



HAPUKU

LODGE + TREE HOUSES

KAIKOURA, NEW ZEALAND

Adventure Guide

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ON THE WATER

Kaikoura, with its unparalleled marine life and spectacular landscapes, is one of the world's premier eco-marine tourism destinations. Indeed, New Zealand Geographic has called Kaikoura "A maritime Serengeti" and "a Sea World without Walls".



Whale Watch



Whale Watch is New Zealand's only marine-based whale watching company offering visitors an exciting *up-close encounter with the Giant Sperm Whale* at all times of the year.

A typical Whale Watch tour may encounter *New Zealand Fur Seals*, pods of *Dusky dolphins* and the endangered *Wandering Albatross*.

Depending on the season you may also see migrating Humpback Whales, Pilot Whales, Blue Whales and Southern Right Whales.

Kaikoura often hosts the world's largest dolphin - the Orca - and is home to the world's smallest and rarest - the Hector's. Kaikoura also attracts the largest concentration and variety of seabirds on mainland New Zealand.

www.whalewatch.co.nz

Kaikoura Kayaks

Whether you want to paddle with the marine life, go kayak fishing, hire your own boat or up skill your paddling through the kayak school it's all here!

The curious NZ Fur Seals and Dusky Dolphins are only a few paddle strokes away and their local guides would love to introduce you to them around the Kaikoura Peninsula. Their hassle free, Eco Friendly tours offer a safe, enjoyable, interactive trip, with little effort and a whole lot of good fun!

Watch NZ Fur Seals, dive and manoeuvre around and under your kayak.

Paddle with them as they swim around the Kaikoura Peninsula hunting for Octopus. Keep your distance while dinner is devoured in front of you, then duck for cover as hundreds of Pelagic (ocean going) birds swoop in to clean up the left-overs. Continue your journey around the Kaikoura coastline for chance encounters with Dusky Dolphins.

www.kaikourakayaks.nz



Dolphin Encounter

Dolphin Encounter have developed their tours for those wishing to enhance their understanding of dolphins in their natural environment, truly a unique experience. Their tours have 2 options:

Watching

The opportunity to go out and watch the dusky dolphins from our boats, gives visitors wonderful views of these spectacular and acrobatic dolphins. As well as this, there is the opportunity to witness any interaction between the dolphins and swimmers, who are also on the same boat.

Swimming

The dusky dolphins inhabit the coastal waters off Kaikoura all year round, making Kaikoura a unique place in the world where wild dolphins can be encountered every day, weather permitting. It is this fact that sets our operation apart; our success rate of swimming with dolphins is second to none.

www.dolphinencounter.co.nz



Albatross Encounter

Kaikoura is the albatross capital of the world with up to 14 different species visiting the area throughout the year.

For many it is the species of albatross that are the biggest attraction. The great albatross, the wanderings and royals, then the smaller albatross, the shy, black-browed and Buller's. We see two species of giant petrel and up to ten species of the smaller petrels. There are about seven species of shearwater including the endemic Hutton's shearwater, which nests in burrows in the Kaikoura Mountains.

www.albatrossencounter.co.nz



Seal Swim

Snorkeling with wild New Zealand Fur Seals, in the shallow waters of the beautiful Kaikoura Peninsula is truly a unique experience. It's one of those simple nature experiences that opens your mind to the sheer magnificence of our natural environment and its amazing inhabitants. Seal Swim Kaikoura *is breath-taking nature activity*. You won't believe how *curious, friendly and playful New Zealand Fur Seals* can be in the water.

Many people have said that their seal swimming experience was one of the highlights of their travels in New Zealand. This is definitely something you do not want to miss out on.

www.sealswimkaikoura.co.nz



Levi's Pedal Craft Kayaks

Kaikoura Pedal Kayaks is the first Kayak Tour of its sort in New Zealand. You're going to love how easy it is to kayak in and around our beautiful Kaikoura Peninsula. The ungainly paddle is replaced by pedal power! No more annoying drips of water running down your sleeve and purer power of your legs make it easier and faster. Easy no upper body strength needed, hands free, you can either Pedal or Paddle. All tours are guided, 100% chance to seals, there are also Blue Penguins and plenty of other marine life to see, and we run three tours daily, amazing sunset tours.

www.sealkayakkaikoura.com



PRIVATE AIR TOURS

Flying this incredible landscape - by plane or helicopter - is an inspiring way to discover the breadth of the backcountry.



