


THE UNFORGETTABLE ALPINE PACIFIC TOURING ROUTE




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EXPERIENCE THE ALPINE PACIFIC,  
NEW ZEALAND'S NEWEST TOURING ROUTE,  
450KMS OF SPECTACULAR SCENERY WINDING  
PAST WINERIES, ALPINE THERMAL POOLS,  
WILD SURF AND WHALES.

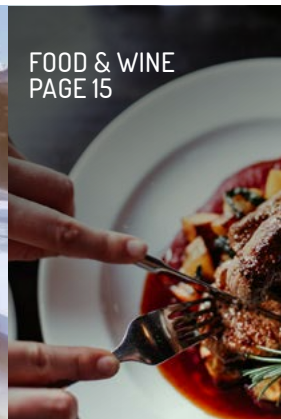


The Alpine Pacific Touring Route takes in some of the best scenery in the South Island of New Zealand, running between Christchurch, Kaikōura and Hanmer Springs.

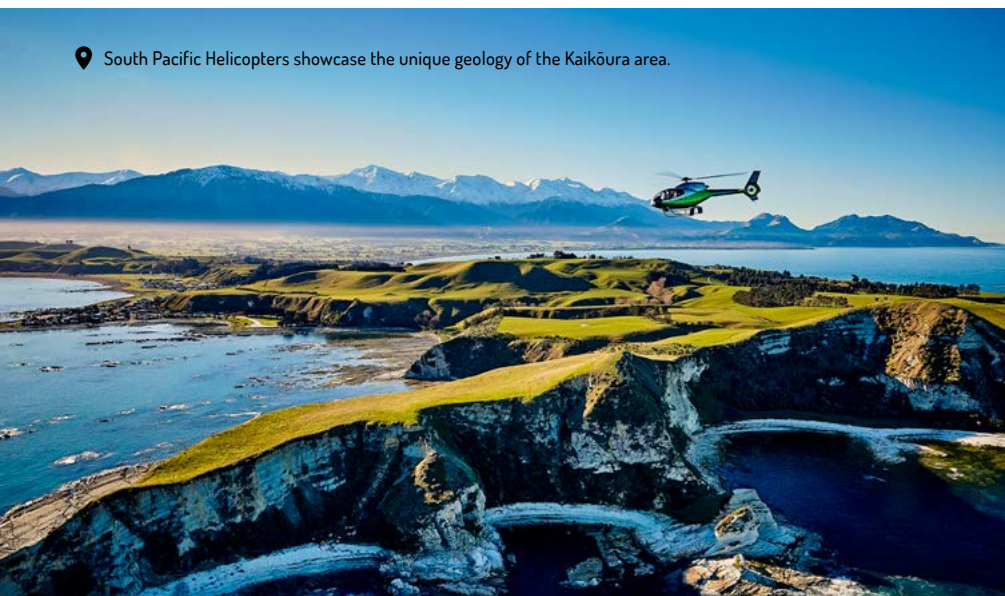
📍 Kayaking along Kaikōura's wild coastlines.



Destined to become one of the top scenic routes in the world, the Alpine Pacific is packed with unforgettable experiences.



South Pacific Helicopters showcase the unique geology of the Kaikōura area.



## HIGHLIGHTS

Taste the award-winning flavours of the buzzing North Canterbury / Waipara wine and food scene

Bask under the stars in Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools & Spa

Stretch your legs and listen for bellbirds on a mountain walk

Drive through the coastal ranges to encounter whales, seals, albatross and swim with dolphins in Kaikōura

Discover some new gems in Christchurch, New Zealand's hub of change and creativity



