

Ports & Excursions



Picton, New Zealand

Located at the head of Queen Charlotte Sound, Picton is your gateway to the South Island's famed Marlborough District. Once known primarily for its lush farm lands and many sheep stations, Marlborough came to international attention thanks to a new agricultural product - wine. The release of the 1985 Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc put New Zealand on the map and changed the world's focus on winemaking in the Southern Hemisphere. Today, the Marlborough region boasts dramatic sea and landscapes, fascinating wine country, excellent restaurants and a number of the nation's finest gardens.

Military names abound in this corner of New Zealand - the region is named for the first Duke of Marlborough, while the largest town, Blenheim, is named after his most famous battle. Picton is named for Sir Thomas Picton, a favorite of another general, the first duke of Wellington.

Points of Interest

1 Marlborough Wineries

Marlborough wines put New Zealand on the viticultural map.

2 Queen Charlotte Sound

The sound's colors range from turquoise to emerald - attract seals, sea birds and dolphins including common, bottlenose and Hector's dolphins.

3 Lochmara Lodge

The lodge is home to a Wildlife Recovery Center and an Arts Center with galleries and a sculpture trail.

4 Omaka Aviation Heritage Center

Home to one of the largest private collections of World War I aircraft in the world.

5 Pelorous Sound

One of the two major arms of the Marlborough Sounds. In keeping with the area's penchant for place names honoring military heroes, Havelock is named after Sir Henry Havelock, hero of the Indian Mutiny.

6 Makana Confections

This boutique confectioner has garnered international attention for its classic chocolate truffles and macadamia nut candies.

7 Outdoor Adventure

The intricate waterways of the Marlborough Sounds make up a fifth of the New Zealand coastline, making it a perfect spot for exploring by kayak. The spectacular Queen Charlotte Track is one of the most popular walks in New Zealand.

Special Child Pricing Available!

Children age 12 and younger, savings up to 50%. For actual pricing information, click on tour title or Reserve button.

Sightseeing & City Tours

Image not available	The Wines of Marlborough PCN-310 Picton, New Zealand Group Size: 45 Marlborough wines put New Zealand on the viticultural map. Travel to Blenheim in the heart of wine country on a scenic drive that stops at two premium wine estates. After your tastings, visit Makana Confections, a boutique confectionary renowned for their handmade truffles.	You will visit: 6	You will see: 1	E	3.5 hours	from \$179.95 (AUD)
Image not available	Omaka Aviation, Moa Brewery & Chocolates PCN-200 Picton, New Zealand Group Size: 50 Tour Omaka Aviation Heritage Center, home to one of the largest private collections of World War I aircraft in the world. Housed in a former winery, you will visit Moa Brewery and Bar. Moa Beer is a local boutique brewery which uses the same deep bore water locals use to grow grapes from underground aquifers. Visit Makana Confections, renowned for their handmade classic truffles and macadamia candies.	You will visit: 4 6	You will see: E	E	3.75 hours	from \$219.95 (AUD)
Image not available	Greenshell Mussel Cruise PCN-240 Picton, New Zealand Group Size: 70 Travel to Havelock, the "Green Mussel Capital" of the world. Cruise Pelorus and Keneperu Sounds aboard a catamaran. Visit a green mussel farm and discover the secrets of raising mussels. Then taste fresh mussels accompanied by a glass of New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc.	You will visit: 7	You will see: 5	E	4.5 hours	from \$259.95 (AUD)
Image not available	Scenic Cruising on Queen Charlotte Sounds PCN-245 Picton, New Zealand Group Size: 80 View the dramatic seascapes of Queen Charlotte Sound on a sightseeing cruise. Your catamaran features both open and enclosed decks for your viewing enjoyment. Feed the pet fish at Double Cove, enjoy coffee or tea during your cruise and take in this stunning meeting of sky, land and sea.	You will visit: 7	You will see: 2	E	2.5 hours	from \$74.00 (AUD)
Image not available	Queen Charlotte Sound by Sea Kayak PCN-410 Picton, New Zealand Experience the dramatic seascapes of Queen Charlotte Sound on a kayak paddle. The forested shore is dotted with coves, bays and beaches while the cold, nutrient rich waters of the sound are home to seals, dolphins and penguins.	You will visit: 7	You will see: 2	S	4 hours	from \$229.95 (AUD)

Activities & Adventures

Image not available	Walk the Queen Charlotte Track & Scenic Cruise PCN-385 Picton, New Zealand	You will visit: 7	You will see: 2	S	3.5 hours	from \$164.95 (AUD)
	This tour is perfect for the active traveller who likes to keep fit on holiday, combining sightseeing and a walk in the natural New Zealand landscape. Cruise the waters of Queen Charlotte Sound to Mistletoe Bay. The rich waters of the Sound are home to dolphins, seals and seabirds. Your 90-minute guided walk travels the Peninsula Loop Trail and offers views of lush coastal forest and dramatic bays. Enjoy tea during your return cruise to Picton.					

Nature & Wildlife

Image not available	Lochmara Lodge & Scenic Cruise PCN-235 Picton, New Zealand Group Size: 22	You will visit: 3	You will see: 2	M	2.75 hours	from \$154.00 (AUD)
	Cruise the waters of Queen Charlotte Sound. View a dramatic seascape of wooded shores, bays, coves and beaches as you sail to Lochmara Lodge. The lodge is home to a Wildlife Recovery Center and an Arts Center with galleries and a sculpture trail.					