

FOUR STOP TOUR

The tour takes visitors on a loop from the Information Centre to the Timaru Botanic Gardens, 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, the Te Ana Māori Rock Art Centre and favourite eateries Speights Ale House and Street Food Kitchen.

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. This land has been used for gardens and recreation since 1864. In 2014 the Timaru Botanic Gardens was recognised as a Garden of National Significance by the New Zealand Gardens Trust.

Departure times

10.12am
10.27am
11.22am
11.37am
12.32pm
12.47pm
1.42pm
2.02pm



* 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
2.02pm
2.17pm



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
2.14pm
2.29pm



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
2.26pm
2.41pm





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

COMMENTARY STOP ONLY: 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. For many non Catholics the building is an inspiration and a joy.

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

STOP 2: 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 2: South Canterbury Museum

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

Permanent displays focus on local geology, wildlife, early Maori 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 3: Aigantighe Art Gallery

Its collection of British Victorian paintings is particularly strong, while national favourites Charles Goldie, Frances Hodgkins and Colin McCahon are also well represented.

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

Current exhibitions 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.

STOP 4: 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.

NOTE: If you are travelling on a Noordam, Volendam or Pacific Explorer ship, Norwegian Spirit or the Resilient Lady you are able to catch a shuttle bus back to the ship from within the bay precinct.



Supermarket



Te Ana Maori Rock Art Centre



Restrooms



Pharmacy



Information Centre



Trevor Griffiths Rose Garden



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