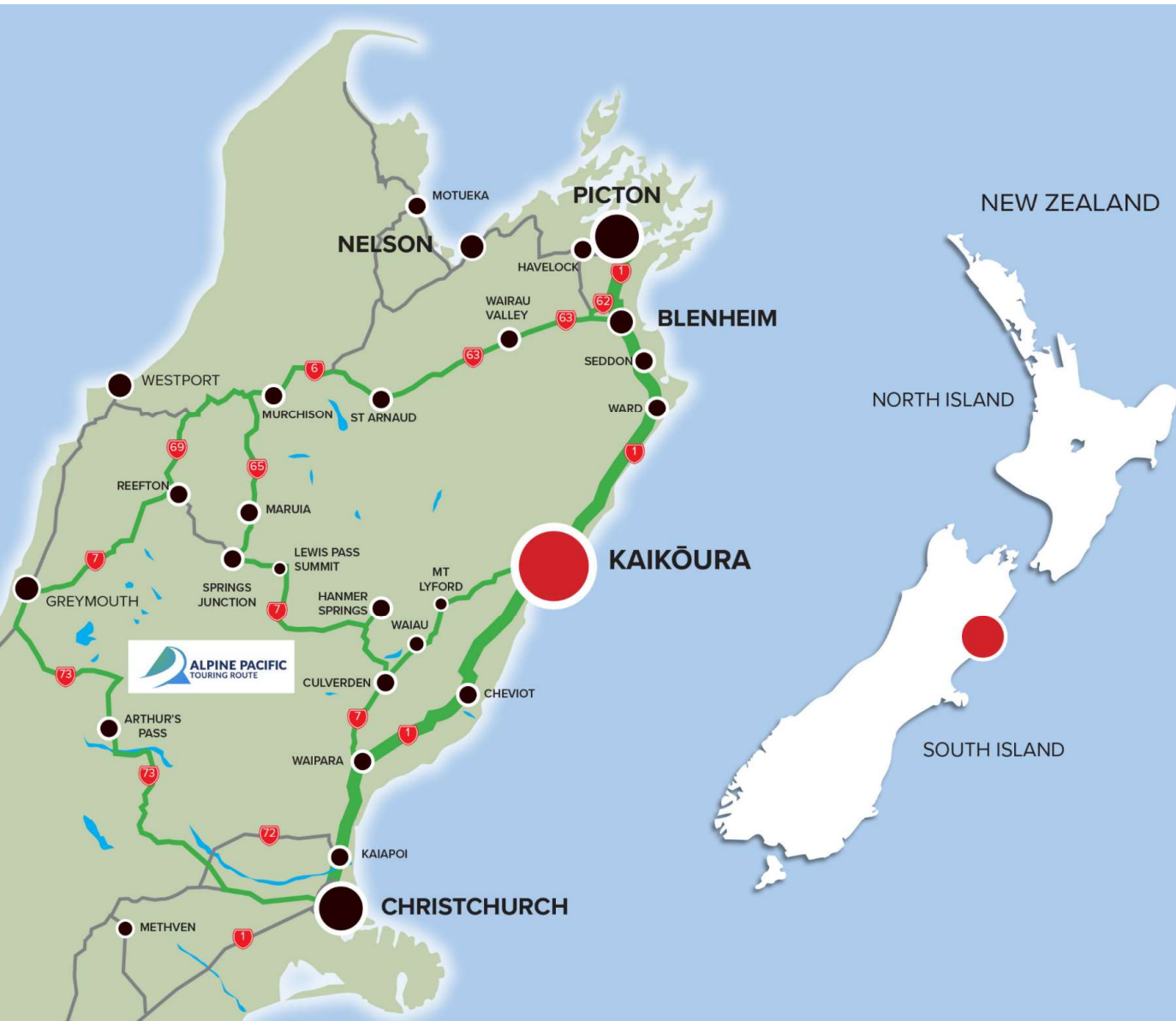




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Dolphin & Albatross Tours | Kaikōura



Kaikōura is a beautiful coastal town on the East Coast of the South Island located 2.5 hours north of Christchurch and 2 hours south of Picton.





Our tours, café and retail operations are based at our beachfront location with our boat launching and boarding facilities just a short 10 minute bus ride away at South Bay.



Dolphin Encounter

- Operating for over 36 years – very established and highly regarded globally.
- Swim or watch Kaikoura's Dusky dolphins | Pods up to 2000!
- Bucket list experience | A unique encounter and a "dream come true" opportunity.



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Kaikōura offers the best location in New Zealand to view and interact with large pods of dusky dolphins in the open ocean.

Dolphin Encounter operates all year round (except Christmas Day)

Departures 5:30am, 8:30am and 12:30pm high season 10:00am only in low season

Duration Allow 3.5-4 hours

Swim time 20-40 minutes (depends on travel time to the dolphins).

Towels and swimsuits available for hire (a bond is required).

Underwater GoPro cameras for hire.



