

"The walk of a lifetime, new Zealand at its purest"



KAIKOURA WILDERNESS WALKS



"Experience the wilderness walk of a lifetime - New Zealand at its purest"

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UNIQUE WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE
PRIVATE GUIDED WALKS
SHEARWATER LODGE



Shearwater Lodge, Kaikoura
is the ultimate getaway.
At 1000m, (3,280ft) it is one of
New Zealand's best kept secrets.





*Te Ao Whakere
"Into the world
of the Gods"
- a must for
everyone.*

JOIN US...

For New Zealand's Premier Wilderness Experience

Kaikoura Wilderness Walks traverses untouched wilderness in the Seaward Kaikoura mountains on New Zealand's highest privately owned land.

THE WALK

Be our guest on an exclusive journey of discovery through Puhī Peaks Nature Reserve. This is a protected Significant Natural Area of International Importance. Untouched wilderness, intimate nature, an extraordinary range of eco-systems and sweeping vistas are all features of this premier guided walk.

THE LODGE

Shearwater Lodge, set in an outstanding alpine environment at 1000m (3280ft) is one of New Zealand's most remote locations. This luxurious, eco-friendly accommodation offers our guests unsurpassed tranquillity and great kiwi hospitality, combined with delicious New Zealand cuisine. The ultimate retreat in which to rest, relax and rejuvenate.

"Great eco-friendly focus - Kiwi hospitality at its best"



WHAT WE OFFER YOU:

The wilderness walk of a lifetime with luxury accommodation at Shearwater Lodge in an unparalleled alpine location

"Carry only your daypack, we do the rest."

- **3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS ALL INCLUSIVE GUIDED WALK.**
- **2 DAYS/1 NIGHT ALL INCLUSIVE GUIDED WALK.**
- **FLY-IN HELICOPTER OPTION EX KAIKOURA - 12 MINUTES.**
- **PRIVATE LODGE HIRE.**
- **TAILORED OPTIONS AVAILABLE.**

2011 - 2012 Season

5 September 2011 - 1 April 2012

Rugby World Cup 2011 early season departure dates commence from 5 September and finish 30 October 2011.

- Two day walks depart Mondays
- Three day walks depart Wednesdays
- A two day walk option 29/30 October (Saturday/Sunday) is also available

