



**Seal Kayak Kaikōura Product Manual**



**Seal Kayak Kaikōura was established in 2010** and originated from a lifetime spent in and around the water through various activities such as surfing, fishing and diving. Having moved to Kaikōura as an 8 year old, this amazing small town has been my playground for as long as I can remember. Being a sponsored surfer from the age of 15 and developing an interest in collecting kaimoana (seafood) through diving and fishing, my passion for the moana (ocean) naturally grew.

**The joy I received from showing visiting friends the incredible Kaikōura landscapes and the respect I had for the local marine wildlife after countless special encounters birthed the idea to combine the two and give visitors an intimate local experience of my backyard.**

After a holiday to Australia introduced me to Hobie Pedal Kayaks I was sold and knew I had the perfect way to explore the rugged and beautiful Kaikōura coastline in the least invasive way possible. After obtaining my marine mammal viewing permit I focused on the intelligent and entertaining New Zealand fur seal which occupies the peninsula as well as an abundance of seabirds and penguins. The hands-free pedal kayaks meant guests were constantly wowed with the ability to get close to marine life and photograph them effortlessly.

Seal Kayak Kaikōura is still family owned and operated by my wife and I and we have surrounded ourselves with a team of passionate guides who help us to lead the best small group wildlife tours Kaikōura has to offer.

**-Levi O'Connor, Owner & Operator**



**OUR LOCATION**  
18 Beach Rd,  
Kaikoura

↑  
**BLENHEIM**  
1hr 45min

# LOCATION + DRIVING TIMES

Conveniently located between two other major tourism hubs in Christchurch and Blenheim, the journey to Kaikōura is an adventure in itself. The road offers spectacular views over the rugged and vast Kaikōura coastline whilst being cloaked with grandeur mountains and cliffs on the other.

Seal Kayak Kaikōura is handy to reach being centrally located to most accommodation and eateries.

← **CHRISTCHURCH**  
2hr 30min



18 BEACH RD

TOWN CENTRE

SUDIMA HOTEL

SOUTH BAY

SEAL COLONY

PENINSULA WALKWAY

 18 Beach Rd Kaikōura

**Kaikōura town: 2min walk | Train station/Whale Watch: 5min walk | New World supermarket: 10min walk**  
Our two tour routes are both only a 5 min drive in our courtesy vehicles

# TOURS

We offer a range of tour experiences to suit everyone's needs - every option you will encounter the inquisitive fur seal and a multitude of other wildlife.

- Seal Kayak Tour
- Sunset Tour
- Family Kayaking Tour
- Private and Group bookings



## SEAL KAYAK TOUR

Let us take you on an adventure, exploring the Kaikōura peninsula's coastline whilst taking in the awe inspiring Kaikōura ranges from the water. Revel in the excitement of having an intimate encounter with NZ fur seals (Kekeno) both on the land and in the ocean.

The unique pedal system that powers you round the ocean is silent and gives you the greatest opportunity to view wildlife such as seals, penguins and native seabirds without disturbing them.

The tour combines both local indigenous history and post-colonial whaling and sealing alongside the most informative small tour wildlife experience Kaikōura has to offer.

**SEASONS:** Operating all year round (even xmas day). Weather permitting.

**TOUR DEPARTURES:** 9:30am and 1:30pm

**DURATION:** Allow 3 hours with 1:45-2 hours on the water.

**TOUR SIZES:** 1:8 guide ratio and a maximum of 16 Pax per tour slot. No minimum booking size.

**AGE MINIMUM:** 3 yrs.

### WHAT TO BRING:

- Camera/phone
- Weather appropriate clothing
- Sunglasses
- Light jumper or fleece
- Hat or beanie

### INCLUSIONS:

- Minivan service to the kayak location
- PFD (lifejackets)
- Waterproof spray jackets
- Dry bags for cameras & phones
- Experienced guide who'll provide expert commentary and keep you safe out on the water





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## SUNSET KAYAK TOUR

Come and experience Kaikōura's only true sunset experience! Evenings on the water are truly special, with mesmerizing views of the sun setting behind the Kaikōura seaward ranges. Perfectly capture the vistas from your hands-free pedal kayak.

