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Imagine a place where food, wine, scenery, cultural heritage and a touch of adventure all meld into one brilliant experience. Where you're tasting incredible wines at a celebrated cellar door by day, then ensconced in a remote Marlborough Sounds waterfront resort by night. Where your gourmet dinner of local produce is savoured with surrounds of natural beauty and tranquility. Where you wake to birdsong and the prospect of paddle boarding on the calm blue sea, or walking a section of the Queen Charlotte Track. Marvel at the brilliant views, or experience the rush of mountain biking New Zealand's longest dual-purpose track.

This is a place with culture and history runs wide and deep; where Aotearoa's earliest

Polynesian settlers arrived on Te Pokohiwi-o-Kupe/Wairau Bar. Learn how they first discovered the abundance and richness of this region, more than 800 years ago. Hear the legends of the Marlborough Sounds, and stand in the place where Māori and Europeans met.

Discover New Zealand's largest wine industry, and the exciting varieties grown in unique terroirs, flowing year-round at beautiful cellar doors.

Marlborough has all the best ingredients for a brilliant getaway in one amazing, fascinating and easy to get to place.

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MARLBOROUGH / Te Tau Ihu o Te Waka a Māui





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From Wellington & the North Island

Start your journey off with an incredible cruise through the Marlborough Sounds, on the ferry from Wellington to Picton. Bring the car, bike, boat or caravan onboard and start your holiday off by relaxing and admiring the views.

Or admire Marlborough wine country and the Sounds from above by flying directly to Blenheim or Picton from Wellington, Auckland, Christchurch or Paraparaumu.

From Nelson

Less than an hour's drive from Nelson, just before Rai Valley, the roads to French Pass and Tennyson Inlet lead into the beautiful Marlborough Sounds and days worth of exploring.

Or continue along the main highway, stopping at Pelorus Bridge for river swimming, and at Havelock for their famous Greenshell™ Mussels. Take the scenic Queen Charlotte Drive to Picton or Kenepuru and Pelorus Sound/Te Hoiere Sounds; or continue straight into the heart of wine country and Blenheim.

From Kaikoura & Canterbury

Travel by car, bus or the Coastal Pacific train from Christchurch to Picton and enjoy spectacular scenery. Stop for fresh crayfish at seaside cafés and spot the plentiful seals.

Or take the adventurous road to Marlborough, by vehicle, mountain bike or guided tour, via the historic high country Molesworth Station and beautiful Awatere Valley. Open in spring and summer.

From the West Coast

Arrive via the beautiful Wairau Valley, watching Marlborough's vast wine country unfold as you drive alongside the Wairau River and the rugged Richmond Range. Stop for fly fishing or at cellar doors for tastings, platters or lunch.

Journeys to Marlborough

Your journey to Marlborough is almost as good as being here. Whether you're arriving by ferry, train, car or plane, the scenery is more beautiful the closer you get.

The viewing decks of Bluebridge or Interislander ferries are the perfect way to admire the stunning Marlborough coastline, followed by the calm natural beauty of the Marlborough Sounds.

Spot dolphins and humpback whales during their winter migration, and take in the many turquoise bays and coves of Tory Channel/Kura te Au and Queen Charlotte Sound/Tōtaranui, fringed by native bush, before arriving in picturesque Picton/Waitohi. And when the ferry has berthed, starting your Marlborough experience is as simple as driving off the ramp and into your holiday, or walking the short distance into Picton's town centre.

From the south, the Coastal Pacific train is a great way to really enjoy the scenery without the distraction of the road. Sit back with a coffee or lunch while you're taken on an incredible trip along the wild Kaikōura coastline, before a leisurely journey through Marlborough's rolling hills, the Wairau Lagoons and vineyards. Your rail experience is topped off with an impressive descent into Picton from The Elevation, and a viaduct over the Waitohi River.

Marlborough is well-connected by air, with daily flights from the main centres into Marlborough Airport near Blenheim and Koromiko Airport near Picton. As you approach, be sure to take in the true scale of New Zealand's largest wine region from the air, with vineyards spreading far and wide into valleys and foothills, all the way to the Pacific Coast. On arrival in Marlborough, you're mere minutes from the nearest cellar doors and Golden Mile of wine, while Koromiko is just a short shuttle ride from Picton and the Marlborough Sounds.