South Pacific Helicopters

South Pacific Helicopters is New Zealand's premier whale helicopter company in Kaikoura, offering unparalleled whale watching experiences and unique scenic flights and bespoke adventures.

Kaikoura is one of the best places in the world for whale watching. Experience orbiting the resident sperm whales and the year round dusky dolphins and New Zealand fur seals, as well as other migratory species such as blue, humpback, fin, and orca whales. Viewing the animals from above allows you to see the entire whale, and have insights into behaviour you can't get when on a boat. Many of our tours include a scenic aspect as well so you can be watching whales one minute, then landing high in the Seaward Kaikoura Ranges the next, for amazing views of the local area.

In addition to the marine wildlife, there is so much more to discover in the Kaikoura area! South Pacific can also provide services such as charter and scenic flights, heli-rafting down the Clarence River, heli-mountain biking, heli-hunting. We can provide bespoke tours and itineraries to capture that ultimate New Zealand experience, as well as for photography, engagements, weddings or any other special occasions! Soar above it all, explore nature with us, and have an unforgettable adventure in New Zealand.

www.southpacificwhales.co.nz



Wings over Whales

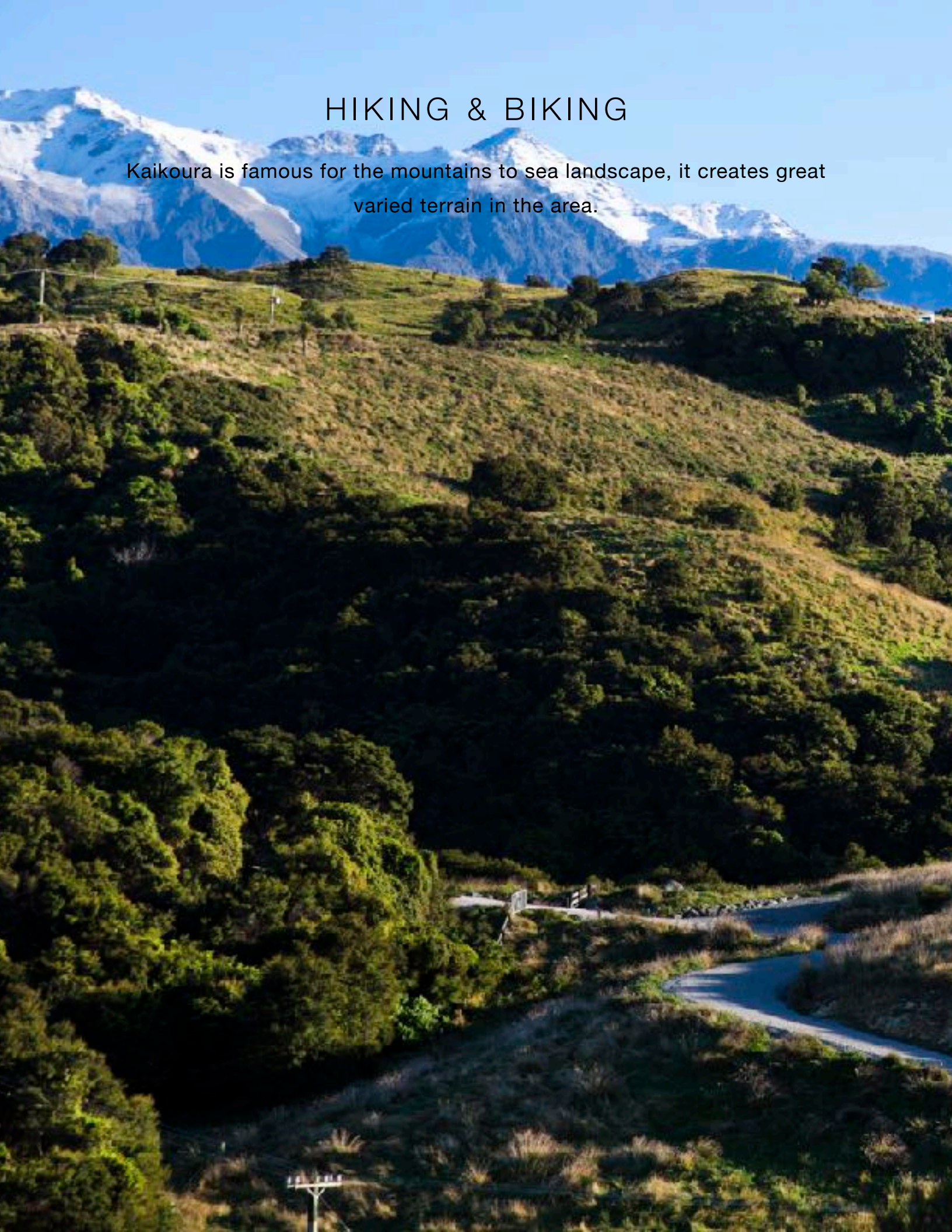
While you are in Kaikoura go whale watching....by airplane! It's the best way to view whales and mountains while in New Zealand. In a typical 30 minute flight you will see the majestic *Sperm Whale* preparing for his next dive and up to 500 *Dusky Dolphins* playfully swimming. Occasional sightings include *Southern Right*, *Humpback*, *Fin*, *Sei*, *Brydes*, *Pilot*, *Southern Bottlenose* and *Blue Whales*.