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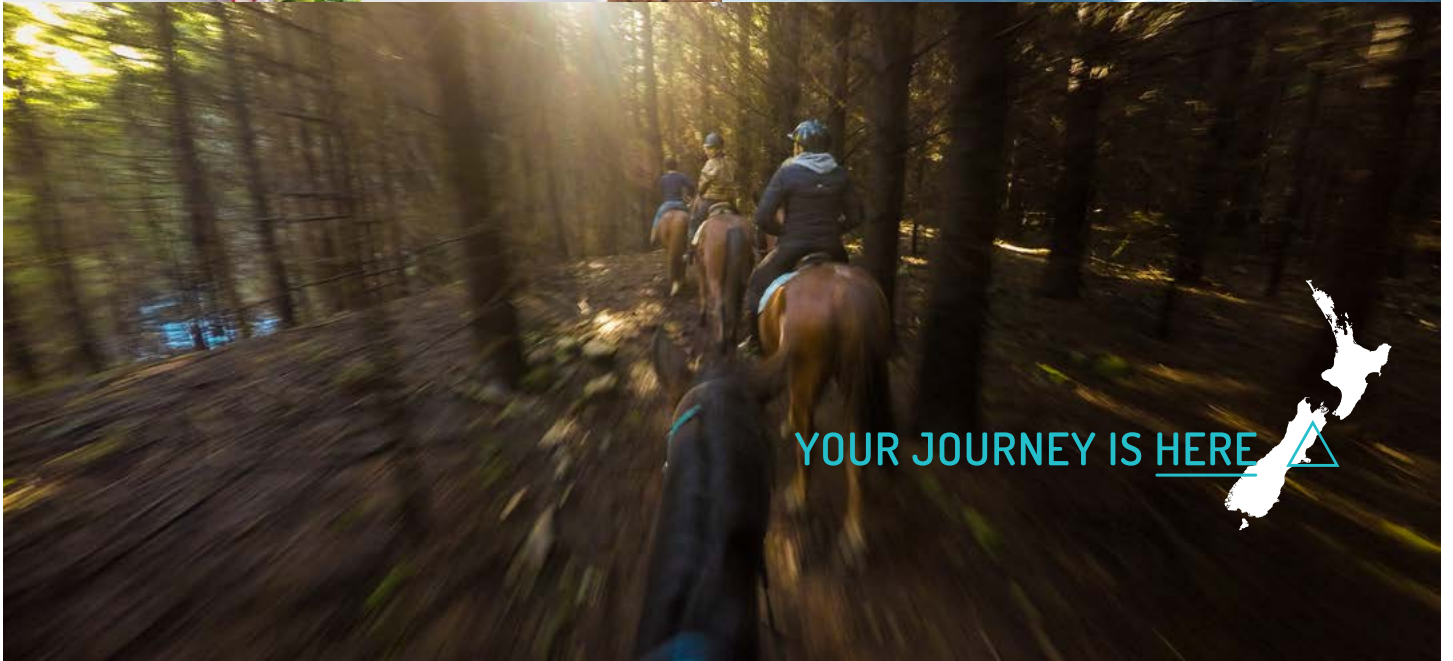
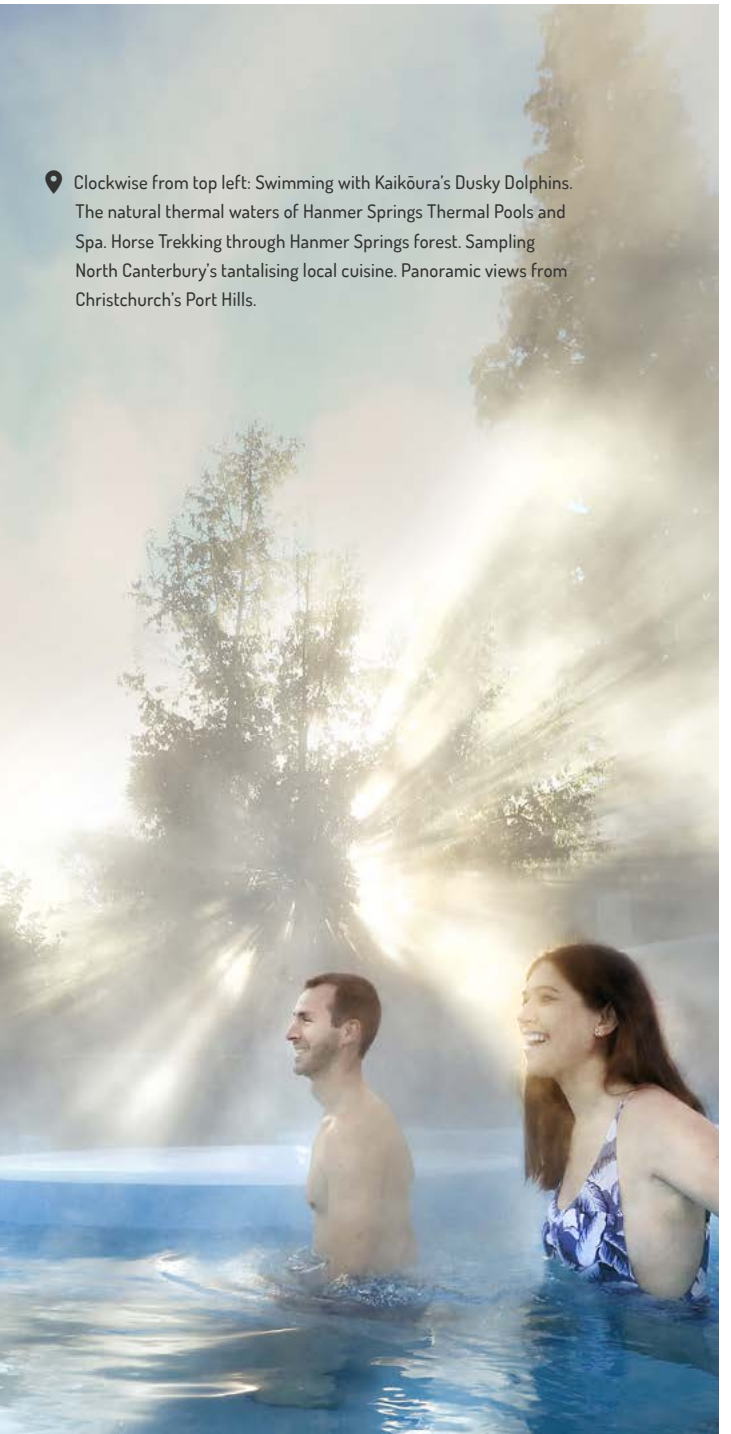
📍 Clockwise from top left: World-class night skies at Kaikōura's Pure Pod. Epic whale encounters. Surfing the region's rugged coastlines. Early morning sunrise across the Kaikōura Peninsula.