The Fleet

- Each can accommodate 16 swimmers and up to 50 watchers across the fleet each tour time. DOC permits limit the swimming numbers on each vessel.
- Transport from operating base to harbour and return is included.



MV Moana Nui



MV Lissodelphis



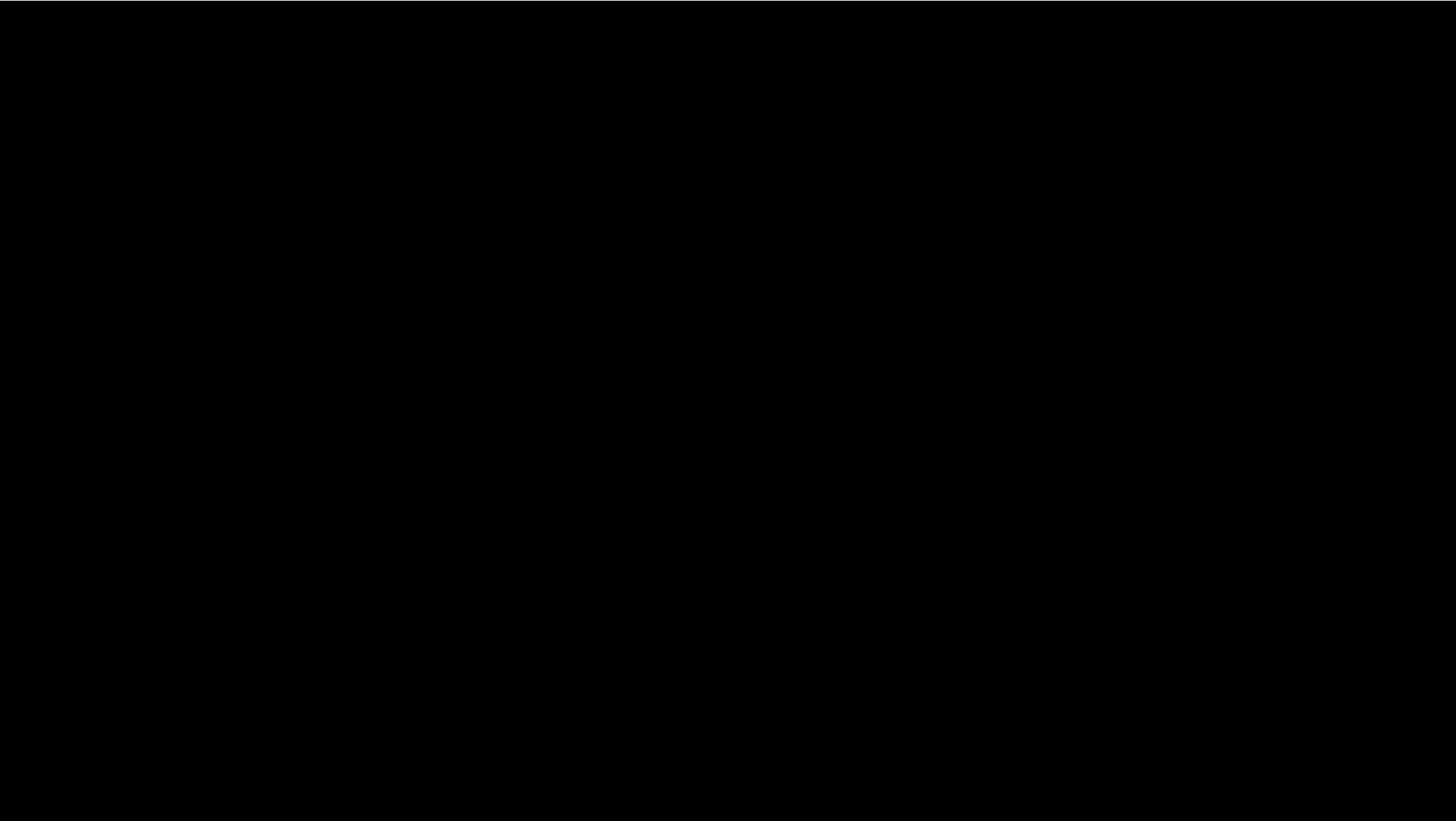
MV Delphinidae



Dusky Dolphins

- Kaikōura is known for large numbers of dusky dolphins and pod size can range from smaller pods up to 2000 dolphins.
- Dusky dolphins are known for their acrobatic leaps and jumps and regarded as the most acrobatic of all dolphin species.
- Socially curious dolphins with an interactive nature.
- Pods are found all year round – inshore over the warmer months and further offshore over the colder months.
- Dusky dolphins give birth to calves in spring - October/November.





Albatross Encounter

Kaikōura is regarded as one of the best places in the world to see multiple species of seabirds so close to the shore.



