



# Kaikoura Helicopters Product Manual







# CLASSIC WHALE WATCH

## Tour Description

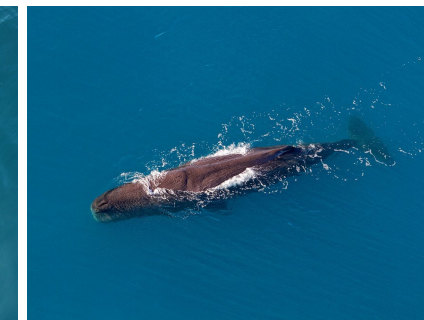
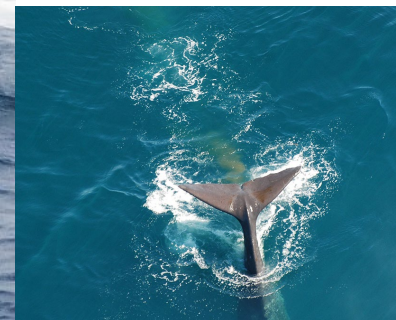
Flying above Kaikoura's unique deep-sea canyon you will be searching for the magnificent Sperm Whale, with breath taking views of the rugged Kaikoura coastline.

Lift off from our centrally located beach front helipads and within minutes you will be in the spectacular environment that plays host to one of the world's largest marine mammals, the awe-inspiring Sperm Whale!

From the comfort of your helicopter, you will enjoy the ultimate whale watching experience with panoramic views of the iconic Kaikoura Peninsula.

You may be lucky enough to spot the local NZ Fur Seal colonies basking along the rocks and our resident Dusky Dolphins.

**Visit the link below for more information**  
Classic Whale Watch



- Flight Duration: 30 minutes / allow 1 hour (approx)
- Minimum paying passenger numbers apply for flights to depart

- Orbit a whale
- Whale watching



# EXTENDED WHALE WATCH



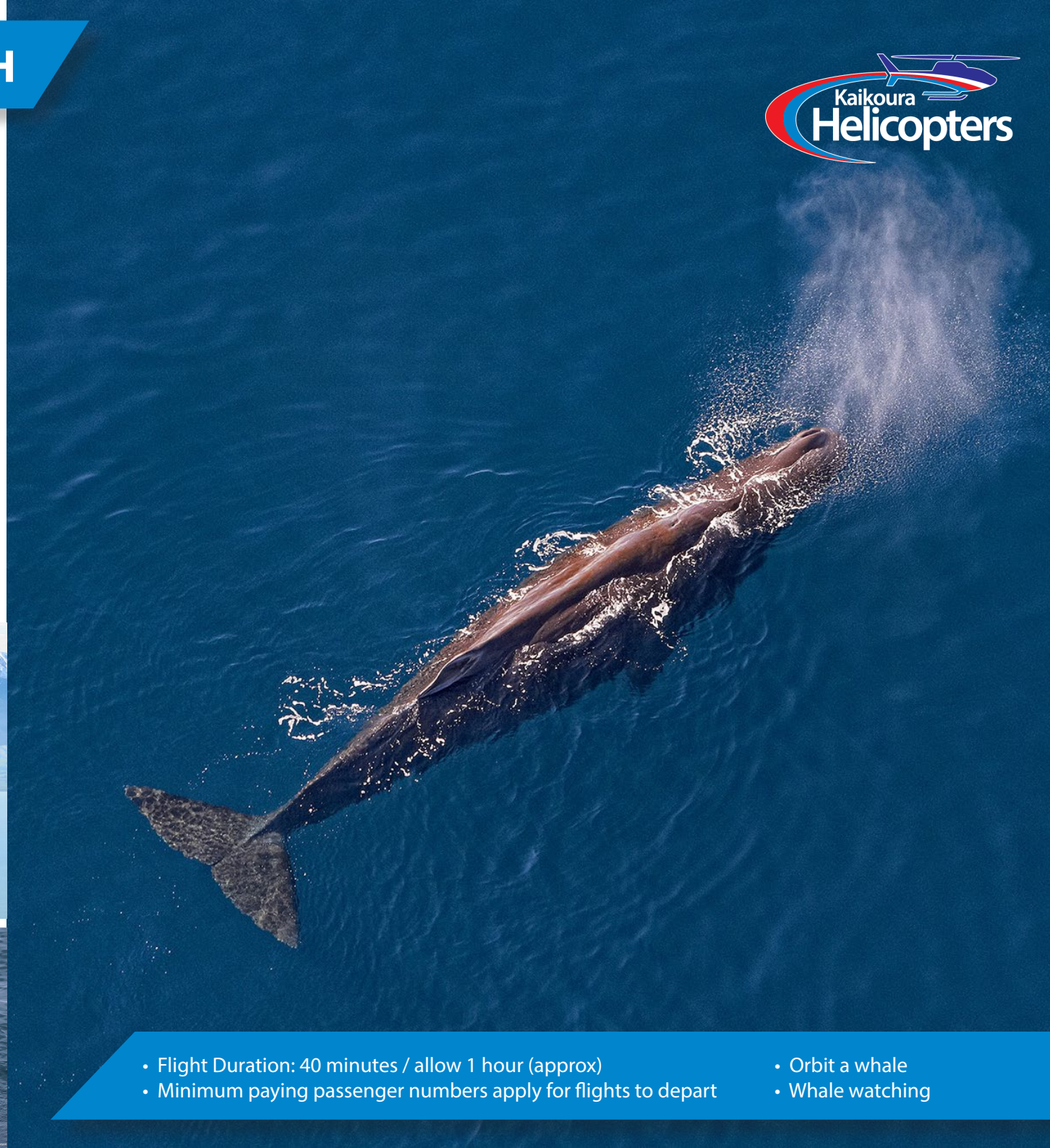
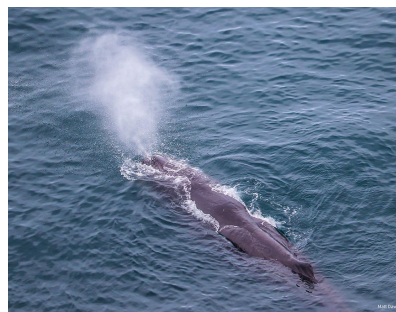
## Tour Description

