

So, how do you get to Kaikoura?

We are on State Highway 1 but the stretch of road is actually called Kincaid Road..

Kaikoura is on the eastern side of the South Island between Picton (where ferry arrives/departs from/to Wellington on the North Island) and Christchurch.

You can drive, train, bus or fly to Kaikoura. Cruise ships also stop in time to time too..

We are located in Hapuku which is just an eight minute scenic drive north from Kaikoura so we are close to all the town attractions and far enough away for the peace and quiet of farm life.

It's easy to find us as you just stay on State Highway 1 to our driveway entrance.

Car:

Driving allows you to stop along the way - there are vineyards, thermal pools & spas, walks, seals, surf beaches so make sure you plan out your trip to make the most of what NZ has to offer on your way to Kaikoura and allow plenty of time as it does seem to get away on you easily!

So you can plan your trip these road driving times are approximate:

2 hours from/to Picton

1 hours 30 minutes from/to Blenheim

2 hours 30 minutes from/to Christchurch

2 hours from/to Hanmer Springs

Train:

Kaikoura has a train station that is next to Whale Watch so the station is called the Whale Way Station.

The Coastal Pacific train goes through Kaikoura twice a day throughout summer – morning is north from Christchurch to Picton and in the afternoon it heads back down south from Picton to Christchurch.

It is a very scenic journey and once you hit the coast you are so close to the water that the open carriages can get to feel the sea water spray!

Bus:

The Inter City bus service operates through Kaikoura twice daily morning & afternoon and all you need do is look out the window and be amazed with the surrounds whilst someone else drives you!

If you are travelling around the South Island via bus or train we can easily collect you from the Whale Way Station or Bus Stop in town and bring you back to your accommodation after 3pm. If you arrive in the morning we can organise to meet and collect your luggage so you can enjoy your time in town without worrying about dragging or carrying it around with you.

We would then drop you back into town by 9.30 to catch the bus or train so you can continue on your South Island journey.

Plane:

The Kaikoura Airfield is a small airfield usually for scenic flights located at Peketa 10 minutes south of town.

Christchurch is both Domestic and an International Airport.

Picton and Marlborough Airport Blenheim and provide regional scheduled chartered services too.

Helicopter:

Want to fly? yep, we can even organise that with South Pacific Helicopters too!