



WINGS

OVER WHALES

K A I K O U R A N Z



QUALMARK

GOLD

WITH
LIGHT
FOOTPRINT

WITH
SAFE
& SOUND

WITH
WARM
WELCOME



KIA ORA

Growing up on a large farm in southern New Zealand, I developed a love for helicopters which led me to become a pilot. My flying career began in 2004 right here in Kaikōura taking tourists and locals alike on whale watching and scenic tours by helicopter.

Always drawn back to the beauty and wonder of Kaikōura, my wife Monique and I were thrilled when an opportunity arose in 2016 to start a whale watching business. We decided to move our family back here and start what is now South Pacific Helicopters. In 2018 we were lucky enough to be able to purchase the long established Kaikōura Whale Watching company Wings over Whales from good friends, and add that to our business to run alongside the helicopter operation.

Wings over Whales is the longest professionally run aerial whale watching company in the world operating for over 34 years, and Monique and I are proud to carry that legacy on into the future.

The packages included in this brochure are some of our personal favourites. We love to share the beauty of Kaikōura, as well as the local marine life which make this place one of the best in the world for marine wildlife encounters. With every flight, we convey our passion for this beautiful place and offer exceptional customer service which makes every client feel like they are on a unique and private tour.

We invite you and your customers to come fly with us for an incredible and unforgettable experience and see why we have fallen in love with Kaikōura.

Daniel Stevenson - CEO








G8 AIRVAN

The GA8 aircraft is a meticulously designed and purpose-built aircraft that excels in passenger and utility operations. With a strut-braced, high wing, fixed tricycle undercarriage, and a single engine, this aircraft offers optimal stability and manoeuvrability.

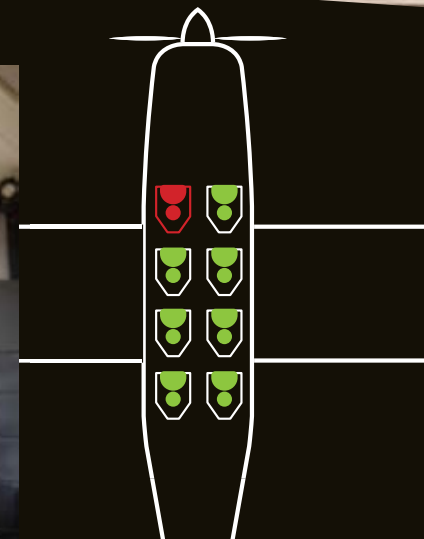
The all-alloy stressed skin construction of the fuselage ensures durability and longevity, and effective corrosion protection safeguards against damage caused by environmental elements. The cabin floor is equipped with a quick release system, allowing seamless conversion from freight to passenger or combination configurations. The composite engine cowlings feature generous and easily removable access panels for convenient maintenance and inspections.

SPECIFICATIONS

-  Single Engine:
Textron Lycoming
T10-540-AH1A
-  High wing design
for unobstructed
viewing
-  7 Passenger Seats
-  GPS Based
Navigation
-  Two entry doors

Spacious cabin





Convex windows
for clear views
during flight





COURTESY SHUTTLE

Introducing the Ford Tourneo 2023 – our courtesy shuttle for passenger convenience. With seating for 8 passengers, and no compromise on comfort or style. The seats can be easily turned to face each other, creating a more intimate and social atmosphere for party sized groups.

-  Room for 8 passengers
-  Comfortable and pleasant to be in and to drive
-  Capability, luxury & design
-  6m³ of luggage space

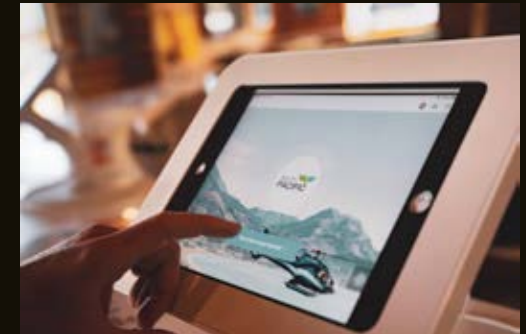




WELCOME TO OUR TERMINAL

When you arrive at the airport to check in for your flight, you will find us located in the beautiful log cabin building. Guests will be greeted not only by our friendly staff but we also have:

