



LOCATION:

Kaikoura, New Zealand

WHY US?

- Small Groups - up to 6
- Fun & Family Friendly
- Sustainable Catches
- Take your catch home
- High Quality Fishing Gear
- Private Charter Options
- Qualmark Silver rated



Top Catch Charters Kaikoura

Fun and friendly small group Fishing Charters amongst Kaikōura's stunning scenery and unique marine environment!

Come and enjoy a fishing trip in Kaikoura that will leave a smile on your face with Top Catch Charters.

Owner and Skipper Malcolm Halstead is an experienced angler who's goal is to make sure you have a memorable fishing experience while visiting Kaikoura.

We cater for all ages on our trips and take great pride in introducing children and novices to the wonderful sport of fishing.

www.topcatchcharters.co.nz

About us

Having grown up in a crayfishing family, owner and skipper Malcolm Halstead gave up a career in corporate construction to pursue a lifelong dream to come back to Kaikoura and take people fishing. A fully qualified skipper, Malcolm has 35 years' experience fishing in the waters of the South Island of NZ and it's Malcolm's goal to make sure you have the best fishing experience Kaikoura has to offer.

Our Vessel

Ideal for small groups up to 6 passengers, you can expect a great day out on the ocean aboard our purpose built 6.2m Osprey boat, "First Light". With a powerful Ultra Low Emission 150hp Yamaha outboard, it takes no time to reach our local fishing grounds.

Sustainability

Top Catch Charters are proud to be active members of the Kaikōura Charter Fishers Association Inc. (KCFAI), and actively practice the KCFAI Code of Conduct. The code was developed by KCFAI and Te Korowai o Te Tai ō Marokura to focus on fishing sustainably for generations to come.

Bookings & Information

Phone: +64 (0) 21 843 908

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Website: www.topcatchcharters.co.nz

Trips Depart From:

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Your Skipper

**Malcolm
Halstead**

Owner / Operator



Fishing Trip Information

About our fishing trips

All our trips leave from the safe port of South Bay Marina, Kaikoura. Once on the water it is only a short trip to our abundant fishing grounds.

What we expect to catch:

Good catches of Perch, Blue Cod are to be expected along with the once in a lifetime experience of assisting with the checking the craypots for Kaikoura's favourite delicacy the Crayfish!

Take your catch home!

All fish caught by you will be filleted on board by your Skipper Malcolm and ready for you to take home and cook, you might even be lucky enough to take a crayfish home too!

Trip durations:

2, 3 & 4 hour fishing trip durations are available, either sharing with others or choose a private charter option.

Check in:

At [South Bay Marina Jetty](#) opposite 24 Moa Road, South Bay, Kaikoura.

We do not have an office at this site, your Skipper Malcolm will have the boat ready & will meet you upon arrival.

Please have your booking confirmation ready.

Parking:

Free parking is available on [Kaka Road](#) which is a 2 minute walk from our jetty.

What you need to bring:

Warm clothing, sunscreen, sea sickness precautions (if prone to travel sickness), camera, refreshments and a sense of adventure!

What we provide

We supply all the rods, reels and bait and a Top Catch bucket to take home your catch. Electric reels are available on request.

When we operate

Everyday, weather & sea conditions permitting. Closed Christmas Day.

I felt like we were fishing with friends, not a business.

"Just finished the most awesome charter with Malcolm - what a great guy and really special experience. I felt like we were fishing with friends, not a business. Highly recommend. Thanks"
Amanda - June 2022

[More Reviews](#)



How to Book

Contact Malcolm or Fiona

- Email:
info@topcatchcharters.co.nz
- Phone: +64 (0) 21 843 908

Details Required:

- Trip Choice
- Date of Trip
- Preferred time (am or pm)
- How many passengers:
 - Adult / Children
- Booking Name
- Passenger contact details whilst travelling:
 - Telephone No.
 - Email
- Your Voucher No. / Booking Ref Name or No.



Terms & Conditions

Cancellation Policy

- No refund if customer cancels within 24 hours prior to trip departure time.

Bad Weather Cancellations

- In the interests of passenger safety, we reserve the right to cancel, or change a tour time at any time. Weather and sea conditions can change quickly and this may alter the status of your tour at any time.
- Should bad weather inhibit operations, the booking will be rescheduled to suit all parties, otherwise a full refund will be issued.



Experiences & Packages

Catch & Cook Kai Moana with Hapuku Kitchen

We're all about celebrating seriously fresh ingredients, that's why Hapuku Kitchen Cooking School & Top Catch Fishing Charters have teamed up to provide an exceptional Kaikoura sea-to-plate experience "Catch & Cook, Kai Moana"

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The Kaikōura coastline is abundantly rich in aquatic life and in particular a wide range of kai moana (seafood).

Join Malcolm from Top Catch Charters for a fun packed fishing trip to catch your main kai moana ingredients. Then join ex Masterchef Fiona Read at Hapuku Kitchen, and learn the skillful art of preparing and cooking your own fresh catch before sitting down with a glass of local wine or beer, to enjoy your well earned feast. Come join us for an "Ocean to Table" experience like no other!



What's Included

- 2 Hour Private Fishing Charter with Top Catch Charters Kaikoura
- Safe, chilled transportation of your prize catch to Hapuku Kitchen
- Half Day Cooking School where you will forage for fresh ingredients, learn how to scale & fillet your catch & prepare a whole crayfish.
- Relax and enjoy your feast, accompanied with local wines or locally brewed craft beers.
- A Recipe Booklet to take home
- Complementary Hapuku Kitchen Branded Apron
- Great stories & lifetime memories!
- Allow - Full Day



HAPUKU
KITCHEN
KAIKOURA, NEW ZEALAND

Experiences & Packages

Hunting & Fishing Package with Glencree Estate

A true Hunter Gatherer's dream with Glencree Estate, Kaikoura

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Combine a Top Catch Fishing Charter with the excitement, thrill and satisfaction of a free range hunt on the stunning nearby Private Game Reserve - Glencree Estate.

Your professional guides cater for any experience level, skill and level of fitness to provide you with a great day of hunting and fishing that you will never forget.

Ideal for a family adventure, boys trip or just an excuse for a fun filled weekend with friends.



What's Included

- 2 Hour Fishing Trip with Top Catch Charters Kaikoura
 - Private Guided Half Day Hunt on Glencree Estate
 - Experienced Guides
 - All equipment provided
 - Red Deer, Fallow, Goats, Pigs, Arapawa
 - Wild venison meat animal extra \$100
 - Great stories and lifetime memories!
 - Minimum Age - 8 yrs old
- **Duration:**
- **Allow Full Day (or two half days)**

