



**West Coast
Penguin Trust**

Penguin Tours Supporting Conservation

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Fundraising for the Yellow-eyed Penguin Trust and the West Coast Penguin Trust. Profits from these tours will go to both Societies.





The Yellow-eyed Penguin Trust and the West Coast Penguin Trust have teamed up to bring you these stunning behind the scenes fundraising tours for our supporters.

Whichever spring departure you choose, you'll gain unforgettable insights in the lives and challenges of our beloved penguin species, state of the art Tawaki, Kororā, and Hoiho research, and unrivalled access to the dedicated staff that make everything happen. And, of course you'll see each species in its natural habitat, and all the while travelling through the spectacular South and Stewart Islands.



These are fundraising tours for the West Coast Penguin Trust and the Yellow-eyed Penguin Trust. A base fee contributes to the work of these trusts, along with all profits from the trips

The tours are being led by Mark Ayre, long time ornithologist, a nature and birding tour leader for over 20 years, and former Chair of the Central Otago Lakes Forest & Bird.



Both Trusts are long established non-governmental organisations dedicated to the conservation of the three mainland species of penguin

They are the leaders in the birds' recovery through direct intervention and helping others to intervene. By joining on of these tours, a base fee plus all profits will be supporting the two trusts in the amazing work they undertake.



Kororā, Hoiho and Tawaki, Penguins and conservation in southern New Zealand

Trips depart from Nelson September 3 & September 16 2021

\$3545.00 per person twin-share for core trip
\$1080.00 per person twin-share for southern extension

Includes:

Services of tour naturalist leader
Input from Penguin Trust specialists
All tour travel
All accommodation in quality hotels and lodges
Three meals daily.
Yellow-eyed Penguin excursion Dunedin
On Extension – Stewart island ferry, Ulva Island access,
Rakiura Seabird trip
Contribution to both Penguin Trusts
Goods and Services Tax of 15%
Admission fees where applicable

Single room rate add \$NZ620.00 per person



Itinerary for 2021

Day 1 Kororā Little Blue Penguins, Charleston, Kerry-Jayne Wilson

Arrive Nelson and drive three hours south to the Paparoa Coast. This afternoon meet renowned Penguin advocate Kerry-Jane Wilson or Penguin trust ranger Matt Charteris. Kerry-Jane has been a driving force in the West Coast Penguin Trust. Look at local efforts to protect the breeding areas of Kororā ,that live in scattered colonies along the South Island's West Coast. Stay Charleston.

Day 2 Meet the West Coast Penguin Trust, Pahautane Penguin Fence

Travel down to spectacular Paparoa coast, enjoying the natural attractions on route. A special afternoon in store with Inger Perkins, manager of the WCPT operations. Stay Hokitika tonight.



Day 3 Tawaki, Lake Moeraki

Our journey takes us south through lush rainforests to the renowned Lake Moeraki Wilderness Lodge. After walking through stunning coastal rain forest we reach the beach and the home of one of the northern most Tawaki colonies. We seek to view these fascinating birds coming and going through the surf. Stay Lake Moeraki two nights.

Day 4 Tawaki excursion

The Moeraki Wilderness Lodge is set amongst lush lowland coniferous forest, with several small colonies of Fiordland Crested penguins in the region. The Lodge runs optional guided half day tours to a secluded little visited beach where much closer access to the Tawaki is possible with excellent opportunities to photograph both in the forest and on the beach.

Day 5 South Westland Coast, Haast Beech Forest

South Westland is also home to further endangered wildlife such as Hector's Dolphins. We visit local spectacular sections of coast, including Jackson Bay Tawaki area, before turning inland to cross through the lush beech forests of Haast Pass. Stay Wanaka tonight.



Day 6 Meet the Yellow-eyed Penguin Trust and NZ Penguin Initiative scientist Thomas Mattern

A morning drive to Dunedin. The Hoiho dwells along the South-eastern South Island coastal fringe. Numbers have plummeted in recent years despite amazing work from the Yellow-eyed Penguin Trust. This afternoon meet YEPT General Manager, Sue Murray and other key YEPT stalwarts. Gain insight into the work of the Trust, before meeting with Thomas Mattern, the pre-eminent researcher on NZ penguins. Stay Dunedin two nights.

Day 7 Hoiho conservation

Trudi Webster, science adviser for YEPT, will join us today and give us an amazing behind the scenes look at what it takes to conserve Hoiho. Afternoon visit to a key Hoiho reserve on the Otago Peninsula.

Optional evening excursion to Tairoa head to view the Kororā, as they return to shore.



Day 8 Long Point Reserve

Morning drive to the Catlins in the SE corner of the South Island. This reserve is a key Yellow-eyed Penguin Trust reserve where they are initiating multi-species seabird protection, and are planning to re-establish further species of seabirds on the coastal headland. YEPT Project Manager, Dave McFarlane will be with us throughout the day. Enjoy local coastal rainforest in the stunning Tautuku Bay before arriving at Mclean Falls Park.

Main tour terminates late this afternoon at Dunedin Airport.



Extension – Catlins and Rakiura

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Stay Laughing Frog Resort in the heart of the Catlins.

Day 9 Curio Bay, Stewart Island

Morning visit to Curio Bay and Forest & Bird's Te Rere Reserve before continuing to Invercargill. Connect with ferry to Stewart Island. Stay Kaka Retreat two nights.



Day 10 Stewart Island, Seabirds, Penguins on the water

Day visit to Ulva Island – excellent for Kaka, Weka, Saddleback and even a chance of Kiwi through the day. Afternoon cruise on Paterson Inlet and around the rocky shore to view all three mainland species of penguin either on the water or on shore. Optional evening Kiwi excursion

Day 11 Ferry to Bluff, trip completion

Ferry back to Bluff and drive to Invercargill Airport. Trip terminates.