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KIA ORA

Growing up on a large farm in southern New Zealand, I developed a love for helicopters which led me to become a pilot. My flying career began in 2004 right here in Kaikōura taking tourists and locals alike on whale watching and scenic tours by helicopter. After a few years, I decided to further my experience overseas and flew extensively from 2007 onwards in places such as Canada, Papua New Guinea, and Indonesia, building up thousands of hours.

Always drawn back to the beauty and wonder of Kaikōura, my wife Monique and I were thrilled when an opportunity arose in 2016 to start a whale watching business. We decided to move our family back here and start what is now South Pacific Helicopters.

The packages included in this brochure are some of our personal favourites. We love to share the beauty of Kaikōura, as well as the local marine life which make this place one of the best in the world for marine wildlife encounters. With every flight, we convey our passion for this beautiful place and offer exceptional customer service which makes every client feel like they are on a unique and private tour.

We invite you and your customers to come fly with us for an incredible and unforgettable experience and see why we have fallen in love with Kaikōura.

Daniel Stevenson, CEO



A large whale is breaching the surface of the ocean, creating a massive splash of white water. The whale's dark, sleek body is partially visible above the water. In the lower portion of the image, several dolphins are seen swimming, their sleek bodies cutting through the deep blue water. The overall scene is dynamic and captures a moment of intense natural activity.

WHALE WATCHING FLIGHTS



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Depart from the helipads straight over the Kaikōura Whale Sanctuary to view some of nature's most amazing marine life.

Due to the special underwater geography of the area, it enables a huge abundance of food to be produced which comes from a large upwelling and mixing of both warm and cold currents. The food produced here supports a very diverse variety of marine life including many types of whales that migrate through the area.

Kaikōura is also located on the migratory routes for Humpback whales, Southern Right whales, Orca and even Blue whales depending on the time of the year. Guests will experience stunning vistas of the Seaward Kaikōura Mountain ranges, as well as the Kaikōura Peninsula and gain a sense of vastness of the Pacific Ocean.

Depending on which whale watching option you choose, you will experience either a stunning exclusive coastal landing or up to two mountain landings. When a mountain landing is included, it is possible to experience snow at certain times of the year.

SPH 02 | SAFARI

- **Duration: 45mins | Allow 75mins**
- **Landing: Coastal**

Our Safari adventure offers a memorable whale-watching experience, along with a picturesque coastal landing that is only accessible to South Pacific Helicopters' guests.

SPH 03 | PREMIER

- **Duration: 60mins | Allow 90mins**
- **Landing: Mountain, with snow at certain times**

Embark on an unforgettable adventure with an extended whale watching experience, capped off by a thrilling landing on the renowned Mt Fyffe in Kaikōura.

SPH04 | ULTIMATE ADVENTURE

- **Duration: 80mins | Allow 110mins**
- **Landing: Mountain (includes scenic flight of the Seaward Kaikōura Ranges)x 1**

Embark on the Ultimate Adventure that brings together the renowned Premier and Scenic Adventure tours, offering an extensive exploration of the region's stunning marine life, landscapes and a deep dive into the impacts of the 2016 earthquake.



WHALE WATCHING WITH MARINE BIOLOGIST DR KRISTA VAN DER LINDE

Experience whale watching like never before by joining any of our whale watching adventures with our onboard marine biologist. This innovative initiative, exclusive to South Pacific Helicopters in New Zealand, is a collaboration with the renowned Marine Biologist Dr. Krista Van Der Linde, formerly associated with NIWA (The National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research).

Embark on an aerial journey with Dr. Krista as she imparts her extensive knowledge about the diverse marine biology present in our extraordinary region. As you venture towards the Hikurangi Marine Reserve, home to the whales near the Kaikōura coastline, Krista will delight in sharing insights into marine life throughout the expedition and addressing any questions you've always had about the underwater world and its wildlife.

This can be added to any whale watching flight SPH02, SPH03, SPH04, SPH23, SPH24.





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South Pacific Helicopters are proud sponsors of MoanaMark, through which we donate \$10 from every whale watching flight and \$50 per person for any whale flight booked with Dr. Krista. This initiative is aimed at supporting the research and conservation efforts focused on our precious taonga, the Sperm whales. We take pride in giving back to the preservation of these majestic creatures.

