Welcome to Kaikōura

Kaikoura is the northern-most district within the Canterbury region and is easily accessible with a 2hr 40min drive from Christchurch. To the North is the port of Picton just 2hrs drive, where you can catch the ferry across to Wellington.

Self-drive visitors can explore the North Canterbury region by following the Alpine Pacific touring route, which links Kaikoura with Hanmer Springs and the Waipara wine region, just 45mins North of Christchurch.

For updated road and travel time information to/from Kaikoura check [nzta.govt.nz/traffic](http://nzta.govt.nz/traffic) website.
In 2011 Kaikoura became the first destination in the world to gain an Earthcheck Gold Community certification due to its commitment to community sustainability through reducing its environmental impact and pressure on resource use. In 2014 Kaikoura became Platinum Certified.

Balancing the needs and demands of both residents and such high numbers of visitors is an on-going challenge. Respecting and caring for Kaikoura’s cultural and historical heritage alongside the natural environment and its resources is part of this challenge and requires a huge commitment from all of us.

**KAIKŌURA EVENTS**

**JANUARY**
- Surfcast Competition
- Music on the Lawn

**FEBRUARY**
- Dive Kaikoura Big 5 Spearfishing Competition
- A&P Show

**APRIL**
- Boating Club Fishing Competition

**JUNE**
- Eco Art Exhibition
- Board Riders Cold Water Classic

**AUGUST**
- 48Hours Photo Competition

**SEPTEMBER**
- Kaikoura Hop Car Show
- Whale Run

**OCTOBER**
- Marlborough Anniversary Race Day
Kaikōura is the perfect place to connect with our natural environment.

The region’s coastal waters are home to an amazing array of marine mammals and birdlife making it the perfect destination for marine experiences all year round.

Perhaps the most famous residents are the sperm whales who share this part of the ocean with dusky dolphins, fur seals and albatross amongst others. Species such as the rare Hector’s dolphins, humpback whales and orca visit throughout the year. View marine life from a boat, plane or helicopter, or get even closer by swimming with seals or dolphins. Go fishing and catch your own dinner. Try out some of the excellent diving sites and surf breaks or explore the coast by kayak.

Sit on the beach and watch waves rise and fall, stroll along the Kaikoura Peninsula Walkway or test your skills on one of Kaikoura’s excellent mountainbike trails.
WHALE WATCHING
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& WATCHING
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LLAMA TREKKING
ALONG THE KAIKOURA COAST

SNORKELLING
& DIVING
EXPLORE THE KELP
FORESTS & ROCKY REEFs

SEAL COLONIES
IN THEIR NATURAL HABITAT

SWIMMING WITH SEALS
A UNIQUE WAY TO INTERACT

SEA KAYAKING
GET OUT AMONGST IT
A destination for all seasons, Kaikōura offers something for everyone.

There’s plenty to see and do in Kaikoura on land, by sea, or in the air!

Local tour operators offer the chance to watch whales, dolphins, sea-birds and many other species of marine life on a daily basis; by boat, flight and by land. With wet-suits provided, visitors can even join dolphins and seals in their ocean environment.

Kaikoura is renowned for its great fishing grounds, which anyone can enjoy by boat with a local fishing guide. Experience scuba diving the undersea world for some of the best reef diving in the country, or kayaking around the ruggedly beautiful Peninsula.

If you prefer to stay on land, there is quad biking on a working beef and sheep farm with some exhilarating views, you can visit the lavender farm, take a llama for a walk, enjoy a massage or a beauty treatment, test the many mountain bike tracks or explore Kaikoura’s history at Fyffe House and the museum, to name just a few options.
FISHING CHARTERS
CATCH YOUR OWN

HUNTING
EXPERIENCE FREE-RANGE HUNTING

MOUNTAIN BIKING
FOR BEGINNERS OR EXPERIENCED RIDERS

SURFING
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QUAD BIKING
OFF-ROAD ADVENTURES

SCENIC FLIGHTS
SPECTACULAR VIEWS

SHEEP SHEARING
WATCH ‘LOCALS’ IN ACTION

HORSE RIDING
SOME EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED

GOLF
PUTTING WITH STUNNING VIEWS

LAVENDER FARM
LANDSCAPED GARDENS
Here are a few of the **favourite walks** for you to consider. For more information see the team at the Kaikoura i-SITE Visitor Information Centre.

**Kaikoura Peninsula Walkway - Duration: 3 hours**
A natural seal colony is at the beginning of the walk. A stunning walk over the Kaikoura Peninsula on a well maintained track with interpretation panels along the way.

**Mt Fyffe - Duration: 8 hours return to the summit**
The track winds up to fantastic views of Kaikoura’s peninsula and farmland at 1602 metres above sea level. Other options – Mt Fyffe Hut (5 hours return) or the lookout point (2 hours return).

**Puhi Puhi Reserve - Duration: 30 minutes return**
A flat loop track through a scenic reserve, lowland Podocarp forest. The native trees here can be up to 1,000 years old.

**Hinau Track - Duration: 45 minute loop walk**
The loop takes you through an unusual forest with a number of large hinau trees. There are many mahoe, putaputaweta, broadleaf, tree fuschia, pigeonwood and a stand of kanuka.
WALKING & EXPLORING HIGHLIGHTS:

WALKING & HIKING
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