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Operational Details

- Albatross Encounter operates all year round (except Christmas Day).
- Small intimate tour with an educational/conservation focus described by birding experts as the best short pelagic tour in the world.
- Travel time to view the birds at sea is short due to very deep water close to the shore.
- Opportunity to identify the different species and learn about these magnificent birds, and why that are so plentiful along the Kaikōura Coast.
- The vessel can accommodate 11 pax but larger vessels can be booked by prior arrangement.
- Transport from operating base to harbour and return, is included.

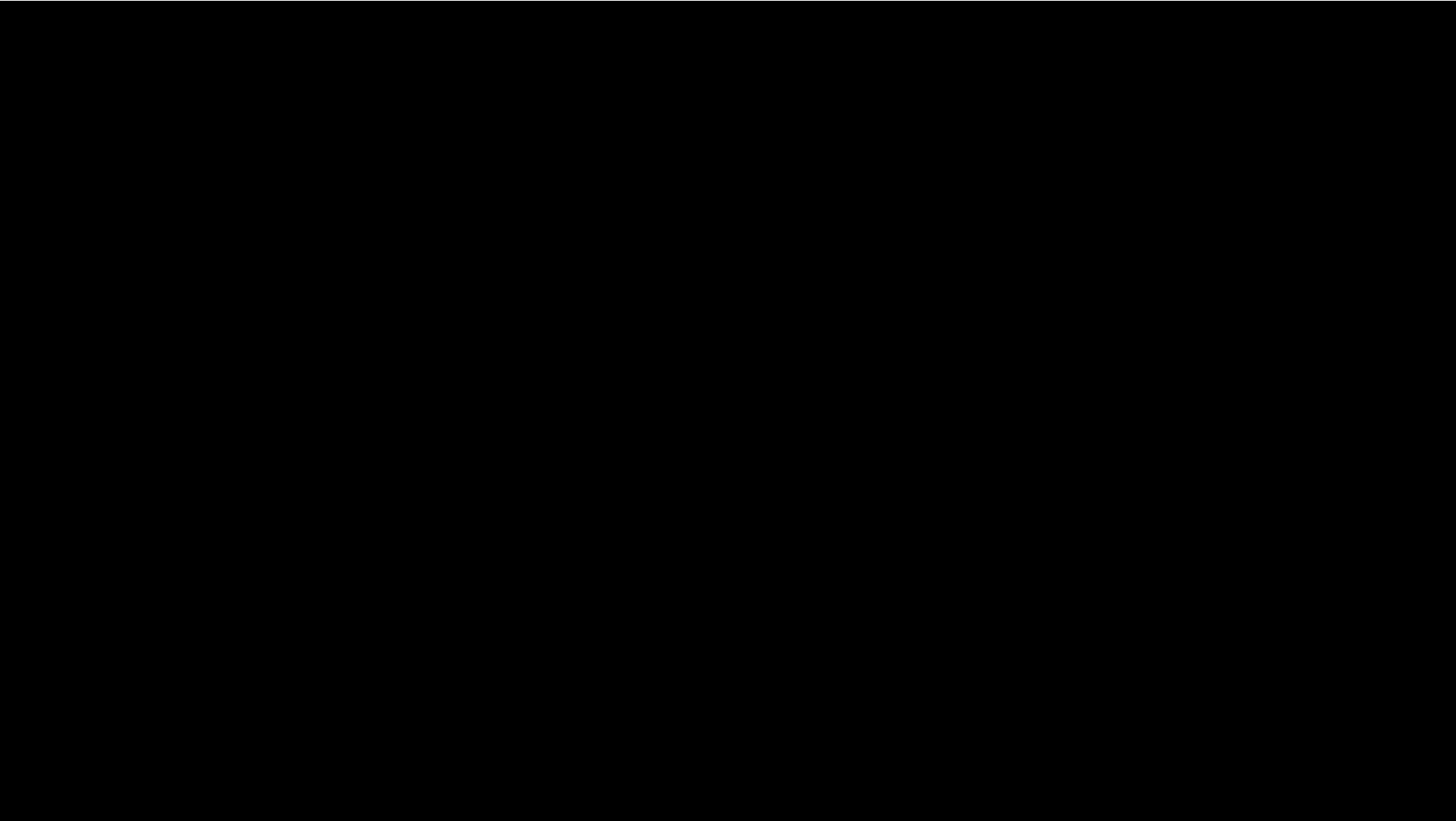
Departures 6:00am, 9:00am and 1:00pm high season
10:00am only low season

Duration 2-2.5 hours





- Kaikōura has the greatest diversity of albatross species in a small area anywhere in the world.
- Tours regularly see great albatross such as Wandering and Southern Royal (wingspans up to 3.5 m), Mollymawks, plus shearwaters, petrels and other seabirds.



Café Encounter & Giftshop



Charters

Private charters can be arranged for:

- **Dolphin Encounter tours**
- **Albatross Encounter tours**
- **Combination of both**

We have four vessels ranging in price from \$2200 to \$6700 depending on size of the vessel.

Charter requires prior arrangement and is subject to availability at time of request.

Light catering options – breakfast/lunch packs available.





Thank You | Ngā Mihi

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