

## Covid-19 (<https://covid19.govt.nz/>)

**New Zealand is at alert level 1. Stewart Island businesses are open but please check with individual operators for details of public health measures they have in place.**

- Stay vigilant - there is still a global pandemic going on.
- Me mau rawa koe i tētahi uwhi matai mata | Wear a face covering. Even though it's not compulsory to wear a face covering, it's recommended to continue doing so to keep yourself and others safe. Particularly on public transport and places where physical distance cannot be easily maintained.
- Whāia ōu tapuwae | Track your journey. Continue to keep a record of where you've been - download the NZ COVID Tracer app or note where you've been (with date & time) in a good old fashioned diary.
- Mēnā ka māuiui koe, herea ki te kāinga. Stay home if you feel unwell.

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Our island offers a special experience - a glimpse into a simpler, slower lifestyle, in rhythm with the sea and the tides, attuned to the natural world of bush and beach.

In 2002 the very qualities that make this a great place to treasure were recognised in the formation of the Rakiura National Park, comprising 85% of the island's 1570 square kilometres.

In 2019 Stewart Island/Rakiura was awarded Dark Sky Sanctuary accreditation by the International Dark Sky Association. Classified by the IDA as having outstanding sky quality - and being accredited with Sanctuary status - helps to ensure that light pollution levels are

controlled and our natural nightscape is protected for the future



the land, sea and night-scapes, view the wildlife, walk, boat, bike, kayak - a Stewart Island holiday will be an experience that will draw

you back again and again.

Are you ready to discover the 8th Wonder of the World? Surely it has to be somewhere in New Zealand Aotearoa. Check out Air New Zealand's infamous safety video to find out!

(<https://youtu.be/5SKXruKpqlc>)

### *getting here*



by air or sea (/travelling-to-stewart-island/)

### *places to stay*



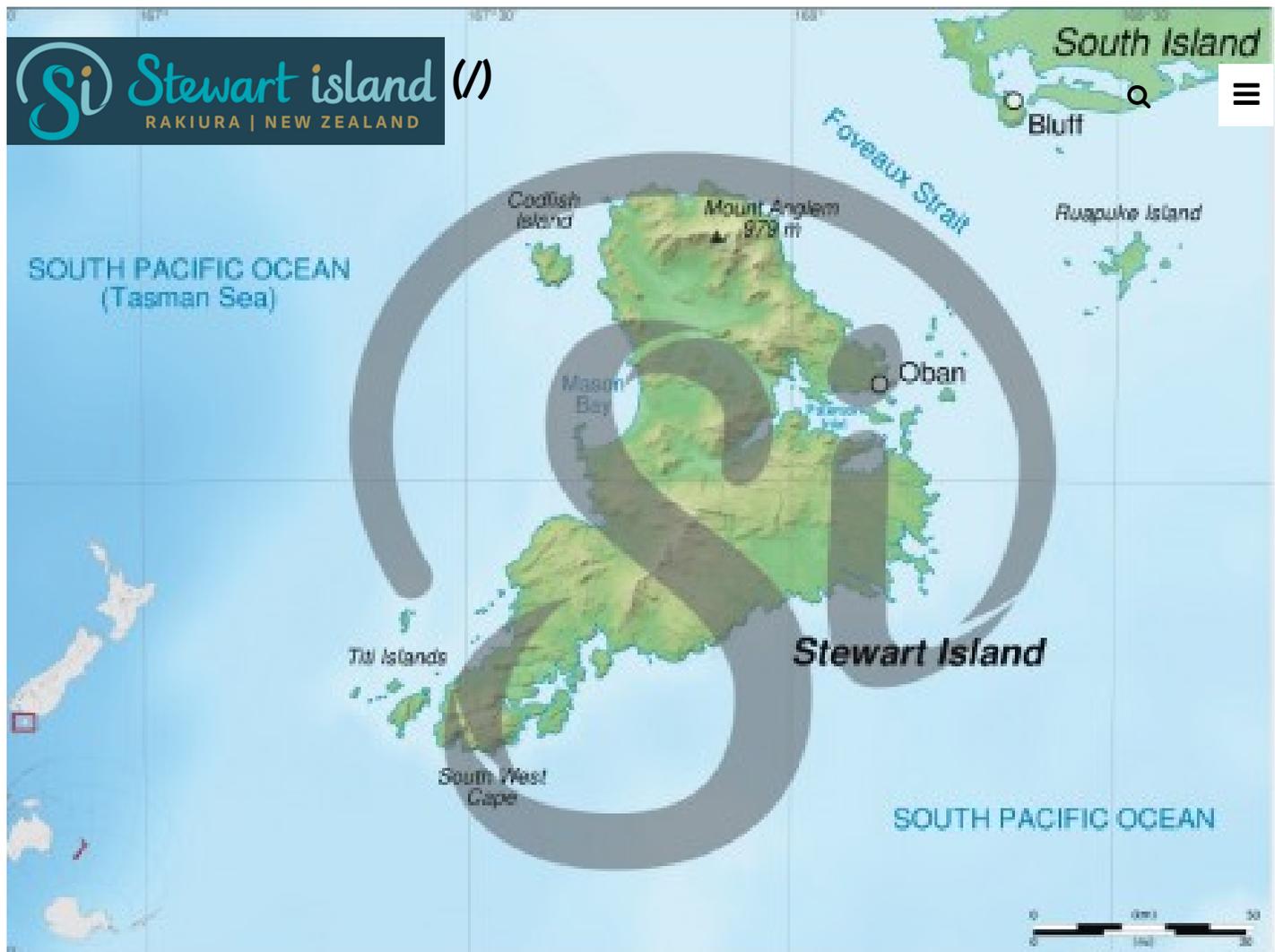
from budget to boutique (/accommodation/)

