



Two-night Nature Package

- **Two nights B&B at Nisbet Cottage**
- **Sunrise Penguin Walk**
- **Peninsula Excursion & Albatross Encounter**

Day 1: Arrive Nisbet Cottage.

Day 2: Sunrise Penguin Walk: An early start with a 15 min drive and a beach walk to observe rare Yellow-eyed Penguins on their daily journey to the sea. Penguins share this coastal habitat with a variety of different species, the most prominent being New Zealand Fur Seals and Sea Lions. We may encounter both and will certainly be able to see a number of other bird species. Learn about the penguins, their environment, and the management challenges for this unique place so close to a major city.

This tour requires a reasonable level of fitness as we descend sweeping sand dunes to a remote beach on the way to our private viewing hide. On the way back to the car park we need to climb up these dunes again.

Return to Nisbet Cottage for a hot shower and a well earned breakfast.

10.30 am: **Peninsula Excursion & Albatross Encounter:** Depart Nisbet Cottage with your nature guide for exploration of Otago Peninsula with its spectacular scenery, nature and wildlife. Focus will be on native forest, tidal inlet birdlife and the Royals at Taiaroa Head. The itinerary is flexible and we are happy to include features to suit particular interests, weather and time permitting.

Start your peninsula excursion with a scenic drive followed by a walk through regenerating native bush. We will see conservation in action and get the opportunity to contribute to ongoing re-vegetation by planting a few native trees before picnic lunch at a stunning lookout with views of the beaches, cliffs, geological features, and the vast Pacific Ocean. After lunch we will continue exploring the remote side of Otago Peninsula along tidal inlets were, depending on tide and season, a variety of birds can be observed - pied stilt, white faced heron, oyster catcher, spoonbill and arctic waders. Further along the peninsula, at Taiaroa Head, Northern Royal Albatross are breeding in the only mainland breeding colony of any albatross species in the world. This special place will be another highlight of your day with the option of either a one-hour guided tour of the albatross colony or a one-hour harbour cruise on the MV Monarch to view these majestic birds in flight.

Approx. 4.30 pm - Return to Nisbet Cottage, relax, and enjoy a glass of wine by the fire or on the deck with views of Dunedin and the surrounding hills. We will be happy to advise on local dining options, make reservations, and provide transport to the restaurant.

Day 3: Depart Nisbet Cottage after breakfast.

All activities mentioned in this itinerary and 2 nights B&B at Nisbet Cottage are included in the total cost. Some activities are dependent on tide. We therefore reserve the right for changes mainly with regard to the order in which the various activities are carried out. We are very happy to take personal interests into account and fine-tune the itinerary with you.

Please note that the Sunrise Penguin Walk may take place on the same day as the Peninsula Excursion & Albatross Encounter or on day of departure - this will be discussed on arrival.