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**ABSTRACT**

The paper treats of the central place of the whale in New Zealand culture and history, from the lore which the Maori brought to New Zealand from Hawaiki. Further, whaling was an early bond between the South Island of New Zealand, and Sydney. History, Art, and deep-seated belief are all key components of the 'Whale Road'.

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The actual whale watching destination in New Zealand, however, is the Southern Island, where you can watch whales and dolphins in several places. The most well known are Kaikoura and Akaroa from where over 40% of the whale watching tours start. In Kaikoura you can mostly meet sperm whales, which live here all year long in steady groups. They can be watched by boat or from the air by helicopter or ultralight. In front of Akaroa, you can mostly find dolphins, among them the Hector dolphin, which only lives here. Whales and dolphins can often be seen during regular boat tours, too, in the Marlbo