📍 Clockwise from top left: Swimming with Kaikōura's Dusky Dolphins. The natural thermal waters of Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools and Spa. Horse Trekking through Hanmer Springs forest. Sampling North Canterbury's tantalising local cuisine. Panoramic views from Christchurch's Port Hills.



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## ADVENTURE

Explore the most captivating natural show



Kaikōura's coastal waters are home to an array of marine mammals and birdlife, making it the perfect destination for marine experiences all year round. Sperm whales share this part of the ocean with dusky dolphins, fur seals and albatross amongst others. Migrating species such as the rare hector's dolphins, humpback whales and orca visit throughout the year.

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📍 Clockwise from top left: Exploring Kaikōura's wild coast. Exciting up-close encounters with giant sperm whales. The ultimate thrill ride down Hanmer Springs' Waiau River.

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Hanmer Springs is synonymous with fantastic single-track mountain bike riding. The tracks accommodate the novice rider, with flat rides through the Heritage Forest, and offer more advanced riding north of Jollies Pass Road. For the more adventurous, there are backcountry roads and trails in St James Conservation Area and the infamous Jacks Jollies Loop.



Experience awe-inspiring encounters with some of the most magnificent ocean wildlife in the world through Whale Watch Kaikōura.

Introduce your kids to Aōraki or Tiaki, local Sperm whales who call Kaikōura home, and watch as the world's largest-toothed predator dives deep down into the underwater canyon.