Arriving by car means stopping wherever you want, whenever you want. To make the most of Marlborough, be sure to take your time and enjoy all there is to see and do. Enjoy lunch by the Pacific Ocean in Kekerengu or Greenshell™ Mussels in Havelock, indulge in a winery tasting in the Wairau Valley or stop at the many beautiful viewpoints and bush walks along Queen Charlotte Drive. Whatever highway brings you to Marlborough, you'll be sure to find something brilliant along the way.

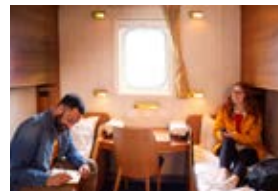


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AV. DAILY MAX TEMP

18°C | 64°F



SPRING

1 September - 30 November

Spring marks the release of Marlborough's newest sauvignon blanc, best enjoyed with a platter or lunch at a cellar door. Enjoy sunshine with a vineyard tour under blue skies and snow on the mountains.

Make the most of warm spring days on a Marlborough Sounds beach, and explore with a scenic cruise or by kayak.

AV. DAILY MAX TEMP

23°C | 74°F



SUMMER

1 December - 28 February

Summer in Marlborough is about jumping off jetties into sparkling seas, lazing over a long vineyard lunch with deliciously crisp sauvignon blanc, and cooling off in a crystal-clear river after a bush walk.

Explore the Queen Charlotte Track on foot or by mountain bike, stopping at lodges along the way for lunch or for longer. Board a scenic or seafood cruise to enjoy the Marlborough Sounds scenery. Taste fresh summer flavours by picking your own cherries and blueberries.

AV. DAILY MAX TEMP

19°C | 66°F



AUTUMN

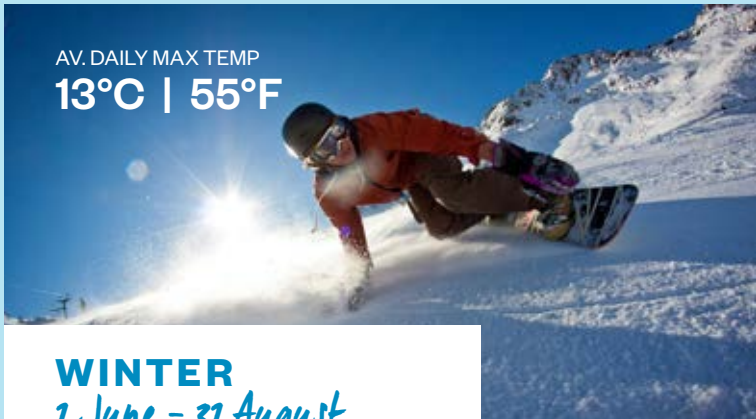
1 March - 31 May

Autumn in Marlborough is an exciting time on the wine calendar, with vintage in full swing. Do a cellar door tour as the grapes are brought into the wineries, while tasting the results of harvests gone by.

See the grapevines change to autumn hues - each block a different colour, depending on the variety. Enjoy nature's spectacular palette from high on the Wither Hills, the hillside road to Pukatea/Whites Bay, or above the Awatere Valley.

AV. DAILY MAX TEMP

13°C | 55°F



WINTER

1 June - 31 August

With brilliant crisp blue skies and abundant sunshine, winter is Marlborough's best hidden secret. Enjoy an outdoor vineyard lunch in the afternoon warmth, or cosy up by an open fire with a rich pinot noir at a cellar door.

The glassy, still waters of the Marlborough Sounds, with abundant marine wildlife, makes winter the perfect time to explore. Do a scenic cruise or nestle into a warm waterside lodge with incredible views. Or, embrace winter at Rainbow Ski Area and hit the slopes.

BRILLIANT *events*

NOVEMBER

Rapaura Springs Garden Marlborough

Visit a selection of Marlborough's most stunning private gardens in town and country, which open their gates just for the popular full and half day tours. Attend workshops with garden and landscaping experts, and be sure to visit the popular Garden Fête and Garden Party.

JANUARY

Picton Maritime Festival

Celebrate beside the sea at the Picton Maritime Festival on the foreshore, with live music and entertainment for all ages, delicious food, free boat rides, rowing lessons, on the water demonstrations and the ever-popular raft race, a festival favourite that's as fun for participants as it is for spectators.

FEBRUARY

Marlborough Wine & Food Festival

Marlborough's flagship event is a must-do, with the region's most incredible wines served alongside delicious food full of local flavours and live music. Come along to New Zealand's longest-running wine festival for a brilliant day among the vines.

