

Timaru, South Canterbury, New Zealand

Built on ancient lava flows and dressed in dark bluestone, Timaru is South Canterbury's compact, walkable port city — with a crescent beach, world-class Māori rock art, and a charming historic centre just a shuttle ride from the wharf.

 Pier (PrimePort Timaru)  Typical call: 7-9 hrs  NZD  English / Te Reo Māori  Little Blue Penguins

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:	Arrive:	All aboard:
Excursion:	Notes:	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — No. 1 Wharf or North Mole, PrimePort Timaru

To Town: Free shuttle to Stafford St / Caroline Bay (5-10 min); walking through port not permitted

Best For: Bluestone architecture, Māori culture, beach walks, South Canterbury day trips

Don't Miss: Te Ana Māori Rock Art Centre & Caroline Bay beach

 Getting around:  Taxi  NZD 10–18 ·  Rideshare  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Te Ana Māori Rock Art Centre** — Explore one of New Zealand's richest collections of ancient Māori rock drawings.
- **Bluestone Heritage Walk & South Canterbury Museum** — Follow the free heritage trail through Timaru's intact Victorian and Edwardian CBD — dark volcanic bluestone buildings...
- **Caroline Bay Beach & Trevor Griffiths Rose Garden** — Timaru's showpiece beach is sheltered by the harbour breakwater, making it one of the safest swimming beaches on the...
- **Aigantighe Art Gallery** — The South Island's third-largest public art collection, housed in a historic home with a sculpture garden.
- **Lake Tekapo & Mackenzie Basin Day Trip** — About 2.5 hours inland, Lake Tekapo's turquoise glacial waters, lupins (Nov–Dec), and Church of the Good Shepherd are...

BEST WALKS

- **Caroline Bay & Boardwalk Loop** 2 km · 30-45 min · Easy · Free — From the shuttle drop-off near Stafford Street, head to the foreshore path along Caroline Bay.
- **Stafford Street Heritage Stroll** 1.5 km · 20-30 min · Easy · Free — Walk Stafford Street end-to-end to take in Timaru's remarkable bluestone commercial precinct.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 7:09AM–6:00PM · Jun 8:09AM–5:00PM · Aug 7:31AM–5:47PM · Sep 6:38AM–6:23PM · Oct 6:42AM–7:59PM	
Apr	63°	43°	0d		
Jun	54°	35°	1d		
Aug	54°	35°	1d		
Sep	59°	37°	1d		
Oct	62°	41°	1d		

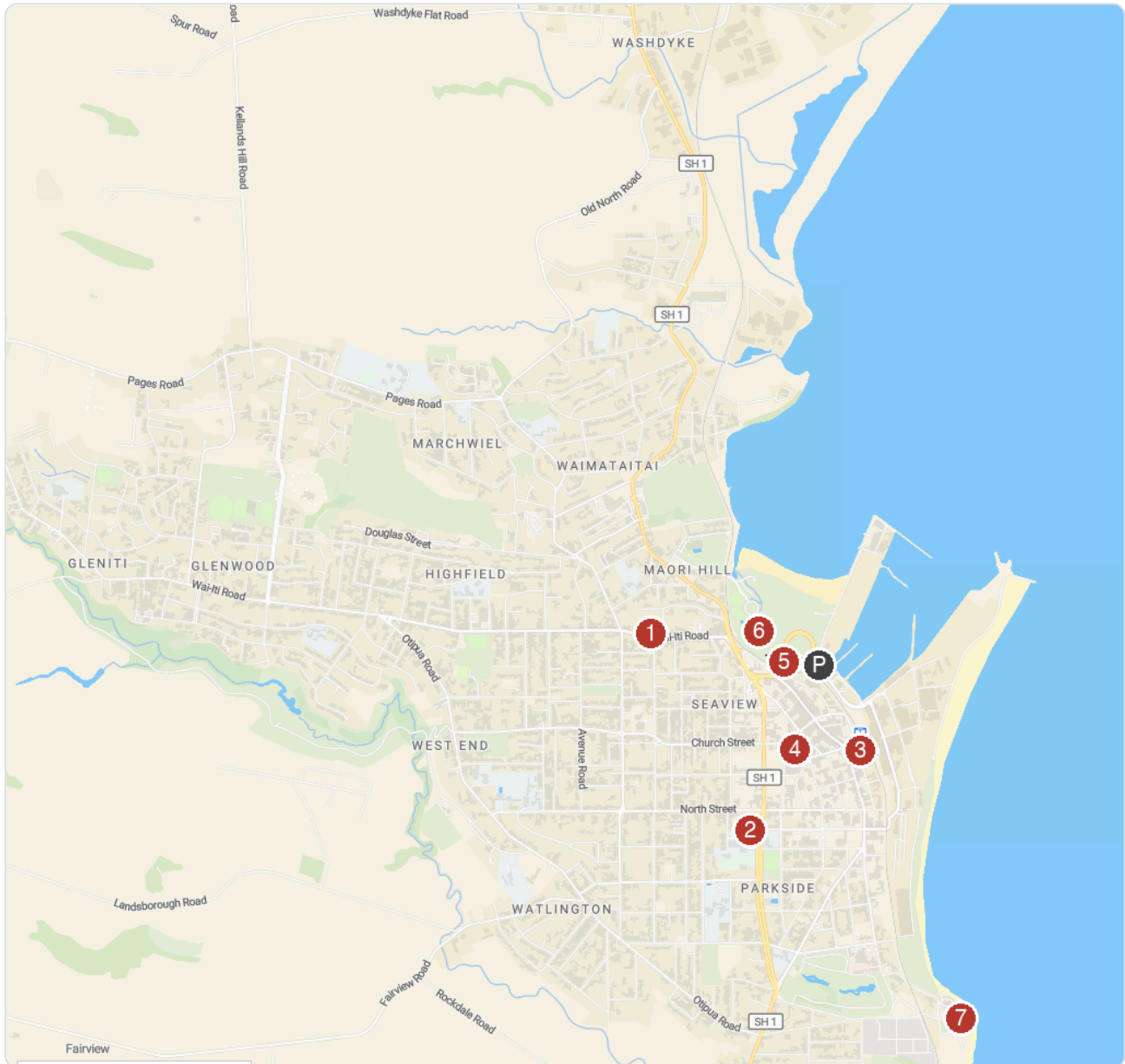
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Shuttle is mandatory, not optional. PrimePort is an active industrial port and pedestrians are not permitted to walk through. The free shuttle runs throughout the ship's call — no...
- Biosecurity is serious in NZ. Do not bring fresh fruit, vegetables, meat, honey, or plant material off the ship. Fines start at NZD...

Timaru, South Canterbury, 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.



- 1 Aigantighe Art Gallery** Timaru's public art gallery, featuring New Zealand and international works.
- 3 Te Ana Maori Rock Art Centre** Discover ancient Maori rock art and culture.
- 5 Trevor Griffiths Rose Garden** Beautiful public rose garden with many varieties.
- 7 Patiti Point** Scenic coastal point for walks, views, and wildlife.
- P Cruise port / terminal**

- 2 Sacred Heart Basilica** Stunning historic Catholic church with beautiful architecture.
- 4 South Canterbury Museum** Local history museum showcasing South Canterbury's heritage.
- 6 Caroline Bay Association** Manages Timaru's popular Caroline Bay beach and recreation area.
- 8 Jack's Point Lighthouse** Historic lighthouse offering coastal views and history.