



Destination
New Zealand,
Kaikōura

Kaikōura...Much More Than Crayfish & Whales



Seaward Ranges Reflection Rockpool View

Few places in the world can boast of such natural wonders and beauty as those offered by land and sea in Kaikōura.

Kaikōura is a captivating coastal town located on the eastern shores of the South Island. Nestled between the Pacific Ocean and the towering Kaikōura Ranges, this picturesque destination is renowned for its stunning natural beauty, abundant marine wildlife and warm hospitality.

One of the most notable aspects of Kaikōura is its extraordinary marine ecosystem. The town sits on the edge of a deep oceanic trench, creating a unique environment where cold and warm currents collide, attracting a rich diversity of marine life.

This place is a marine mecca for creatures such as whales, dolphins, seals and albatrosses, making Kaikōura a world-class destination for wildlife enthusiasts. Whale watching tours offer unforgettable encounters with majestic Sperm whales and other cetacean species, while swimming with playful dolphins or observing seals in their natural habitat are also popular activities.

If you prefer to stay on land, there is quad biking on a working beef and sheep farm with some exhilarating views, or you can visit the lavender farm, enjoy a massage or a beauty treatment, check out the many mountain bike and walking tracks or explore Kaikōura's history at Fyffe House and the Kaikōura Museum, to name just a few.

The town itself exudes a laid-back charm, with a vibrant arts and crafts scene, quaint cafes and seafood restaurants serving up the freshest local delicacies. Kaikōura's culinary offerings are centered around its abundant seafood, including succulent crayfish, and so earning the town a reputation as the 'Crayfish Capital of New Zealand'.

Christchurch is 2.5 hours drive to the south of Kaikōura and Picton 2hrs to the north. Here we showcase the region below so you can discover what makes Kaikōura so unique.

1 - Whale Watching:

- By Boat:

Whale Watch Kaikōura is an extraordinary marine adventure. It offers an awe-inspiring opportunity to witness the majestic giants of the sea – whales – in their natural habitat. The nutrient-rich waters off Kaikōura attract an abundance of marine life, including the mighty Sperm Whales, the largest of the toothed whales.

Visitors embark on a thrilling boat tour guided by knowledgeable and experienced local experts who share fascinating insights into the whales' behaviour, biology and conservation. The tour takes you to the whales' feeding grounds, where you can witness these incredible creatures up close, often witnessing their iconic dives and impressive tail flukes breaking the water's surface.

But the adventure doesn't stop there. The area is also home to other remarkable marine species, such as Dusky dolphins, New Zealand fur seals and a variety of seabirds. This makes Whale Watch Kaikōura a comprehensive wildlife experience, showcasing the diversity and natural beauty of the marine ecosystem.

Whale Watch Kaikōura promises an unforgettable journey into the mesmerising world of whales, leaving visitors with a profound appreciation for these magnificent creatures and the need to protect their fragile marine environment.

www.whalewatch.co.nz

- By Air:

Wings Over Whales offers premier whale watching flights in and around Kaikōura. They provide unforgettable and unique adventures which allow you to experience nature from a whole new perspective. Join them to capture the best of Kaikōura by air, land and sea.

Wings Over Whales is a local family owned and operated company. The wife and husband team, Monique and Dan Stevenson, have a long and



Classic Whale Tail



Te Ao Marama



Wings Over Whales

Image courtesy of @barekiwi

successful history of operation and have been conducting whale watching scenic flights since November 1991.

With over 30 years in the tourism industry, they have built a solid reputation and are proud to offer this unique experience to visitors from all around the world.

The team's goal is to share the beauty of Kaikōura with its many visitors, as well as educate around local marine wildlife. With every tour they convey the passion for this beautiful place and offer exceptional customer service to provide one-of-a-kind and unforgettable experiences.

www.whales.co.nz



Beautiful Dolphin Leap



Dolphin Swimmer

2 - Dolphin Swimming:

Dolphin Encounter offers an enchanting marine encounter that allows visitors to swim and interact with the playful and intelligent Dusky dolphins. This extraordinary experience provides a unique opportunity to form a connection with these remarkable creatures in their natural habitat.

Guided by a team of experienced marine specialists, participants are taken on a boat out along the Kaikōura coastline. Once the dolphins are located, visitors with their already provided snorkelling gear, enter the water to engage with the dolphins. These charismatic creatures often display their acrobatic skills, leaping and twirling in the water, creating an exhilarating and unforgettable experience.