www.whales.co.nz



HIKING & BIKING

Kaikoura is famous for the mountains to sea landscape, it creates great varied terrain in the area.



Puhi Puhi Scenic Reserve

The *Puhi Puhi Scenic Reserve* is a protected significant Area of International Importance, renowned as a haven for a diverse array of rare and endangered native species of New Zealand flora and fauna. (30min)



Fyffe Palmer Track

1hr 45 min return

'This track starts from the end of the Mt Fyffe Road. It initially meanders through farmland and then through the regenerating forest of Fyffe-Palmer Scenic Reserve. There is a picnic area along the track with excellent views.'





The tui is an endemic passerine bird of New Zealand

Kaikoura Walks

Mount Fyffe Track to the mountain hut

This is a brilliant trip because on the lower mountain you experience the native forest and birds as you wind your way up the stunning views appear and in no time you are in an alpine environment, looking over steep ridges, down into deep river valleys before reaching the mountain hut where you will experience breathtaking views of the mountains and the ocean. (Heli-Hiking Option Available)

5 hours

Halfmoon Bay Track

This track is wide with easy gradient, walking through the lower forest opening out to great views of the forest below, the ocean and the mountains. Enjoy the birds, flora and fauna. When we reach the saddle the 360 degree views are stunning a great place to stop and have refreshments. This area is steeped in history. A lovely trip in the wilderness. There is an option to go down on to the beach where you can view seals and sea birds etc.

4.5 hours

Kaikoura Peninsula Discovery Walk

Easy flat walk after a short path up and then down to the coast. Start with a bush track then 360oC million dollar views where the mountains almost tumble into the sparkling Pacific Ocean. Learn about the unique Kaikoura canyon and its location.

Discover the rich Peninsula one of the most biologically diverse locations on the South Islands, seabirds, fish, marine.

2.5 – 3 hours

Coastal Track

The coastal walk starts off at the beach, there are many points of interest along the way, from shells to sea birds to seals sunbathing or frolicking in the pools. You leave the beach and walk through the forest to a lookout point where the views will amaze you. Sometimes you can see large pods of dusky dolphins playing from here, if you are very lucky you may even see a migrating Whale, it is a nice place to spend time with great photo opportunities.

4 hours

www.walkingandbikingkaikoura.com



Bike Kaikoura

Kaikoura has something to offer from the sedate family ride through the country side to multi-day hardcore adventure rides. Kaikoura is famous for the mountains to sea landscape, it creates great varied terrain in the area. Explore the rugged coast line to some of the highest peaks outside the Mount Cook region. The trails stay rideable year round with exceptions depending on weather patterns. The Mountain ranges are the highest outside the Mount Cook region so ride with suitable warm gear as conditions can change fast and unexpectedly.

- **The Kowhai Trail:** 17 kilometres ride around 2.5 hours return from the centre of Kaikoura.
- **Mt Fyffe:** It is a rewarding ride, biking from the coast to just off 1,600 metres vertical at the summit.
- **Half Moon Bay to Okiwi Bay:** 7 kilometres ride takes 2 to 4 hours loop. You tackle two climbs in this ride, around 600m vertical each.

www.coastalsports.co.nz



EXPERIENCES FOR ALL AGES

Kaikoura is a place to connect with a natural environment of sea,
mountains and sky.