Normal season departure dates resume

2 November 2011 and finish 1 April 2012

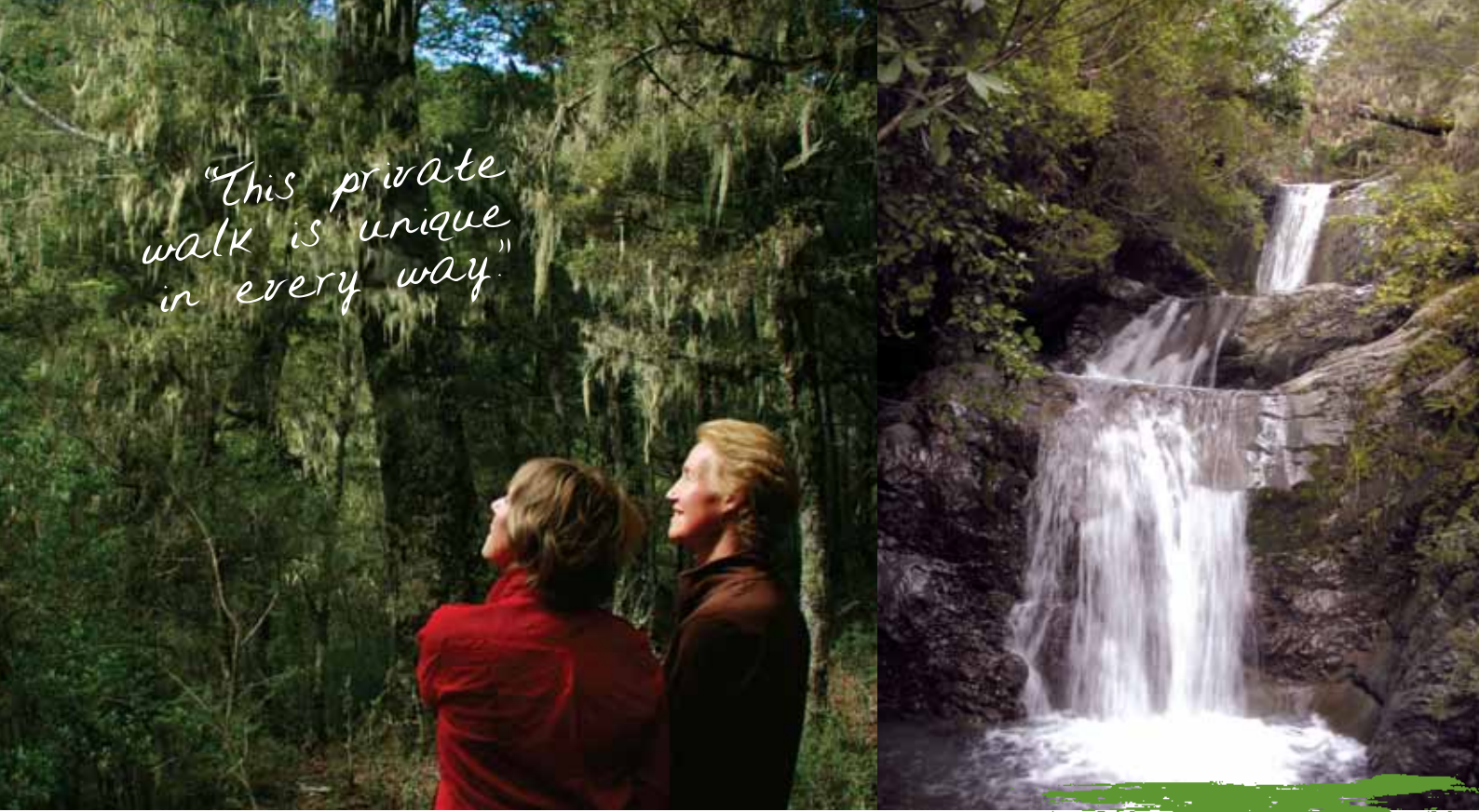
- Two day walks depart Wednesdays
- Three day walks depart Fridays

2012 - 2013 Season

2 October 2012 – 31 March 2013

- Two day walks depart Tuesdays
- Three day walks depart Thursday

Please enquire about out of season availability during April 2012 and 2013.

A photograph showing two women standing in a lush forest, looking towards a waterfall. The woman on the left is wearing a red jacket, and the woman on the right is wearing a dark jacket. The waterfall is multi-tiered and surrounded by dense green foliage. A quote is overlaid on the top left of the image.

"This private walk is unique in every way."

ITINERARY: THREE DAY WALK

DAY ONE:

- **DRIVE: KAIKOURA/HISTORIC PUHI PEAKS STATION (50 MINS)**
- **WALK: PUHI PEAKS STATION/TOTARA SADDLE/ANCIENT FOREST/SHEARWATER LODGE**
- **DISTANCE: 8.5KM (5.3 MILES)**
- **DURATION: 2HRS/MORNING, 4 - 5HRS/AFTERNOON**

Pick up from accommodation in Kaikoura and travel via scenic limestone valley to the historic Puhi Peaks Station. Here your guide will brief you before the start of your wilderness encounter.

The first part of the walk is a gentle climb through beech and fern forest to Totara Saddle where a Kiwi style picnic lunch awaits you. Enjoy extensive vistas of the ocean to mountain tops at 2438m (8,000ft). Hear the story of Kaikoura's own Hutton's Shearwater which nest on this property - their last place on earth.

Following lunch the walk descends to Shearwater Stream, climbs through beech forest and ancient totara forest before emerging unexpectedly on to alpine meadows covered in mountain daisies (Celmisias). Shearwater Lodge, in its outstanding alpine setting, is first sighted shortly thereafter. In the final hour you traverse several streams and gullies before you are greeted at Shearwater Lodge by your friendly lodge hosts.

DAY TWO:

- **HAPPY VALLEY/SURVEYOR'S PEAK LOOKOUT/SEAWARD SADDLE**
- **DISTANCE: 5.5KM (3.4 MILES)**
- **DURATION: 4 - 5HRS**

Leave behind Shearwater Lodge and experience extraordinary alpine valleys and vistas. A gentle climb to Surveyor's Peak Lookout at an altitude of 1523m (4,995ft) gives outstanding 360 degree views south to Banks Peninsula and through to the North Island. Alpine plants abound, including our own New Zealand Edelweiss.