Dolphin Encounter is committed to responsible and sustainable practices, ensuring the well-being and conservation of the dolphins and their environment. The encounter not only offers an incredible chance to interact with dolphins but also educates visitors about their behaviour, habitat and the importance of marine conservation.

Dolphin Encounter promises a magical connection with these captivating creatures, leaving participants with cherished memories and a profound appreciation for the wonders of the marine world.

www.dolphinencounter.co.nz



Kaikoura Kayaks

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3 - Seal Kayaking:

- Paddle Kayaking

Experience a kayaking adventure of a lifetime amongst a multitude of marine life! Kaikōura Kayaks have a responsibility to the environment and sustainable actions, and will ensure considerations are made about how to have the least amount of environmental impact for preservation of natural assets for future generations.

In October 2019 Kaikōura Kayaks became the very first Friend of the Sea sustainable dolphin and whale watching operator in New Zealand. They were also the first kayak operator ever certified by Friend of the Sea.

Wildlife Kayaking around the beautiful coastal waters 100% guarantees seal viewing and takes in the breath-taking views of sheer cliff faces, craggy rocks and mountain ranges while searching for chance encounters with dusky dolphins and blue penguins.

The guided wildlife kayaking tour is suitable for all ages and abilities while operating year round and doesn't require any previous kayaking experience. You will stay warm and dry in enclosed stable sea kayaks with all equipment provided including GORE-TEX dry pants in winter, jackets, wetsuit booties for your feet and dry bags for cameras. These professionally guided kayaking expeditions adhere to the highest of safety standards.

Kaikōura Kayaks and Wings Over Whales have teamed up to show case the marine wildlife from the sea to the air that Kaikōura has to offer. This combo offers a Wildlife Kayaking tour with Kaikōura Kayaks 3hrs and a 30 minute Whale Watching Flight with Wings Over Whales.

www.kaikourakayaks.nz

- Pedal Kayaking

Seal Kayak Kaikōura is the first kayak tour of its kind in New Zealand that allows you to either pedal or paddle...or both.



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You're going to love how easy it is to kayak in and around the beautiful Kaikōura Peninsula using the Hobie Mirage Drive Pedal. They guarantee viewing of the New Zealand Fur Seal.

There is also a lot of other marine life to view, such as the blue penguin, albatross and much, much more.

The Sunset Pedal Kayak Tour is their most popular tour. Sit back and unwind as you are taken on an unbeatable cruise into the sunset, where marine life is plentiful and the scenery is world-class.

The Kaikōura Peninsula heads out 5kms into the Pacific Ocean off Kaikōura township. This stunning peninsula is home for much of the local marine life, which enables you to get up close and personal with some of the most amazing sea creatures and surroundings you'll ever see.

www.sealkayakkaikoura.com

4 - Cycle Trails:

With a variety of scenic rides that suit a range of skill levels, there is something for everyone in Kaikōura. Leisurely pedalling seaside ambles, meandering single track through native bush and quiet country roads.

More ambitious riders can climb mountains and high mountain passes. Ocean and mountain backdrops loom around every corner. Here are just four favourite nearby trails.

The Kaikōura Trail:

- Shared Trail
- Easy - Intermediate
- 42kms
- 500m elevation

Loosely following the perimeter of the Kaikōura plains and skirting the Kowhai and Hapuku Rivers, the Kaikōura Trail features trails that are as diverse as the scenery. Cycle the entire loop or hop on and cycle a section.

Kaiterau Trail:

- Single Trail
- Intermediate
- 7kms up - 3kms down
- 390m elevation

The Kaiterau Trail is a one-way intermediate loop ride that takes you part way up Mt. Fyffe to the Kaiterau Plateau with spectacular views over the Kaikōura Peninsula. The trail is suitable for experienced riders with good intermediate off-road biking skills.

Puhi Puhi Valley:

- Gravel Road
- Easy - Intermediate
- 59.6kms return
- 600m elevation

The Puhi Puhi Valley is a gravel cycle experience that skirts the flanks of the north end of the Seaward Kaikōura range. The climb finishing at Saddle Gate, under the second highest peak in the Seaward Kaikōuras, Te Ao Whekere at 2,598m.