The extended option of our Classic Whale Watch, this flight gives you more time above Kaikoura's unique deep-sea canyon, searching for whales and other migrating marine life on this whale watch experience!

Along with viewing Sperm Whales, you will have more opportunity to view our resident Dusky Dolphins and any migrating baleen whales such as the Humpback, Blue and Fin Whales, as they travel between Antarctica and the warm waters of the South Pacific.

You may be lucky enough to spot the local New Zealand Fur Seal, basking along the rocks.

**Visit the link below for more information**  
[Extended Whale Watch](#)



- Flight Duration: 40 minutes / allow 1 hour (approx)
- Minimum paying passenger numbers apply for flights to depart

- Orbit a whale
- Whale watching





# TOP 'N' TAIL EXPERIENCE

## Tour Description

From whale tail to mountain top, this flight has it all covered and is one of our favourites! Enjoy whale watching of Kaikoura's marine mammals, to head to the mountains fly high above Kaikoura. Land amongst the towering Kaikoura Seaward Ranges. From here you will take in some of the most breath-taking views that New Zealand has to offer. (Snow landings in winter).

View west to the mountainous Kaikoura Seaward Range, east over the Kaikoura township to the iconic Kaikoura Peninsula, stretching out like a whale's fluke and south down a coastline that stretches for miles. On a clear day you can even glimpse the North Island on the horizon! See the different colours of water along the coastline where the fresh silty water comes out of the rivers and mixes with the salty seawater.

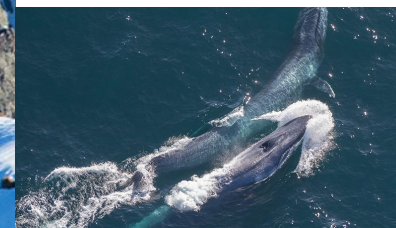
Weather permitting you may view landslides and large cracks along the hill-sides from the 2016 earthquake. Keep an eye out for wild deer traversing the mountainside, as we fly around the remote Seaward Kaikoura mountain range.