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ABOUT MOANA MARK – the mark of excellence in marine research matters

MoanaMark is a not-for-profit organisation looking for partners (business or individuals), specifically those in the tourism industry, to make a commitment to sustainable practices and marine conservation. We developed MoanaMark in a similar manner to the widely recognised Qualmark certification (a mark that acknowledges businesses excellence). Similarly, we plan to acknowledge and support exceptional partners that help us deliver marine sustainability and conservation research initiatives.

While MoanaMark was founded in New Zealand’s national marine hotspot, Kaikōura, it is a national initiative.

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SCENIC FLIGHTS





SCENIC ADVENTURE

This incredible tour showcases Kaikōura like never before. Also known as the “Kaikōura Aftershock Adventure” this incredible experience captures the best of Kaikōura’s magnificent vistas of coastal shores, picturesque landscapes and majestic mountain ranges in a thrilling way only a helicopter can.

See with your own eyes, the incredible changes from the 2016 earthquake that occurred in Kaikōura. Head into the Seaward Kaikōura Mountains for a landing at the turquoise waters of the Hapuku Lake which was created during the earthquake or the vast height of the famous Mt Fyffe overlooking the ranges, Kaikōura Peninsula, and the Pacific Ocean. This position offers 360 degree views of breath taking scenery.

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“Pilot Daniel gave us a custom flight around the mountains behind Kaikōura, showing us the fault lines from the 2016 earthquake and the new lake that was created. He then did a mountain top landing. The whole experience was marvellous and Daniel and his team were thoroughly professional and reassuring. Could not have been better.”

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SPH25 | SCENIC ADVENTURE

Duration: Allow 45mins | Allow 75mins
Landing: Glacial lake or mountain top

- Scenic flight coastal shores and mountain ranges
- Landing Hapuku Lake
- Scenic Flight return
- Commentary throughout the flight

HELI ADVENTURE



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We were flown in to start our three day rafting adventure down the Clarence river. The helicopter flight was a great way to start our adventure. Being able to fly into where the raft was waiting for us to set off. Totally awesome!

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HELI RAFTING

This half day heli-rafting tour starts at our helipads in Kaikōura then heads deep into the Waiau Toa/ Clarence river reserve where you will get to experience parts of the Clarence river seldom explored. After weaving your way through the mountains, the helicopter will then make a landing beside the river bed where you will meet your raft guides, who will guide you through the next part of your adventure. Following nature's own highway, the rafting trip promises picturesque and ever changing scenery as you float & paddle your way down through the gaping valleys of the reserve.

Along the way you will get to experience gentle but fun grade 2 rapids, making it a perfect adventure for any family or group of friends of all ability. After a 2 to 3 hour rafting journey through the wilderness you will arrive at Forbes hut where there will be a delicious and well earned lunch waiting for you before your return flight up the river and back through the mountains to our base in Kaikōura.

SPH07 | HELI-RAFTING

Duration: 4 hours | Allow 5 hours

- Helicopter flight to and from the river
- Picturesque and ever changing scenery
- Gentle but fun grade 2 rapids
- Suitable for all abilities
- 2-3 hour rafting journey
- Lunch provided



LUXURY SUNRISE ADVENTURE

Join us, and as a guest of South Pacific Helicopters and EcoZip, be the first to greet the new day in a unique, luxurious, private adventure.

In the half-light of pre-dawn, transfer to Kaikōura's airfield, 15-minutes south of the township. Following a quick check-in and safety briefing, take to the skies in our EC130 Eurocopter. This spacious, high-end helicopter features a comfortable cabin and large windows, ideal for sightseeing.

After take-off, you'll fly inland, over lakes, rivers and plains, toward the mountains of the Seaward Kaikōura Ranges, where you'll land for a unique photo opportunity. Taking to the skies again, you'll track down the coast towards EcoZip's base at beautiful Rakanui Station, a working Kiwi hill farm.

Landing at Rakanui, you'll meet your zipline guides who'll supply the glasses and a bottle of local champagne (or orange juice) so you toast the dawn. Next, in the quiet and solitude of the early morning, you'll enjoy our zipline experience in your private group. As this is your exclusive tour, you set the pace, allowing you to enjoy the spectacular views as you walk between zipline decks, listening to birdsong and, in the gathering light, watching the Kaikōura peninsula come to life. At the end of our 5th zipline you'll undertake a short walk beneath the canopy of native New Zealand forest, before boarding your vehicle for the return journey, back to the hustle and bustle of Kaikōura.