*"What a ride! Incredible scenery, great driver, and edge of your seat fun. We've still got huge smiles on our faces. Thank you!"*

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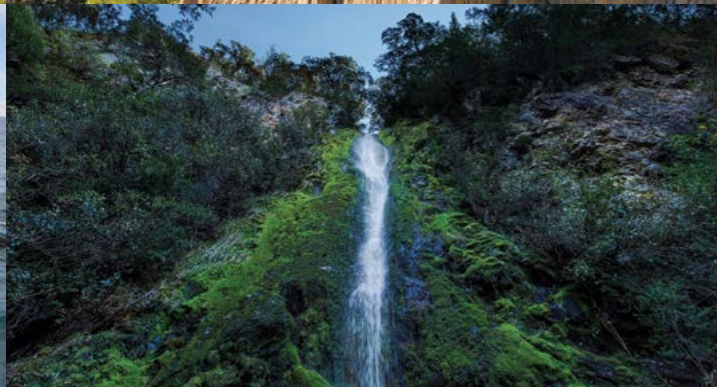
### Adrenalin Junkies

New Zealand's ultimate adventure destination! From the most extensive lift-access mountain bike trails in the Southern Hemisphere, to the longest chairlift in New Zealand, world-class zip lining, epic sightseeing and a great café. Christchurch Adventure Park is THE place for adventure.

### Cathedral Cliffs

Cathedral Cliffs aka The Cathedrals, are a natural marvel near Gore Bay, an absolute hidden gem. Enjoy a quiet moment out of the car marvelling at how nature created something so striking and wondering why there aren't crowds of people clamouring for a view.

Gore Bay is also a surfer's paradise, popular for fishing and walking with the reef and rock pools well worth exploring.



### Dusky Dolphin Encounter

Kaikōura's dusky dolphins are regarded as the most interactive and acrobatic of all dolphin species.

Encounter Kaikōura can take you swimming with them or, if you'd rather, you can stay dry and watch from the boat. These tours are highly sought after so do try to book in advance.