MARCH

Havelock Mussel & Seafood Festival

Enjoy the best of Marlborough's delicious seafood alongside local wine, gin and beer in the summer sun, with live music and entertainment for the whole family. Taste Havelock's famous Greenshell™ Mussels, Marlborough salmon and much more, enter the best dressed competition and watch the exciting mussel shucking competition.

APRIL

Yealands Classic Fighters Airshow Omaka (biennial)

At Omaka Airfield near Blenheim, this incredible event draws magnificent aircraft and enthusiasts from all over New Zealand for thrilling air displays and dramatic live re-enactments of historic and war events on the ground. The event is held biennially, normally at Easter.

Whitehaven Grape Ride

Join one of New Zealand's most scenic bike races, from the exhilarating straights of Marlborough wine country to the incredible scenery of the Marlborough Sounds and back. Choose from the classic Graperide or longer Magnum, shorter Taster or Mountain Bike courses.

MAY

Saint Clair Vineyard Half

Run, walk or mix it up with this iconic and picturesque half marathon or 12km course among the rows of private vineyards. There's treats and surprises at every turn, from local chocolate, honey and ice cream, to live bands, and your achievement is rewarded at the end thanks to Saint Clair Family Estate.

Feast Marlborough

The Bayleys Friday Night Feast is one of the most popular events on Blenheim's culinary calendar, when Marlborough's finest produce and talented chefs, live entertainment and festive vibes converge into a fantastic night in the town centre.

JUNE/JULY

Matariki events

Matariki is a cluster of stars (Pleiades) that rises in mid-winter, marking the start of the Māori New Year. This significant and meaningful time of the year is celebrated with events in the community. Check local events guides to find what's on.

JULY

Marlborough Book Festival

The Marlborough Book Festival is an annual winter weekend of wonderful writers, curious audiences and thought-provoking conversations. Choose from a great lineup of top authors, hear them discuss their lives and works in conversation with skilled interviewers, and have your book signed.

OCTOBER

Marina 2 Marina

This run/walk in Picton is fun for all ages and fitness levels. Choose from four courses ranging from a 24km stretch between Anakiwa and Picton to a 2km dash around Picton Marina, and enjoy beautiful Marlborough Sounds views along the way. Finish at Picton's waterfront with a festival atmosphere.

Find events with Follow-ME

There's always plenty to do in and around Marlborough. Check out the follow-ME Marlborough Events guide for all the latest in food and wine, theatre, music and many more brilliant items on the calendar. Find out more and visit www.Follow-ME.co.nz

BLenheim

Te Waiharakeke

Marlborough's largest centre is the perfect place to base yourself to explore wine country and more. Enjoy great cafés, restaurants, shops, theatres and galleries, and explore the many parks, walking and mountain bike trails and views from the Wither Hills.



TAYLOR RIVER RESERVE



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OLD RENWICK ROAD

Ópaoa River

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2 To Rarangi

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SH 1 to Picton & Spring Creek

Waterlea Racecourse

Lansdowne Park

Henderson Reserve

To Nelson
To Renwick
To Airport

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MIDDLE RENWICK ROAD

NELSON STREET



Pollard Park

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SINCLAIR STREET

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Ópaoa River Reserve

MAIN STREET

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Taylor River Reserve

Horton Park

Ópaoa River

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Taylor River

Athletic Park

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Shared Path to
Riverlands
Industrial Estate

SH 1 to
Christchurch



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NEW RENWICK ROAD

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HOWICK ROAD

WELD STREET

SCOTT STREET

REDWOOD STREET

ALABAMA ROAD

7 To Omaka Aviation
Heritage Centre

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Church Park

OLIVER PARK

Rewi Murray
Polo Park
Whitehead Park

HOSPITAL ROAD

WITHER ROAD

Taylor River

To Taylor
Dam Reserve

Harling Park

1

WITHER HILLS FARM PARK



To Ben Morven Rd



AS VOTED BY LOCALS:

Things to do in Blenheim / Te Waiharakeke

OMAKA AVIATION HERITAGE CENTRE



1. Hit the trails of the Wither Hills Farm Park

On foot or by mountain bike, from gentle to challenging, the variety of tracks that traverse this public farm park all come with magnificent views over Blenheim, the Wairau Valley, Cook Strait and beyond.

