

Bluff, Southland, New Zealand

At the very bottom of New Zealand's South Island, Bluff punches well above its size — world-famous oysters, the iconic Stirling Point signpost, and ferry rides to pristine Stewart Island all start here.

Docked (commercial port)

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

NZD (New Zealand Dollar)

English

Oyster season: March–August

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Commercial port berths in Bluff Harbour; shuttle buses run to town centre (~2 km)

Best For: Food lovers, nature seekers, end-of-the-earth bragging rights

Walk to centre: Town centre ~20 min walk or short shuttle from port gates

Don't Miss: Stirling Point signpost and Bluff oysters (if in season)

🚗 Getting around: **Taxi** NZD \$120–\$150 · **Rideshare** Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Stirling Point & Bluff Hill** — Walk or drive to the famous directional signpost at Stirling Point — the official end of SH1 — then continue up Bluff...
 - **Stewart Island Ferry Day Trip** — A 1-hour ferry from Bluff crosses Foveaux Strait to Rakiura National Park on Stewart Island — New Zealand's...
- **Bluff Oyster Tasting** — Bluff oysters (*Ostrea chilensis*) are prized worldwide for their deep, briny flavour.
 - **Invercargill City & Transport World** — Head 30 minutes north to Invercargill for Bill Richardson Transport World (300+ vehicles) and E Hayes Motorworks, home...
 - **The Catlins Wildlife & Coastal Drive** — The rugged Catlins coast east of Bluff offers petrified forests at Curio Bay, Hector's dolphins, fur seals, and Slope...

BEST WALKS

- **Stirling Point to Bluff Hill Lookout** 4 km return · 1.5 hrs · Easy–Moderate — From the town centre walk south along Foreshore Road to the iconic Stirling Point signpost, then follow the Bluff Hill Walkway up...
- **Bluff Heritage Trail Loop** ~5 km · 1.5-2 hrs · Easy (flat) — Self-guided walk linking 17 heritage markers around Bluff's compact streets, covering the town's whaling era, early European...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		70°	43°	2d
Jun		92°	64°	1d
Aug		92°	67°	3d
Sep		85°	59°	3d
Oct		70°	45°	4d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:43AM–7:53PM · Jun 5:57AM–8:40PM · Aug 6:35AM–8:09PM · Sep 7:00AM–7:25PM · Oct 7:26AM–6:40PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Layer up always. Bluff sits at the edge of the Roaring Forties — wind and rain can arrive without warning even in summer. A windproof jacket is essential.
- Oyster season is March–August. If your cruise calls outside that window, you can still get excellent local seafood — but don't

Bluff, Southland, New Zealand — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Bluff Maritime Museum | Explore Bluff's rich maritime history and fishing heritage. | 2 Stirling Point | Iconic signpost marks State Highway 1's start, offering scenic views. |
| 3 Greenpoint Ship Graveyard | View decaying, historic shipwrecks in a unique coastal setting. | P Cruise port / terminal | |