Clarence Reserve:

- 4WD Track
- Advanced
- 55.6kms return
- 1,178m elevation

Nestled between the Seaward and Inland Kaikōura Ranges, Clarence Reserve Station was once one of the country's largest. These days this vast and rugged high-country is part of the Ka Whata Tu o Rākohiua Conservation Park and cyclists have unrestricted access.

www.kaikouracycling.co.nz

5 - Kaikōura's History:

Located in the landmark 'Craypot' building, on Kaikōura's West End, this award-winning museum offers a modern and relaxed environment with a contemporary and fun approach to telling the stories of Kaikōura's natural, social and cultural journey.

Through impressive collections, exhibitions, events and programmes the museum brings to life the richness of our unique heritage inspiring visitors to explore and enjoy Kaikōura's diverse and colourful history.

Kaikōura Museum's long term display is uniquely presented in an award-winning exhibition area which highlights the district's fascinating connection with the sea.

From the dramatic geological features of the coastline through early Maori settlement, subsequent European development and more recently surfing and tourism, Kaikōura has been shaped and influenced by the abundant marine life and spectacular ocean on its doorstep.

Come and explore the collections and read the stories to discover more about the distinct history of this special place, its people and their journey to where they are today.

From bugs to bats, dinosaurs to dolphins Kaikōura is, or has been, home to a diverse population of creatures. These can be discovered through the museum's impressive

fossil collection, marine specimens, extensive collection of bird eggs and the stories of our natural history.

www.kaikoura-museum.co.nz

6 - Walk The Peninsula:

The Kaikōura Peninsula Walkway is a scenic coastal trail located on the Kaikōura Peninsula in Kaikōura. It offers breathtaking views of the ocean, mountains and wildlife. Here's some information about the Kaikōura Peninsula Walkway:

Trail Length: The Kaikōura Peninsula Walkway is approximately 11 kilometres (6.8 miles) long, creating a circular loop around the peninsula. The trail takes you along the coastline, providing stunning vistas throughout the hike.

Difficulty Level: The walkway is considered to be of moderate difficulty. While it does involve some uphill and downhill sections, it is suitable for most fitness levels. However, there are a few steeper areas that may require extra caution.

Trail Highlights: The Kaikōura Peninsula Walkway offers numerous highlights along the route. You can expect stunning views of the Pacific Ocean, the Kaikōura Ranges and the peninsula's rugged coastline. Keep an eye out for various marine life, including seals, seabirds and sometimes even dolphins or whales.

Duration: The walkway generally takes around 3-4 hours to complete at a leisurely pace. However, you can take more time to appreciate the scenery and wildlife or stop for breaks along the way. It's recommended to allocate ample time to fully enjoy the experience.

Access Points: The Kaikōura Peninsula Walkway has a few different access points. One popular starting point is at Point Kean car park, near the Kaikōura Peninsula Seal Colony. You can also access the trail from the South Bay Reserve car park or from the town centre.

Safety Considerations: While the



walkway provides incredible views, it's important to stay safe during your hike. Make sure to wear appropriate footwear and clothing, carry water and protect yourself from the sun. Be cautious on steep or uneven sections of the trail and stay on designated paths.

It's advisable to check the local weather conditions and any trail updates before embarking on the Kaikōura Peninsula Walkway. Additionally, keep in mind that some sections of the walkway may be closed or have restricted access due to maintenance or wildlife preservation efforts.

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Albatross Gliding

7 - View Marine Birds:

Welcome to where majestic birds soar and dive over stunning waters beneath an endless sky. Discover many species of albatross and pelagic birds on your Albatross Encounter tour, an unforgettable experience in one of New Zealand's most breath-taking destinations.

Within just a small area, you'll meet one of the greatest varieties of seabirds you'll find anywhere along the New Zealand coastline.

The list of seabirds sighted off the Kaikōura Coast include five species of great albatross, up to ten species of the smaller lesser albatross (commonly referred to as mollymawks), ten species of shearwaters, fifteen species of petrel and several other species of seabirds such as shags, prions, penguins, gulls and terns.

www.albatrossencounter.co.nz

8 - Try Local Seafood:

Kaikōura offers several excellent dining options where you can enjoy fresh and delicious seafood. Here are some popular places to eat seafood in Kaikōura:

The Pier Hotel: Located right on the waterfront, The Pier Hotel is known for its fantastic seafood offerings. The restaurant features a diverse menu with a focus on locally caught seafood, including crayfish, blue cod and mussels. You can enjoy your meal while enjoying beautiful ocean views.

Nin's Bin: Nin's Bin is an iconic seafood takeaway spot situated along State Highway 1, about 15 minutes south of Kaikōura. This family-owned establishment specialises in crayfish, offering freshly cooked whole crayfish for takeaway. It's a must-visit spot for seafood lovers.

