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We're delighted you've chosen to stay with us at Surat Bay Lodge. Our cozy lodge sits on the doorstep of Surat Bay, a quiet haven where you can enjoy direct beach access and the peaceful surroundings of The Catlins. This booklet will help you settle in and make the most of your stay with useful information and top recommendations for exploring the Catlins. However, if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us: SuratBayLodge@gmx.com or 027 2029456.

Ester and Jack Johnson

Your Stay at Surat Bay Lodge

Check-in/Check-out:

- Check-in is from 2 PM. If you arrive earlier, feel free to relax in the common area or take a stroll along the beach.
- Check-out is at 10 AM. If you'd like a later check-out, please let us know, and we'll do our best to accommodate.

Facilities:

- Wi-Fi: Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the lodge.
- Kitchen: Our shared kitchen is fully equipped with everything you need. Please help yourself to tea, coffee, and basic condiments.
- Common Area: Our lounge area is perfect for relaxing with a book or chatting with fellow guests.

Surat Bay Beach:

Just a few steps from the lodge, you'll find Surat Bay Beach. Known for its resident sea lions, it's a fantastic place to take a walk, watch wildlife, or enjoy a quiet moment with nature. Remember to keep a safe distance from the sea lions to avoid disturbing them.

Activities in The Catlins

Catlins Tours

Best Wildlife & Scenic Tours in The Catlins .See the highlights plus hidden gems only known to locals with a DOC certified guide. Get more out of your visit to the Catlins!

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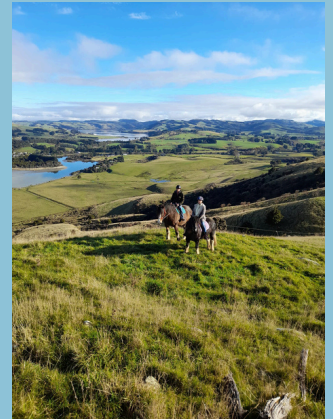
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Catlins Horse Riding

Explore the Catlins' stunning landscapes on horseback, with guided treks that take you through native bush, beaches, and farmland for a truly memorable experience.

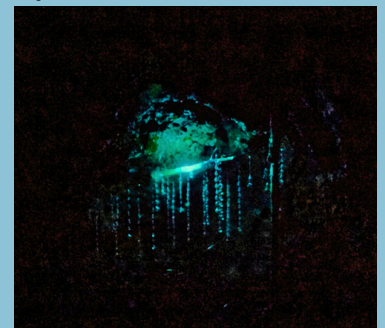
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Earthlore Nature Tours

Catlins Nature Experiences that nurture the region and you. Immerse yourself in the stunning Catlins' scenery and take pride in knowing you are doing your bit to help our native birds, beach and bush - so you can enjoy the wonders of the The Catlins and leave knowing it is a better place because of your visit.

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



Owaka Museum

Discover the rich history and culture of the Catlins at the Owaka Museum, featuring fascinating exhibits on local heritage, early settlers, and the region's natural environment.

<http://www.owakamuseum.org.nz/>



Things to do in The Catlins

The Catlins is full of natural wonders and hidden gems. We recommend staying at least **2-3 nights** to fully enjoy your time here and explore the many beautiful sights and activities the region has to offer. Below are some of the top spots we suggest you visit during your stay:

Surat Bay to Cannibal Bay walk

Right on our doorstep, this scenic coastal walk takes you from Surat Bay to Cannibal Bay, offering stunning views along the way. The 1.5 to 2-hour return journey leads you through sandy beaches and rugged coastline, with chances to spot sea lions and other wildlife. It's a peaceful and rewarding way to immerse yourself in the natural beauty of the Catlins.



Nugget Point Lighthouse

One of the most iconic locations in the Catlins, Nugget Point offers stunning coastal views, a historic lighthouse, and the chance to see seals, penguins, and seabirds. It's a must-visit for sunrise or sunset!

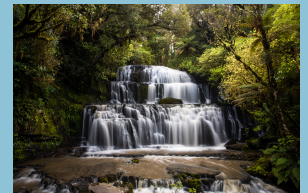
Distance from Surat Bay Lodge: 40-minute drive.



Pūrākaunui Falls

A short, easy walk will take you to one of the most photographed waterfalls in the Catlins. The three-tiered Pūrākaunui Falls are a beautiful spot for photos or simply enjoying the serene forest atmosphere.

Distance from Surat Bay Lodge: 30-minute drive.



Pūrākaunui Bay

A hidden gem in the Catlins, Pūrākaunui Bay offers a stunning, secluded beach framed by dramatic cliffs. The bay is perfect for a peaceful stroll or simply soaking in the serene coastal views. Its untouched beauty makes it a must-see.

Distance from Surat Bay Lodge: 30-minute drive.



Jacks Blowhole

Nestled 200 meters inland, Jacks Blowhole is a stunning natural phenomenon that's well worth the scenic walk to reach it. The track winds through picturesque farmland, offering sweeping views of the surrounding coastline and countryside before you arrive at this dramatic blowhole. The powerful spectacle of waves crashing into the blowhole, particularly at high tide showcases the raw force of nature.

Distance from Surat Bay Lodge: 35-minute drive.



Cathedral Caves

Located on Waipati Beach, these towering sea caves are only accessible at low tide. The caves rise up to 30 meters high and are one of the Catlins' most awe-inspiring coastal features.

Distance from Surat Bay Lodge: 45-minute drive.

Note: Please check tide times before visiting.

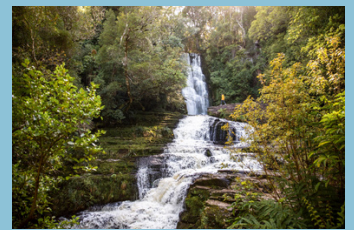
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McLean Falls

Arguably the most spectacular waterfall in the Catlins, McLean Falls tumbles down a series of rocky terraces. The walk to the falls is through beautiful native bush and takes around 20 minutes each way.

Distance from Surat Bay Lodge: 40-minute drive.



Florence Hill Lookout

In the heart of The Catlins is Florence Hill Lookout. The perfect spot to pull over and soak up the panoramic views of the surrounding beauty of Tautuku Peninsula.



Curio Bay and Porpoise Bay

Curio Bay is famous for its petrified forest, a unique fossilized remnant from the Jurassic period. Nearby, Porpoise Bay is home to rare Hector's dolphins, which can often be seen playing in the surf.

Distance from Surat Bay Lodge: 50-minute drive.



Slope Point

The southernmost point of the South Island offers panoramic ocean views and windswept landscapes. It's also home to the famous leaning trees, shaped by the relentless southerly winds.

Distance from Surat Bay Lodge: 1-hour drive.