2. See a beach sunrise at Rarangi or Whites Bay/Pukatea

Pitch your tent or park the caravan at the Department of Conservation camps at Rarangi Beach or Whites Bay, make a coffee and watch the sun rise over Cloudy Bay.

3. Stock up at the Sunday Farmers' Market.

From freshly picked fruit and vegetables to local cheeses, eggs, meat, gourmet treats, breakfast and coffee, the Marlborough Farmers' Market at Blenheim's A&P Showgrounds is a great way to find the region's best flavours in a relaxed environment.

4. Discover Blenheim's history at Brayshaw Heritage Park

Stroll the high street of Beavertown, lined with original Marlborough buildings and memorabilia, to experience what life was like for Blenheim's earliest residents, and pop into the Marlborough Museum to learn more.

5. Experience pie perfection

A Marlborough institution, the Burleigh Gourmet Pie is an absolute must-taste – visit their home base in Blenheim and try them all to find your favourite.

6. Eat dumplings by the fire at Grovetown Hotel

A classic Kiwi pub from the outside, a Japanese/Kiwi fusion restaurant and bar on the inside – stop in to the historic Grovetown Hotel on State Highway 1 north of Blenheim for a friendly beer with a side of dumplings.

7. Fly into the past at the OMAKA Aviation Heritage Centre

An unassuming hangar near Blenheim holds one of New Zealand's best historic aviation collections, including pieces from Sir Peter

Jackson's own collection, magnificently displayed in dramatic WW1 and WW2 exhibitions.

8. Tour Blenheim's art scene

Create your own art trail around Blenheim, from the Millennium Public Art Gallery to Brian Badcock's private gallery, and be sure to check the stunning large scale murals around the town centre.

9. Take a walk down the garden path

Marlborough has several renowned gardens of significance, such as Upton Oaks near Blenheim, that are worth visiting whether your fingers are green or not. Stroll the paths, admire the landscape and be inspired.

10. All aboard at The Wine Station

The Wine Station, based at Blenheim's historic railway station, has 80 premium wines available for tasting on tap, so you can experience the best Marlborough wines in one location.

11. Walk along the Taylor River

With views stretching to the hills and mountains, and a flat, paved walkway, the Taylor River Reserve is the perfect place to take a stroll or bike ride with the family and unwind.

12. Find urban flavours in Blenheim

Get a taste of Blenheim's varied café and restaurant scene, from a delicious Marlborough wine or craft beer among friends, to local and international flavours, all within easy walking distance.

13. Stroll the shops

Explore central Blenheim's independent fashion and gift stores, or find what you need at familiar brand outlets, with plenty of stops for great coffee.

14. Music and more

There's plenty of musical and performance talent to be found at regular gigs and open mic events at venues, cafés and cellar doors in and around Blenheim. Look online, ask around or simply drop in.

15. A night at the theatre

From the bright lights of the big stage at the modern ASB Theatre to the intimate charm of the Boathouse Theatre, there are always plenty of local and visiting productions on the performance calendar.

16. Explore the Wairau Lagoons and Waverley shipwreck

A flat, easy walking track leads to the beautiful Wairau Lagoons, offering stunning views to the hills and Te Pokohiwi/Boulder Bank, where the first Māori arrived more than 800 years ago.

17. Soar over Marlborough in a vintage aeroplane

Take off in a De Havilland DH83C Fox Moth, Boeing Stearman, Yakovlev Yak-3, or Avro Anson Mk.1 for a scenic flight over beautiful Blenheim and beyond, or a thrilling speed experience with PMH Aviation and the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre.

18. Explore the Grovetown Lagoon by bike

Grovetown Lagoon is a rare and beautifully restored wetland around an oxbow lake with wildlife and views. Bike from Blenheim via an off-road cycleway to Grovetown and follow the lagoon track.



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SOUTHERN VALLEYS VINES

RENWICK & WAIRAU



To Nelson

Conders Bend MTB Park

Wairau River

Wairau River

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RENWICK

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To St Arnaud & West Coast

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FAREHAM LN

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BEFORD RD

CONDERS BEND RD

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HAMMERS RD

JACKSONS RD

OLD RENWICK RD

BELLS RD

NEW RENWICK RD

PAYNTERS RD

WREKIN RD

BRANCOTT RD

BESTS RD

HAWKESBURY RD

KENNEDYS RD

BROOKBY RD

FALVEYS RD

Waihopai River





AS VOTED BY LOCALS:

Things to do in Renwick & Wairau

RAPAURA 

1. Explore cellar doors by bike

Slow down and pedal your way between the wineries, drinking in the scenery and vineyards between tastings of amazing wines. Hire bikes, pick up a wine map and tour cellar doors at your leisure, or choose a guided tour.

