

FIVE STOP TOUR

The tour takes visitors on a loop from the Information Centre to the Timaru Botanic Gardens, the Sacred Heart Basilica, South Canterbury Museum/St Mary's Church, Aigantighe Art Gallery, and the Caroline Bay Piazza before returning to the Information Centre.

\$15pp

Departure Timetable

Buses will depart each stop at the following times. Please be ready and waiting at the dedicated bus stop.

TIMARU INFORMATION CENTRE

Located at the historic Landing Services precinct, there you find information, tours, Timaru Artisan Farmers Market and the Te Ana Māori Rock Art Centre.

Departure times

10.00am
10.15am
11.10am
11.25am
12.20pm
12.35pm
1.30pm*
1.45pm*



TIMARU BOTANIC GARDENS

The gardens are located on 19 hectares of land in south Timaru. Opened in 1864, Timaru Botanic Gardens is a Garden of National Significance.

Departure times

10.20am
11.15am
11.30am
12.25pm
12.40pm
1.35pm
1.50pm

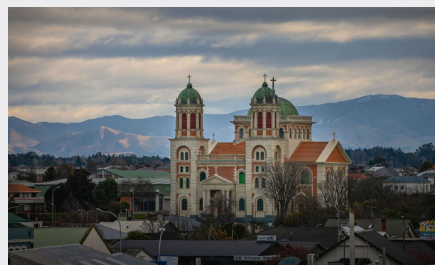


SACRED HEART BASILICA

A house of worship for local Roman Catholics since the early 1900's, the Sacred Heart Basilica is a striking building that can be seen from many views points around town.

Departure times

10.20am
10.35am
11.30am
11.45am
12.40pm
12.55pm
1.45pm
2.05pm



* These departures are for pick up only from other stops. You are not able to disembark the bus at any stops.

ST MARY'S CHURCH & SOUTH CANTERBURY MUSEUM

Explore our region's heritage at the South Canterbury Museum before stepping inside the stunning St Mary's Anglican Church.

Departure times

10.32am
10.47am
11.42am
11.57am
12.52pm
1.07pm
1.55pm
2.15pm



AIGANTIGHE ART GALLERY & SCULPTURE GARDEN

The Aigantighe holds an extensive permanent collection of New Zealand and international art from the 16th century to the present day.

Departure times

10.44am
10.59am
11.54am
12.09pm
1.04pm
1.19pm
2.05pm
2.25pm



CAROLINE BAY PIAZZA

An iconic look out point across the beautiful Caroline Bay. Access the Caroline Bay reserve or wander down the main street for boutique shops, art galleries and eateries.

Departure times

10.56am
11.11am
12.06pm
12.21pm
1.16pm
1.31pm
2.15pm
2.35pm





STOP 1: Timaru Botanic Gardens

The main entrance is in Queen Street near the corner of King Street. To enter you pass through the ornate Gloucester Gates which were opened by the Duke of Gloucester in 1935.

Key features:

- Graeme Paterson Conservatory & Fernery
- Ornamental ponds
- Cenotaph and War Memorial Wall
- Anderson Rose Garden
- Band rotunda Species Rose Garden
- Native plant collections

STOP 2: Sacred Heart Basilica

Built in 1909 by generous local benefactors and the pennies of humble parishioners, the Basilica of the Sacred Heart has been the centre of worship for generations of Roman Catholics in the area.

The strong design features of columns, arches and domes are complimented by stained glass and painted highlights.

STOP 3: St Mary's Anglican Church

St Mary's Anglican Church since 1880 played a prominent role in the Timaru community. Situated on a hilltop in central Timaru, St Mary's is rich in tradition and history. Designed by Christchurch architect W B Armson, St Mary's Church is one of the few English Gothic Revival buildings in the Southern Hemisphere. It is built from local basalt rock, Oamaru stone and roofed with Welsh slate.

STOP 3: South Canterbury Museum

From fossils to fashions, visitors can explore the natural history and culture of this part of New Zealand.

Permanent displays focus on local geology, wildlife, early Māori history, European history and social life up to recent times. With two floors of exhibits and hundreds of heritage items on display, the South Canterbury Museum is a great place to explore, enjoy and learn more.

STOP 4: Aigantighe Art Gallery

Current exhibition running:

Gathered Voices: Highlights from the Fletcher Trust Collection

18 November 2023 – 21 January 2024

This exhibition presents a selection of paintings from the Fletcher Trust Collection—pieces of national significance that tell rich and varied stories about this place and those who call it home.

Aigantighe Art Gallery's park like grounds feature a wide variety of permanent sculptures set amongst established trees and gardens.

STOP 5: Caroline Bay Piazza

Overlooking the beautiful Caroline Bay, walk down the Piazza steps to the world-famous Trevor Griffiths Rose Garden, check out the fountains and sculptures, or walk the boardwalks down to the beach.



Supermarket



Te Ana Māori Rock Art Centre



Restrooms



Trevor Griffiths Rose Garden



Information Centre



Pharmacy



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