

Te Ana Maori Rock Art Centre

Timaru, South Canterbury

Maori Rock Art Tours

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Discover the stories of Māori rock art at our tribal Rock Art Centre, Te Ana. See the most significant collection of ancient Māori rock art in New Zealand. Share tribal stories and traditions with our local Māori guides. Enjoy our incredible interactive exhibition: experience the terrifying attack of Poukai, the world's largest eagle which roamed the skies more than 500 years ago; shelter in the 'Cave of the Taniwha' where the rock art is created before your eyes then takes on a life of its own!

Deepen your knowledge of Maori rock art on our rock art site tours as our guides share the stories of our ancestors on the same trails that they once travelled. Journey with us to these cherished places and let the past come to life at a group of treasured rock art sites. Follow in the footsteps of our ancestors; learn how they lived and why we treasure their legacy today.

Our role as rock art guardians Te Ana is a non-profit organisation - all funds from our Centre and tours are used for the protection of the many Māori rock art sites in our district, and for the revitalisation of this treasured aspect of our tribal culture. By joining us at Te Ana you are helping to protect this tribal legacy for the generations to come.



Te Ana Maori Rock Centre Tour

Te Ana Maori Art Centre, Timaru holds the most significant collection of Maori rock drawings in the world and serves as the entranceway to the world of Ngai Tahu, the Maori tribe of the South Island.

Departs 10am-3pm | Duration 1 hour

Te Ana Maori Rock Art Site Tour

After visiting the Rock Art Centre, continue your journey to the sacred rock art sites at Opihi. See the most significant collection of Maori rock drawings in the world. Retrace the seasonal journeys of our ancestors. Let our guides show you the way they lived . . . practices still followed today.

Please note this activity is self-drive – visitors follow the guide to the sites in their own vehicle to the Opihi Rock Art site.

Departs 2pm* | Duration 3 hours *October - April



Directions

Located in Timaru I-site on George Street.

Terms

CHILD POLICY Family Friendly.

CANCELLATION 24 hours 100% | cancellation due to weather Full Refund (Rock Art Site tour)

SEASON Open year round

CHRISTMAS Closed Christmas Day

Accommodation in this area

- [The Vicarage](#)
- [French Bay House](#)
- [Pen-y-bryn Lodge](#)