### Hanmer Heritage Forest

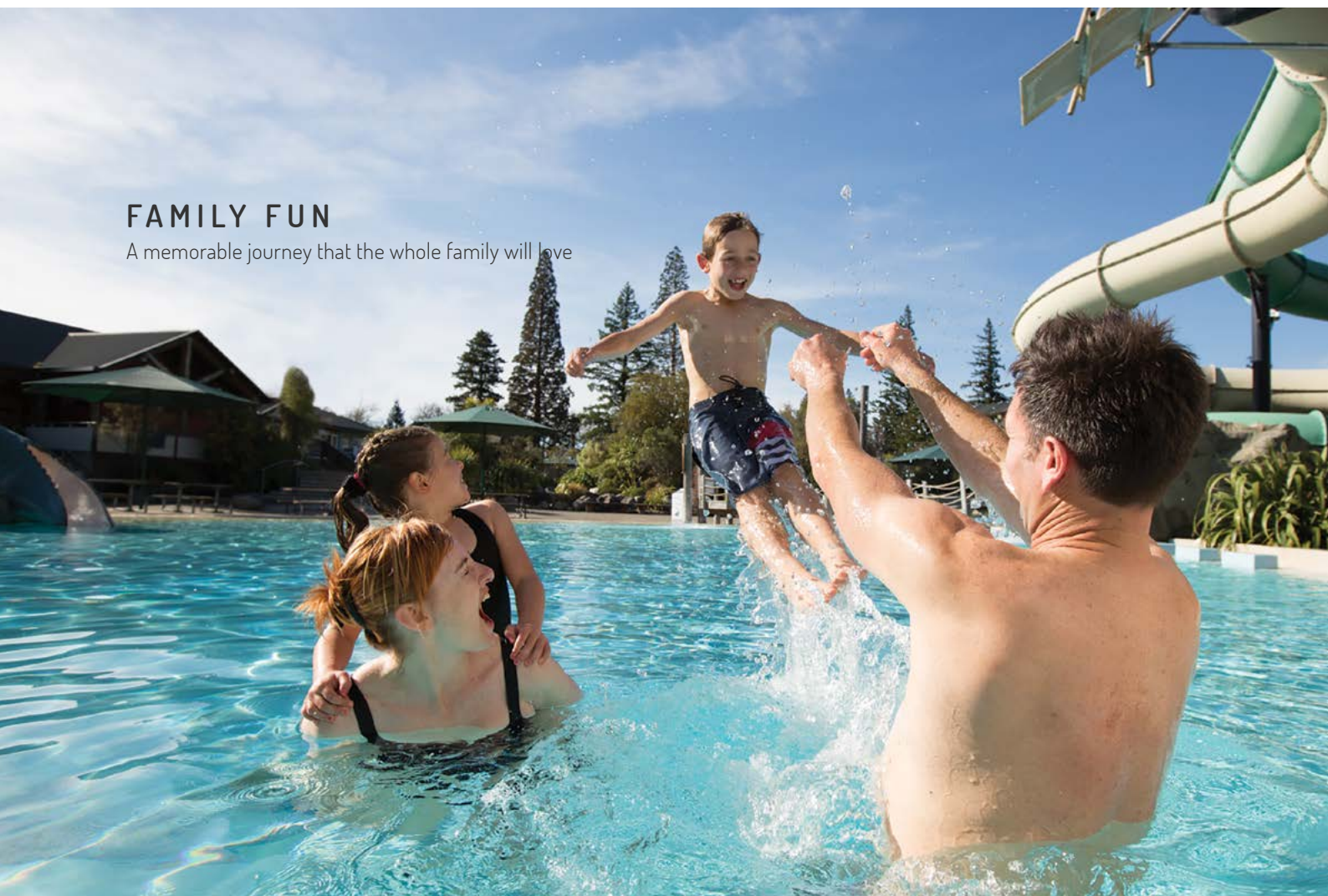
The famous Dog Stream Waterfall walk is a moderate but beautiful woodland walk through pine and native bush, which finishes at the recognisable waterfall which is the background of many social media photographs.

Those who venture to the top of Hanmer Springs' Conical Hill are rewarded with stunning 360-degree views of the entire Hanmer Basin and the surrounding mountains.



## FAMILY FUN

A memorable journey that the whole family will love



The Alpine Pacific Touring Route is the perfect place to book your next family holiday. With so many things to do, we guarantee that kids will be fully entertained, and parents will be wanting to come back to explore more. It's never easy planning a trip, so we've taken care of it for you by packing together the ultimate family vacation, highlighting the best in entertainment.

From playing in real snow and ice to swimming under waterfalls and racing down thrilling waterslides, we've got your family covered.

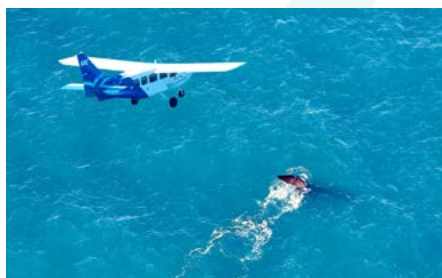
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📍 Clockwise from top left: Family fun at Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools and Spa. Spectacular whale encounters with Wings over Whales. Entertainment for the whole family at Christchurch's Antarctic Centre. Meeting the locals at Hanmer Springs Animal Park.

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Experience the majestic sperm whale, playful dusky dolphins and Kaikōura's incredible scenery from above.

Wings Over Whales offers year-round flights, with every passenger having their own window seat and aboard a high winged aircraft, so you can enjoy fantastic, unobstructed views.

This is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful experiences on earth.



Explore Antarctica at the International Antarctic Centre in Christchurch. The perfect blend of education and entertainment, there are plenty of interactive elements that get kids thinking, while they touch and clamber over everything.

Chill out in the world's first indoor Antarctic storm or hang out in the Husky Cuddle Zone.



