarp trees, mosses, delicate ferns and exquisite orchids in season.

Native and endemic land birds, shore birds and insect-life, along with surrounding marine life along Ulva Island's shoreline make up the island's key fauna.

## BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES

For the best and most comprehensive advice on our tours and services, please contact us directly. **We operate our own independent booking office.** We have so many options and can give you the best advice - no one else knows our business like we do!

Call now on **+64 3 219 1066 / +64 274 784 433** to speak to our friendly staff or send us an email: **mail@ruggedyrange.com**. When in Stewart Island visit our office at 14 Main Road, Oban - only 3 minutes walk from the flight office or ferry terminal and 10 seconds across the road from the Conservation Office.

### OTHER SERVICES

- **Aihe Wildlife Cruises & Water Taxi** ([www.aihe.co.nz](http://www.aihe.co.nz))
- **Stewart Island Outdoor Adventure & Gift Shop** ([www.stewartislandoutdoorshop.co.nz](http://www.stewartislandoutdoorshop.co.nz)).
- Stewart Island travel and accommodation bookings.

### ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Along with donating \$1- \$3 p.p. per trip into our conservation fund, we actively participate in consultation on conservation issues and challenge any adverse conservation practices.

**We hold an NZ Qualmark Enviro Award.**

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# 1 Ulva Island Birds & Forest

## HALF DAY

A unique insight into New Zealand's rich, amazing natural history will leave you in awe of our special plants and birdlife. Enjoy the enthusiasm and extensive local knowledge of your passionate guide. Wander through lush primeval rainforest, enjoy close encounters with rare and endangered birds, listen to exquisite birdsong and absorb the magic of nature. Learn about our native trees, plants, tiny orchids, delicate ferns and mosses.

**DURATION** | 4.5 hours

## FULL DAY

Experience our popular half day tour, then relax over a picnic lunch at Sydney Cove, taking in picturesque sea views whilst watching birdlife. In the afternoon enjoy an exclusive wilderness walk to The Snuggery - used in former days by early settlers, a charming bay with nesting cormorants and shorebirds.

**DURATION** | 8.5 hours



# 2 Ulva Island Birding

Our delightful tour focuses on birds for enthusiasts, keen birdwatchers or beginners. Enjoy informative and entertaining commentary on birds seen, their behaviour, birdsong, habitat and conservation. Key birds on Ulva Island include: saddleback, yellowhead (mohua), robin, rifleman, red and yellow-crowned parakeet, weka, kaka (parrot), kiwi, wood pigeon, brown creeper, morepork, little blue penguin, plus other common native birds. Kiwi are seen occasionally.

**DURATION** | 4.5 or 8.5 hours

# 3 Photography Tours

For the camera enthusiast! This tour is limited to 6 persons. Ulva Island provides magnificent opportunities to photograph birds, flora or scenery. Allow your guide to show you the best sights.

**DURATION** | Half or Full Day



## DEPARTURE TIMES

PRIOR BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL ALL YEAR ROUND.

	Oct - Mar	Apr - Sep	May - Aug
<b>Half Day Morning</b>	8.10am - 12.40pm	8.30am - 12.45pm	9.00am - 1.00pm
<b>Half Day Afternoon</b>	1.10pm - 5.40pm	12.30pm - 4.45pm	12.00 noon - 4.00pm
<b>Full Day</b>	8.10am - 4.40pm	8.30am - 4.30pm	9.00am - 4.00pm

**DISTANCE** Half Day - 5 kms / 3 miles  
Full Day - 9 kms / 5.5 miles

**FITNESS** Half Day - Reasonable  
Full Day - Good

**PEOPLE** Half Day - Min 2 / Max 12  
Full Day - Min 4 / Max 12

**TOUR DEPART & RETURN** Golden Bay Wharf  
10 - 20 minutes walk from main accommodation venues in Oban.

1. Trips operate daily - subject to prior booking and demand.
2. Subject to other bookings, shorter trips or alternative times may be available to fit your travel needs.
3. Our healthy picnic lunch can be arranged for full day trips.

## SHUTTLE SERVICE

Our fully licensed road shuttle service is available for transport to and from the tour departure / return point.

## ABOUT US

We are a small, locally owned and operated business, sharing our expertise with New Zealanders and travellers from around the world, since 2000. Our guides bring their in-depth knowledge and a sense of fun to create a truly memorable experience.

Furhana (BSc. Hons. Geography), Owner, Operator and Nature Guide was born in Kenya, educated in England and Wales, shares with you over 22 years of Stewart Island and Ulva Island local knowledge.

For further information including pricing, please call us or visit our website:

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