As a memento of your experience, we'll plant 5 eco-sourced New Zealand native trees for each member of your party, creating a permanent bond between you and lovely Rakanui.



SPH28 | LUXURY SUNRISE ADVENTURE

Duration: 4.5 hours | Allow 5 hours

- Luxury, exclusive private helicopter and zipline tour
- Dawn departure by helicopter from Kaikōura airfield
- 30-minute scenic flight with a 10minute mountain landing
- Landing at beautiful Rakanui Station, for pre-zip champagne or orange juice
- Private, pre-opening dual zipline adventure and native forest walk experience
- Native forest and farm exploration
- All transfers and transport provided
- Available year round - timings will change with the seasons



**NEW
TOUR**

WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE AT PUHI PEAKS

Guests begin with a 12-minute scenic flight from Kaikōura Airport or their accommodation in a luxurious EC130 helicopter. Upon landing at Puhi Peaks Nature Reserve, they embark on a guided walk through the Valley of Feathers. This 2.5-hour journey traverses farmland, native NZ bush, and beech forest, featuring kanuka, manuka, fern, matai, rimu, and totara trees. At Totara Saddle (750m), guests enjoy a picnic lunch with stunning 360-degree views of the inland seaward mountain range and the distant Wairarapa coast. The return trip includes a ride in a 6-seater side-by-side vehicle through regenerating native bush, observing landscape changes post-2016 Kaikōura Earthquake, and spotting native birdlife and introduced wild animals. The adventure concludes with afternoon tea at the Woolshed before the helicopter transfer back to Kaikōura.

For the extended 4-hour Heli hike, guests continue from Totara Saddle to the Ridgeline walk, enjoying 360-degree views and learning about local ecology and geology.

SPH29 | KAIKŌURA HELI HIKE AT PUHI PEAKS

Duration: 3 hours | Allow 4 hours

- Contains natural steps and shallow river crossings
- Feet are likely to get wet
- Moderate level of fitness required

SPH30 | KAIKŌURA HELI HIKE AT PUHI PEAKS EXTENDED

Duration 4-5 hours | Allow 6 hours

- As per above but an expert level of fitness required
- Must have experience with challenging terrain – steep ascent & descent
- The view at the top is worth it



WINE, FOOD & GIN





HELI-PICNIC ON MT FYFFE

Let us whisk you and your loved ones away for an unforgettable heli-picnic, on top of our favourite Kaikōura spot, Mt Fyffe.

Enjoy a locally sourced and prepared platter and bottle of local Esses Methodé Traditionnelle wine or Marlborough wine whilst surrounded by breath taking 360 degree views of the towering mountain ranges, the Kaikōura peninsula and the Pacific Ocean. Take time to capture photos whilst taking in the stunning landscape and the fresh mountain air. Perfect for anniversaries, celebrations or even a special proposal.

SPH11 | PICNIC ON MT FYFFE

Duration: 60mins | Allow 90mins

- Scenic flight to and from exclusive landing site,
- Indulge in a locally sourced picnic
- Enjoy with a bottle of local wine
- World class views



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This was an amazing experience! Dan was a great host and the flight was excellent. The views of Kaikōura are spectacular and will be something I remember forever. Having a picnic on the top of a mountain overlooking Kaikōura was great way to experience my first helicopter flight.

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HELI-GIN EXPERIENCE

Meet Mt Fyffe Distillery

Unwind, recline, and savor a picturesque aerial tour around the Peninsula & Kaikōura Seaward mountain ranges, where breathtaking views unfold above the Pacific Ocean and the Kaikōura coastline.

Guiding you through this aerial journey is our chief pilot and owner, Daniel, who will provide insights into the surrounding landscapes before safely landing you on Mt Fyffe. Amidst the crisp mountain air, you'll have the opportunity to meet the amiable Justine Schrod-er, the proprietor of Mt Fyffe Distillery. Justine will personally pour you her premium gin, sharing the captivating story behind the award-winning spirit and unveiling the enchanting process behind its creation.

This package also includes a complimentary 375ml bottle of Woolshed or Shearwater Gin. 18+ only.