*"Our family has a thing about llamas (don't ask) so they and the alpacas were the highlight of a fun visit. Our boys were squealing with delight with each new animal they met."*



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### Hanmer Trails

Forests around Hanmer Springs have an enormous network of trails – both walking and mountain biking – suited to all abilities, from elementary to epic!

Families may like to head to Dog Stream Reserve, which has a small Pump Track that the local community built, or the Easy Rider, which has provided the first step to a life-long enjoyment of mountain biking for many, both young and old, and winds through the historical heritage forest.

### Christchurch Gondola

Christchurch's Port Hills make for some great views over the city, and the easiest way to take in the 360° views is to take a gondola ride almost 500 metres above sea level to the summit of Mt Cavendish.

Soar suspended above the valleys as the birds fly beneath your cable car. At the observation deck, enjoy breathtaking views as far as the eye can see and enjoy a ride that will delight the kids and show you a snapshot of Canterbury history.



### Ngā Hau E Whā National Marae

Immerse yourself into an authentic cultural experience in Christchurch, inviting you to tour through New Zealand's only official national marae. The experience combines history, culture, kapa haka (traditional Māori dance) and a seafood platter with seasonal kaimoana (seafood) including crayfish, paua, kina and oysters.

This is truly an experience exclusive to Aotearoa, New Zealand.

### Whale Watch Kaikōura

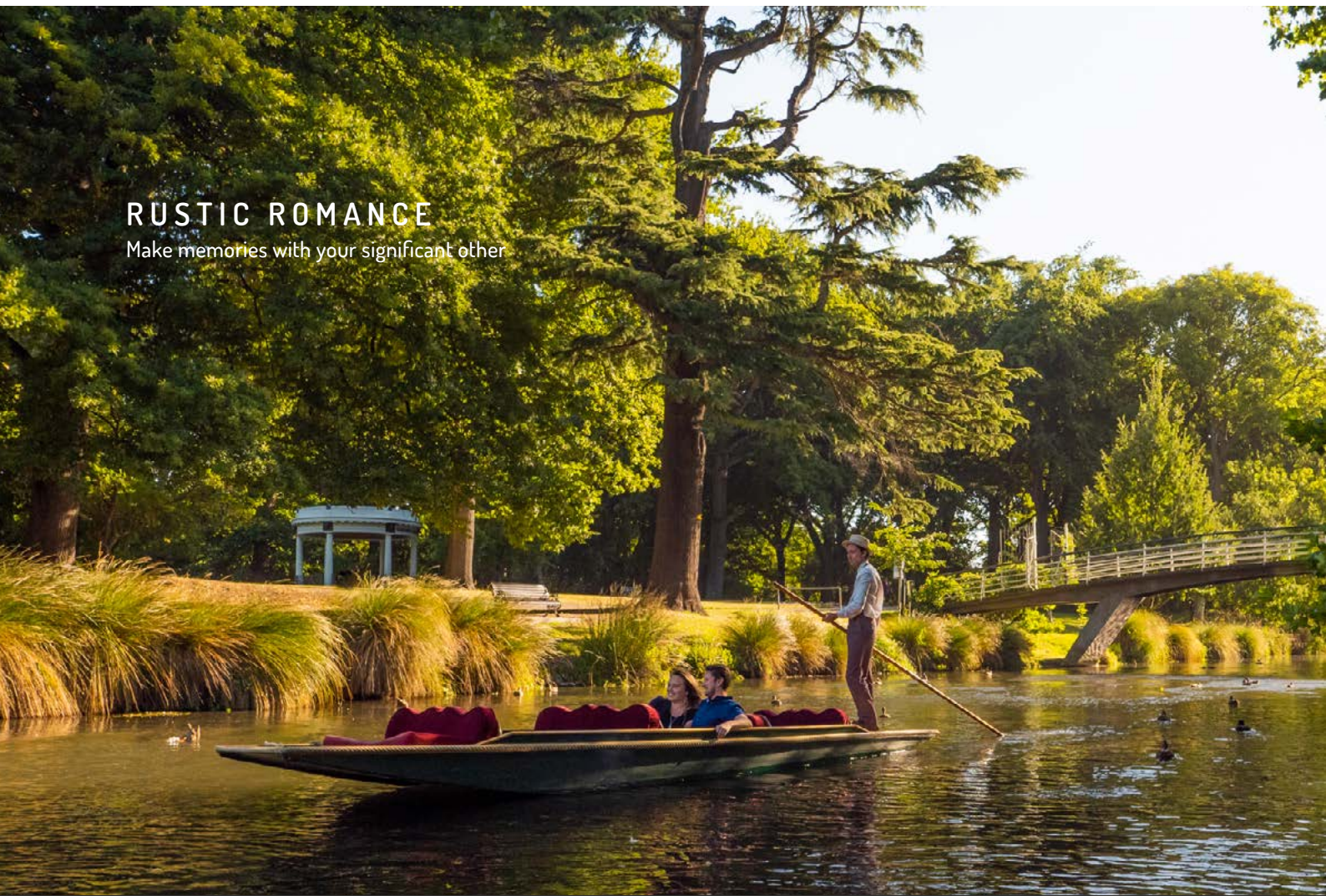
Whale Watch Kaikōura is New Zealand's only whale watching company with boats that operate all year round.

