

# Burt Munro Challenge

## Day Trip Itinerary for Western Southland



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## Day trip to Western Southland

You will find the area of Western Southland located along the [Southern Scenic Route](#) between Invercargill and Te Anau. Allow at least a day to travel through this majestic area where summer days stretch into endless twilights, tinged by stunning sunsets that last, quite literally, for hours. Please click here for [map](#).

<p>Drive time 40 minutes</p>	<p><b>Riverton/Aparima</b> A popular seaside and holiday resort, Riverton/Aparima is known as the 'Riviera of the South'. Riverton/Aparima is rich in early Maori history and is one of the earliest European settlements in New Zealand.</p>
<p><b>Activity Suggestion</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Te Hikoi Museum Riverton</a> Take an interactive journey through Te Hikoi and learn about how Maori and European ancestors adapted to survive on nature's edge</p> <p>172 Palmerston St, Riverton 9822 Phone: 03-234 8260</p>
<p><b>Short Walk</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Mores Scenic Reserve, Riverton</a> The reserve is located on Howells Hill overlooking the township of Riverton/Aparima. Tracks provide panoramic views of Foveaux Strait and features abundant birdlife.</p>
<p><b>Cafe Suggestions</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Beachhouse Cafe</a> Beachhouse Cafe and Bar in Riverton serves beautiful meals and drinks to enjoy while taking in the breathtaking scenery.</p> <p>126 Rocks Hwy, Riverton 9822 Phone: 03-234 8274</p>
<p><b>Places of Interest</b> Drive time 15 minutes</p>	<p>Follow the <a href="#">Southern Scenic Route</a> towards Te Anau, some suggested stops include:-</p> <p><b>Colac Bay/Oraka</b> A large statue of a surfer riding a wave greets visitors to Colac Bay. First settled by early Māori, the rocky coastline, great sandy beach and surf continue to attract people to this small settlement.</p>

Drive time 15 minutes	<p><b>Cosy Nook</b> Cosy Nook is a rocky cove sheltering several fishing boats and cribs (holiday homes). Early European settlers reported Pahi's Village – a Kai Tahu settlement of forty houses was situated here. The small island, Matariki, was once a defended pa site.</p>
<p><b>Cafe Suggestion</b> Drive time 10 minutes</p>	<p><b><a href="#">Orepuki Beach Cafe</a></b> Set in a grand house overlooking Te Waewae Bay and the Longwoods Orepuki Beach Cafe has fantastic farm to table food in a relaxed environment.</p> <p>Main highway orepuki, 9881 Orepuki Tel: 03-234 5211</p>
Nearby	<p><b>Gemstone Beach</b> Gemstone Beach is known for its constant state of change from sand to stones with the storms and tides. Semi-precious gems such as garnet, jasper, quartz and nephrite can often be found on the beach. It is also a great beach for surfing and surfcasting.</p>
<p><b>Photo Opportunity</b> Drive time 5 minutes</p>	<p><b>McCrakens Rest</b> A viewing platform provides excellent views of Te Waewae Bay and the tiny one million year-old Solander Islands to the south - formed by the eroded skeleton of a volcano.</p>
Drive time 10 minutes	<p><b>Tuatapere</b> The centre of a farming community, Tuatapere is often referred to as the 'Sausage Capital of New Zealand.' It has several art and craft galleries, and the Bushman's Museum displays a detailed account of the area's sawmilling history.</p>
Drive time 15 minutes	<p><b>Clifden Suspension Bridge</b> Construction of the suspension bridge started in 1898 when it replaced the punt used by early sheep stations.</p>
<b>Activity Suggestion</b>	<p><b><a href="#">Southern Scenic Jet</a></b> Take a cruise down the Waiau River as it winds its way down the Waiau Valley from Lake Manapouri to the sea. Learn about the area's rich cultural and natural heritage from your experience drivers and look out for the world's most endangered gull, the Black Beaked Gull which can be seen nestling along the exposed shingle bed.</p> <p>1250 Clifden-Orawia Rd Clifden Tel: +64 3 225 5677 <a href="mailto:joan.joyce@wjet.co.nz">joan.joyce@wjet.co.nz</a></p>
Make your way back to Invercargill along State Highway 99, allow an hour drive time.	