

KAIKŌURA KAYAKS

Kaikoura's Original Kayak Operator
Established 1998



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In 1996 I ventured to the South Island in search of uncrowded surf breaks and the fresh dry snow of the Southern Alps.

Once finishing my studies of Adventure Tourism based in the Tongariro National Park, I began looking for opportunities to start my own sea kayaking operation.

After reading an article in New Zealand Surfer magazine on Kaikōura, I decided that this coastline could provide the opportunity to create Kaikōura Kayaks.

Tourism was present in the small seaside village with Whale Watch Kaikōura, Dolphin Encounter, Seal Swim, Wings Over Whales and Kaikōura Helicopters operating successfully but no kayaking operators.

Peddling my mountain bike over the Kaikōura Peninsula, I was instantly excited, founding an abundance of marine life, breath-taking scenery, and a dramatic coastline. I knew Kaikōura was the place!

In 1998 it finally became a reality. After two years of planning, saving, obtaining a marine mammal Seal watching permit, building up a fleet of kayaks and purchasing a land rover Kaikōura had its first licensed kayak operator.

Kaikōura Kayaks pioneered the half day guided sea kayaking tour in New Zealand, followed by the family friendly tour with 100% guaranteed Fur Seal sightings, chance encounters of Dusky Dolphins and Blue Penguins. We are now very fortunate to have a marine mammal viewing permit for Seals, dolphins & Whales.

26 years later Kaikōura Kayaks has successfully show cased Kaikōura leaving lifetime memories to many visitors. A family operated business with my wife Kim and daughters, together with a strong and passionate crew.

Matt Foy- CEO

Our Location

Kaikōura Kayaks
19 Killarney Street
Kaikōura

New Zealand



Driving Times

Blenheim 1hr & 40 min

Picton 2hr & 10 min

Christchurch 2hr & 40 min

Kaikōura Kayaks walking distance to

Township. 10 min

Sudima Hotel. 5 min

Seal Colony..... .50 min

Our departure points

North side5 min drive

South side.....5 min drive





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The Eco Niizh 565

Is designed specifically for commercial operators and for comfortable of the client. Fitted with a hydrodynamic rudder system for ease of steering and with plenty of storage for both paddlers

The tandem allows you to share the magic out on the water. The Eco Niizh is fitted as with a large plastic storage pod in the centre hatch as well as 2 heavy duty plastic seats with foam seat pads to ensure both comfort on the water as well as the durability.

The centre hatch also enables smaller children to sit in the middle while Mum and Dad do all the paddling.

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Tours

- Wildlife
- Family
- Sunset Evening Classic
- Private



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Wildlife Kayaking

Adventure around the Kaikōura's coastline and experience the excitement of watching seals ducking, weaving, and diving around your kayak.

The award winning wildlife tour guarantees seal viewing and takes in the breath-taking views of sheer cliff faces, craggy rocks and mountain ranges. Chance encounters with dusky dolphins and blue penguins.

- Marine mammal permit for Seal, Dolphin & Whale viewing.
- 100% guaranteed seal viewing
- Clients stay warm and dry in our enclosed sea kayaks
- Stable tandem sea kayaks
- Professionally guided kayaking expeditions adhere to the highest of safety standards
- Our Guided Wildlife Kayaking tours are one of the most popular activity tours in Kaikōura
- Safety & paddle instruction included

Tour times:	8:30am 12:30 & 4:30pm 8:30am 12:30pm	October-April April-September
Duration:	3 hours 1.5 hours on the water approximately	
Age:	3 years+	
Ratio:	1:8	Family: 1:4
Experience:	Not required	
Swimming Ability:	Not required	
What to wear:	Active wear clothing-shorts or light pants e.g., quick dry (no jeans), sunglasses, cap, water shoes or sandals, drinking water and camera	
We provide:	Jackets, sprayskirts, wetsuit booties for your feet and dry bags Transport to departure points, safety and paddle instruction	
Where to meet:	19 Killarney Street 15 minutes prior to departure	
Cancellation Policy:	48 hours of scheduled tour will not be eligible for any refund	



Family Tour

Families paddle together in their own group around Kaikōura's aquatic wonderland at a leisurely pace with their own guide, taking in the views and enjoying getting right up close to New Zealand's marine life.

