

Encounter Kaikoura

Kaikoura, North Canterbury

Dolphin Encounter

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Located on the east coast of the South Island, Kaikoura is one of the most picturesque places in New Zealand. It is famous for the spectacular marine life that inhabits the coastline including whales, dolphins, albatross, penguins, fur seals and orca.

Encounter Kaikoura has been providing boat tours to swim with and watch the dusky dolphins and other wildlife since 1989. The business is owned and operated by 3 local business partners with a passion for the rich environment in which they have lived in all their lives.



Dolphin Encounter specialises in providing an exhilarating experience of swimming or watching wild dusky dolphins in their natural environment off the Kaikoura coast. You get the opportunity to swim with, or just watch, the dusky dolphins in their natural environment off the coast of Kaikoura, New Zealand.

- Dusky dolphins are resident in the coastal waters of Kaikoura all year round
- Dusky dolphins are renowned for their acrobatic leaps and interactive behaviour.

Whether you choose to view from the boat or join the dolphins in the ocean, you will have a unique experience that will stay with you for a lifetime!

Departs 5:30am*, 8:30am, 12:30pm | Duration 3.5 hours *summer only

Additional Information

We require you to call us before 4pm on the day prior to your tour.

In order to swim with the dolphins, children must be 8 years or older. The minimum age limit is normally 5 years of age. However, with the agreement of the skipper and crew; if conditions are deemed suitable, children under the age of 5 years, but no younger than 3 years, may be permitted to take the tour.



Directions

Encounter Kaikoura is located on the beachfront within easy walk of all the central township accommodation.

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Terms

CHILD POLICY Family friendly

CANCELLATION 24 hours 100% | cancellation due to weather or mechanical reasons, full refund

SEASON Open year round

Recommendations

Cafe Encounter

Our fully licensed café is located on the beachfront providing the perfect setting in which to enjoy great coffee and cuisine.

Accommodation in this area

- [The Factory](#)
- [Fyffe Country Lodge](#)