Kaikōura Seafood BBQ: Located in the heart of Kaikōura, this seafood restaurant serves up a variety of seafood delights. From crayfish and mussels, to fish and chips and grilled fish, you can expect a mouthwatering experience. They also offer takeaway options.



Pier Hotel Seafood Meal



Nin's Bin Crayfish



Kaikōura Seafood BBQ

Image courtesy of @barekiwi

Encounter Kaikōura Cafe:

Overlooking the ocean, Encounter Kaikōura is known for its seafood-focused menu. You can indulge in their famous seafood chowder while enjoying breathtaking views.

Karaka Lobster Café: Located just 30 minutes North of Kaikōura, overlooking the beautiful Okiwi Bay. They are the gateway to the crayfishing coast. Karaka Lobster has a reputation for the freshest crays along the Kaikōura coast.

These are just a few examples of the many seafood dining options available in Kaikōura. Whether you prefer fine dining or casual takeaways, there are plenty of places in Kaikōura to satisfy your seafood cravings and

experience the flavours of the ocean.

9 - Enjoy The Night Sky:

The Kaikōura Dark Sky Trust is a vision to achieve International Dark Sky Sanctuary status for Kaikōura. Filled with stars, celestial wonders and a stunningly clear Milky Way it's time to celebrate the pristine dark sky of Kaikōura as one of NZ's hidden gems.

The Dark Skies initiative in Kaikōura was formed in 2020 by a group of passionate volunteers and local astronomers. Since then the trust has grown to encompass local businesses, residents and local government organisations. Together they believe achieving International Dark Sky Sanctuary status will benefit Kaikōura's

economy, unique environment and the health of the community.

Its aim is to achieve International Dark Sky Accredited early in 2024. The International Dark Sky Association is an organisation, which has led the worldwide movement since 1988 to protect the night from light pollution.

Through the accreditation process they aim to encourage the enjoyment of Kaikōura's wonderful night sky, increase the protection of our environment and ecological systems, improve the health and wellbeing of our community and enhance our economic opportunities through astro-tourism.

www.kaikouradarksky.nz



Manakau PurePod Starry Starry Night



Manakau PurePod Beautiful Night Sky



Hapuku Kitchen Foraging



Hapuku Kitchen Garden



Hapuku Lodge Preparation

10 - Farm To Table Cuisine:

Almost 14 years ago, Chris and Fiona made a life-changing decision to leave the city in search of a closer relationship to nature and its rhythms. The rugged landscape and remote location of Kaikōura had a powerful calling and they purchased a small plot of land with the aim of creating a unique place to rediscover the simple pleasures of sustainably growing, gathering, catching, cooking and sharing quality food with others.

Living in this wild and natural environment, everything they do is centralised around the forces of nature. It influences their creativity, their resourcefulness and appreciation for what is on their door step.

They have the ability to grow a wide variety of plants thanks to Kaikōura's temperate climate. The sea air keeps frosts light in winter and provides a little relief in summer months.

Over ten years they have created a vegetable garden, herb garden, growing tunnel, mixed orchard and a nuttery. Other edible plants are interspersed across the entire property. Their gardens feature a wide variety of native plants which has blossomed into a haven for wildlife as well as providing edible plants for the kitchen.

They focus on raising rare breed animals and their welfare and quality of life is of utmost importance. Their menagerie includes Wessex Saddleback pigs, Belted and White Galloway cattle, Silver Appleyard ducks, Magpie ducks and a mixed flock of heritage hens.

Every plant and animal introduced to the property is carefully considered. Each has a role to play whether it's produce for the dinner table, plants to improve soil health, natural bug control, manure for compost, pollination, shade or shelter.

www.hapukukitchen.co.nz

Accommodation:

1 - Sudima Kaikōura:

Located on the shoreline, Sudima Kaikōura is a brand new 4.5-star hotel with stunning views of mountains and sea. It's just a short walk from the township's retail centre and main activity booking centres. With state-of-the-art facilities it is the first hotel of this size and quality in Kaikōura, making it the place to stay for visitors to the region.

Sudima Kaikōura is well equipped to meet your needs. Below is a list of the hotel facilities and services.