They offer visitors an exciting up-close encounter with giant sperm whales, who share their unique world with a host of other whale and dolphin species, seals and albatross – all of which are regularly spotted during Whale Watch tours.



## RUSTIC ROMANCE

Make memories with your significant other



Discover or re-ignite your romance on the Alpine Pacific Touring Route. There are so many opportunities to create memories and enjoy some time with your partner. Enjoy long lunches in the North Canterbury Wine Region, soak in the mineral-filled thermal waters in Hanmer Springs or take in the beautiful views over the Kaikōura coastline. From spa treatments to horse treks and intimate punting on the Avon River – it's all here.

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📍 Clockwise from top left: Edwardian punting along the Avon River. Hagley Park in the centre of Christchurch. Kaikōura's famous fresh local crayfish. A romantic walk along the region's untamed beaches.

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Christchurch is a vibrant, energetic city where new and exciting spaces are popping up all over the show, a great place for couples to explore.



The iconic Nin's Bin caravan has been a favourite stop for Kiwis heading up the coast from Christchurch to Kaikōura for many generations. Enjoy crayfish freshly caught that morning right on the beach and watch the fur seals play in the ocean.



*"So special to be able to walk amongst the seals resting in the beach and rocky ledges of the Peninsula."*

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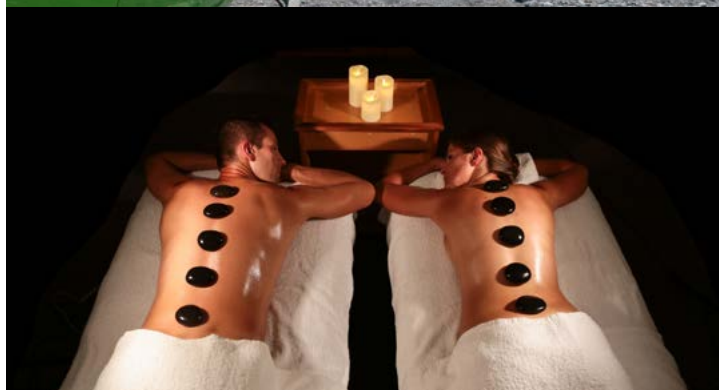
### Wonders & Views

South Pacific Helicopters showcase the unique geology of the Kaikōura area and shows you some of the effects of the incredible earthquake that triggered over 20 faults to erupt, changing the landscape and environment forever.

Here you'll see New Zealand's newest glacial lake with its striking and stunning turquoise waters, contrasting with the surrounding majestic alpine backdrop.

