

# Canterbury Trails

PERSONALLY GUIDED TOURS

## KAIKOURA DOLPHIN EXPERIENCE

Whales, wildlife, Wine & Scenery  
Christchurch - Kaikoura - Christchurch

Tour Code: KA03

Kaikoura sits in an enviable position on New Zealand's east coast. Just over 2hrs drive north of Christchurch, Kaikoura is nestled between the ocean and the snow capped Seaward Kaikoura mountains. Running close along the coastline is the 3 km deep Kaikoura Canyon. This unique feature creates an ideal environment for all manner of marine life, including Sperm Whales who can be seen year round.

Kaikoura is rich in Māori lore, and whaling heritage. The peninsula was the place where Maui braced his foot when he fished up the North Island and was named the seat of Te Waka O Maui - Maui's canoe. Kaikoura was also the site of New Zealand's first whaling station.

The scenic drive north from Christchurch initially passes through agricultural country, the landscape gradually changing to rolling hill country until the road reaches, and wind its way through, the Hundalees. From here the highway hugs the coastline and provides plenty of opportunity to spot fur seals and occasionally dolphins.

Once in Kaikoura, enjoy an early lunch, before your guide introduces you to the Dolphin Encounter where you will be briefed and provided with all the necessary gear for your swim.

After your dolphin experience you can soak up some of Kaikoura's stunning scenery before heading back to Christchurch. If time allows for a stop, you can experience some of the local boutique wines at a winery cellar door.

Your guide will then drop you off at your accommodation and bid you farewell.



### Tour Inclusions:

- Swimming with Dolphins (*guests require swimsuit and towel*)
- Travel by luxury vehicle
- Delicious picnic style morning or afternoon teas (*if weather permits*)
- Cafe lunch in Kaikoura
- Wine tasting (*if time permits*)
- Courtesy city hotel / home-stay pickup and drop-off
- Fully escorted with informative commentary

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