



TIMARU

four stop tour

\$10pp

The tour takes visitors on a loop from the Information Centre to:

- Timaru Botanic Gardens
- Sacred Heart Basilica
- South Canterbury Museum/St Mary's Church
- Aigantighe Art Gallery

returning to the Information Centre.

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. 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

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.

South Canterbury Museum

Explore our region's heritage at the South Canterbury Museum in downtown Timaru. 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.

Short films in a theatre feature local heroes such as Richard Pearse, a local farmer and inventor who may have flown before the Wright Brothers in 1903.

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.

St Mary's Anglican Church

Since 1880 the Church has 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.

The Aigantighe Art Gallery

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

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.