### No.31 (Hanmer Springs)

You'll love Hanmer's cosy and welcoming vibe. And one of the best places to enjoy that is No.31 Restaurant Bar, housed in a quaint character cottage with open fire, wooden floors, candle-lit tables and French doors opening on to a private courtyard. Its carefully-crafted menu is the perfect way to cap off your day.



### Spa Experiences

Hanmer Springs is also known as New Zealand's alpine spa village. There are more than a dozen operators in the village offering an enormous range of spa and wellness treatments.

The service offered is world class and the treatments are pure indulgence - soothing massages, blissful aromatic therapies, revitalising facials and invigorating Vichy rain showers. The biggest operator is The Spa at Hanmer Springs which offers award-winning experiences, designed to help you escape the fast pace of everyday life.

### Stay in a Tree House

Located in one of the most beautiful places in the world, Hapuku Lodge is a 5-star Eco-Retreat just a few kilometres north of Kaikōura.

Nestled 30-feet in the air, the tree houses sit among a native kanuka grove underneath the majestic Kaikōura Mountains. This is luxury at its very best.



## FOOD & WINE

Indulge in a food and wine lovers' paradise



Beautiful landscapes produce beautiful flavours. In these parts you'll discover some of New Zealand's finest wineries, eateries and producers. Start your journey in Christchurch, sampling artisan treats and fresh produce at the South Island's favourite farmers' market, or in the vibrant inner-city café scene. Take in lunch in the picturesque Waipara Valley, with its stunning wineries and restaurants.

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📍 Clockwise from top left: Unbridled landscapes of the North Canterbury Wine Region. Fresh, seasonal and unique cuisine in the Hurunui. Waipara Valley's world-renowned wineries. Cellar door experience at Terrace Edge Wines.

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North Canterbury has a proud history of being a food producer's paradise, with an ideal climate and soil, forests rich with wild game, market gardens, farms, truffières, rivers and coastlines.



The internationally acclaimed North Canterbury Wine Region boasts more than 90 vineyards, most of them independently owned by this close-knit community, with more than 20 cellar doors and 10 vineyard restaurants.



*"Chill out amongst the vines and soak in the most incredible views."*



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### Linger Over Lunch

There are a number of restaurants in the North Canterbury Wine Region, all different and all offering wonderful experiences.

Black Estate and Pegasus Bay are great options. Black Estate is a remarkable place for organic wine, food and superb views. Pegasus Bay's multi award-winning restaurant overlooks a beautiful man-made lake and gardens and is the perfect place for a stroll.

### Christchurch Central City Food Scene

Explore Christchurch's vibrant inner-city community of new and trendy cafés and restaurants, which indulge in fresh concepts with even fresher local ingredients.

Spend the day relaxing at The Terrace hospitality precinct, located in the heart of the city, overlooking the Avon River. Local restaurants and cafés showcase the fresh, seasonal and unique ingredients that are home-grown in our region.



### Christchurch Farmers' Market

Start your Saturday the way the locals do, strolling the beautiful and historic grounds of Riccarton House, a fresh coffee or juice in hand.

It's the perfect introduction to the region's flavours, in the company of the local growers and artisan producers that congregate here every week.

### Hop Over to a Craft Brewery

Kaikōura's Emporium Brewery is a great place to enjoy some local brews.

The folks there won three medals at the 2017 annual Brewer's Guild Awards, so rest assured, Emporium has something for the casual beer drinker and the connoisseur alike. Buy a bottle or two, or fill up a flagon or rigger for the road.



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Easy access to all the regions means you'll spend less time driving, and more time exploring.

#### Flying

Christchurch Airport is the primary gateway to the South Island, connected by major international airlines and consistently rated by an independent international quarterly travellers' survey as the best airport in Australia and New Zealand.

#### Driving

Hire a car or electric vehicle and head north to begin your unforgettable trip through the Alpine Pacific Touring Route. There's plenty of EV charging stations so you can explore every corner of our beautiful region.

Or, for a hands-off option, there's several shuttle and bus companies which operate along the route.



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