SPH13 | HELI-GIN EXPERIENCE

Duration: 90mins | Allow 2 hours

- Scenic Flight to exclusive landing spot
- Sip premium award winning gin atop a mountain
- Meet owner and distiller or Mt Fyffe Distillery
- Take away one complimentary 375ml bottle of gin
- Scenic Flight back to airport
- Pairing of 2 family run local businesses
- Courtesy van transfers available to and from your accommodation before and after the trip – allow 15mins each way.



EXCLUSIVE MOUNTAIN TOP WINE TASTING

South Pacific & Esses Flights of Fancy

Embark on an extraordinary journey where luxury seamlessly intertwines with excitement in a unique escapade. Begin with a captivating helicopter ride that takes you to our secluded coastal destination, setting the stage for a lavish wine tasting experience hosted by the owner of Esses Estate.

Esses, the sparkling specialists based in Kaikōura, have made a remarkable entrance with their highly compelling and seriously crafted late-disgorged wines. Utilizing the full French method, Méthode Traditionnelle, identical to the Champagne-making process, Esses has set a new standard.

Immerse yourself in the opulence of this exclusive encounter, as the Estate owner guides you through the vineyard's rich history, the unique terroir, the meticulous winemaking procedures, and the captivating stories behind each wine. Elevate the experience further with curated food and wine pairings, making this a truly unforgettable moment.

SPH26 | HELI & MOUNTAIN WINE TASTING

Duration: 60mins | Allow 90mins

- Scenic heli flight with exclusive coastal landing
- Tasting flight of four late disgorged Méthode Traditionnelle wine.
- Petite palate pairings to match the wines
- Partnership of two locally owned and operated businesses
- Return scenic heli transfer back to airport
- Courtesy van transfers available to and from your accommodation before and after the trip - allow 15mins each way.





WHALES AND CRAY TAILS

This exciting product is the only one of its kind in New Zealand and is in collaboration with renowned Marine Biologist Dr Krista van der Linde formally NIWA's (The National Institute of Water and Atmospheric

Research) marine biologist. The tour starts with an in-depth talk at our base in Kaikōura about the diverse marine biology that is found here in our amazing part of the world. Once this talk is complete we depart in our aircraft and head out to explore the Hikurangi Marine Reserve where the whales reside close to the Kaikōura coastline. During this time Krista will be happy to share her broad knowledge of all things marine with our guests and answer any questions they may have during the tour.

Following the whale watching aspect of the tour, we will head to Karaka Lobster which is located on the coastline north of Kaikōura and is a small cafe owned by local family, the Readers, who are a 3rd generation fishing family who catch the crayfish that Kaikōura is named after and famous for. Here, we collect a light crayfish lunch and take off to the mountains to enjoy.

After lunch is finished our pilot will give your guests a personal tour of the damage caused by the devastating 2016 Kaikōura Earthquake where they will be shown large landslides, rivers that have been diverted by faultlines, and other interesting sights before the conclusion of the experience. Crayfish lunch is included.

SPH10 | WHALES AND CRAY TAILS

Duration: 2 hours | Allow 2.5 hours

- Whale watching Flight with renowned marine biologist Dr. Krista van der Linde
- In-depth talk about the diverse marine biology in Kaikōura
- Scenic flight to costal lunch destination
- Enjoy a fresh locally sourced Crayfish lunch
- Personal tour of the earthquake damage caused in 2016
- Max 5 Passengers





WHALE WATCHING FOLLOWED BY HAPUKU KITCHEN LUNCH

Immerse yourself in the ultimate local collaboration through this sought-after tour that seamlessly combines whale watching with a culinary experience at Hapuku Kitchen. Begin your adventure with a thrilling heli-tour to witness the captivating marine life in their natural habitat. Kaikōura's rich culinary offerings sustain a diverse marine ecosystem, hosting migratory whales such as Humpback, Southern Right whales, Blue whales, and the formidable Sperm whale – the world's largest toothed whale.

Following the aerial exploration, indulge in a scenic flight along the rugged Kaikōura coastline, culminating at the renowned Hapuku Kitchen, where you will be warmly welcomed by owner and chef Fiona Read.

