



Terms and Conditions – 2025

CONDITIONS OF SALE

PLEASE READ THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS PRIOR TO COMPLETING YOUR BOOKING

By making a booking with GCH Aviation or any of its associated entities, you agree to be bound by the terms and conditions set out below.

1.0 Providers Details

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Note - Some Terms and Conditions are specific to certain helicopter bases and products.

RATES

Rates are quoted in New Zealand dollars.

GST (Goods & Sales Tax) is currently 15% - Most prices are GST inclusive unless specified.

All prices, GST and rates are subject to change at any time without notice.

Child prices only apply on some products, the age of which is 3 – 11 years old.

The term 'per person fare' refers to adult pricing

Some products are for full charter of helicopter.

Per person fare – 3 to 99 years old

Infant – 0 to 2 years old - must be held by a paying adult. Only one infant is permitted per adult for safety reasons

Infants will be secured by a safety belt attached to the adult's safety belt in the back row of helicopter cabin.

MINIMUM NUMBERS

All brochure scenic flights have minimum fare-paying passenger numbers required for flights to depart.

Bookings will be accepted for numbers less than the required minimum and we will try our best to coordinate bookings to achieve the required minimum for the flight to depart, but this cannot be guaranteed.

Clients are required to confirm their reservation 24 hours prior to their departure time by calling the respective base from which they are flying. To avoid uncertainty or disappointment, ask us about paying for a full charter of the helicopter.

TIMETABLES

All departures are subject to change or cancellation if weather conditions are not suitable or if the minimum passenger fares required for the flight are not met. We will do our best to reschedule your flight, or a refund may be offered (see Cancellation and refund information below).

Flights operate most days, there may be some restrictions on public holidays for brochure flights, however, charter flights may still operate. Please contact the respective base for more details regarding the availability for private charters.

FLIGHT RESTRICTIONS

Safety is paramount in determining if the weather is good to fly. Cancellations or postponements may occur if the weather is deemed unsafe to fly. Flight times and routes are subject to weather conditions; the flight route may vary due to weather. Individual and total weight restrictions apply to specific

aircraft or flights. Passengers may be refused boarding if weight information is inaccurate or not disclosed. The pilot will determine the seating of passengers based on the weight and balance restrictions of the helicopter. The helicopter used may vary and is at the discretion of GCH Aviation and its divisions.

Helicopters being: Cabri, R44, EC120, EC130, BK117, AS350

Requests for twin engine helicopters with two pilots will be on an as-requested basis by emailing the respective base.

All operations are conducted in accordance with Civil Aviation Authority rules and safety standards.

2.0 BOOKING INSTRUCTIONS

In all cases, reservations must be made in advance. For the best chance of confirming your flight, please book well in advance.

Please ensure the following information is provided when booking:

Preferred date of travel

The specific trip you would like to book.

Passenger names

Each passenger's weight (in kgs)

Specify adult/child/infant

Contact phone number while in New Zealand.

Agent details (if applicable)

Method of payment and credit card details in the form of security deposit

Special/dietary requirements (if applicable)

A 20% deposit may be required for private charter flights.

Payment can be made in advance to secure your flight booking.

Where a customer is a "no-show" or does not provide at least 48 hours' notice of cancellation, the full quoted amount will be debited to the credit card provided at the time of booking.

Customer weights must be provided at the time of booking, during the check in process all customers will be re weighed. If there is a significant difference between customer weight at time off booking to that at the time of check in which impacts our operational ability to operate the flight as booked or quoted GCH aviation reserves the right to refuse to operate the service to one or all of the booked party and no refund will be provided.

Your personal information will be handled in accordance with our Privacy Policy, in compliance with the Privacy Act 2020

Reservations can be made by phone or email to any of the locations listed in

3.0 CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

Where a booking is required to be cancelled in advance with reasonable circumstances, charges may still apply as per the schedule below.

Cancellation Policy

- Prior to one week of travel - 100% Refund
- Within one week and 48 hours of departure - 50% refund
- Within 48hrs of departure - no refund
- Force Majeure events (e.g., natural disasters, pandemics) do not automatically entitle the customer to a refund. In such cases, GCH Aviation will assess refunds on a case-by-case basis, in line with our obligations under New Zealand consumer law. Nothing in this policy limits your rights under the Consumer Guarantees Act 1993
- Only GCH Aviation (or the pilot in command) may cancel a flight due to weather. If you choose not to fly due to weather and the flight is still deemed safe by GCH Aviation, our standard cancellation policy will apply.

Where GCH Aviation or one of its pilots cancels a flight due to weather conditions we will try to rebook you for another time, or a refund will be offered in accordance with our refund policy guidelines. Should inclement weather prevent a flight at the booked location, the same prepaid voucher will be accepted at any of GCH Aviation's bases in New Zealand for a flight of similar duration and price. If you are unable to re-schedule the flight, then a full refund will be offered.

