

GIVE BACK TO NATURE TOUR

Time in The Catlins goes at a slower pace than the rest of the world, so you will arrive at your accommodation the night before your tour to spend a leisurely evening exploring your surroundings before we officially start the next morning.

Pricing and accommodation options:

We have arranged for two local accommodation providers – Pounawea Grove Motel and Newhaven Holiday Park (self contained cabins) - to hold rooms for our Give Back to Nature Tours. The cost of your accommodation is included in the package price with two options:

Single person – own room \$1085.50

And for couples, a twin share option of \$860.50 per person.

Your accommodation is booked from the Thursday night to the Sunday morning and Earthlore will pick you up from your accommodation and transport you to the various activities (except on the self guided day – the Saturday) each day. When you book, we will notify you where you'll be staying.

Trip inclusions:

1. Care of wildlife briefing - and “Earthlore’s approved Wildlife Guardian” presentation.
2. Bird spotting at Catlins lakes where there are many wetland birds including Royal spoonbill; Black swans; Pied stilt and Kingfisher among others.
3. Create a better world for Penguins and other native wildlife.
4. After dark guided nature experience.
5. Take part in a citizen science project [*subject to seasonal variations but could be a bat walk and survey, a butterfly count and survey, glow-worm study, dragonfly study*]
6. Experience the rugged Catlins coastline, ancient native bush and beautiful waterfalls
7. We will make a donation to the Yellow-eyed Penguin Trust, The Catlins Bat Project and Forest and Bird on your behalf. You will receive a certificate as proof of your donation.
8. You will plant native trees in Earthlore’s Insect Conservation Habitat to offset your travel emissions.
9. Meet Inspector Insector, a quirky character developed at Earthlore to inspire and educate children to care for nature and the environment.
10. Dinner is a main course at a local restaurant followed by dessert at Lenz reserve. Please advise us upon booking of any dietary requirements.
11. Tour of Earthlore Wildlife Gardens.

What you take home:

- Personal guide pack (compendium + insect repellent)
- Wildlife guardianship cap

Meals provided:

Day one:

- Tea, coffee and muffins – morning.
- Picnic lunch at the penguin reserve.
- Tea, coffee or hot drink – afternoon.

Day two – *begins in the evening:*

- Dinner at a local restaurant.
- Tea, coffee and dessert – evening.

Day three – morning:

- Tea, coffee and muffins.

What to bring:

- sturdy footwear
- wet weather clothing
- warm clothing
- sunscreen, sun hat and woollen beanie
- any medications you may require
- a sense of adventure

Transport:

Earthlore will pick you up at your accommodation and provide transport for each day's activities (excluding your self guided day.)

Support:

We provide a comprehensive health and safety briefing, plus gardening gloves, tools, mulch, and tree protectors along with binoculars for you to borrow. Also, plentiful reference books to help ID local native wildlife.

Amenities:

There are toilets at Earthlore and at Long Point. See the map in the personal guide pack provided for other public toilets in the area.

There are eateries, a hotel, a supermarket and a museum/information centre in the Owaka Township, along with a medical centre.