

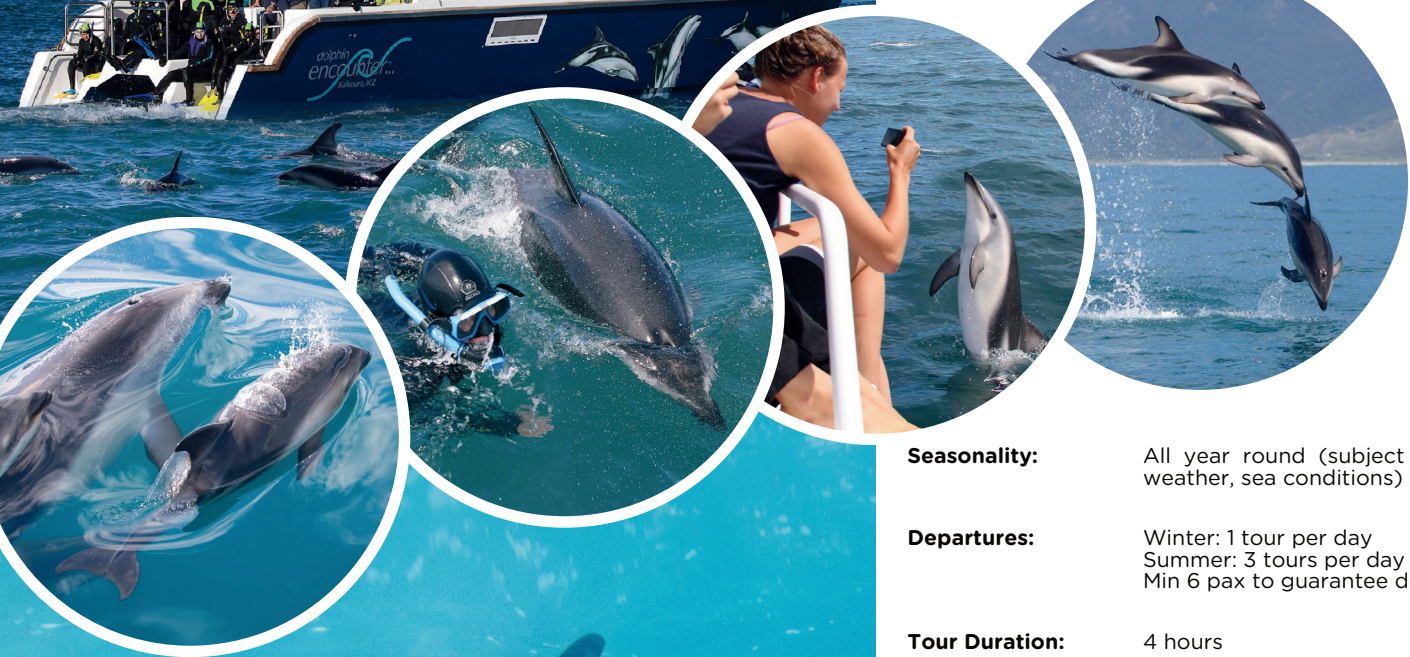
Interact with wild dolphins



Kaikōura is the best place in New Zealand to encounter wild dusky dolphins in their natural environment.

The success rate both for locating and swimming with the dolphins in Kaikōura is higher than in any other area in New Zealand.

The number of dolphins vary depending on the time of year and weather conditions but generally pods of 100 to 1000 dolphins can be found along the Kaikōura Coast.



Seasonality: All year round (subject to suitable weather, sea conditions)

Departures: Winter: 1 tour per day
Summer: 3 tours per day
Min 6 pax to guarantee departure

Tour Duration: 4 hours

Options available: Swim or watch
Everyone travels on the same boat

Time in the water: Swimmers should have a good level of water confidence and previous snorkelling experience an advantage. Approximately 30 minutes in the water on average.

Minimum age: Watch: 3 years old
Swim: 8 years old
Infants < 3 y.o not permitted aboard
Child rates apply from 3 to 14 y.o

What we provide:
A full wetsuit, hood, snorkel, mask and fins.
In winter months additional gear is supplied (gloves, booties).
Return transportation from base to the Marina.

What to bring:
Warm clothing, sunscreen and a camera or smart phone to capture the action! If swimming, they should bring a swimsuit, a towel and a bag for their clothing.

We care!
Dolphin Encounter has 3 DOC permits to allow interaction with marine mammals in optimal conditions.

A percentage of all successful tours is donated to the Encounter Foundation which redistributes the accumulated funds to research, conservation and environmental projects.

Large group tours and/or Private Charters
Available on request and subject to availability.

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