

Kaikōura & Hurunui



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Whether you prefer to stay on the land, soak in a thermal pool, hop aboard a scenic flight or head out on the water – there's no better time to visit Kaikōura & Hurunui regions.

Few places can boast of such

natural wonders as those offered in Kaikōura. Home to a range of wildlife - including the Sperm Whale, the New Zealand Fur Seal, Dusky Dolphins and a range of bird species - take time to experience the marine life up close by boat, flight or from land. Kaikōura is also renowned for its great fishing grounds and reef diving, and offers fantastic mountain biking, cycling, and walking tracks to enjoy. Kaikōura is a mecca for seafood lovers, with lots of fresh delicacies to try,

including groper, cod, mussels and crayfish. For those looking for a culinary adventure, be sure to check out the local farm to table cooking school.

Hurunui region is a place where rugged coastlines and breath-taking clifftops meet lush forests and alpine retreats. Go wine tasting in the North Canterbury Wine region, enjoy rural experiences like farm tours, farm stays and glamping, and then soak up the health and beauty of the alpine village of Hanmer Springs.

Getting There

Self-drive visitors can explore the North Canterbury region by following the Alpine Pacific Touring Route, which links Kaikōura with Hanmer Springs and the North Canterbury wine region.

Kaikōura is positioned 2.5 hours' drive north of Ōtautahi Christchurch, 2 hours south of Picton. Hanmer Springs is just 90 minutes from Christchurch and 2 hours from Kaikōura and you can explore the beauty of rural towns on the way - Amberley, Waipara, Cheviot.

TOP 10 MUST DOS

1. Enjoy a scenic heli-picnic in the Kaikōura ranges
2. Take time to cycle the Kaikōura Trail
3. Get up close to majestic birds with Albatross Encounter
4. Wake to the sound of bird song, nestled amongst nature
5. Don't miss the annual Classic Cover Kaikōura Hop
6. Relax and rejuvenate at Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools & Spa
7. Stop and taste wine in North Canterbury Wine Region
8. Admire art and sculptures at Iron Ridge Quarry Sculpture Park
9. Book your tickets to Hurunui Garden Festival in October
10. Stay on a farm and soak up the views of rural Hurunui

TOP 5 for OLDER TRAVELLERS

Paid Activities & Accommodation

1. Enjoy coastal & mountain views at Bendamere House B&B
2. Soar above the wildlife with Wings over Whales
3. Enjoy lunch on the Hurunui River with Energy Jet
4. Relax at the famous Hanmer Springs Hotel
5. Multiday walking experience on the Island Hills Station

TOP 5 for COUPLES

Paid Activities & Accommodation

1. Wake to glorious views from your glass cabin with PurePod
2. Hapuku Kitchen – farm to table culinary experience
3. Watch or swim with dolphins with Dolphin Encounter Kaikōura
4. Between the Vines North Canterbury Helicopter Winery Tour
5. Treat yourself at The Spa in Hanmer Springs

TOP 5 for FAMILY ADVENTURES

Paid Activities & Accommodation

1. Paddle around the peninsula with Kaikōura Kayaks
2. Head out on the water with Kaikōura Fishing Charters
3. Have fun on waterslides at Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools & Spa
4. Stay at the family friendly TOP 10 Holiday Park
5. Jet boat, bungee jump or quadbike with Hanmer Attractions