2. Long, leisurely lunches

Sit down for a delicious feast of local produce perfectly matched with an exquisite wine at a winery restaurant. Dine al fresco under the Marlborough sun, or relax indoors by a cosy open fire.

3. Visit Makana Chocolate Factory

Interrupt your tour of Marlborough wine country with a cheeky chocolate fix. Taste handmade chocolate with enticing local flavours such as pinot noir truffles and choose some to savour later.

4. Leave room for gin

Taste delicious local gin and craft beer at the coolest little tasting room in Marlborough, The Gin Room, the home of Roots Marlborough Dry Gin and other rare boutique producers, is based at the Vines Village.

5. Sip Moa Beer and play games in the garden

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6. Learn from the experts with a guided wine tour

Treat yourself to an insiders' view of the Marlborough wine industry. Whether you choose a fun group tour or opulent private experience, your guides' local knowledge and passion for the wines you'll taste make for a brilliant wine experience.

7. Find art and gifts among the vines

Shop for gifts and admire Marlborough art at the Sounds Reflection shop, Return to Eden Art Gallery and the Dudson Scott Gallery.

8. Bike alongside the Wairau River

Take the family and spend a day exploring the Wairau River by bike, interspersed with a delicious lunch and local wine. Start at the forested Conders Bend Mountain Bike Park before following the stopbank downstream, diverting to a nearby restaurant or café, with a swim to finish.

9. Hit the slopes at Rainbow Ski Area

Just a two-hour drive from Blenheim, hit the slopes with the whole family, hire a toboggan or simply play in the snow and enjoy the mountain views. Always carry chains or catch the shuttle from the bottom carpark.

10. Enjoy an exceptional dinner experience at arbour or Harvest Restaurant

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11. Visit the Pot Shed

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12. Have a pint at the Cork & Keg

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13. Get lost in the Omaka Maize Maze

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Things to do Picton & Queen Charlotte Sound / Tōtaranui

1. Walk or mountain bike the stunning Queen Charlotte Track

Strap on your helmet or tie up your boots and head out on the 72km Queen Charlotte Track. Walk or ride the track in two to three days, staying at amazing lodges along the way with your luggage transferred by boat, or do a day trip with water taxi transfers from Picton. (Ship Cove/Meretoto to Kenepuru Saddle closed to bikes during summer.)

2. Summit the highest mountain in the Marlborough Sounds

At 1203m, Mt Stokes/Pororangi provides unrivalled vistas of the Marlborough Sounds and far beyond. The track follows a ridgeline through moss-clad forests and ferns to a plateau of rare alpine herbs at the top, and a clear view to blue Endeavour Inlet below.

3. Take an art tour and visit local galleries and artists

With a growing art scene, central Picton has plenty to admire. Visit the Diversion Gallery and Artofact for fine art, Raukara for gifts and do a free tour at the private Stevenson Collection.

4. Walk inside a real convict ship

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5. See Marlborough from above

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6. Start your day in a kayak

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9. Swim with dolphins

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10. Head out on a fishing charter

Take advantage of the great Marlborough Sounds fishing by roping in the experts, such as Sounds Connection Fishing Charters. Put in the rod in search of blue cod and more in the shelter of the Sounds, or venture out further for a bigger challenge.

11. Visit nature sanctuaries

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12. Discover Ship Cove/Meretoto

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15. Walk the Snout Track

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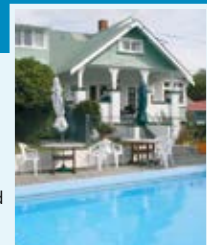
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8. Land the big one on a fishing charter

The Marlborough Sounds are known for great fishing, so be sure to try your luck with the benefit of local knowledge on a fishing charter from Havelock or Ōkiwi Bay. Take the whole family in the sheltered inner Sounds, or head for the excitement of big snapper and kingfish around D'Urville Island/Rangitoto ki te Tonga.

9. Wake up to sea views at a remote lodge

Swap the hustle and bustle for birdsong, native bush and glassy seas at a lodge in Pelorus/Te Hoiere or Kenepuru Sounds. Drive or boat to The Portage Hotel, Te Mahia Resort, The Lodge at Te Rawa or Hopewell Lodge.