- Electronic check-in facilities
- Seated safety briefing area with audio visual presentation
- A range of comfortable seating
- Viewing deck
- Accessible toilets
- Snacks, refreshments & ice creams available for purchase
- Gift shop
- Marine mammal information and artefacts
- Kids corner





Kaikōura AIRPORT




FLIGHT TIMES

Blenheim. 35 min
 Picton 45 min
 Christchurch. 50 min

DRIVING TIMES

Blenheim. 1hr & 40 min
 Picton 2hr & 10 min
 Christchurch. 2hr & 40 min





CHARTERS & EXPERIENCES

We can tailor flights to suit your clients needs. Available for airport pickup & drop off, filming or photography, and any special occasion.

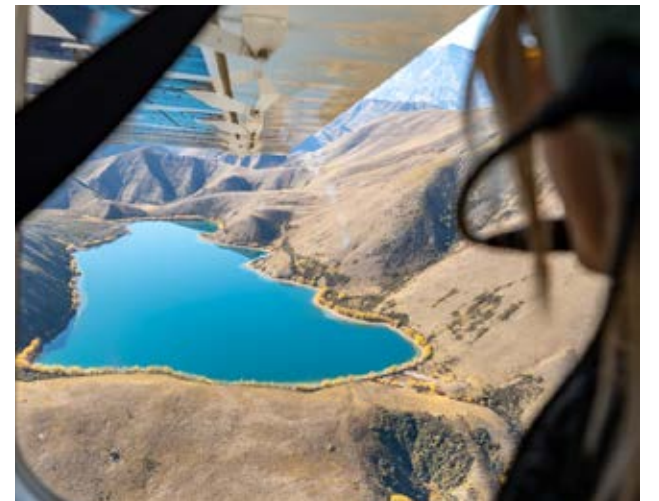
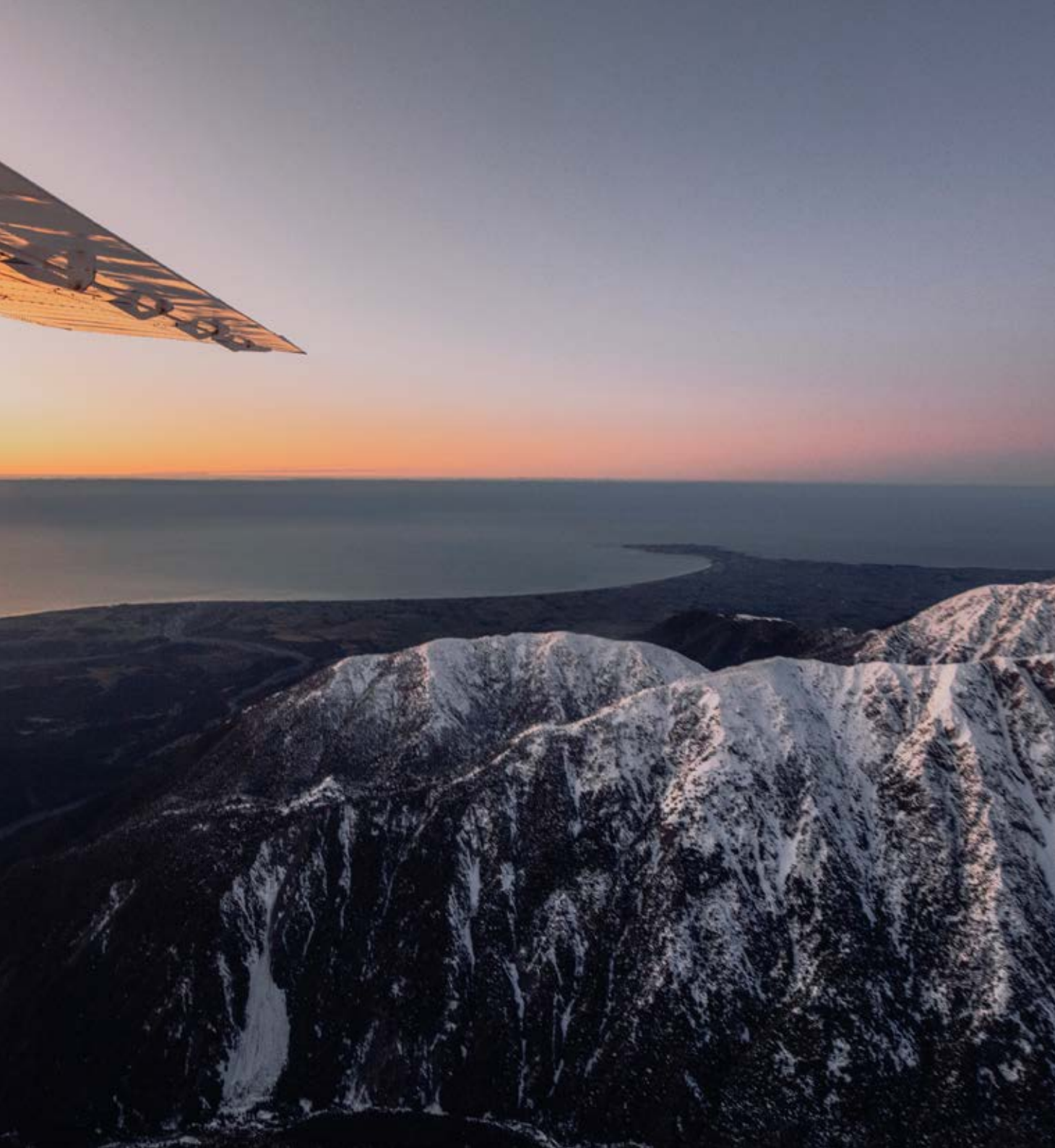
Available across New Zealand.

