



Dunedin hosts last test at Carisbrook

All Blacks v Wales • Sat June 19th

This winter will see the All Blacks play a test match on the hallowed turf of Carisbrook for the last time.

As New Zealand builds up to the biggest rugby party of them all, World Cup 2011, Dunedin is going all out with a brand new roofed stadium. Although an exciting future lies ahead with the new venue, on June 19 we will celebrate the culture and history of Carisbrook, one of the great rugby grounds of the world.

In 2008 we marked 100 years of test rugby at this ground, with an intense game against the mighty Springboks. Last year, the powerful French visited and caught the All Blacks knapping, this year see's another fanatical rugby nation, Wales coming to Dunedin, to try their luck at a ground that has favoured the All Blacks more often than not. It will be Wales first test match here in Dunedin, having only played against the provincial Otago side on previous tours, making them the only major rugby nation not to have faced the All Blacks at Carisbrook and of course the last to do so.

Dunedin is always a great place to watch a test match, with southerners travelling far and wide to experience and be part of the atmosphere, this year there is added emotion as we farewell this fortress of rugby in the deep south.

Travellers are welcome to be a part of the festivities in Dunedin and it is surely a "mustdo" while backpacking in New Zealand, to watch the All Blacks live!!!

Adding to the atmosphere will be what has become an essential event along side any major rugby game in Dunedin, the Nude Rugby!!! An event that has grown in stature and size since its humble beginnings in 2002. Visiting teams have struggled with the pace and power of the Nude Blacks over the years and they have remained unbeaten. Last year the challenge came from Les Coqs of France and this year we expect a strong side to make their way from the valley's of Wales. The Nude Rugby match for 2010 will no doubt be a torrid affair, with a result that could swing either way, it will be played as the unofficial curtain-raiser to the test match on the afternoon of the 19 June with a time and location to be advised.

Headfirst Travel Events and Bottom Bus have packages for you to "get amongst it" over the test weekend with one and three day options from Queenstown or Dunedin, as well as add-ons to our Bottom Bus, Deep South Adventure tour.

The ultimate is to have a few nights in Dunedin with our accommodation packages to really soak up the atmosphere, three day packages include



return transport from Queenstown to Dunedin, two nights backpacker accommodation, test ticket, brewery tour, match day functions including the Nude Rugby, souvenir t-shirt, transfers around town and a bloody good time.

With accommodation at a premium for the test our most popular option for traveller is the one-day trip from Queenstown with an action packed day to take in all that is great about test match rugby in Dunedin, one day packages include transport from Queenstown to Dunedin returning after the game, match transfers, test ticket, pre-match function, the Nude Rugby and souvenir t-shirt.

If you've got time, continue on the Bottom Bus down south to the Catlins, Stewart Island, Milford Sound and beyond.

Already got a Bottom Bus pass?

Add-on the test match weekend to complete your deep south adventure.

For more info visit www.travelheadfirst.com/events/ See you there!



Things to do in Dunedin

Cadbury World - A delight for chocolate lovers of all ages....more info can be gained from www.cadburyworld.co.nz

Royal Albatross - the only mainland breeding colony of these giant sea birds.

Yellow Eyed Penguins - the worlds rarest penguin. Viewing options are available on the Peninsula.

New Zealand Fur Seals - excellent viewing of the seals in their natural habitat.

Larnach Castle - New Zealand's only castle. History, scandal, ghosts, gardens and views.

Oiveston - Jacobean style grand home of the Theomin family. Antiques and art collection.

Otago Settlers Museum - experience the social history of the settlement of Dunedin and Otago. Special exhibitions, genealogy research.

Speights Brewery - tours 7 days a week. Learn how the beer is made then sample many beers brewed on site.

Monarch Wildlife Cruises - get close up to the wildlife of the harbour and Peninsula.

Taieri Gorge Railway - travel through the spectacular Taieri river gorge. Pioneer country!

Carisbrook - see the 'House of Pain' home of Otago Rugby (playing season March-October)

Architecture - admire New Zealand's largest concentration of Victorian and Edwardian buildings, including the Municipal Chambers and St Paul's Anglican Cathedral at The Octagon, Dunedin Railway Station on Anzac Avenue, the Law Courts on Stuart Street and old Dunedin Prison on Lower High Street, to name but a few.

Baldwin Street - the steepest street in the world!

Otago University - oldest university in New Zealand. Explore by yourself.

Otago Museum - world class Maori and Pacific Islands collections and the stunning new Southern Land Southern People Gallery.

Dunedin Public Art Gallery houses one of the finest collections of art in the country - In the Octagon. Charge for special exhibitions.

Botanic Gardens - New Zealand's oldest with outstanding plant collections. Display houses and aviary.

City Walks - guided tours or get a street map and go for it!

Walking Tracks huge variety of rural walks, 1 hour to 1 day, e.g. Lovers Leap, Mt. Cargill, Organ Pipes track.

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For more detailed information or booking on any of Dunedin's attractions, facilities and transport options please contact the -

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Saturday/Sunday and public holidays 8.45am - 5pm.

Places To Stay In Dunedin

- Billy Browns, 423 Aramoana Rd, Hamilton Bay, Port Chalmers. Ph 03472-8323
- Bus-Stop Backpackers, 252 Harington Point Rd Portobello, Otago Peninsula. Ph 03 478-0330
- Central Backpackers, 243 Moray Place, Dunedin Ph 03 477-9985
- Chalet Backpackers, 296 High Street, Dunedin Ph 03 479-2075
- Elm Lodge, 74 Elm Row, Dunedin. Ph 03 474-1872
- Hogwartz, 277 Rattray St, Dunedin Ph 03 474-1487
- Kiwis Nest, 597 George St, Dunedin Ph 03 471-9540
- Manor House, 28 Manor Place, Dunedin Ph 03 477-0484
- McFarmer's Backpackers, 774 Portabello Rd Portobello, Otago Peninsula. Ph 03 478-0389
- On Top Backpackers Lodge, Cnr Moray Place and Filleul St, Dunedin Ph 03 477-6121
- Pennys Backpackers Lodge, 6 Stafford Street Dunedin. Ph 03 477 6027
- Ramsay Lodge, 60 Stafford St, Dunedin Ph 03 477-6313



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Options include

- 2 night packages from Queenstown
- Day return trip from Queenstown
- 2/3 night packages from Dunedin

All inclusive to make your NZ rugby experience the ultimate weekend in your travels!

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