Within the breathtaking backdrop of Kaikōura's towering peaks, the Hapuku Kitchen team invites you into their remarkable farmhouse and gardens. Fiona will guide you through her foraging process, showcasing the creation of focused, uncomplicated yet delectable dishes sourced from her gardens and local producers. Following the tour, unwind with a leisurely seasonal long lunch paired with hand-picked wines. Alternatively, seize the opportunity to step into the kitchen and try your hand at crafting exquisite cuisines.

Conclude your experience with an exclusive shuttle back to your accommodation after a memorable day of exploration and gastronomic delight.

SPH23 | WHALES AND HAPUKU KITCHEN

Duration: 3 hours | Allow 4 hours

- Helicopter tour to view a variety of whale species (30mins)
- Seasonal long lunch with paired wines (150mins)
- Transport to and from the experience included

SPH24 | WHALES AND HAPUKU KITCHEN WITH COOKING CLASS

Duration: 4.5 hours | Allow 5.5 hours

- Helicopter tour to view a variety of whale species (30mins)
- Seasonal long lunch with paired wines
- Opportunity to cook with executive chef Fiona Read (240mins)
- Transport to and from the experience included



NEW TOUR





KAIKŌURA CULTURAL HISTORY TOUR

Immerse yourself in one of Kaikōura's ultimate newest local collaborations. Join Maurice Manawatu, local kaumātua of Kaikōura, and embark on an enriching cultural experience that delves into the rich history of the Māori people of Kaikōura. With his extensive knowledge and deep connection to his heritage, Maurice guides visitors through the traditional stories, customs, and sacred sites of the region. Participants are introduced to the profound relationship between the Māori and the land, learning about ancient practices, traditional arts, and the significance of various landmarks.

A highlight of this journey is the exploration of the deep significance of whales to the Māori of Kaikōura. Whales are considered sacred guardians, playing crucial roles in oral traditions and spiritual beliefs. Known for their majesty and intelligence, whales are believed to bring wisdom and guidance. The Māori of Kaikōura have long viewed these magnificent creatures as kaitiaki, or protectors of the sea, embodying a spiritual connection that transcends generations. This immersive journey not only educates but also fosters a deep appreciation for the Māori culture and their unique bond with these majestic marine mammals, ensuring that the wisdom and traditions of the ancestors continue to be honoured and preserved.

SPH19 | KAIKŌURA CULTURAL HISTORY TOUR

Duration: 1.5 hours | Allow 3 hours

- Whale watching & scenic picnic lunch
- Private tour
- Scenic flight with exclusive landing site
- Maximum of 5 passengers



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MARLBOROUGH INDULGENCE

Head north of Kaikōura to the famous Marlborough Sounds region

Embark on a day of unparalleled luxury and indulgence with our Wine Tasting and Lunch experience in the stunning Marlborough Sounds. Begin your journey as we whisk you away in our EC130 helicopter to Cloudy Bay Winery, one of New Zealand's premier vineyards. Delight in a VIP experience, indulging in a private wine tasting of 7-9 wines, including back vintages, in an exclusive setting.

For an elevated experience, consider upgrading to a private three-course lunch with carefully curated wine pairings. Following this exquisite tasting, we'll take you on a scenic helicopter tour, showcasing the breathtaking beauty of the Marlborough Sounds, before landing at the luxurious Bay of Many Coves resort. Here, you can unwind and relish the panoramic views over a leisurely lunch, complemented by a glass of New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc.

It's a day of pure sophistication and enjoyment amidst the idyllic landscapes of the Marlborough Sounds.

SPH14 | TOP OF THE SOUTH

Duration: 5 hours | Allow 6 hours

- Enjoy a day of luxury and indulgence with the "Wine Tasting and Lunch" experience
- Accommodation transfer
- Whisk away on a scenic flight to Cloudy Bay winery for a VIP wine tasting
- Take a scenic helicopter tour showcasing the beauty of the Marlborough Sounds
- Land at the Bay of Many Coves resort for a leisurely lunch with panoramic views.
- Scenic flight back to Kaikōura
- Upgrade possible to a 3 course lunch with wine pairing at Cloudy Bay



**NEW
TOUR**



SCENIC CRUISING, PEARLS & WINE JOURNEY

Embark on the Scenic Cruising, Pearls and Wine Journey, Begin your adventure in the comfort of an executive car from Kaikōura to Blenheim.