Helicopter and fixed wing flight transfers are available to and from Kaikōura to various remote airports and air strips around the country to our most incredible properties, ensuring breath taking views along the way.

New Zealand has an abundance of boutique stays, luxury lodges and classy and cosy properties hidden away in beautiful remote locations. Allow us to remove the stress of driving and arrive in style!

- Best choice for cross-country charters in New Zealand
- Offer exceptional service
- Central location
- Attention to detail
- Experienced pilots







WOWO1 | WHALE WATCHING

Duration: 30 min flight | Allow 60 mins

Our 30 minutes whale-Watching and scenic flight is perfect when limited for time in Kaikōura. Gain an aerial perspective on the World of whales and dolphins in Kaikōura's stunning marine environment.

From the comfort of our aircraft passengers can experience the true magnitude of the world's largest mammal, the whale. Kaikōura is home to Sperm whales year round, these animals can reach an impressive 18 metres in length and weigh up to 60 ton!

Wings Over Whales Kaikōura operate high-winged aircraft, which allows each person their own window seat and optimal, unobstructed viewing.

The Kaikōura Canyon is home to many other species of whales, dolphins and birdlife, we invite you to come explore this with our experienced team.

All whale watching flights are carried out in accordance with Department of Conservation Marine Mammal Regulations.



WOW02 | WHALE WATCHING & MOUNTAIN SCENIC TOUR

Duration: 45 min flight | Allow 75 minutes

Our whale watching & scenic tour allows you extra time in the whale area to view the majestic Sperm whale and also gives you the scenic tour of the Kaikōura Seaward mountains and Kaikōura Peninsula.

This flight is a great option for any whale enthusiast who is eager to increase their chances of seeing other species that may be passing through the waters off Kaikōura on any given day.

Take a scenic air tour over Kaikōura's rocky peninsula, lush farmlands and Seaward

Ranges. Kaikōura is a mecca for nature lovers and has some of the most incredible scenery in NZ. Situated on State Highway 1 between Christchurch and Picton, Kaikōura is a stunning coastal town known for its abundance of marine life and epic views.

This scenic flight showcases the very best of Kaikōura; from Seaward Kaikōura Mountain Ranges, to the Pacific Ocean and the Kaikōura Peninsula, see it all from above. With our high-winged aircraft everyone enjoys unimpeded viewing and photo opportunities at every turn.