This is our most popular tour, and has given tourists memories that live deep in their New Zealand travels. Seals and other awesome wildlife encounters top off the experience, with expertly guided commentary from a local guide.

**SEASONS:** September to May

**TOUR DEPARTURES:** 6:30pm (December, January)  
5-6:30pm - Varying departure times due to sunset time (September, November, February, March, April).

**DURATION:** Allow 3 hours with 1.5-2 hours on the water

**TOUR SIZES:** 1:8 guide ratio and a maximum of 16 pax per tour slot. No minimum booking size.

**AGE MINIMUM:** 7 year old age minimum.

**WHAT TO BRING:**

- Camera/phone
- Weather appropriate clothing
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- Hat or beanie

## FAMILY KAYAKING

Explore the coastline of Kaikōura at a comfortable pace tailored to that of your family's needs. You dictate the speed of the tour and let our expert guides get you up close and personal with the abundant wildlife on offer.

Our guides can take photos of your family with Kaikōura's mountainscape as a dramatic backdrop as well as playful seals and other wildlife to create lasting and precious memories of your adventures in New Zealand.

### FAMILY KAYAKING INCLUSIONS:

- Families with children 7 and under automatically receive a private guide for their tours.
- 9:30am and 1:30pm tour departure times
- Flexibility to suit your family's needs
- A range of photographs
- Operating all year round

## PRIVATE TOURS

The best way to create that special Kaikōura memory in an intimate experience for anyone who prefers the privacy of their own party over a group based activity. Singles, couples, large families or any other combination, we can cater private tours for groups up to the size of 16.

### PRIVATE TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- A private local guide providing expert commentary
- Flexible start times
- Private van transfer
- Customised tour itineraries to suit the group such as leisure, wildlife specific tours, history, adventure
- Opportunities for greater marine wildlife viewing
- Photos taken by your guide



# WINTER KAYAKING

Kaikōura is fast becoming a winter must stop destination and we now offer an amazing opportunity to view the snow capped Kaikōura seaward ranges from the water. These spectacular mountains offer a unique perspective being situated so close to the coastline you'll be kayaking from.

Still calm days are still present over this time of the year and with smaller group numbers tours have a more intimate and personable approach. Expect a range of migrating wildlife and seabirds that aren't able to be spotted at any other time of the year as well as the ever present and playful New Zealand fur seal.







## KAYAKS WE USE

Our state of the art Hobie pedal kayaks allow our guests a unique viewing experience, enabling less effort to travel greater distances with no experience required. The ultimate guiding kayak enables close and silent wildlife encounters and hands-free abilities - great for using phones and cameras.



**Hobie**

## KEY FEATURES:

- Mirage drive pedal system
- Fast high performance hull with large carrying capacities
- Dual steering
- Twist and stow rudder
- Comfortable Vantage CT seating
- Easy access storage and drink bottle holders