No refund will be given for no-shows, changes you make to your booking, or your own cancellation made less than 48 hours prior to departure.

Where payment is made by credit card and a refund applies, the amount must be refunded back to the credit card in New Zealand dollars. GCH Aviation takes no responsibility for paying any transaction fees or international currency loss\gain incurred during this process. Payments made by credit card will result in the refund being refunded back to that original credit card only - no cash refunds apply.

Bookings and payments made through third-party sites (such as Expedia, Viator, TripAdvisor, Grabone, Scenic Flight Booker etc) will be subject to their terms and conditions and refunds will be provided directly by the third party, not GCH Aviation. Any refunds to credit cards and bank accounts will be made on the next working business day between Monday to Friday by our accounts department, accounts@gchaviation.com. Our reception staff do not have the ability to refund directly to your account at the time of cancellation. All refund processing must be completed by our accounts department.

RECONFIRMATION

Please call us 48 hours prior to your flight departure time to reconfirm your booking and departure time. This allows time for flight adjustments should the weather be looking unfavourable. We may require you to also call 2 hours prior to departure to check weather conditions.

CHANGE OF DATE

Reservations may be transferred to another date, subject to space availability, with no transfer fee incurred, provided notification is received at least 48 hours in advance or at least 4 days in advance.

Please consider visiting one of our other bases to fly while on your holiday.

4.0 CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL

Products with an alcohol component to them will require the following:

Alcohol may only be consumed by persons 18 years old age.

ID must be carried and produced if requested. Please be responsible with your consumption as intoxicated guests may be refused carriage if deemed unsafe by the pilot in command.

Where a customer is deemed too intoxicated or unsafe to fly and refused carriage by a pilot, all costs incurred by the customer because of that refusal will be at the customers expense and will not in any way be refunded or reimbursed by GCH aviation

5.0 PERSONAL REQUIREMENTS

Please carry any medication that you may require and advise the pilot of any medical condition that may require their help.

You must declare any allergies, so we are aware while you are travelling with us.

Please wear warm clothing, covered shoes, a jacket, sunglasses, and sunscreen.

Hand luggage must be minimal and not weigh more than 7kg.

A passenger safety briefing will be given prior to departure.

You must disclose if you are carrying any dangerous goods.

Please ask if you are unsure or check out the CAA.

<https://www.aviation.govt.nz/passenger-information/what-can-i-bring/>

6.0 WHALE WATCHING FLIGHTS

Whale sightings are not guaranteed. While we achieve sightings in approximately 97% of flights, no refunds are provided for missed sightings.

Some products have specific terms and conditions - Please see these on the product pages.

7.0 AIR NEW ZEALAND AIRPOINTS

Redemption and bookings of your Airpoints Voucher are to be made by contacting the helicopter base that is stated on your voucher. Refunds will be through contacting Airpoints Store only. Cannot be exchanged for cash. Terms and conditions for Airpoints Vouchers can be found on their website.

8.0 PAYMENT

We accept all major credit cards, Eftpos, PayPal or direct banking.

Payments can be made by direct credit at least two days prior to the date of travel.

Please use the invoice number as the reference number.

The GCH Aviation Group operates commercial rotary divisions as separate business units, therefore different bank accounts and GST numbers. Accounts@gchaviation.com or your GCH Aviation base can supply this information to you for payment before flight.

9.0 WHOLESALE / AGENTS

Wholesale rates are available only to wholesale/inbound operators who have made contact and introduced themselves to our marketing department.

Credit applications must be completed and returned from wholesale/inbound operators before any rates and bookings can be confirmed.

Prices are subject to change without notice.

Product manual and rates for brochure flights, lodge transfers and private charters can be obtained by emailing: marketing@gchaviation.com

Our brochure products can be obtained on Rezdy. Please reach out for our rates.

GCH Aviation – Garden City Helicopters <https://helicopters.rezdy.com/>

Kaikoura Helicopters <https://kaikourahelicopters.rezdy.com/>

Wellington Helicopters <https://wellingtonhelicopters.rezdy.com/>

10.0 SURCHARGES

Any charter bookings that fall on the New Zealand Statutory

Holidays listed below will incur a 20% surcharge.

Brochure flights listed on our website www.gchaviation.com do not operate on these days.

- Christmas Day
- Boxing Day
- New Year's Day
- 2nd January
- Waitangi Day 6th February
- Good Friday
- Easter Sunday
- Easter Monday
- Anzac Day
- Matariki
- Queen's Birthday
- Labour Day
- Regional Anniversary Day