Walkers may enjoy either a picnic lunch at Surveyor's Peak or return to Shearwater Lodge for a late lunch. The afternoon then allows time to relax, explore, or just savour the delights of this alpine environment from the comfort of Shearwater Lodge.

DAY THREE

- **BEVERLEY FALLS/SHEARWATER LODGE/PUHI PEAKS STATION**
- **DISTANCE: 6KM (3.7 MILES)**
- **DURATION: 1.5HRS/MORNING, 2.5HRS/AFTERNOON**

After breakfast take a leisurely walk to the beautiful Beverley Falls through ancient forest. This is one of the jewels in the crown of this wilderness experience. Lunch is at Shearwater Lodge before your walk out.

The final part of your walk meanders down the ridge line and offers exceptional views, including the Kaikoura Peninsula, before re-entering the beech forest and your return to Puhi Peaks Station at around 4.30pm. A vehicle will transport you and your luggage back to Kaikoura.



ITINERARY: TWO DAY WALK

DAY ONE:

- **DRIVE: KAIKOURA/HISTORIC PUHI PEAKS STATION (50 MINS)**
- **WALK: PUHI PEAKS STATION/ TOTARA SADDLE/ANCIENT FOREST/ SHEARWATER LODGE**
- **DISTANCE: 8.5KM (5.3 MILES)**
- **DURATION: 2HRS/MORNING, 4 - 5 HRS/AFTERNOON**

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DAY TWO:

- **HAPPY VALLEY/SURVEYOR'S PEAK LOOKOUT/SEAWARD SADDLE/ BEVERLEY FALLS/PUHI PEAKS STATION**
- **DISTANCE: 8.5KM (5.3 MILES)**
- **DURATION: 4HRS/MORNING, 2.5HRS/AFTERNOON**

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Return to Shearwater Lodge for lunch. A visit to the beautiful Beverley Falls is a highlight before your walk out. The final part of your walk meanders down the ridge line and offers exceptional views, including the Kaikoura Peninsula, before re-entering the beech forest and your return to Puhi Peaks Station at around 4.30pm. A vehicle will transport you and your luggage back to Kaikoura.

EXCLUSIVE HIRE:

Talk to us about creating a tailored experience for an occasion or your personal group.



SHEARWATER LODGE

Eco-friendly Shearwater Lodge provides unsurpassed tranquility in one of New Zealand's most remote locations.

This purpose built eco-lodge is set in a spectacular alpine valley at an elevation of 1000m (3280ft) providing expansive vistas where some of the most spectacular scenery nature has to offer anywhere in the world can be enjoyed. It is the ultimate place to rest, relax and rejuvenate. All this combined with our well renowned Kiwi hospitality make this a truly extraordinary experience.

GUESTS ENJOY:

EN SUITE ROOMS

Six super-king or king twin single bedrooms, accommodating up to twelve on a twin/share basis. Each room has its own private en suite bathroom and private balcony from where you may enjoy nature and serenity in this unrivalled setting.

GUEST LOUNGE

The spacious guest lounge, with its stone fireplace and leather sofas, provides the perfect place for guests to relax and reflect on this outstanding environment.