10. Havelock Museum

With relics and photographs from the area's past as a gold rush town, timber port and more, Havelock Museum is a great way to learn more about this fascinating region. You won't miss it – look for the locomotive on the high street.

11. Take a dip at Pelorus Bridge

A must-do stop on State Highway 6 between Nelson and Blenheim, the Pelorus River is the perfect spot for a refreshing river swim. Dive off the rocks into the crystal-clear water and get an ice cream at the shop.

12. Channel your inner hobbit

Jump in a kayak and ride the rapids of the Pelorus River, one of the most famous filming locations of The Hobbit movies, with Pelorus Eco Adventures. The Hobbit Kayak Tour follows in the wake of Bilbo and his friends from The Desolation of Smaug.

The Sounds Mini Golf

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Kahuroa House

Uniquely styled lodge designed for families or groups of friends. Located in Kaiuma Bay this lodge has handy access to a boat ramp and jetty, short walks through local native bush and shoreline, and is at the start of the Nydia track. Loads to do, or perfect to relax and unwind.



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Smiths Farm Holiday Park

Quiet, modern, privately owned farm park central to Marlborough Sounds. Farm walks, pet animals, glow worms. Immaculate facilities: tent/powerd sites to standard cabins, self-contained units, park motels and cottage. \$40 - \$170 per couple. 22km from Picton, 3km from Queen Charlotte Track. Rankers Supreme Holiday Park winner 2016, TripAdvisor 5-star.



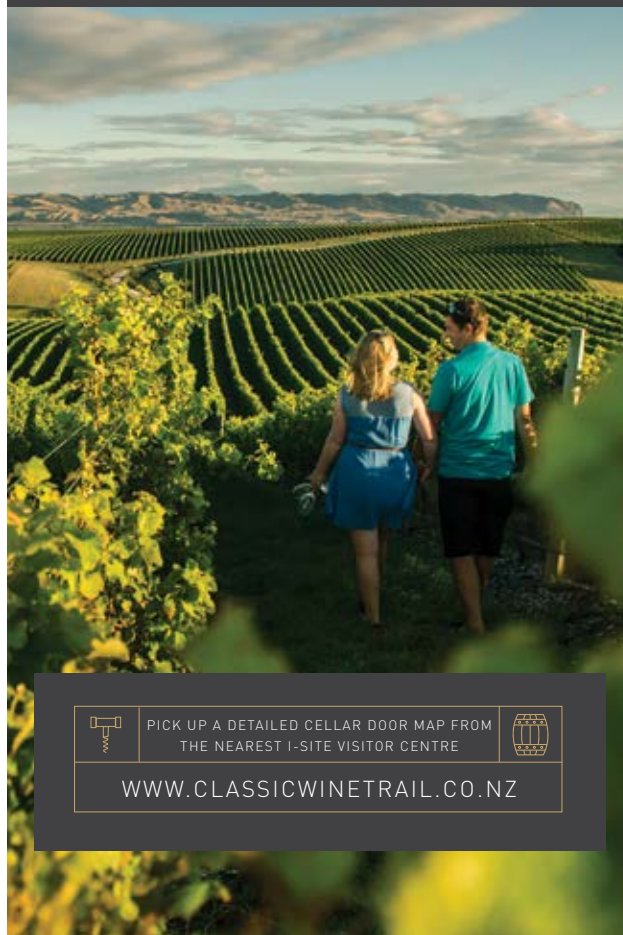
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Te Mahia Bay Resort

Te Mahia Bay Resort is in one of the most picturesque bay in the Marlborough Sounds. Jann and Trevor Hook, look forward to hosting you at Te Mahia. Their fully self-contained units are spacious, comfortable, complete with those added unique personal touches. Explore the Marlborough Sounds using Te Mahia as your base.