## Visit the link below for more information

[Top-n-Tail](#)

- Flight Duration: 60 minutes / allow 1.5 hours (approx)
- Includes alpine landing (snow landing in winter)
- Minimum paying passenger numbers apply for flights to depart

- Orbit a whale
- Whale watching





# GRAND ALPINE TOUR



## Tour Description

An incredible experience, capturing the best of Kaikoura's magnificent views of coastal shores, unique landscapes, towering mountain ranges that rise above 8000ft. Your tour will depart from our beach front helipad, heading north along the rugged Kaikoura coastline, before we head into the Seaward Kaikoura Mountain Range, the second largest mountain range in New Zealand with peaks as high as 8,500ft.

Your pilot will find a secluded spot high up in the mountains to land, either on top of the skyline with breath-taking views out over the Clarence Valley or nestled right in amongst the mountains in a small clearing only accessible by helicopter.

After re-boarding the helicopter, we will venture through the mountains on track to the summit of Mt Fyffe, where we will touch down again. Here you can get out of the helicopter and breathe in the fresh air and soak up 360 degrees of mind blowing panoramic views of this unique and special place - where the mountains meet the sea.

## Visit the link below for more information

[Grand Alpine Tour](#)



- Flight Duration: 90 minutes / allow 1.75 hours (approx)
- Two alpine landings in remote locations with incredible views and see geological sites
- Look for wild deer and chamois living in the mountainous wilderness





# ALPINE HELI PICNIC

## Tour Description

Perfect for a romantic getaway or special celebration, this flight takes you out in to the wilderness of Kaikoura, where you will enjoy a delicious picnic at one of our secluded alpine landing sites with stunning views out over the Kaikoura township, the Peninsula and the unique and rugged coastline.

Flying from our central beachfront helipads your flight will take you out over the Kaikoura plains towards Mt Fyffe, where you will touch down at a private site for a delicious gourmet picnic overlooking the spectacular Kaikoura region.

Enjoy the peaceful setting surrounded by nature as you take in the finest views of Kaikoura.

Wear sturdy shoes and a warm jacket.

**Visit the link below for more information**  
[Alpine Heli Picnic](#)



- Flight Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes
- Includes gourmet picnic (please advise any dietary requirements)
- Minimum paying passenger numbers apply for flights to depart
- Includes alpine landing (snow landing in winter)



# MT FYFFE SUMMIT

## Tour Description

Flying from our central beachfront helipads, your flight will take you high up into the towering Kaikoura seaward ranges, where you will touch down on Mt Fyffe at 1602m/ 5200ft, overlooking the spectacular Kaikoura coastline. The best place to capture that great panoramic photo of the region.

Weather permitting, you may see landslides and large cracks along the hill sides from the 2016 earthquake, and fly over one of the two remaining endangered Hutton's Shearwater colonies in NZ. The Hutton's Shearwater are unique native birds.

Enjoy the views of a 4-hour mountain climb without all the effort - includes snow landing during winter. Keep an eye out for wild deer and chamois traversing the mountainside, as we fly around the remote Seaward Kaikoura mountain range.

## Visit the link below for more information

[Mt Fyffe Summit](#)



- Flight Duration: 45 minutes / allow 1 hour (approx)
- Includes alpine landing (snow landing in winter)
- Minimum paying passenger numbers apply for flights to depart





# HELI ATV ADVENTURE

## Tour Description

Let Kaikōura Helicopters take you on a stunning flight, lifting off from our beachfront helipads and flying south around the Kaikōura Peninsula. Cruise down the coastline to our exclusive hilltop landing site, where an ATV ( All-Terrain Vehicle) will be waiting to take you on a guided tour through a private farm.

Get ready for an adventure as you track up and down hills, along the coastline and right up the middle of a river! Capture the view, feel the speed and know you're alive.

At the conclusion of your ATV trip, you will be driven back into Kaikōura township. Light refreshments are provided.

You may get wet and muddy - please wear warm clothes, sunscreen and sunglasses.

**Visit the link below for more information**  
[ATV Adventure](#)

- Duration: Allow 3 hours (approx)
- Minimum paying passenger numbers apply for flights to depart
- Trip is subject to weather conditions





# HELI-JET EXPERIENCE

## Tour Description

Departing from Kaikoura Helicopters stunning beachfront helipads, look back upon the township that is wedged between the South Pacific ocean and the Kaikoura alpine ranges.

