



## TIMARU, NEW ZEALAND

The second largest city in Canterbury, Timaru is located halfway between Dunedin and Christchurch. Caroline Bay - a family-friendly beach - is right in the heart of Timaru CBD, and Te Ana Maori Rock Art is one of the most impressive rock art displays in the country

### KEY INFO

**Currency:** NZ Dollar (1 USD = 1.6 NZD)

**Population:** 48,500 (5.12 million NZ)

**Emergency #:** 111

**Drinking water:** Tap water is drinkable

**Time Zone:** GMT+13 (Sep-Apr) / GMT+12

**ID Requirements:** Photo ID

**Languages:** English, Māori

**Drive on the:** Left

**Pharmacy:** Dee Street Pharmacy, 5 Dee Street

**Protection:** Bug Spray & SPF 30+

**Wi-Fi:** Public Library, CBD

**Post Office:** 21A Strathallan Street

### PORT LOCATION

Ships dock at PrimePort Timaru, on the edge of the CBD. A shuttle bus operates to the CBD i-Site

**Getting Around:** Timaru is a relatively small city and can be explored on foot. The public transport system is an on-demand bus, hailed via the MyWay by Metro app ([Apple](#) | [Android](#)).

[www.mywaybymetro.co.nz](http://www.mywaybymetro.co.nz) for more info about public buses

For taxis, dial 03 688 8899 (Timaru Taxis), 03 687 7719 (Aoraki Taxis). Taxis cannot be hailed on the street. Order by phone, or in i-Site.

**Tourist Bus:** There is no Hop-On Hop-Off bus in Timaru

**Port Facilities:** Shuttle to CBD

**Port Address:** 1 Marine Parade, Timaru Port, Timaru 7910, New Zealand

### TIMARU HIGHLIGHTS

**Timaru CBD** is a fairly compact area, with plenty of local boutique [shops](#), [cafes](#) and restaurants. Right in the heart of the CBD is Caroline Bay, for a walk along the beach.

**Te Ana Maori Rock Art Experience:** a unique Māori cultural experience based on Ngāi Tahu culture and historic rock drawings. In Timaru CBD. 10a-3p | \$20

<https://www.teana.co.nz/>

**The Raptor Experience:** Get up close with New Zealand's raptors in a unique, hands-on experience. Learn about New Zealand's meat-eating birds. By appointment (Thu-Sun) | \$80

<https://nzraptor.org/>

**South Canterbury Museum:** Focuses on the natural heritage and history of the South Canterbury region of New Zealand - land, life, and people. 10a-4:30p (Tue-Fri), 1p-4:30p (Sat-Sun) | Free

<https://museum.timaru.govt.nz/home>

**Aigantighe Art Gallery:** the home of art in South Canterbury. With frequently changing exhibitions. 10a-4p (Tue-Fri), 12p-4p (Sat-Sun) | Free  
📍 <https://www.aigantighe.co.nz/home>

**Timaru Botanic Garden:** Dating back to 1864, this 19-hectare garden was recognized as a Garden of National Significance in 2014. 8a-dusk | Free  
📍 <https://www.timaru.govt.nz/community/recreation/gardens/timaru-botanic-gardens>

**DB Draught Brewery:** One of New Zealand's largest beer brands has a brewery right here in Timaru. Famous for making DB Draught, DB Export Gold and DB Export 33. Also nearby is **Ship Hop Brewery** for a local microbrewery (open Fridays, lunchtime to 7/8p)  
📍 [www.db.co.nz/](http://www.db.co.nz/)

## NEARBY IN GERALDINE

**Geraldine Vintage Museum:** Buildings full of unique vintage cars, vintage tractors, vintage farm machinery and plenty of other exhibits. 9:30a-4p | \$  
📍 <https://www.geraldinevintagecarandmachinerymuseum.com/>

**Geraldine Military Museum:** the South Island's only dedicated military museum showcasing rare last-of-their-kind vehicles plus large scale displays from Vietnam and Germany. 9:30a-4p (Thu-Mon) | \$10  
📍 <http://www.geraldinemilitarymuseum.co.nz/>

## WALKING TRAILS

Timaru district has over 30 walking and cycling trails to explore, for all abilities. [Check out the full list.](#)

**Tuhawaiki (Jack's) Point, Timaru:** Follow the coast to the historic Tuhawaiki (Jack's) Point Lighthouse. You might even see some seals or penguins on the rocky beach below. 📍 [More info](#)

**Huatakerekere/Little Mount Peel, Peel Forest:** One of the best day-walks in Canterbury. About 10km track, but due to uphill climbs can take up to 9 hours. 📍 [More info](#)

**Dashing Rocks, Timaru:** Very close to the CBD, this popular walk can start (or end) with refreshing drinks on the Bay Hill overlooking Caroline Bay. 📍 [More info](#)

**Centennial Park, Timaru:** A 65-hectare reserve with numerous trails on the outskirts of Timaru city. The south entrance also leads out towards the coast. 📍 [More info](#)

Timaru Heritage Trail: Timaru CBD features some of New Zealand's most significant Edwardian architecture. This [self-guided tour](#) tells their stories.

## BEACHES

**Caroline Bay:** Right in the heart of the CBD, this beach is backed by a beautiful park. If you're lucky, you'll also see some of the cutest locals: a resident rookery of kororā/ little penguins.