



# EXCLUSIVE AKAROA



## Departures

Exclusive Akaroa premium day tour departs from your hotel at 8.30am and returns to Christchurch around 5pm.

## Minimum numbers

Tours will operate with a minimum of four people. Groups up to 20 may be accommodated in several vehicles.

## Weather

In order that you fully enjoy your experience, your Exclusive Akaroa tour will not operate when weather is not fully suitable.

## What to bring

We recommend you bring a warm jacket, sun hat, sun glasses and sun cream in both winter and summer. In winter we also recommend gloves. Morning and afternoon teas are provided. Binoculars are available for use on board your vessel.

## Wildlife expectations

On your nature cruise, you will be visiting a natural environment where wildlife does not always appear to expectations and there can be no guarantee that you will see every species that is mentioned.

## Bookings

Please book with the Concierge or at Hotel Reception, prior to 6pm the evening before tour departure or phone BBC Tours.

We look forward to sharing this special part of New Zealand with you.



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# BBC TOURS PREMIUM DAY TOUR



# AKAROA DOLPHINS INTIMATE NATURE CRUISE

# PAUA BAY HISTORIC ECO FARM EXPERIENCE

Exclusive Akaroa is a special personalised day tour for couples or small groups in air conditioned premium touring vehicles. Owner guides Bruce Charles and Allan Hughey will introduce you to a beautiful part of New Zealand, Akaroa and Banks Peninsula.

Your scenic tour commences from Christchurch around the distinctive ancient lava flows of the extinct volcanoes that make up the geologically interesting Banks Peninsula landform, named after Joseph Banks, Captain Cook's botanist.

You will skirt Lake Ellesmere (Te Waihora), New Zealand's fifth largest lake and home to hundreds of species of native birds. You'll follow the line of the original railway to Little River, now re-commissioned as a railtrail cycleway.

Ascend the crater rim of the caldera that forms sparkling Akaroa Harbour. The panoramic views are breathtaking.



Akaroa is a delightful seaside resort town, settled by English and French colonists from 1840, with influences from this era still very much in evidence. Board your stylishly appointed Akaroa Dolphins cruise vessel for an intimate nature cruise around Akaroa Harbour viewing intriguing geological formations and historic sites with an array of bird and sea life all around, including Hector's dolphins, the world's smallest and rarest.

Owners and operators, Hugh and Pip Waghorn, are direct descendants of original settlers who, together with their crew, will share with you fascinating tales of this land. You'll also be served complimentary award-winning wine and other refreshments on board. On returning from your two hour cruise you will have time to discover the delights of the boutique shops and lunch of your choice (at your own expense).

**Akaroa Dolphins**  
THE INTIMATE NATURE EXPERIENCE

Sculpted by the Pacific Ocean, Paua Bay is a unique working sheep farm over the hills and valleys of Banks Peninsula. This is a sixth generation family farm established 160 years ago. Murray and Sue Johns will introduce you to traditional New Zealand rural life.

On this eco award-winning farm you'll see sheep dogs working, at the command of a call and a whistle, on the steep slopes and in the sheep yards. Sheep will be shorn in front of you and you may try shearing yourself and feel the natural wool. You'll learn the history of the Bays and how farming developed here. Walk through the prolific farmhouse garden, alive with native birdsong. Enjoy a hearty afternoon tea with home-baked scones on the homestead verandah.

