



KAIKŌURA CRUISE SEASON 2023-24

Kaikōura is known as a tender port due to the inability to dock alongside the jetty. Ships that visit our waters drop anchor a few hundred meters off the South Bay marina due to not being a deep water port and then tender passengers to the jetty.

The tender boats are specialised lifeboats that are visible on the ships deck when sailing. With nicer seating and larger windows than the more specialised lifeboats used for emergency situations. Very small ships will even use Zodiac style boats, similar to the inflatable surf lifesaving boats people may be familiar with. These tenders or Zodiacs can hold anywhere from a 12 to 50 passengers depending on their size. At peak times multiple tenders will be used to transfer cruise ship passengers to and from the ship as required.

The ships safety/security crew will bring the first tender to the pier to set up their embarkation area and security check point that the ship's crew will manage for the duration of the visit. Then the guests will start boarding the tenders to come ashore, this is typically within 30 minutes of the ship safely anchoring and giving the all clear to begin the tender operation. Guests with early tours or arrangements are given priority, followed by the rest of the guests and the ships crew. The ship's crew are typically given leave to visit ashore +/- one hour of arrival and departure. Most small to medium sized ships can embark all the ships guests in 60-90 minutes.

From the pier guests are free to explore the area as they wish for the duration of the stay. The last tender for guests is typically 30 minutes prior to official departure time. The ships will raise anchor and leave shortly after 'all aboard' is announced. One thing worth keeping in mind is that the ship will not wait for passengers if late to the ship. Please have guests back in a timely manner if with you in the afternoon.

The captain is constantly monitoring the weather, if he or she feels it is unsafe to tender passengers ashore they will by pass Kaikōura and head to their next port of call. The captain's call is not usually known until early morning of the day they are scheduled to visit.

CRUISE SCHEDULE 2023-24 SUBJECT TO CHANGE

DATE	SHIP	ARRIVE	DEPART	CAPACITY
16 Nov 23	Nat Geo Orion	0900	1400	106
26 Nov 23	Nat Geo Orion	0900	2100	106
27 Nov 23	Seabourn Odyssey	0800	1800	458
14 Dec 23	Silver Muse	0700	1630	623
23 Dec 23	Silver Whisper	0800	1900	382
27 Dec 23	Seabourn Odyssey	0800	1700	458
29 Dec 23	Coral Geographer	0700	1800	120
29 Dec 23	Silver Muse	0900	2200	623
11 Jan 24	Star Breeze	0900	1800	312
23 Jan 24	Coral Geographer	0700	1800	120
24 Jan 24	Silver Whisper	0800	1930	382
02 Feb 24	Silver Whisper	0800	1930	382
07 Feb 24	Silver Muse	0700	1630	623
16 Feb 24	Le Laperouse	0700	1800	184
17 Feb 24	Silver Shadow	0800	1800	382
23 Feb 24	Silver Muse	0800	1900	623
28 Feb 24	Le Laperouse	0700	1800	184

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Ship Name: Seabourn Odyssey
Cruise Line: Seabourn Cruises
Ship Class: Seabourn Odyssey Class
Price Point: 750+ Per person per day
Passenger Capacity: 450
Launched: 2009
Demographic: Luxury, American, 50's

Seabourn is a smaller luxury cruise line, with smaller vessels designed in a modern style, their guests are typically younger than other luxury lines, consisting of professionals with an eye to exploration. Seabourn has cultivated a strong explorers club on board named the "Ventures Crew" who delight in exploring the local flora and fauna of their destinations.



Ship Name: Silver Muse
Cruise Line: Silver Sea Cruises
Ship Class: Cruise Ship
Price Point: 800-1200 Per person per day
Passenger Capacity: 623
Launched: 2017
Demographic: Luxury, International

One of the premier luxury lines to visit New Zealand, Silver Seas hosts a very international guest portfolio. Visiting both the larger traditional cruise ports along with smaller ports, Silver Seas has one of the most diverse itineraries at sea.



Ship Name: Coral Geographer
Cruise Line: Coral Expeditions
Ship Class: Cruise Ship
Price Point: 500-1000 per person per day
Passenger Capacity : 120
Launched: 2021
Demographic: Domestic, Australian

A small expedition style vessel, visiting many of the smaller ports and islands of the region. The guest list is international but with a strong domestic presence.

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Ship Name: Le Laperouse
Cruise Line: Ponant
Ship Class: Le Boreal Class
Price Point: 800-1200 Per person per day
Passenger Capacity: 184
Launched: 2017
Demographic: Luxury, French/European

Ponant is a world leader in small expedition style cruising. With guest capacity of only a few hundred, their itineraries often feature smaller ports inaccessible to large vessels. Their guests are often extremely well travelled and looking for new, authentic experiences with an eye for nature and exploration. The vessels and guests are primarily French, with a mix of other European guests and even domestic passengers.



Ship Name: National Geographic Orion
Cruise Line: Linbald Expeditions
Ship Class: Germanischer Lloyd
Price Point: 1k+ Per person per day
Passenger Capacity: 106
Launched: 2003
Demographic: International

One of the smaller cruise vessels to sail New Zealand. These ships sail for National Geographic cruises. With guests delighting in exploration and nature these ships are found around the world where ever nature calls. The guests are very international, representing explorers from around the world.



Ship Name: Star Breeze
Cruise Line: Windsor Cruises
Ship Class: Yacht
Price Point: 750+ Per person per day
Passenger Capacity: 312
Launched: 2015
Demographic: International

Each of our Windstar Cruises yachts serves between 148 and 342 guests. This intimacy provides guests with the luxuries of time, space and freedom to immerse themselves in both the journey and the destination. Windstar's fleet is the market leader in small ship cruising with a total of 1,242 passenger berths calling on off-the-beaten-path and popular ports in over 60 countries. The boutique cruise line carries fewer than 350 passengers on its small ships and takes travelers on cruises that are 180 degrees from ordinary.

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Ship Name: Silver Whisper
Cruise Line: Silversea Cruises
Ship Class: Cruise Ship
Price Point: 750-1k pier person per day
Passenger Capacity: 388
Launched: 2000
Demographic: Luxury, International

One of the premier luxury lines to visit New Zealand, Silver Seas hosts a very international guest portfolio. Visiting both the larger traditional cruise ports along with smaller ports, Silver Seas has one of the most diverse itineraries at sea.



Ship Name: Silver Shadow
Cruise Line: Silversea Cruises
Ship Class: Cruise Ship
Price Point: 750-1k pier person per day
Capacity: 382
Launched: 1996
Demographic: Luxury, International

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Any questions please email Lisa Bond on lisab@kaikoura.co.nz
Looking forward to another successful cruise season.