

South Pacific Whale Watch

Kaikoura

Whale Watch & Scenic Helicopter



Come and fly with South Pacific Whale Watch a unique perspective soaring above, and orbiting the whale in a way only achieved by helicopter. We offer unforgettable flights showcasing Kaikoura's amazing marine life, such as the largest of the toothed whales, the magnificent sperm whales. Kaikoura's resident sperm whale population can be seen year-round.

Kaikoura is renowned as a biodiversity hotspot due to the 3km deep offshore canyon which runs along the coast. Resident sperm whales, common dolphins, dusky dolphins, Hector's dolphins, bottlenose dolphins, New Zealand fur seals and visiting whale species such as; humpback whales, blue whales (largest living mammal on earth), southern right whales, long-finned pilot whales, orca migrating through may also be sighted. The wild is closer than you think!



Whale Watch Tour - Premier

South Pacific Whale Watch's 1 hour heli-experience showcases everything the beautiful coastal town of Kaikoura has to offer, marine wildlife to the stunning natural beauty of the Seaward Kaikoura Ranges towering to 2500 metres straight out of the Pacific Ocean.

Flying above our wonderful creatures of the deep; such as resident sperm whales, hector dolphins, common dolphins, bottlenose dolphins, dusky dolphins, New Zealand fur seals and other species the blue whale, fin whale, humpback whales, orca migrating through.

Included in this flight is a landing on Mount Fyffe with amazing panoramic views of the Kaikoura Peninsula and surrounding area, with Christchurch and Wellington visible on clear days in the distance (in season a magical winter snow landing).

1 hour flight | 1 landing

Whale Watch Explorer

An introductory trip enabling you to enjoy the many marine wonders that the Kaikoura area has to offer.

Focusing on the mighty sperm whales that are prevalent in the area year round, we are able to position you for that perfect photo by slowly orbiting around the whale in a way only a helicopter can. With us you can **see the whale in its entirety from 'tip to tail'**, and take in some of NZ's most beautiful coastal shores.

30 minutes flight

After Shock Adventure

This is South Pacific Helicopters NZ's exclusive flight that showcases nature's force, the geological and environmental changes to Kaikoura coastal areas, mountain ranges, rivers and infrastructure.

South Pacific Helicopters NZ were one of the first aircraft to see the devastation on State Highway 1, while on a surveying mission first light following Kaikoura 7.8 magnitude earthquake, 14 November 2016. Our pilots have been working over the past year supporting local authorities, government and North Canterbury Transport Infrastructure Recovery in Kaikoura rebuild.

The 'Kaikoura Aftershock Adventure' is a perfect tour for special interest enthusiasts/groups and community members who would like to experience the rebuild in a way that only a helicopter can achieve. Our pilots were able to tap into some amazing information from experts in the field of geology.

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40 minute tour | 2 landings

Ultimate Adventure

Kaikoura Ultimate Adventure is an incredible experience capturing the best of Kaikoura by air, land and sea! So much more than just another 'Alpine Tour'!

The tour duration is 1 hour & 20 minutes includes an introduction to Whale Watching and our popular Aftershock Adventure with landings at the newly created Hapuku Dam 'Quake Lake', plus an Alpine landing on the top of Mount Fyffe for incredible views of beautiful Kaikoura and the Pacific Ocean - in season a magical winter alpine snow landing.

Soaring above Seaward Kaikoura Ranges, towering over 2500 metres straight out of the Pacific Ocean, or orbiting above our multitude of marine animals including our resident sperm whales, dusky dolphins, and NZ fur seals and other whale species migrating through.

Our 'must-see' Aftershock Adventure reflects the power of Kaikoura's 7.8 magnitude earthquake; carved impressions in our landscapes, raising coastal shorelines and impacting the entire mountain range and main highway in the South Island. Witness the immense restoration effort by North Canterbury Transport Infrastructure Recovery (NCTIR) an alliance of local authorities and businesses together repairing the unimagineable damage.

We introduce 'Uniquely Kaikoura' with the Kaikoura Ultimate Experience - magnificent vistas of coastal shores, picturesque landscapes, majestic mountain ranges, and diverse marine wildlife in a way only a helicopter can.

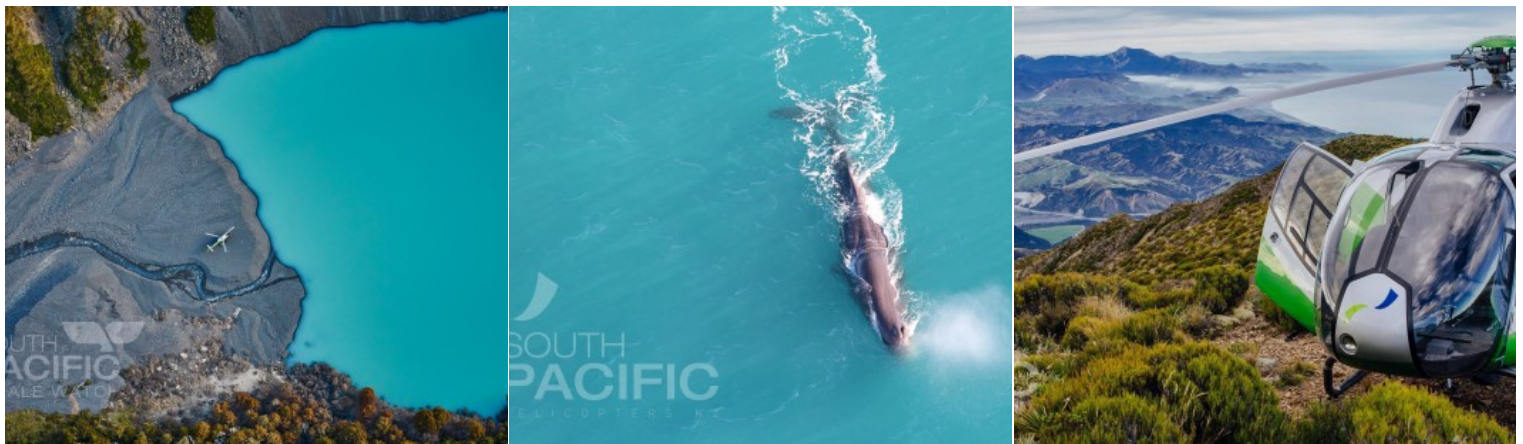
1 hour 20 tour | 2 landings

Summer: Trips departs 08:00 until 17:30 (sunrise to sunset)

Winter (1 May - 30 September) 09:00 until 17:00

Additional Information

Mobility Impaired - WELCOME



Directions

Free transfers for all paying passengers between the town office and the airport helipad. Allow 40 minutes before flight time.

Terms

CHILD POLICY under 2 FOC if sitting on parents's lap | 3-6 child rate

SEASON Everyday except December 25th

CANCELLATION 48 hours 50% | 24 hours 100%

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Accommodation in this area

- [The Factory](#)
- [Fyffe Country Lodge](#)