WHALE WATCHING

with Marine Biologist Dr Krista Van Der Linde

Experience whale watching like never before by joining any of our whale watching adventures with our onboard marine biologist. This innovative initiative, exclusive to South Pacific Helicopters and Wings over whales in New Zealand, is a collaboration with the renowned Marine Biologist Dr. Krista Van Der Linde, formerly associated with NIWA (The National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research).

Embark on an aerial journey with Dr. Krista as she imparts her extensive knowledge about the diverse marine biology present in our extraordinary region. As you venture towards the

Hikurangi Marine Reserve, home to the whales near the Kaikōura coastline, Krista will delight in sharing insights into marine life throughout the expedition and addressing any questions you've always had about the underwater world and its wildlife.

Wings over Whales will donate \$20 from every seat booking to:





WOWZIP | WHALES & ZIPLINING



Duration: 30 mins for Whale Watching and 4 hours for EcoZip | Allow 5 hours

Brand new to Kaikōura in November 2023, welcome EcoZip Adventures.

This combo will have you on top of the world in Kaikōura with the highest views by land and then air. Ziplines will range from 250m to 610m in length. In total, your guests will 'zip' over 2km on a series of ziplines that deliver increasingly spectacular views. There are five different ziplines to enjoy.

Then join us for a 30 minute whale watching scenic tour. See the sperm whale from tail to tip like no other. These 'Ocean Giants' are a must see in Kaikōura.

WOWO3 | PRIVATE WHALE WATCHING

Duration: 30 mins | Allow 60 minutes

If exclusivity is what you are after then enjoy it on your own private flight in our luxury aeroplane. Our exceptional pilots have a vast knowledge of the region and will offer you their incredible experiences, first hand. See the mighty Sperm whale in its entirety from above, as you orbit the mammal to position for the perfect photo opportunity. Whale Watching from above allows you to see much more of these amazing creatures than possible at surface level. This view also gives you opportunities to look for other migratory species like the playful dusky dolphins.



WOW17 | WINGS & KAYAKS EXPERIENCE

Duration: 30 minute flight | 3.5 hour Kayak tour

This combination tour offers a 30 minute whale watching flight with Wing Over Whales to experience true magnitude of the world's largest mammal and a tour around the stunning coastline taking in the Kaikōura Peninsula with Kaikōura Kayaks.

During your kayak tour you are 100% guaranteed seal viewing that 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



WOW18 | WHALES BY AIR AND DOLPHINS BY SEA

Duration: 30min flight | 3.5 hour boat tour

See Kaikōura's marine wildlife from all angles with our amazing new COMBO experience! We've teamed up with our friends at Dolphin Encounter to give you a day you will never forget.

Soar above the ocean and see everything Kaikōura has to offer. Then get up close and personal with dolphins on a dolphin spotting boat cruise with the amazing team at Dolphin encounter.

For those with an appetite for excitement, upgrade your tour and join the pod in the water with a dolphin swim.



WOW21 | WHALES & HAPUKU KITCHEN

Duration: 30min flight & 150min lunch | Allow 3 hours

Upgrade to cooking class available – allow 4.5 hours

Immerse yourself in the ultimate local collaboration through this sought-after tour that seamlessly combines whale watching with a culinary experience at Hapuku Kitchen. Begin your adventure with a thrilling flight to witness the captivating marine life in their natural habitat. Kaikōura's rich culinary offerings sustain a diverse marine ecosystem, hosting migratory whales such as Humpback, Southern Right whales, Blue whales, and the formidable Sperm whale – the world's largest toothed whale.

Following the aerial exploration, you will be transferred by shuttle to the hapuku kitchen where you will be warmly welcomed by owner and chef Fiona Read.

Within the breathtaking backdrop of Kaikōura's towering peaks, the Hapuku Kitchen team invites you into their remarkable farmhouse and gardens. Fiona will guide you through her foraging process, showcasing the creation of focused, uncomplicated yet delectable dishes sourced from her gardens and local producers.