- On-site parking
- On-site dining (Hiku restaurant - see below in Eateries)
- On-site gym
- On-site pool
- Meeting facilities
- High-speed internet access
- 24-hour reception
- Room service
- Luggage storage
- Wake up call
- Wheelchair access

www.sudimahotels.com/en/our-hotels/kaikoura/

2 - Hapuku Lodge & Treehouses:

Hapuku Lodge + Tree Houses is a contemporary country hotel located on a deer breeding farm 12 kms North of Kaikōura. It sits snugly at the base of the Kaikōura Seaward Mountain Range, with the Kaikōura coast and famed Mangamaunu Bay only a kilometre to the east.

The Lodge provides luxurious accommodation on Kaikōura's rugged coastline, a place for guests to relax in its intimate indoor/outdoor setting and a place from which you can explore the larger maritime landscape of Kaikōura.

The Lodge's five Tree Houses are unique, nested 10 metres or more above the ground in the canopy of a native Kanuka grove. There are three 1-bedroom Tree Houses and two Family Tree Houses which both have a master bedroom in the upper



Sudima Kaikoura Infinity Pool



Hapuku Lodge Tree Houses

branches and a somewhat smaller bedroom in the lower branches. The Tree Houses are designed to complement the natural environment, as your bedroom in the sky. Their large windows bring the tree canopies into the bedroom and provide impressive views of Kaikōura's dramatic mountains and the Pacific Ocean.

The one-bedroom Tree Houses are perfect for couples, they are warm & inviting with deep soaking tubs, fireplaces and custom made furniture. The Family Tree House has the same upstairs design along with the downstairs room, designed perfectly with children in mind including a separate bathroom & twin beds.

All Tree Houses, Rooms and Suite tariffs include 3-course gourmet dinners and full breakfast.

www.hapukulodge.com

3 - Clifftop Cabins:

Located on the picturesque Kaikōura Peninsula, just waking distance to the beach, local cafés and restaurant, you'll find three Clifftop Cabins.

Nestled on the cliff with unmatched panoramic views, Clifftop Cabins provide you with a unique accommodation experience. The beautifully built and designed modern cabins offer you a truly breath-taking location.

Enjoy magical sunsets from the outdoor bath or relax on the lawn and try to spot a passing whale or pod of dolphins. While the cabins undoubtedly boast one of the best views Kaikōura has to offer, they are only a two minute drive (or 30 minute walk) away from the restaurants and cafés.

www.clifftopcabins.co.nz

Image courtesy of @barekiwi



Clifftop Cabins Outlook



Bendamere House Exterior



Kahutara PurePod At Night

4 - Bendamere House:

Bendamere House Bed & Breakfast offers privacy and comfort with five quality ensuite rooms and superb views from your balcony overlooking the Pacific Ocean and Seaward Kaikōura mountain range. Set among half an acre of rose gardens and lawns there are ample garden furniture to relax on. At certain times of the year the dolphins will perform for you in the bay, which you can see from our viewing platform. All within a minute's walk to the Kaikōura Township and all local sightseeing attractions.

When guests choose to stay at Bendamere House Bed & Breakfast you can be assured that the facilities are focussed on comfort and convenience. Their rooms are fully equipped with everything needed to make your stay relaxed and enjoyable...from the comfortable, quality beds to the silent fridges to guarantee you a good nights rest.

The Hampton Room on the ground floor has full wheelchair access. Take in the breathtaking views from your own balcony and enjoy the peace and tranquility that the property offers.

Enjoy a delicious continental breakfast in the communal dining room, including cereals, fresh fruit salad, toast, home-made spreads and honeys, fresh baked croissants, orange juice and tea and coffee.

www.bendamere.co.nz

5 - PurePods:

The Kahutara PurePod is perched high above the Kahutara River with vast views across to the mighty Seaward Kaikōura Mountain Range. It is only 20 minutes inland from Kaikōura.

Driving into the Kahutara PurePod carpark is the start of your unique PurePod adventure as you cross small streams on your way to the secure carpark near the farmhouse. From the carpark, you walk down a grove of trees and across a farm track, in the ever present company of the Seaward Kaikōura Mountain Range.

As you enter the bush pathway on your way to the PurePod, you will encounter a grove of kanuka trees. In the summer, as the kanuka flowers, the ever present hum of pollinators hovers overhead. Your track branches off here as you enjoy the private journey to the Kahutara PurePod.

Kanuka is the endemic form of vegetation on this property as parts of the farm revert back to native bush. The tree is a crucial coloniser of land recovering from deforestation, acting as a nursery plant as other species begin to regrow. Over the past 20 years over 200 acres of this property have been allowed to revert to bush, protecting waterways and hillsides from potential erosion, as well as hosting one of the NZ's largest populations of the South Island Robin.

