

The Coastal Pacific travels between Christchurch, the South Island's largest city and the delightful port of Picton.

This journey is a scenic feast with views of the picturesque Kaikoura mountain ranges on one side of the train contrasting with the rugged scenery of the Pacific Ocean coastline on the other. The Coastal Pacific passes through the town of Kaikoura, where it is possible to break the journey to whale watch or swim with dolphins. Travel through some of New Zealand's finest farmland and see endearing wildlife such as dolphins, seals and penguins from the comfort of the train carriage. One-way fares can be found below. For return or through-way fares please contact us.

The iconic Coastal Pacific scenic journey will roll again between Picton and Christchurch from December 1, 2018, two years after the service was put on hold because of the devastating Kaikoura earthquake. Thousands of travellers from around the world can once again enjoy this spectacular coastline by train.

The Coastal Pacific will run seven days a week from December 1, 2018 through until 28 April in 2019. The 2019/20 season begins on 27 September 2019 (bookings are not open yet).

Coastal Pacific Details

Route: Christchurch to Picton

On board

The Great Journeys of New Zealand provide a relaxing atmosphere for all guests with maximum viewing. Every detail has been considered to enhance the passenger experience.

Seating

- Wide chairs with ample leg-room for maximum comfort
- Revolving airline seats that are swung round to always face forward
- Spacious table seats for groups and families
- Panoramic windows with sky-lights, to create a light and spacious carriage with maximum seat-side viewing



Audio commentary

- At-seat commentary system with free headphones, to tell you stories, narratives & facts about the places outside your window

Licensed Café carriage

- Licensed cafe selling hot and cold food and drink

Viewing Carriage

The open-air carriage is the perfect place for taking in unobstructed views of New Zealand's spectacular scenery.

Secure baggage

- There is a dedicated baggage carriage (to ensure an uncluttered carriage) and baggage assistants to help you.
- Luggage Allowance: 1 check in baggage per person, maximum weight 32kgs per item. Size must be no more than 200 linear cm (height plus length plus width)
Extra items can be booked for an additional cost.

Accessible

- Coastal Pacific is fitted with lifts/hoists for step-free access and has accessible seating/toilets.

Baby changing

- On-board changing facilities located in the Accessible Toilet near the Café.

Other

- Air conditioned
- Onboard toilets/bathrooms
- Power sockets at every seat

Coastal Pacific Itineraries & Departures

- The Coastal Pacific is an extended summer train, usually running daily from September to April each season. The Coastal Pacific is returning to service on 1st December 2018. The season will end 28th April 2019.
- Operates 7 days except for Christmas Day.
- Services may depart intermediate stations earlier if all booked passengers are on board
- Check in is 20 minutes prior to departure time.
- Timetables are subject to change at short notice. **Please reconfirm 24 hours prior to departure.**

Christchurch - Picton

| Depart | | Picton - Christchurch | |
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| Christchurch | 07.00am | Picton | 1.50pm |
| Kaikoura | 10.23am | Blenheim | 2.46pm |
| Blenheim | 12.48pm | Kaikoura | 5.20pm |
| Picton | 01.15pm | Christchurch | 8.15pm |

Payment & Ticketing

Conditions:

- Full payment is required 7 days from advice of confirmation. If full payment is not received Rail Plus holds the right to cancel your booking.
- Any bookings made within 5 days prior to departure require full payment prior to confirmation.

Travel insurance providing appropriate cover is strongly recommended.

Cancellation & Amendments

Conditions:

- Change in date of travel, passenger names and a reduction in journey length (stopping at an earlier station).

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| 5 days + prior to departure | No Fee |
| 4 days or less prior to departure | Non-changeable, 100% charge applies |

REFUNDS

- Change in service, direction or reduction in passenger numbers. Please remember that a change in date of travel and reduction in journey length becomes a cancellation fee if within 5 days of departure.
- All cancellations must be advised directly to Rail Plus.

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| Unpaid bookings | No Fee |
| 5 days + prior to departure | 15% Cancellation fee |
| 4 days or less prior to departure or No Show | 100% Cancellation fee |

Coastal Pacific Fact Sheet

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