

Kaikōura is regarded as one of the world's hotspots for viewing pelagic (ocean-going) birdlife with up to ten species of albatross able to be found at various times of year.

The local marine environment is home to more seabird species in a compact area than anywhere else in NZ which has a huge appeal for whether an avid birdwatcher, wildlife enthusiast or keen photographer.

Albatross Encounter provides close up views of a diverse array of seabirds including albatross, petrels, shearwaters, shags, terns and other species... all within close proximity of the Kaikōura Peninsula.

Within just 15 minutes travel time by boat; it is possible to encounter a number of albatross.

See Spectacular Seabirds



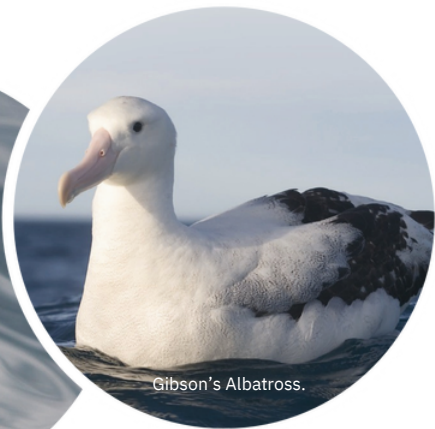
Sub-antarctic Black-browed Albatross.



Hutton's Shearwater.



White-capped Albatross.



Gibson's Albatross.



Seasonality:	All year round (subject to suitable weather, sea conditions)
Departures:	Winter: 1 tour per day Summer: 3 tours per day
Tour Duration:	2.5 hours incl approx 2 hrs on the boat
Min/Max numbers	Min 3 pax to guarantee departure Max 11 pax on the boat
The Vessel:	Purpose built for viewing wildlife at close range. With adequate deck space and an open plan design, opportunities
Minimum age:	3 years old Infants < 3 y.o not permitted aboard Child rates apply from 3 to 14 y.o

What we provide:
Experienced guides on board are able to assist with identification of the birds and provide an educational and memorable commentary.
Return transportation from base to the Marina.

What to bring:
Warm clothing, sunscreen and a camera or smart phone to capture these beautiful birds.

Large group tours and/or Private Charters
Available on request and subject to availability as well as customised extended tours.