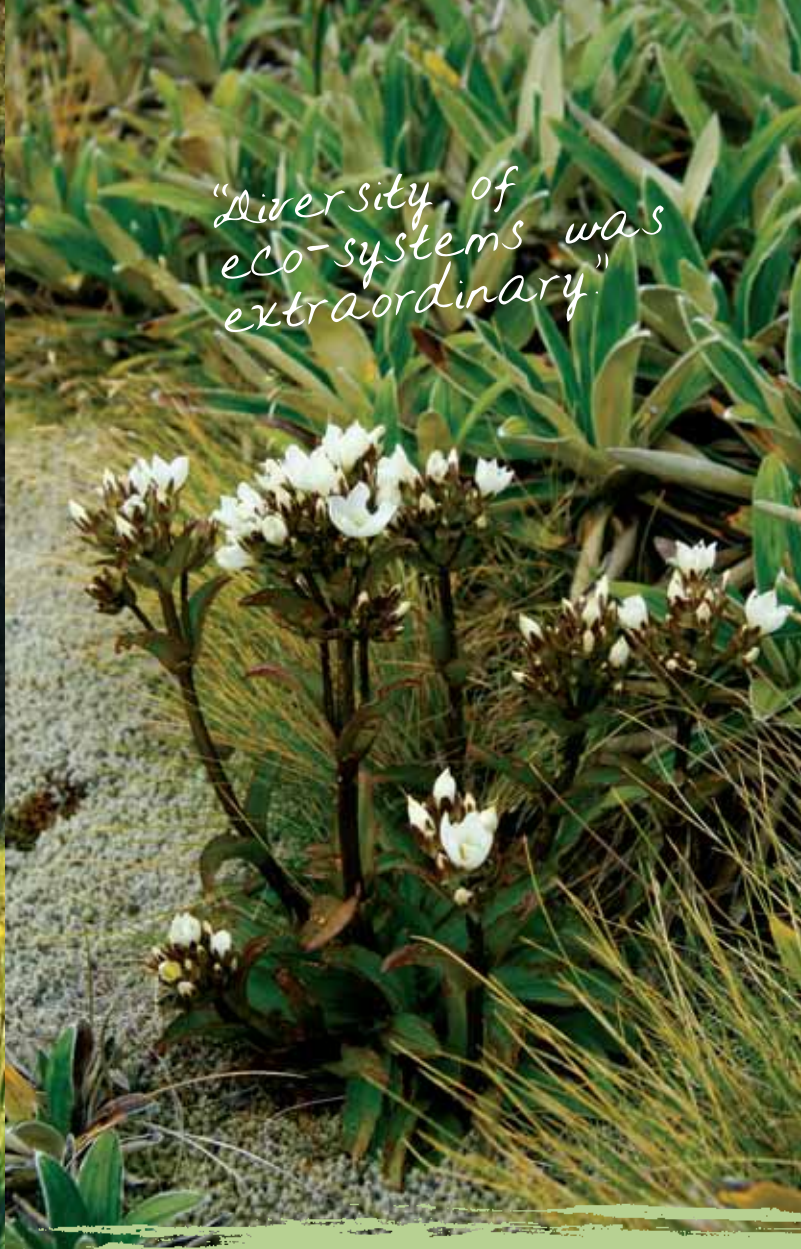
DINING AND MEALS

Excellent New Zealand cuisine, wines and beers. Ingredients sourced locally and from environmentally responsible suppliers, wherever possible.



'Shearwater Lodge named in the top ten eco-lodges in Australasia'.

(Australia & New Zealand magazine - Feb 2011)



OUR TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- Scenic transfers from Kaikoura to historic Puhī Peaks Station and return to Kaikoura.
- Guided walks - Our ratio of 1 guide to 6 guests allows our skilled and knowledgeable guides to share their passion for this wilderness area for the duration of your journey. They are fully equipped with essential safety items.
- Accommodation at eco-friendly, luxurious Shearwater Lodge, including linen and towels.
- All meals - great New Zealand cuisine at Shearwater Lodge and delightful picnic lunches during your walks.
- Lodge holdall is provided for overnight stay and is transferred to Shearwater Lodge.
- Day pack, walking stick and wet weather gear, if required.
- Off street parking and luggage storage.
- Freedom from... snakes, leeches and poisonous insects, one of the great joys of New Zealand!
- In line with our eco-tourism principles, we will provide as much information as possible during your walk on our sustainable practices and our commitment to the environment on which this business operates.
- Goods and Services Tax currently at 15%.



WHAT GUESTS REQUIRE

- Attitude and spirit.
- Average fitness and the ability to walk for 5 - 7 hours over mountain tracks each day. Good mobility as the track surface varies from smooth, well formed paths to uneven terrain with some steeper gradients that you would expect of an alpine environment.
- Hiking boots or sturdy shoes suitable for walking and stream crossings.
- Clothing suitable for walking should be worn (not jeans). A sturdy waterproof jacket, warm hat, gloves and sunhat along with either a warm sweater, thermal top or lightweight fleece jacket **MUST** be carried on the walk, as New Zealand can experience four seasons in one day.
- A small day pack is required for extra clothing, camera, film, sunglasses, drink bottle and sunscreen.
- Personal medication.
- Spare set of hiking clothes.
- Light shoes for indoors.
- Personal toiletries.
- Torch.
- Cell Phones: Our coverage in this wilderness area is scant and as part of your Kaikoura Wilderness Experience we ask you to have them turned off for the duration of your trip.
- Hair Dryers: We do not provide them and we request you do not bring them. We are on our own hydro power scheme and hair dryers drain our generated power. Thank you for your help with this.