Our professionally qualified guides will guide families in our watertight kayaks, while they take snaps of playful New Zealand Fur Seals with a dramatic backdrop of mountain views, craggy rocks and sheer cliff faces.

- Family tours automatically have their own professional guide
- Tailored to suit specific family needs
- April-Sept: 8:30am, 12:30 & 4:30pm
- October-April: 8:30am & 12:30pm
- We recommend the earlier times with younger children
- Ratio: 1:4
- Age: 3-12 years
- The centre hatch also enables smaller children to sit in the middle while Mum and Dad do all the paddling
- Marine mammal permit for Seal, Dolphin and Whale viewing
- All equipment is provided, including dry bags for camera's.
- Adults & Childrens spray skirts, wind jackets and life jackets are provided

100% guaranteed seal viewing



Sunset Tours

The Sunset Evening Classic tour has left a lasting impression on people from all over the world for over 26 years.

Surreal visuals of the seaward Kaikōura Mountain Range as the light changes towards the end of the day.

Highlights:

- Guaranteed viewing of fur seals
- Kaikōura's famous sunsets
- Seals diving and manoeuvring around and under the kayak
- Encounters of seal hunting for octopus and feeding
- Chance encounters of dusky dolphin, blue penguin & albatross
- Clients keep warm and dry. All equipment and extra layers are provided
- Enclosed, safe, stable and easily steered using a rudder.

4:30pm Sept-April only

Duration: 3-3.5 hours





Private Tour

The perfect solution for clients that prefer not to be in a group activity.



- This tour is the perfect solution for clients looking for that special occasion to share an experience with the people they love
- Flexible and personal luxury kayaking experience
- Maximise encounters with Wildlife
- Customised private tour with a personal guide
- Suitable for singles, couples, families, small or large groups, corporates and special interest travellers
- The private tours caters for all levels of experience and desire for leisure, luxury or adventure
- Available all year
- Flexible times may be arranged

Let us focus just on the clients interests. We are more than happy to arrange a special private tour to meet the locals of the ocean.



Winter Kayaking

Crisp, calm days and majestic views greet our paddler's in winter, along with Humpback Whales on their annual migration. It's the best time of year to really appreciate just how close the Seaward Kaikōura Range is to our marine playground.

- Clients stay warm and dry in our enclosed stable sea kayaks
- All equipment provided including GORE-TEX dry pants, jackets, wetsuit booties for their feet, gloves and dry bags for camera's
- Departs 8:30am & 12:30pm
- Transport to departure points



Annual Humpback Migration

Autumn and winter is the best time of the year for viewing Humpback Whales as they migrate up the east coast of the South Island.





Christmas Day

Most attractions in Kaikōura are closed on the 25th of December so we are delighted to be able to offer two tour options.

The journey starts by trying to spot the Christmas trees around Kaikōura the Pōhutukawa is the Kiwis own special Christmas tree.

It can grow to be a very large tree and has bright red flowers which are popular decorations and feature on Christmas cards. It has been associated with Christmas since the mid-1800s. The Pōhutukawa has great importance in Māori culture.



- Departs: 8:30am & 12:30pm
- Look out for seals hunting for their favourite feed of Octopus (Christmas dinner).
- Special rates apply
- Limited numbers
- Duration 3 hours



Fly Kayak Combo

Kaikōura is home to sperm whales year round, as well as a popular migratory and feeding route for many other species of whales and dolphins.

We have teamed up with Wings Over Whales to show case the marine wildlife from the sea to the air.

This ultimate experience offers a Kayak tour and a 30 minute whale watching flight with Wing Over Whales.

We recommend the 8:30am kayaking tour then follow with a whale watching flight at 1:00pm



Making Trax

Believing in total inclusion & integration through adventure.

Makingtrax Foundation is the Benchmark of Inclusive Tourism Aotearoa New Zealand, for those who find it difficult to sit without support, a harness seat supplied by Makingtrax provides a safe, comfortable experience.

Kaikoura Kayak's has "The seal of approval" having capability and willingness to provide a quality tailored an adaptive experience for different abilities providing the highest visitor experience possible. Making dreams come alive!



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