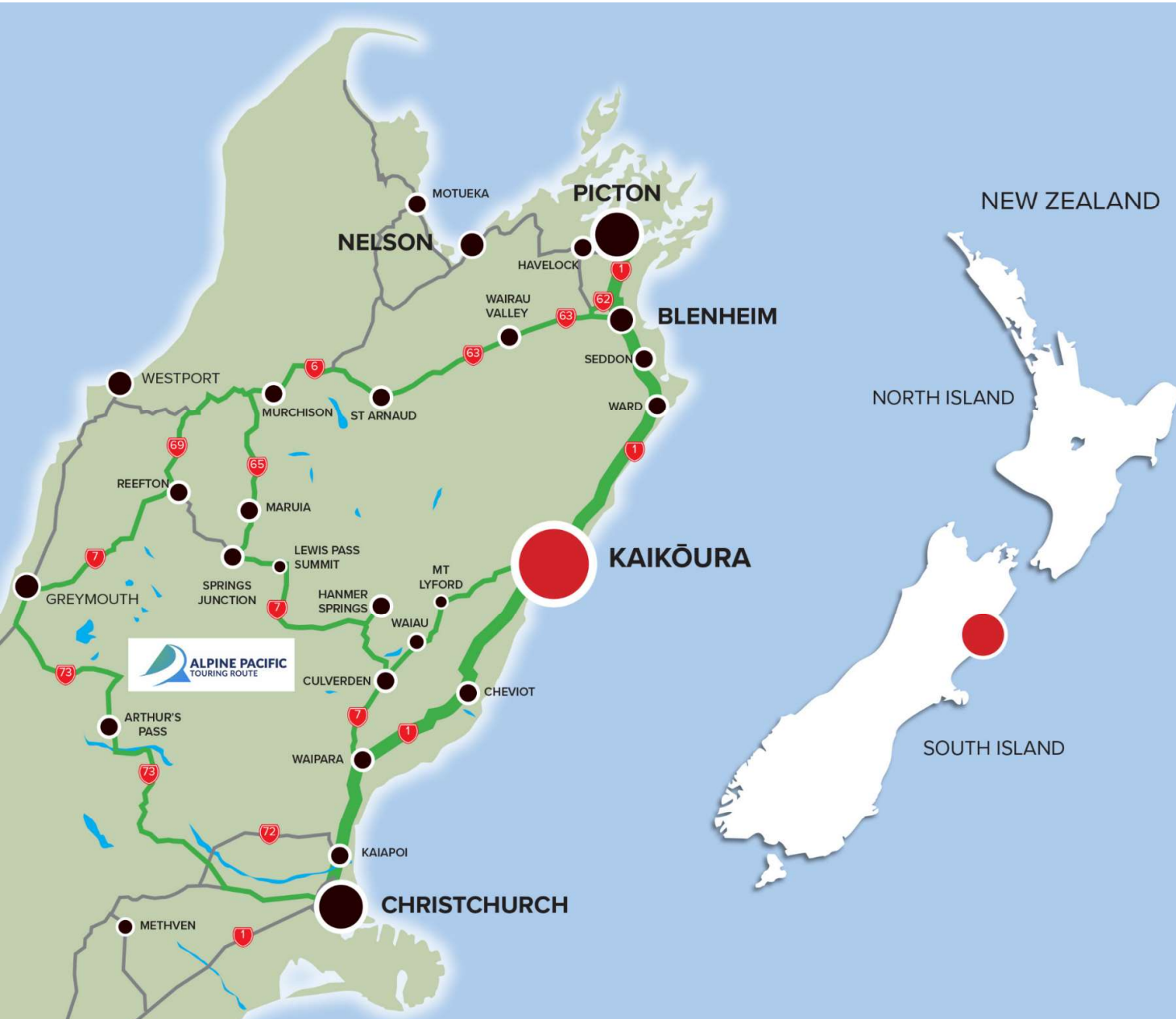




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Kaikoura

Dolphin & Albatross Tours

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Kaikoura New Zealand



Kaikōura is a beautiful coastal town on the East Coast of the South Island located 2.5 hours north of Christchurch and 2 hours south of Picton.