Upon arrival in Blenheim, our executive car will guide you to a renowned local winery. Savor a glass of exquisite Marlborough wine, a perfect introduction to the region's famed viticulture. Enjoy a relaxed lunch and perhaps a second glass of wine, before heading to Picton for your sailing aboard the luxurious Lady Ann. This 17-meter premium charter vessel promises a bespoke cruising experience as you voyage to Whekenui Bay.

Here, delve into the world of the Paua Pearl Farm-New Zealand's Singular gem. Witness firsthand the fascinating cultivation of these rare pearls, celebrating an intimate connection to the country's marine heritage. As the sun begins to set, board South Pacific Helicopters EC130 helicopter, for a mesmerising flight over the Marlborough Sounds and Kaikōura's breathtaking ranges. Arrive smoothly back at your accommodation, ending your day steeped in New Zealand's unparalleled beauty and luxury.

SPH30 | KAIKŌURA SCENIC CRUISING, PEARLS & WINE JOURNEY

Duration: 7.5 hours

- Executive car from Kaikōura to Picton via 1 winery stop + 1 lunch stop
- Lady Ann private cruise from Picton to Whekenui
- Paua Pearl tour with tasting
- Helicopter transfer from Whekenui Bay to Kaikōura
- Lunch at guests' own cost



AGRITOURISM



MIDDLEHURST STATION RURAL TOUR & LUNCH

Let us whisk you away for lunch in high-country paradise—Middlehurst Station. Located in the Awatere Valley, enjoy a scenic flight through both the Seaward and Inland Kaikōura ranges on route.

Sit down to a delicious 2-course lunch, made using local and farm produce, catered by Middlehurst's onsite executive chef who has years of industry experience, working in acclaimed restaurants around the world.

Concluding your exceptional day, savor the perfect finale with a unique woolshed experience and a guided rural tour, adding a touch of rustic charm to your adventure, before taking a scenic flight back to Kaikōura.

SPH15 | RURAL TOUR & LUNCH

Duration: 3-4 Hours | Allow 4.5 hours

- Scenic helicopter flight (20 min each way)
- 2 course lunch with drinks
- Farm grown produce
- Woolshed experience & guided rural tour
- World class views
- Once in a lifetime experience



MATAI PEAK LUNCH & CLAYBIRD SHOOTING

Nestled amidst the captivating coastline of the Pacific Ocean and native forest valleys, bordered by the Conway River, you'll discover Matai Peak - a Luxury Kaikōura coastal experience set on New Zealand's iconic Angus stud farm. Elevate your journey with a 15-minute helicopter flight from Kaikōura to this breathtaking location.

Upon landing at a private and secluded hut, relax with a beverage while taking in the magnificent views. The setting alone will have you relaxed in no time.

Once you have had time to take in the luxurious yet rustic surroundings, enjoy a light lunch before trying your hand at claybird shooting with a view. Regardless of your experience level, claybird shooting caters for all ages and abilities. An enjoyable and rewarding activity for everyone including beginners.

Cap off your tour with an opportunity to encounter some of New Zealand's finest bred Angus Bulls. Conclude your day by dropping into Te Mania's 'Saloon Bar,' a private and quirky establishment filled with tradition, memorabilia, and the rich history of the farm. Unwind with a well-deserved refreshment in this unique setting.

SPH18 | HELI LUNCH WITH FARM TOUR

Duration: 3.5 hours | Allow 4 hours

- Scenic helicopter flight (15min one way)
- Light lunch provided
- Claybird shooting
- Beverages supplied
- New Zealand's largest Angus Stud farm, Te Mania (the Maori name for "The Plains")
- Courtesy van transfers available allow 15mins each way
- Option to upgrade to whale watching along the way

ELLEN CAYFORD PHOTOGRAPHY

Ellen Cayford is a highly skilled photographer based in Kaikōura,

New Zealand, renowned for her ability to capture the stunning natural beauty of her surroundings. As the on board photographer for South Pacific Helicopters and Wings Over Whales, Ellen brings her exceptional talent to the skies, providing guests with breathtaking aerial shots of Kaikōuras magnificent landscapes and marine life, as lasting memories of their adventure.