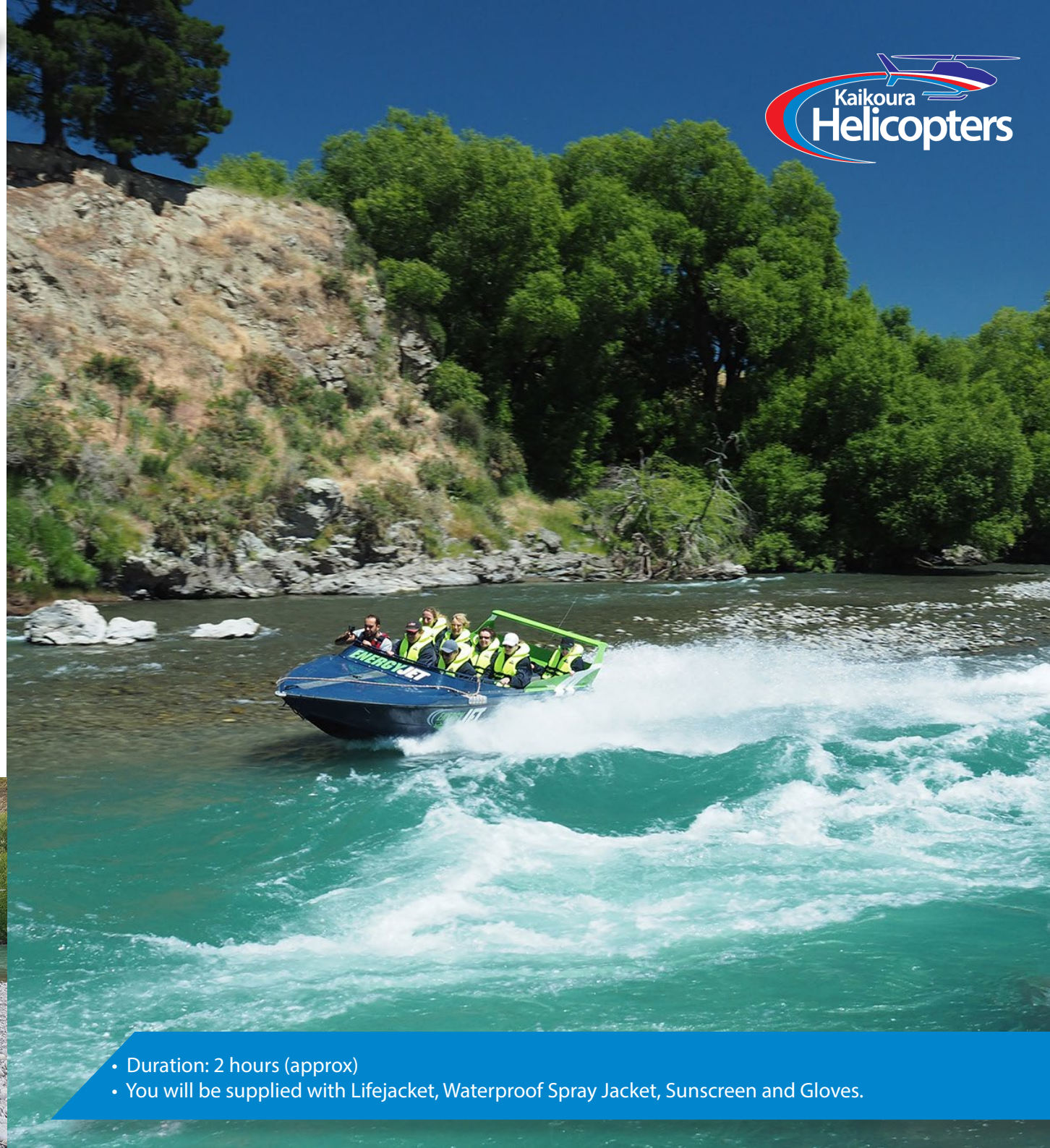
Look down on the winding road through the Hundalees Hills and over the local winery of Mt Beautiful Vineyard, to then land at the river and board your jet boat.