An added benefit of the Kahutara PurePod is your own 'private' range of foothills bordering the opposite side of the river. While the river is a hundred metres away, down below, you will still hear it in the stillness and its sounds will lull you to sleep at night. The Kahutara PurePod sits on a cute little spur backing onto a large paddock. Nearby kanuka trees shelter the choir of birds you'll hear from dawn to dusk.

www.purepods.com/location/kahutara/

Eateries:

1 - Hiku Restaurant:

The name 'Hiku' comes from the Maori word for 'whale tail' and is inspired by Kaikōura's most iconic attraction. It is also influenced by the strong historic and modern culture and heritage of the area. Kaikōura is all about showcasing its seafood, fresh produce, marine life and dramatic sea and mountain scapes.

www.hiku.co.nz

2 - Nins Bin:

Nins Bin was opened in 1977 by Ronald Clark...fifty years later it is still a family run business. It's changed over time but the essence of the business is



Kahutara PurePod Interior



Hiku Restaurant

the same as it was when Richard first started selling crayfish from a roadside caravan on SH1, 20 minutes North of Kaikōura. Nins Bin philosophy is simple. Don't mess with it!

Fresh local sustainably caught crayfish and seafood are cooked with nothing more than fresh mineral water, with the exception of fresh lemon and a little garlic butter if you so desire.

Johnny Clark, Ronald's grandson is now at the helm of the business. Johnny and his team serve local fresh seafood

in one of the most breathtaking outdoor cafés in the world.

www.ninsbin.co.nz

3 - Simes Kitchen:

Offering your usual café fare with a twist, Sime's Kitchen is bound to surprise and delight.

Their seasonal menu includes French toast with fresh figs, pistachio cream and dulce de leche, plus plenty of other interesting options for those who



Image courtesy of Lisa Bond

Nins Bin

want to branch out from the likes of Eggs Benedict. Coffee is brewed to perfection with Peoples Coffee beans and the cabinet is stocked with delicate sweet treats.

Existing within the walls that once housed the iconic Hislop's Wholefoods Café, Sime's continues on a similar path of values: keeping food as pure as possible and continuing partnerships with local producers. The famous Hislop's organic wholemeal flour and honey are staples, along with other locally sourced ingredients.

Sime's owner-operator, Christchurch-raised Sam McConnochie, has years of hospitality experience from Melbourne, and has drawn inspiration from his favourite places over the ditch in order to deliver something unique for Kaikōura. Sam is passionate about respecting the past and in fact the name Sime's is a tribute to Sam's family who ran a bakery by the same name in Dunedin for over 40 years.

<https://neatplaces.co.nz/places/kaikoura/eat-drink/simes-kitchen>

4 - The Pier Hotel:

The Pier Hotel, an historic hotel with modern amenities. This cozy seaside hotel was first built around 1885 and still retains the appearance, charm and atmosphere of yesteryear - but houses all the mod cons of today!

The Pier Hotel is situated 2.5kms from the town centre and boasts undoubtedly the best outlook in Kaikōura, with panoramic vistas of the Kaikōura Ranges and sweeping views of Ingals' Bay from the bar, balcony and restaurant.

The upgraded character accommodation features new king-sized or twin beds, with shared bathrooms in keeping with the 125-year-old history of the hotel. The restaurant takes pride in serving outstanding food using fresh local produce with a focus on crayfish and seafood, as well as light dishes, snacks and sweet treats for coffee stops.

The bar, with historical photographs and memorabilia, has been patronised



Simes Kitchen



Simes Kitchen Exterior

for over a century by the whaling and fishing fleets. A courtesy coach is available to take guests to and from the town centre (by pre-arrangement).

www.thepierhotel.co.nz

5 - Zephyr Restaurant:

Zephyr Restaurant offers contemporary New Zealand cuisine in the heart of Kaikōura.

Everything that comes out of the kitchen is made on-site by Richard

and his team. There is something for everyone, with meat, seafood and vegetarian options available.

The restaurant strives to use local produce and boasts an entirely New Zealand-focussed wine list. Great service and looking after the locals and visitors that come in to dine, is of utmost importance to the team at Zephyr. Booking ahead is essential. ■■

www.zephyrrestaurant.co.nz

www.kaikoura.co.nz



Zephyr Restaurant



Zephyr Restaurant Interior



The Pier Hotel



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