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Havelock Holiday Park

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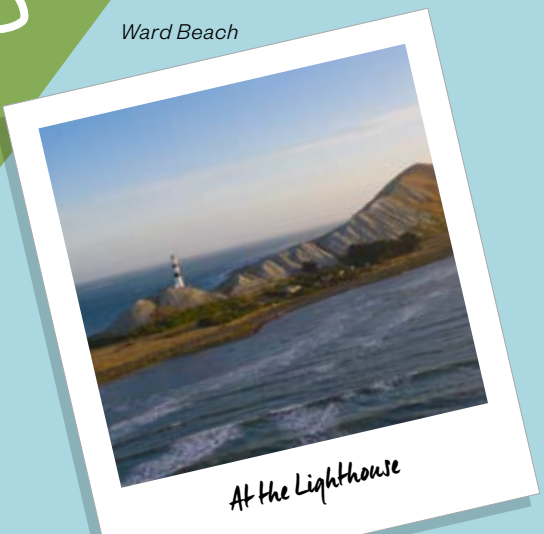
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Things to do in South Marlborough

1. Visit gardens of significance

Experience a very special part of South Marlborough at Paripuma, a unique native garden on the very edge of the wild, rugged Pacific Ocean, near Seddon. Or head to Barewood Garden, a stunning semi-formal country garden that roams across four acres in the spectacular Awatere Valley.

2. Drive Yealands' White Road

This iconic self-drive tour in the lower Awatere Valley is a Marlborough must-do, from the spectacular ocean and mountain vistas to the experience of being on a large-scale sustainable vineyard, best finished with a tasting at the cellar door.

3. Discover South Marlborough wines

The Awatere Valley is one of Marlborough's most important wine subregions, with unique, boundary-pushing terroirs stretching from mountains to the Pacific Coast – take a guided tour with Tupari Wines, see their cellar door at The Station café or visit Yealands.

4. Walk on the beach to the Cape Campbell Lighthouse

Walk from Marfells Beach to the Cape Campbell Lighthouse (which starred in Hollywood film *The Light Between Oceans*). The Lighthouse is accessible by beach at low tide - do a day walk, or book a stay at the Lighthouse Keepers' Huts (closed in winter).

5. Experience New Zealand's largest high country station (open seasonally)

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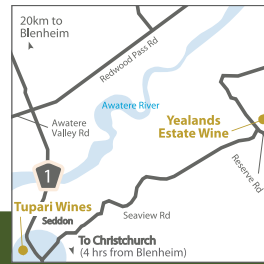
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BY SEA

The Bluebridge and Interislander passenger and vehicle ferries cross Cook Strait from Wellington to Picton several times daily.

BY ROAD

Marlborough is well-connected by state highways and bus services from Christchurch, Nelson and the West Coast. Blenheim's public bus visits Picton, Renwick and Marlborough Airport on selected days.

BY RAIL

The Coastal Pacific train travels from Christchurch to Picton via Blenheim along the scenic Kaikōura coast. During summer, the historic Marlborough Flyer train schedules special trips.

Getting around

Marlborough Sounds

Explore the many bays, inlets and coves of the beautiful Marlborough Sounds by road, boat, bike or on foot. Do a road trip by car or campervan, board a tour or water taxi from Picton or Havelock, rent a kayak or walk or bike the incredible Queen Charlotte Track.

Blenheim/Waiharakeke

Park and enjoy the town's many restaurants, cafés and shops on foot, or join a guided tour or hop on/hop off bus to explore the cellar doors further afield. Hire a bike, take Blenheim's public bus, and walk or bike the Wither Hills.

Picton/Waitohi

Explore Queen Charlotte Sound/Tōtaranui on a scenic or seafood cruise, by water taxi or mail boat, hire a kayak, walk or mountain bike local tracks or simply stroll Picton's town centre and marina.

Havelock & Pelorus/Te Hoiere

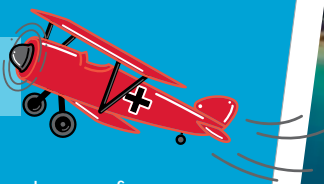
Board a scenic cruise, water taxi or mail boat to explore Pelorus/Te Hoiere, Kenepuru and Mahau Sounds, or drive the scenic Kenepuru Road. Walk or bike the many local tracks.

Renwick & Wairau

Renwick and the Wairau Valley have many cellar doors all within close proximity – visit year-round by bike (available for hire), car or guided tour.

Awatere & Pacific Coast

Take the train or drive the scenic road south, or join a guided tour, for spectacular mountain and ocean views and wine. Explore the Molesworth Road during summer months by car or bike.