Kekeno / NZ Fur Seal



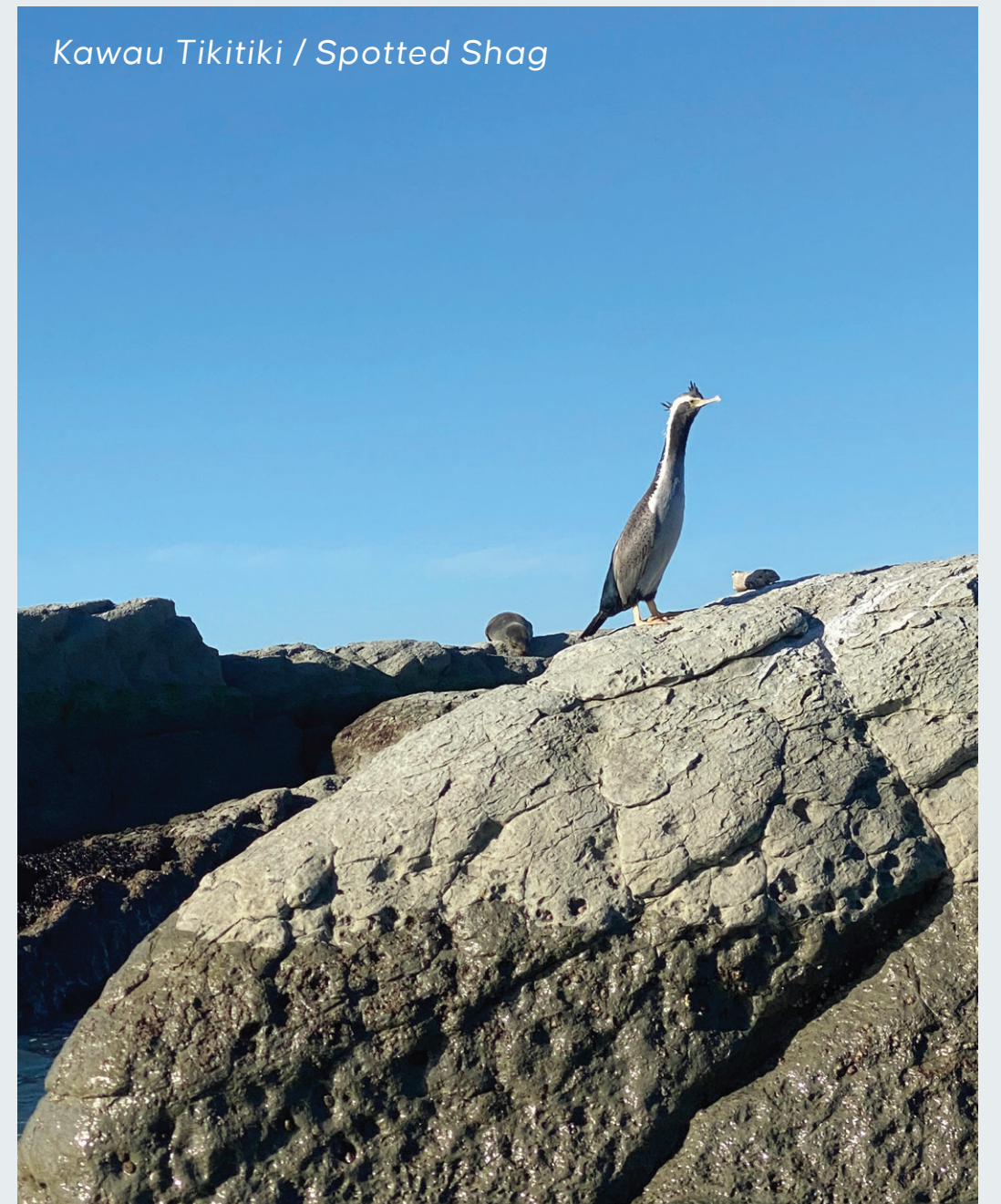
Kawau Tikitiki / Spotted Shag



Kororā / Little Blue Penguin



Toroa / Albatross



**WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS**

# SUSTAINABILITY

New Zealand is precious, and everyone who lives and travels here is responsible for looking after it. The Tiaki Promise is a commitment to care for New Zealand, for now and future generations.

We realise we have a part to play in looking after our backyard. We will endeavour to showcase our commitment to the Tiaki Promise as well as undertake annual beach clean-ups, form relationships and volunteer with the Department of Conservation and continue to provide a low carbon footprint tour.



*By following the  
Tiaki promise, you are  
making a commitment to  
Aotearoa New Zealand.  
To act as a guardian,  
protecting and  
preserving our  
home.*



# ONSITE CONTAINER CAFE

Whether it's a delicious coffee before the tour or you're looking to relax or unwind after your time on the water, we have award winning pies and a handy selection of sorbet and gelato to keep the whole family satisfied.

Our brand new converted shipping container serves as the perfect place to enjoy a barista coffee with a stunning backdrop of the Kaikōura ranges.

Open from 7am to until early evening every day, our team of expert baristas are sure to keep your taste buds satisfied and bellies full.



**COFFEE | GELATO | SORBET | SMOOTHIES | PIES**

# KAIKŌURA

Where the mountains  
meet the sea



## FOLLOW ALONG!

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## LOCATION

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