Sheep Shearing

Get up close to our Drysdale Ram “Ram-Man” and let him eat out of the palm of your hand. Taking place in an authentic Kiwi shearing shed you will get a taste of traditional sheep shearing including information on wool types, sheep breeds, tools and the techniques & equipment of the past.



pointbnb.co.nz/sheep-shearing/

Llama Trekking

Enjoy quality time with our amazing llamas with magnificent views, great locations and have a relaxing time! All our Llama Treks include a personalised introduction to familiarise you with Llamas and Llama Trekking; then a specific intro. to the characters of our Llamas; after which you get to choose and are welcomed to your animal. An experienced trekking guide accompanies all our Llama Treks. Your guide will take you round your route, and will help you get the most out of the experience. Your guide will also help describe what's happening, or simply the characteristics and behaviour of Llamas, so you will be full informed and knowledgeable by the time you're finished!

www.llamatrekking.co.nz/

Lavender Farm

Spend the day with us... Enjoy a relaxing stroll through the gardens in a tranquil atmosphere, have a coffee or tea and browse through the lavender products in our shop.

www.lavenderfarm.co.nz



Glenstrae Farm 4x4 Off-road Adventure Tours



Exciting *4WD bike experience and guided ATV tours* through beautiful, hill-country farmland, with native bush & songbirds. Tracks and quad bikes well maintained, *no experience required*, full tuition given. Memorable views of the Kaikoura coastline rugged reefs, beaches, and even seals!

www.glenstrae4wheeladventures.com

Kaikoura Fishing Tours

Kaikoura Fishing Tours cater for the expert fisherman to the novice with all training provided and gear supplied. All fish is filleted ready for cooking or if preferred catch and release. We are about preservation of the fisheries and give all fish that are too small or breeding stock back to the sea so fish stocks continue to be plentiful. During the trip we can describe the sea birds and their habitat, also whales and dolphins are not an uncommon sight while fishing.

www.kaikoura-fishing-tours.co.nz



Boardsilly Paddle-boarding & Surfing

Stand-up Paddleboarding

Stand-up paddling is best described as "Yoga on Water". It's a no-impact sport that improves balance and coordination, strength and endurance. It's stress reducing, relaxing and invigorating for people of all ages, abilities, and size.

The closest thing to walking on water! Come and have a go with Dave Lyons, Kaikoura's most qualified surf coach, in the sheltered waters of the Kaikoura Peninsula.

Boardsilly Surf School

Learn to surf with Dave Lyons, Kaikoura's surf coach! From absolute beginners through to intermediates, Dave has plenty of knowledge to share.

The Kaikoura region has several ideal locations for you to have a go, with your safety being our priority. Come for a 2.5 to 3 hour trip that includes transport, board, wetsuit and coaching plus refreshments and lots of fun!

Sunrise & Sunset Tours available.

www.boardsilly.co.nz



Kaikoura Golf Club

Kaikoura's golf course is nestled between the magnificent vista of the Seaward Kaikoura Mountains and the ocean waters of the Pacific Ocean. Located within five minutes' drive of the Kaikoura Township on State Highway 1 this wonderful *18-hole golf course* offers something for every golfer, *from beginner to low handicapper*.

A round of golf, while you take in the spectacular views and walk the irrigated fairways of the Kaikoura Golf Course is the ultimate way to wind down after an exciting day of marine mammal adventures.

www.kaikouragolf.co.nz

AT THE LODGE

A variety of walks can be taken from the Lodge or
just sit by the fire with a glass of wine

The view from Hapuku Farm

Hapuku Trails

A variety of walks can be taken from the Lodge, from short to long, beach to bush, with a picnic basket if desired, including a botanical tour of the local native bush.

Hapuku River Walk (approx. 30 min. return)

Walk towards our Olive Grove passing the Tree Houses and our Olive House Suite to your left. A small wooden arrow on the fence to your right indicates the start of the walk. Follow the grassy path (there is a deer gate to unlatch part way down, please close it after you) until you see a second path turning off to your right. Following the path for 20m you will get to a lovely picnic spot with views of the Hapuku River bed and the Seaward Kaikoura Mountain Ranges.

Beach Walk (approx. 30 min. return)

At the back gate (the back driveway to the tree houses), turn right and follow the road (Station Road) until you get to the railway tracks. Walk straight ahead and cross the tracks (please, watch out for trains!) and you'll see a small track near the large lamp post. Follow the road down to the beach. This is a popular spot for surfers and freedom campers.