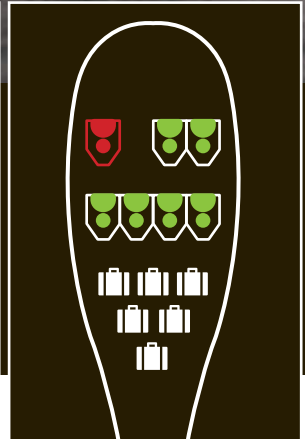
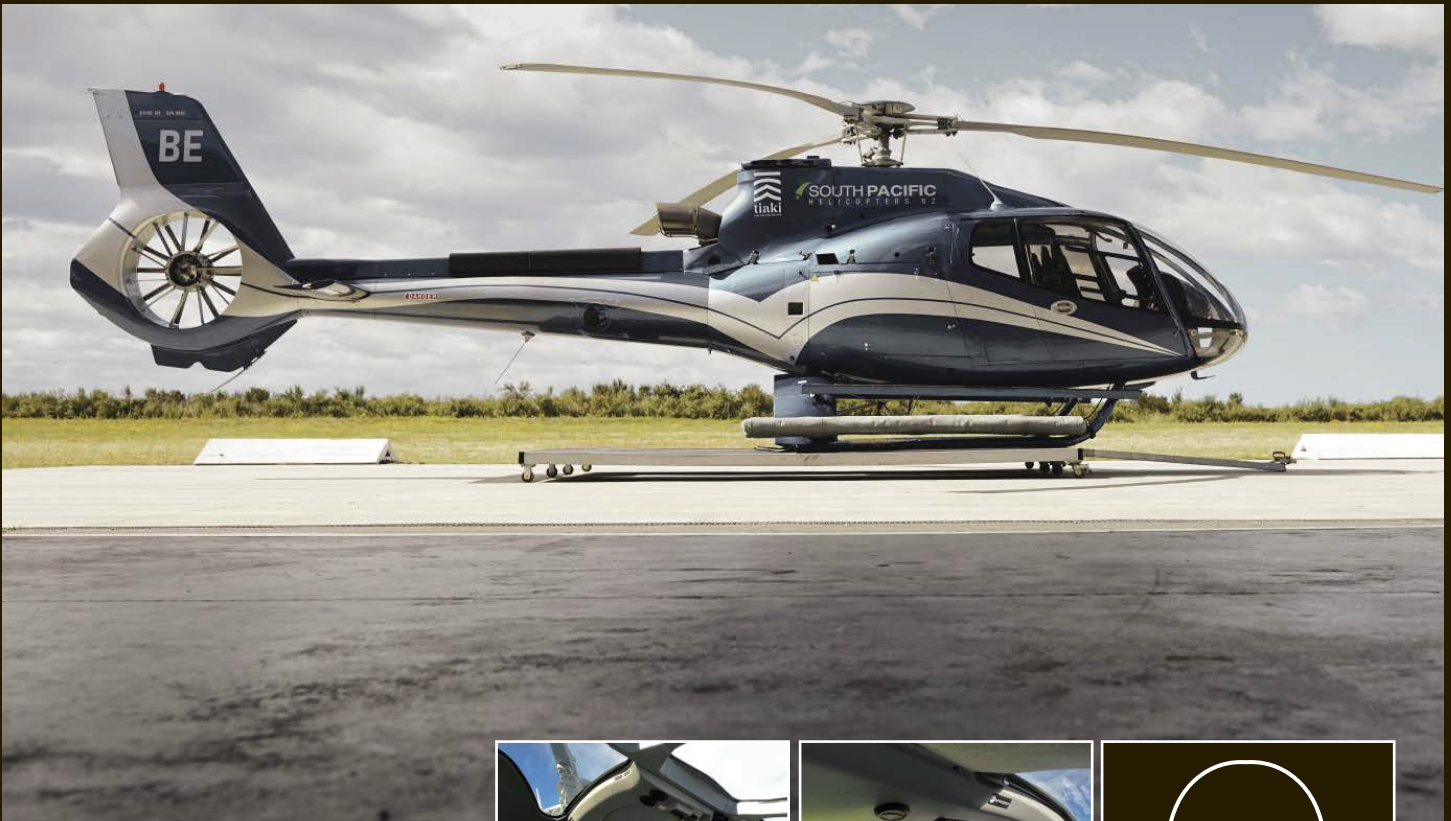
Ellen's expertise in photography is complemented by her passion for adventure and the outdoors -offering guests a unique perspective on the region's iconic attractions. Whether it's capturing the majestic sperm whales from above or the rugged beauty of the Kaikōura coastline, Ellen's photographs are a testament to her eye for detail and her ability to tell a story through the lens.