Travel up the stunning Hurunui River gorge on a 30 minute return trip with Energy Jet, which is owned and operated by Tim Loughnan, a fifth generation sheep and beef farmer in the area.

Tim expertly navigates Energy Jet's late model Kwikkraft jetboat through shallow river braids and dramatic canyons at heart-pumping speeds, with 360-degree spins and drifts thrown in for good measure. On completion of your jet boat experience, board your helicopter for the return flight north via the Hurunui river mouth and along the coast to Kaikoura.

## Visit the link below for more information

[Heli-Jet Experience Kaikoura](#)



- Duration: 2 hours (approx)
- You will be supplied with Lifejacket, Waterproof Spray Jacket, Sunscreen and Gloves.





# YOUFLY TRIAL FLIGHT

## Tour Description

Have you ever wondered what it's like to be behind the controls of a helicopter?

Our YOUFLY trial flight is great just for fun, or could be the first step towards a new career.

Fly with an experienced instructor who will guide you through the take-off, hovering, flight and landing phases of co piloting our Robinson R44 Helicopter for a 20-minute flight with a Qualified instructor beside you. Flight instructor and participant are seated in front seats.

No additional passengers can be carried on this flight.

## Visit the link below for more information

[YouFly Fly Kaikoura](#)

- Flight Duration: Allow 45 minutes to 1 hour (approx)
- Minimum height of 155cm and weight limit applies







# WHALE WATCH HELI-GOURMET

## Tour Description

Experience the best of Kaikōura – whales, rugged mountains and fine dining. Lifting off from our beachfront helipads, we head out toward the Hikurangi Marine Reserve in search of the incredible wildlife in our waters.

When finished searching for whales, we will head West across the coastline and inland over the Kaikoura flats on our way into the Seaward Kaikoura mountains. Your pilot will point out landslides and cracks through the mountainside, caused by the 7.8 Kaikoura Earthquake back in 2016 and any wild animals you may pass before finding a remote landing site to set down. Take the opportunity to get out of the helicopter and soak in the magnificent views and breathe in the fresh air.

Once you have taken your photos, it's back into the helicopter to fly down and out of the mountains, along the Hapuku River to land at the amazing Hapuku Lodge. Here you will be treated to a 3 course a la carte lunch at their beautiful restaurant.

To end your experience, we depart from Hapuku Lodge and fly down the beautiful coastline back to our beach front helipads.

**Visit the link below for more information**  
Whale Watching Heli-Gourmet

- Duration: Allow 3 hours (approx)
- Minimum paying passenger numbers apply for flights to depart

- Whale watching





# CONFERENCE, INCENTIVES AND SPECIAL INTEREST

## Tour Description

Group Helicopter experiences are a great way to host team outings, deliver special events for clients and rewards for employees.

Fly groups into spectacular areas of New Zealand to surprise and delight.

GCH Aviation offers customized helicopter charters to and from and around Christchurch, Kaikoura, and Wellington.

Our team will work with you on planning conferences, incentives, or special interest group excursions. We can accommodate large groups with our extensive fleet of modern EC130 Helicopters.

Christchurch, Kaikoura, and Wellington have many fantastic experiences for corporate conferences, incentive or special interest groups.



Elevate your group outings and corporate events with GCH Aviation's tailored helicopter charters, whisking you away to breathtaking destinations across New Zealand.