Following the tour, unwind with a leisurely seasonal long lunch paired with hand-picked wines. Alternatively, seize the opportunity to step into the kitchen and try your hand at crafting exquisite cuisines.

Conclude your experience with an exclusive shuttle back to your accommodation after a memorable day of exploration and gastronomic delight.





WOW04 | MIDDLEHURST STATION

RURAL TOUR & LUNCH

Duration: flight 30 min each way, farm tour and lunch 2.5 hours | Allow 3-4 hours

Let us whisk you away for lunch in high-country paradise – Middlehurst Station. Located in the Awatere Valley, enjoy a scenic flight through both the Seaward and Inland Kaikōura ranges on route.

Sit down to a delicious 2-course lunch, made using local and farm produce, catered by Middlehurst's onsite executive chef who has years of industry experience, working in acclaimed restaurants around the world.

Concluding your exceptional day, savor the perfect finale with a unique woolshed experience and a guided rural tour, adding a touch of rustic charm to your adventure, before taking a scenic flight back to Kaikoura.



WOW05 | WOW06

MIDDLEHURST STATION

ACCOMMODATION PACKAGES

We have packaged up the ultimate getaway in high-country paradise – Middlehurst Station. Located in the Awatere Valley, enjoy a scenic flight through both the Seaward and Inland Kaikōura ranges on route. Package includes flights ex Kaikōura, accommodation, farm tour, food & beverage.

Take the 30 minute flight from Kaikōura (or anywhere in the South Island) and arrive at Middlehurst station where you can stay and enjoy all the Lodge and farm has to offer. The package also includes a one bedroom apartment with super king bed, luxury linen, underfloor heating, kitchenette, lounge, and an en-suite bathroom. Catering is included with an onsite private chef using local and farm produce. Middlehurst Station's chef is professionally trained and has years of industry experience working in acclaimed restaurants around the world. Enjoy morning tea on arrival, lunch, pre dinner platter, dinner with 2 complimentary drinks & dessert.

THE 4WD STATION FARM TOUR

Allow 2-3 hours

Willie, the station owner, will drive you through an area rich in history, stories, and picturesque backdrops. Stop for 'Smoko' (kiwi for snack break) at one of the historic 'Musterers huts' and keep an eye out for wildlife grazing on the skylines.

WOW06 | **1 night stay**

WOW07 | **2 nights stay**

2 nights is recommended stay. Minimum 2 pax per booking.






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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CHILDREN AND INFANTS

There is no minimum age for children or infants to travel on our tours, however children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult. All children and infants are given ear protection and life jackets (for whale watching flights) at the time of check-in.

Infants under the age of 2 years of age can travel free of charge if they can sit comfortably on the adults lap and weigh under 18 kgs. On some aircraft there is a limit of 1 infant per trip, contact the team if there are any questions.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

All of our pilots hold a Commercial Pilot License and are regularly subjected to stringent performance checks under New Zealand Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) requirements.

Safety is our main priority. Before all flights, passengers are fully briefed on safety procedures before entering the aircraft.

During flights our pilots may, at their own discretion, change flight paths and landing locations due to safety and weather conditions. Passengers will always be kept fully informed of any changes.

ON THE DAY OF YOUR BOOKING

Check in time for all flights is 30 minutes prior to the tour time down at the airport terminal, located at the Kaikoura Airport, 617 State Highway 1, Pekata, Kaikoura. All passengers and gear will be weighed at the time of check-in, and are required to attend the pre-flight information session and safety briefing.

BOOKING INFORMATION

To make an enquiry or a booking request please contact our reservation staff on any of the contact information below:

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THANK YOU

We are excited to provide you with this booklet showcasing the Wings Over Whales experience.

Kaikōura is an incredible place with so much to offer, from the rugged Seaward Kaikōura Ranges to the stunning coastline. Our aeroplanes allow you to take in the beauty of this landscape and its wildlife from a unique perspective.

Whether it is a whale watching flight in Kaikōura to see the impressive sperm whales or a charter flight to the Marlborough wineries, we are proud to operate a premium level of service, and we are confident in saying that your clients will have a great experience no matter which tour they choose.

Come fly with us for an incredible trip soaring above our wildlife and scenery!

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