Our tours, café and retail operations are based at our beachfront location with our boat launching and boarding facilities just a short 10 minute bus ride away at South Bay.



Dolphin Encounter

Operating for 35 years – very established and highly regarded globally.

Well managed operation with a focus on outstanding customer service.

Bucket list – a unique encounter and a “dream come true” opportunity for many.



Kaikōura offers the best location in New Zealand to view and interact with large pods of dusky dolphins in the open ocean.

Operational details:

Dolphin Encounter operates all year round (except Christmas Day)

Departures 05.30am, 8.30am and 12.30pm high
season 10.00am only in low season

Duration Allow 4 hours

Swim time Up to 45 minutes (depends on travel time to the dolphins).

Towels and swimsuits
available for hire
(a bond is required).

*Underwater GoPro
cameras for hire.*



The Fleet

3 Boats

Each can accommodate 16 swimmers and up to 50 watchers across the fleet each tour time. DOC permits limit the swimming numbers on each vessel.

Transport from operating base to harbour and return is included.



MV Moana Nui



MV Lissodelphis



MV Delphinidae



Dusky Dolphins

- Dusky dolphins are known for their acrobatic leaps and jumps and regarded as the most acrobatic of all dolphin species.
- Socially curious dolphins with an interactive nature.
- Pods are found all year round – inshore over the warmer months and further offshore over the colder months.
- Kaikōura is known for large numbers of dusky dolphins and pod size can range from 50 up to 2000 dolphins.
- Dusky dolphins give birth to calves in spring - October/November.





Albatross Encounter

Kaikōura is regarded as one of the best places in the world to see multiple species of seabirds.



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Operational Details

Albatross Encounter operates all year round (except Christmas Day).

Small intimate tour with an educational/conservation focus described by birding experts as the best short pelagic tour in the world.

Travel time to view the birds at sea is short due to very deep water close to the shore.

Opportunity to identify the different species and learn about these magnificent birds, and why that are so plentiful along the Kaikōura Coast.

The sheer size of the wandering albatross which have the largest wingspan of any bird is a truly impressive sight.

Departures 6.00, 9.00 and 13.00 high season
10.00 only low season

Duration 2.5 hours





The vessel can accommodate 11 pax but larger vessels can be booked by prior arrangement.

Transport from operating base to harbour and return, is included.

Kaik·ura features the greatest number of albatross species to be found in a small area anywhere in the world.

We always see a range of albatross on every tour including:

- Great Albatross (up to 5 species) – the largest amongst all flying birds.
- Wandering and Southern Royal with wingspans of up to 3.5 metres commonly sighted.
- Lesser Albatross (up to 9 species) – commonly referred to as mollymawks with wingspans up to 2.5 metres.
- Including Salvins, Sub-Antarctic Black Browed, NZ White Capped, Bullers Campbell Island.

Plus

- Shearwaters (up to 7 varieties), Petrels (up to 14 varieties) plus Penguins Fairy Prions, Terns, Skuas and Gulls.





Café Encounter & Giftshop

Carpark available onsite



Charters

Private charter can be arranged for:

Dolphin Encounter tours – swimming with and watching the dusky dolphins.

Albatross Encounter tours

OR a **combination of both** options.

We have four vessels ranging in price from \$2100 to \$6000 depending on size of the vessel.

Charter requires prior arrangement and is subject to availability at time of request.

Lite catering options – breakfast/lunch packs available.



Encounter Foundation

Established in 2009 and funded by a donation from each fare which supports a range of environmental initiatives.

Total donated to date is approximately \$500k.

A percentage from the fares of each tour support the Encounter Foundation and some of the more recent projects are:

Kaikōura Wildlife Centre Rehabilitation Portacom	\$20k
Chatham Island Petrel Foraging Ecology Study	\$13k
New Vessel for New Zealand Whale & Dolphin Trust	\$20K
GPS tracking of Chatham Island Petrel	\$12k





Thank you for your time – it
has been a pleasure to meet with you!

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