



Dunedin - Quirky Facts

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- Dunedin is the world's fifth largest city in geographical size, offering lots of leisure and recreational opportunities.
- Dunedin is the celtic name for Edinburgh.
- The only mainland breeding colony of the Northern Royal Albatross, large majestic seabirds with a wingspan of three metres, is at the Otago Peninsula.
- Dunedin, and its surrounds, is home to some interesting locals, including the world's rarest penguin - the yellow-eyed penguin, the world's rarest sea lion - the New Zealand sea lion, New Zealand fur seals and little blue penguins.
- Dunedin's Baldwin Street is the steepest street in the world.
- Larnach Castle located on the Otago Peninsula is New Zealand's only castle.
- Dunedin Railway Station is the most photographed building in New Zealand.
- University of Otago, New Zealand's oldest university, was the first in the country to admit women to all its classes. It is also the South Island's largest employer.
- Otago Girls' High School was one of the first state run secondary schools for girls in the world.
- New Zealand Sports Hall of Fame is, in effect, New Zealand's national sports museum, the only one of its kind in the country.
- New Zealand's first authentic Chinese Garden - only the third outside of China and the first In the Southern Hemisphere - is found in Dunedin.
- The Otago Daily Times is New Zealand's first daily and oldest surviving newspaper.
- The Dunedin Public Art Gallery is New Zealand's first public art gallery.
- The Dunedin (1876-82) was the first ship to successfully transport refrigerated meat, helping set the stage for New Zealand's success as a major provider of agricultural exports, despite its extreme remoteness from most markets.