"The birdsong
was simply
amazing"



TARIFF

Rates valid 5th September 2011 - 1st April 2012 and 2 October 2012 - 31 March 2013

	INCLUDES	NOTES	RETAIL PRICE INCL GST
THREE DAY GUIDED WALK	Transfers from Kaikoura to the walk and return, three-day walk, guiding, meals, luggage transport to/from Shearwater Lodge, use of loan gear and accommodation.	Share/twin basis.	\$1595 pp Adult \$1195 pp Child
TWO DAY GUIDED WALK	Transfers from Kaikoura to the walk and return, two-day walk, guiding, meals, luggage transport to/from Shearwater Lodge, use of loan gear, accommodation.	Share/twin basis.	\$1295 pp Adult \$895 pp Child
EXCLUSIVE PRIVATE/ CORPORATE HIRE PER NIGHT	Exclusive use. Discuss your requirements and we will tailor an itinerary to suit.		

- Child prices for all walks apply to children aged 12-16 years inclusive.
- For sole occupancy of a room the single supplement option is available.
NB: An adult travelling alone may opt for a twin share price and be accommodated with another single traveller.
- Guest capacity: Twelve (share/twin basis).
- Guest rooms: Six en suite.
- Helicopter options fly in/out ex-Kaikoura, 12 minutes flying time (from other centres by negotiation). POA.



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Kaikoura Wilderness Walks Terms and Conditions

TERMS

Please ensure you have read the following terms and conditions before booking your tour.

Reservations

Due to high demand for our walks during the summer months (October to March) we advise that you make your bookings as far in advance as possible to avoid disappointment.

Prices

All prices are in New Zealand dollars and currently include 15% Goods and Services Tax. All walk option prices are on a per person basis and can be viewed on our website. Prices are based on twin/share accommodation. Prices are valid from 5 September 2011 to 31 March 2013.

Child Prices

Child prices for all walks apply to children aged 12-16 years inclusive.

Single Supplement

For sole occupancy of a room the single supplement option is available.

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Track Information

This includes:

Track Description

What to Bring

Accommodation

Weather and Safety Information

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CONDITIONS

Kaikoura Wilderness Walks reserves the right to alter prices, times, itineraries and, if necessary, arrange alternative transportation and walking arrangements.

- Please note the pre-tour arrangements will be confirmed with you when you check your booking details the day prior to your walk by phoning our office on (03) 319 6966.

Payment Policy

- For bookings 4 months or more prior to departure, a deposit of 20% of the retail rate must be paid upon confirmation of the booking with the balance due 90 days prior to the trip departure.
- For bookings within 4 months (120 days) of trip departure, full payment is required upon confirmation.
- Credit card details are required for payment of deposit which secures your booking.

Cancellation Policy

- Cancellation of confirmed bookings are on the following basis:
 - 0-20 days prior to trip departure - No refund
 - 21-42 days prior to trip departure - 50% refund of total net price
 - 43-60 days prior to trip departure - 70% refund of total net price
 - 61+ days prior to trip departure - 80% refund of total net price
- All deposits are non refundable
- Failure to report for departure - NO REFUND.
- Claims for refunds due to circumstances beyond the control of tour operators, service supplier or customer, should be submitted in writing, but no later than 30 days after the date of your walk departure.
- It is recommended that guests adequately insure themselves against cancellation charges and the possible loss of money or personal belongings. This is generally covered by comprehensive travel insurance. Kaikoura Wilderness Walks strongly recommend travel insurance.
- Bookings are only valid for the dates confirmed.
- All departures are subject to a minimum of 2 persons.
- If management of Kaikoura Wilderness Walks declares the walk unfit due to severe weather and track conditions, a full refund will be applied.

Insurance

Kaikoura Wilderness Walks finalise all tour arrangements on the condition that it will not be liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may arise.

Either by reason of Acts of God, weather, actions or defaults of any defect in vehicle or through the acts or defaults of any company or persons engaged in either booking passengers or conveying passengers or in carrying out the arrangements of the tours.

April 2011



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