# CRUISE SHIP SHORE EXCURSIONS

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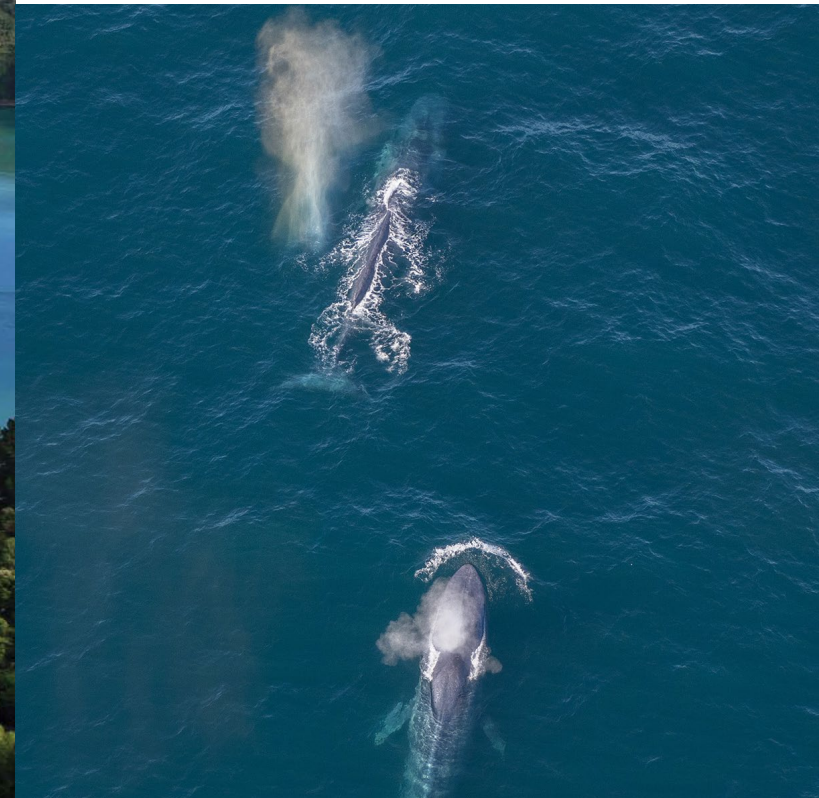
GCH Aviation offers brochure flights and charter helicopter experiences for cruises. From just 2 passengers up to 6 passengers per flight\*.

All GCH Aviation brochure flights are timed to fit around the cruise timetables with excursions operating between 10am and 3pm.

We can arrange anything from our popular Heli Jet Boat, winery lunches and luxury lodge lunch experiences in Canterbury, Kaikoura, and Wellington.

**Visit the link below for more information**  
Kaikoura Scenic Flights

Experience the beauty of Aotearoa with our brochure flights, perfectly scheduled to coincide with your cruise ship itinerary.







# LUXURY LODGE TRANSFERS

## Tour Description

GCH Aviation is the only private aviation company to be accepted as a preferred supplier of aviation to the Virtuoso network of luxury tourism throughout New Zealand and the Pacific Islands and beyond with our extensive network of helicopter bases and charter jet operations.

We specialize in providing luxury Helicopter and Private jet transfers throughout New Zealand and the Pacific Islands linking up with our sister company Pacific Island Air.

We provide the integration of jet and helicopters to transfer guests from luxury lodges across the country and the Pacific ensuring every operation is carried out seamlessly in comfort for the guests.

Landing opportunity for photos if weather permits.



Your premier choice for luxury helicopter and private jet transfers across New Zealand and the Pacific Islands.







# WHO ARE WE?

Kaikoura Helicopters is a division of GCH Aviation. New Zealand's only preferred supplier to the Virtuoso travel network.

Kaikoura Helicopters is a Qualmark Gold accredited tourism provider.

Kaikoura Helicopters has committed to the Tiaki Promise. We will actively promote care for New Zealand.

Kaikoura Helicopters supports a registered charity, Project Jonah through donations from sales. Project Jonah is a marine welfare organisation.

## CONTACT DETAILS

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## Wholesale / Agents

Wholesale rates are available only to wholesale/inbound operators who have made contact and introduced themselves to our marketing department.

Credit applications must be completed and returned from wholesale/inbound operators before any rates and bookings can be confirmed.

Please request wholesale credit applications by email to [marketing@gchaviation.com](mailto:marketing@gchaviation.com).

Prices are subject to change without notice.

Product manual and rates for brochure flights, Lodge transfers and private charters can be obtained by emailing [marketing@gchaviation.com](mailto:marketing@gchaviation.com)

Our brochure products can be obtained on REZDY. Please reach out for our rates.

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<a href="http://www.pacificislandair.com">www.pacificislandair.com</a>	<i>specific terms and conditions can be obtained on request.</i>

## Bank Account and GST - Kaikoura Helicopters

<b>Account name:</b>	Kaikoura Helicopters Ltd
<b>Bank:</b>	Kiwibank Limited
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<b>GST number:</b>	129-147-415
<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:accounts@gchaviation.com">accounts@gchaviation.com</a>

## Rates

Rates are quoted in New Zealand dollars

GST (Goods & Sales Tax) is currently 15% - Most prices are GST inclusive unless specified.