Ellen is also an accomplished wedding photographer and content creator. Her diverse portfolio showcases her versatility and dedication to her craft. Ellen's work is characterised by her commitment to capturing the perfect moment, whether it's a couple's special day or the serene beauty of a sunrise over the mountains. Her vibrant and engaging presence, both in person and on social media, allows her to connect with a wide audience and share the beauty of Kaikōura with the world.

"Reach out to our friendly team today to book Ellen as your on board photographer, ensuring your guests' memories are captured beautifully and last a lifetime."

- Can be added to any private flight with maximum of 5 other passengers.
- Clients will receive 20 to 30 edited professional quality files.
- Drone available on request, fees may apply.





Airbus EC130

The EC130 is renowned as the quietest single engine helicopter available, boasting remarkable visibility through its expansive windows, supreme comfort and exceptional performance.

Tailored to accommodate passenger transportation, sightseeing and VIP corporate transfers, its discreet flight over urban areas is ensured by the Fenestron tail rotor.





- Single Engine: Safran Arriel 2B1
- 6 Passenger seats
- Cruise speed: 120kts (222 km/hr)
- Unparalleled viewing from cabin
- Excellent luggage space

Cabin Length: 2.20m
 Cabin Height: 1.30m
 Cabin Width: 2.10m
 Dual pilot available on request.



COURTESY SHUTTLE

Introducing the Ford Tourneo 2023 - our courtesy shuttle for passenger convenience. With seating for 8 passengers, and no compromise on comfort or style. The seats can be easily turned to face each other, creating a more intimate and social atmosphere for party sized groups.

-  Room for 8 passengers
-  Available on request
-  Luggage capacity
-  Courtesy service





WELCOME TO OUR TERMINAL

When you arrive at the airport to check in for your flight, you will find us located in the beautiful log cabin building. Guests will be greeted not only by our friendly staff but we also have:

- ✔ Electronic check-in facilities
- ✔ Seated safety briefing area with audio visual presentation
- ✔ A range of comfortable seating
- ✔ Viewing deck
- ✔ Accessible toilets
- ✔ Snacks, refreshments & ice creams available for purchase
- ✔ Gift shop
- ✔ Marine mammal information and artefacts
- ✔ Kids corner



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CHILDREN AND INFANTS

There is no minimum age for children or infants to travel on our tours, however children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult. All children and infants are given ear protection and life jackets (for whale watching flights) at the time of check-in.

Infants under the age of 2 years of age can travel free of charge if they can sit comfortably on the adults lap and weigh under 18 kgs. On some aircraft there is a limit of 1 infant per trip, contact the team if there are any questions.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

All of our pilots hold a Commercial Pilot License and are regularly subjected to stringent performance checks under New Zealand Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) requirements.

Safety is our main priority. Before all flights, passengers are fully briefed on safety procedures before entering the aircraft.

During flights our pilots may, at their own discretion, change flight paths and landing locations due to safety and weather conditions. Passengers will always be kept fully informed of any changes.

ON THE DAY OF YOUR BOOKING

Check in time for all flights is 30 minutes prior to the tour time down at the airport terminal, located at the Kaikōura Airport, 617 State Highway 1, Pekata, Kaikōura. All passengers and gear will be weighed at the time of check-in, and are required to attend the pre-flight information session and safety briefing.

BOOKING INFORMATION

To make an enquiry or a booking request please contact our reservation staff on any of the contact information below:

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SCAN ME





Kaikōura AIRPORT



FLIGHT TIMES

Blenheim.....	35 min
Picton	45 min
Christchurch	50 min

DRIVING TIMES

Blenheim.....	1hr & 40 min
Picton	2hr & 10 min
Christchurch	2hr & 40 min





THANK YOU

We trust that we've provided you with a glimpse of the beauty and marvels that Kaikōura has to offer. Envision the extraordinary experience of witnessing our local marine life, rugged coastlines, and towering alpine landscapes from an aerial perspective. Rest assured, you and your clients are in for an awe-inspiring journey that will leave an indelible mark—a truly unforgettable experience that goes beyond expectations.

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