*things to do*



[something for everybody \(/tours-and-activities/\)](/tours-and-activities/)

*Digital visitor guide*



digital visitor guide ([https://issuu.com/craigprint/docs/stewart\\_island\\_visitors\\_guide\\_2018-](https://issuu.com/craigprint/docs/stewart_island_visitors_guide_2018-))

## *Dark Sky Sanctuary*

*Rakiura*

INTERNATIONAL

**DARK SKY**

SANCTUARY

see the Milky Way (</dark-sky-sanctuary/>)

*eating & drinking*



**eat in, eat out, take away & more (/eating-drinking/)**

### ***weather (<https://www.stewartisland.co.nz/weather/>)***

At latitude 47 degrees south (the roaring forties) our weather is often unpredictable but sunshine hours are equal to the national average and our annual rainfall is less than that of Auckland.

### ***digital brochure & downloadable maps (/maps/)***

DIGITAL BROCHURE contains visitor information & business directory - printed version distributed throughout New Zealand. PDF STREET MAP - paper version freely available at many locations on the island.

### ***visitor information & bookings (/pages/visitor-information-bookings/)***

A range of visitor information and booking offices are available on Stewart Island and mainland New Zealand.

## **our heritage (/heritage/)**

Today the island's rich resources provided a bountiful harvest for Maori. European explorers, missionaries, and settlers came from all corners of the world...

## **history of our name (/history-and-naming-of-stewart-island/)**

Te Punga o Te Waka a Maui, the original Maori name, positions Stewart Island firmly at the heart of Maori mythology.

## **other information (/other-information/)**

Emergency services, banking, churches, library, keeping yourself safe on our roads, mobile phone coverage and other information you may find useful.

## **get in touch (/contact/)**

The Stewart Island Promotion Association is committed to ensuring that visitors enjoy their experience. If the service provided by any of the operators advertised on this website gives cause for concern please [contact us](https://www.stewartisland.co.nz/pages/contact/) (<https://www.stewartisland.co.nz/pages/contact/>).

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## **real estate (/real-estate/)**

Enjoyed your visit to the island so much you want to stay?

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