All prices, GST, and rates are subject to change at any time without notice.

Child prices only apply on some products the age of which is 3 – 11 years old.

Adult and Per person fare are the same term.

Some products are for the full charter of helicopters. Helicopter type will be stated.

Per person fare– 3 to 99 years old

Infants – 0 to 2 years old - must be held by a paying adult. The infant will be secured by a safety belt attached to the adult's safety belt in the back row of the helicopter cabin.

## Minimum Numbers

All brochure scenic flights have minimum fare-paying passenger numbers required for flights to departures. Bookings will be accepted for numbers less than the required minimum and we will try our best to coordinate bookings to achieve the required minimum for the flight to depart, but this cannot be guaranteed. Clients are required to confirm their reservation 24 hours prior to their departure time by calling the respective base they are flying from. To avoid the uncertainty and disappointment, ask us about paying for a full charter of the helicopter.

## Timetables

All departures are subject to change or cancellation if weather conditions are not suitable or if the minimum passenger fares required for the flight are not met. We will do our best to reschedule your flight, or a refund may be offered (see Cancellation and refund information below).

Flights operate most days, there may be some restrictions on public holidays for brochure flights, however, charter flights may still operate. Please contact the respective base for more details regarding the availability for private charters.

## Flight Restrictions

- Safety is paramount in determining if the weather is good to fly. Cancellations or postponements may occur if the weather is deemed unsafe to fly.
- Flight times and routes are subject to weather conditions; the flight route may vary due to weather.
- Individual and total weight restrictions apply to specific aircraft or flights.
- The pilot will determine the seating of passengers based on the weight and balance restrictions of the helicopter.
- The helicopter used may vary and is at the discretion of GCH Aviation and its divisions. Helicopters being Cabri, R44, EC120, EC130, BK117, AS350

Requests for Twin Engine helicopters with two pilots will be on an as-per-requested basis by emailing the respective Heli base.



### **Cancellation and Refund Policy**

Weather cancellations are out of our control, we will try to rebook you for another time, or a refund will be offered in accordance with our refund policy guidelines. Should inclement weather prevent a flight at the booked location, the same prepaid voucher will be accepted at any of GCH Aviation's bases in New Zealand for a flight of similar duration and price. If you are unable to re-schedule the flight, then a full refund will be offered.

No refund will be given for no-shows, changes you make to your booking or your own cancellation made less than 24 hours prior to departure.

Where payment is made by credit card and a refund applies, the amount must be refunded back to the credit card in New Zealand dollars. GCH Aviation takes no responsibility for paying any transaction fees incurred for this.

No cancellation fee applies for FIT cancellations made at least 24 hours in advance or at least 4 days in advance for groups of 5+.

Bookings and payments made through third-party sites (such as Expedia, Viator, TripAdvisor, Grabone, Scenic Flight Booker etc) will be subject to their terms and conditions and refunds will come from them, not GCH Aviation.

### **Reconfirmation**

Please call us 24 hours prior to your flight departure time to reconfirm your booking and departure time. This allows time for flight adjustments should the weather be looking unfavourable. We may require you to also call 2 hours prior to departure to check weather conditions.

### **Change of Date**

Reservations may be transferred to another date, subject to space availability, with no transfer fee incurred, provided notification is received at least 24 hours in advance or at least 4 days in advance for groups of 5+. If you or GCH Aviation are unable to re-schedule the flight, then a full refund will be provided. Please consider visiting one of our other bases to fly while on your holiday:

- Kaikoura Helicopters
- Wellington Helicopters
- Nelson – GCH Aviation Nelson
- Garden City Helicopters
- Greymouth – Coastwide Helicopters

### **Whale Watching Flights**

We see whales 97% of the time. Occasionally, despite our very best efforts and flight planning, you may not see a whale. This is rare and unfortunate but can happen. In the unlikely event that you do not see a whale, no refund will be offered.

Some products have specific terms and conditions.

### **Terms and Conditions**

Please find our full terms and conditions by clicking the link below:  
[Terms and Conditions 2024](#)