The Pool & Spa



DRIVING TIMES

Distance and approximate driving times to Hapuku Lodge + Tree Houses:

Christchurch: 183km (113 miles); 2 hrs. 45 mins

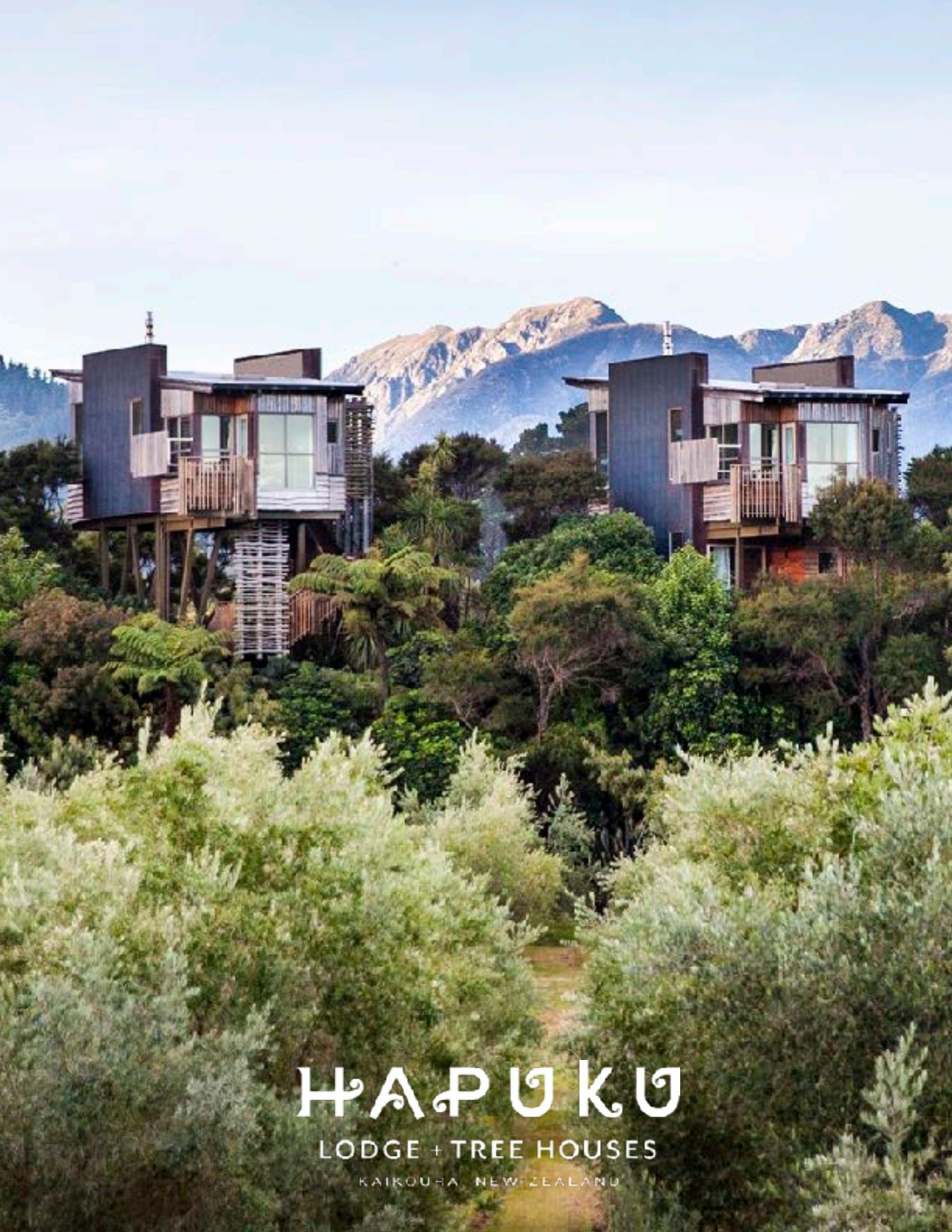
Hanmer: 133km (82 miles); 2 hrs

Picton (N. Island Ferry): 157 km (97 miles); 2 hrs 15 mins.

Nelson: 245 km (152 miles); 3hrs. 30 mins.

Blenheim: 129 km (80 miles); 1 hr 45 mins





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