On the Mail Boat

Travel times

DRIVE

Picton to Blenheim (SH1)	25 mins
Picton to Havelock via Queen Charlotte Dr	45 mins
Havelock to Blenheim (SH6)	35 mins
Nelson to Blenheim (SH6)	1hr 45 mins
Kaikōura to Blenheim (SH1)	1hr 45 mins
Christchurch to Blenheim (SH1)	4hrs 30 mins
Christchurch to Blenheim Via Lewis Pass	7hrs

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FLY DIRECT

Auckland to Marlborough	1hr 30 mins
Paraparaumu to Marlborough	30 mins
Wellington to Marlborough	25 mins
Wellington to Picton	25 mins
Christchurch to Marlborough	50 mins

FERRY

Wellington to Picton	3.5hrs
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TRAIN

Christchurch to Picton	5hrs 15 mins
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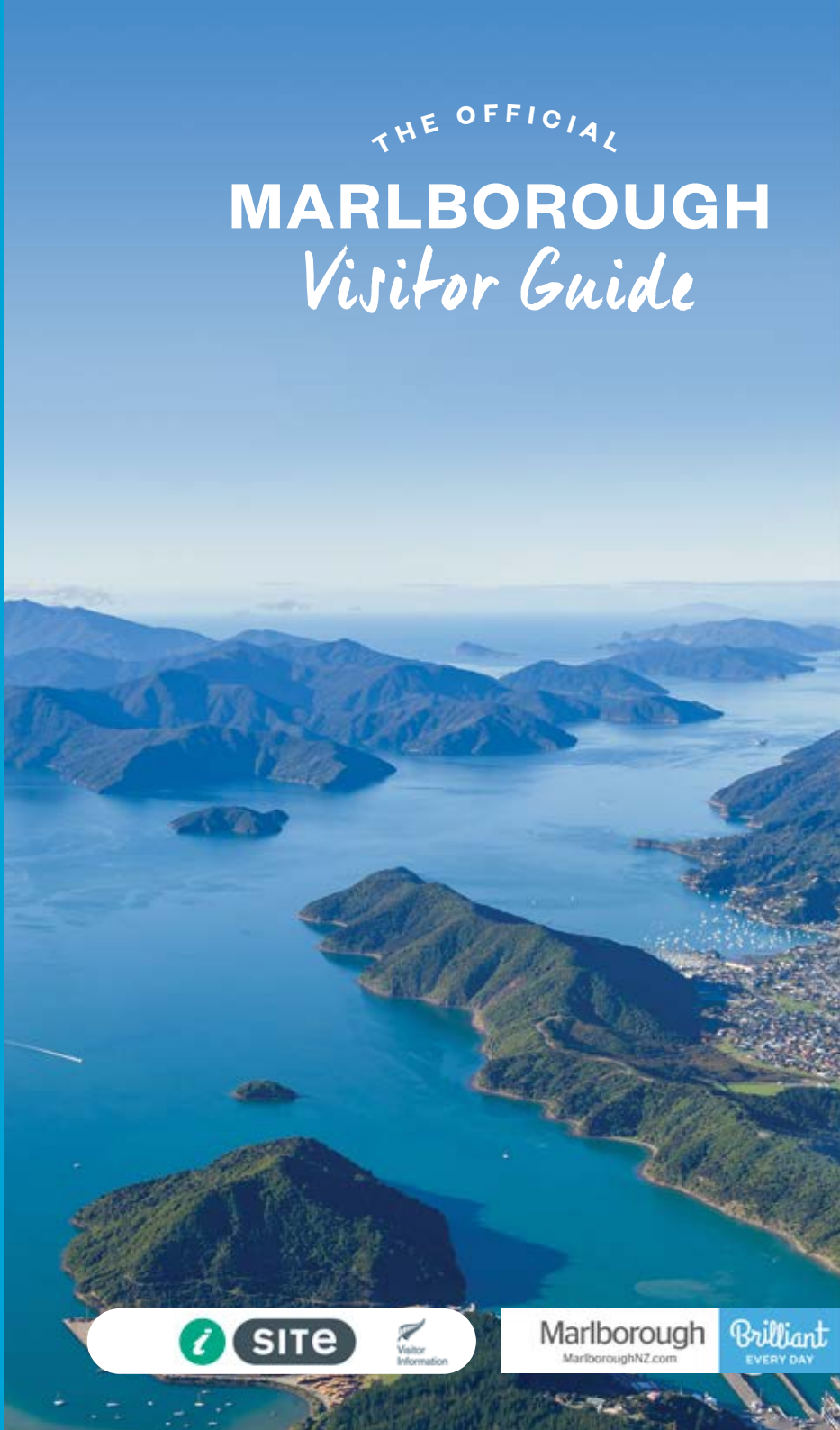
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