

# SWIMMING WITH THE WHALES



Those travelers, who long for an unforgettable holiday which combines active walking and exploring a diverse terrain with swimming and other water activities and - most importantly - with a proper dose of excitement and adventure, have now a very attractive option. Spending a week in Kaikoura, New Zealand, may turn into a holiday of a lifetime.

Here, the charming natural setting comes with an appealing bonus: a close encounter with the whales.

There is only one New Zealand's marine based whale watching company, Whale Watch, and it offers a very reasonable deal to its clients. On an average two-and-a-half-hour tour, the adventurers get to see a wide range of unforgettable marine exemplars. Pods of Dusky dolphins wondering around the boats, the rare Albatross, New Zealand fur seals, Blue Whales, Humpback Whales, Orcas or even the world's smallest dolphins, Hector's.

Adventurers who long for a truly close encounter will applaud the most exciting offer; they may dive with the whales and seals - under constant supervision of experienced, well trained guides.

Naturally, the success of such tour very much depends on the season. The ideal observation time ranges from October until May. Companies are also prepared to return 80% of the price if the tour does not 'deliver'. Another great option flying enthusiasts will appreciate are the Wings over Whales. During a thirty minute flight, the tourists may observe all the rare animals from a different and very amusing perspective.

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