



Queen Charlotte Sound Explorer

Wednesday 24 – Monday 29 November 2021



Flying in and out of Blenheim this tour takes in some of the best that this region has to offer including of course wine, seafood and spectacular scenery! Cruising out to Furneaux Lodge for three nights we explore Queen Charlotte Sound including Motuara Island Bird Sanctuary, Arapawa Seafarms where the unique Blue Pearl are grown, and enjoy tasting delicious local mussels and paua!

Day 1 Wednesday 24 November 2021 ARRIVE MARLBOROUGH (D)

Our tour commences today with a flight from Auckland to Blenheim. Welcome to the Marlborough region! Marlborough is best known for its wine and the unique Marlborough Sounds and over the next few days we explore both by land and water. **We are met on arrival at Blenheim Airport** before travelling the short distance to Picton. Here we have our first views of Queen Charlotte Sound as Picton is situated at the head of the sound. Time this afternoon to take a walk around Picton before enjoying dinner at our hotel.

Accommodation: Picton Yacht Club, Picton - 1 night

Day 2 Thursday 25 November 2021 MARLBOROUGH ICONS & QUEEN CHARLOTTE SOUND (BLD)

Following breakfast we head out for the day to enjoy the very best of what Marlborough has to offer us including the chance to indulge in Marlborough wine and the Marlborough Sounds including fresh local seafood! **We visit a few of Marlborough's established wineries.** At the wineries hear about their history and taste a stunning range of reserve-grade wines and meet people who know wine and love sharing their passion with you. **Enjoy a delicious Marlborough Sounds waterfront lunch,** then board a modern catamaran launch for a **relaxing seafood cruise.** Cruise the calm waters of the stunning Marlborough Sounds, enjoy the views accompanied by fresh local seafood and of course Marlborough sauvignon blanc! We return to Picton to board our water taxi out to our accommodation in the **Queen Charlotte Sound for the next three nights at Furneaux Lodge.** Located at the head of Endeavour Inlet in the stunning Marlborough Sounds, Furneaux Lodge has a backdrop of native forest and lush rolling lawns right to the stunning blue-green water. Dinner tonight at Furneaux Lodge.

Accommodation: Furneaux Lodge, Endeavour Inlet – 3 nights

Day 3 Friday 26 November 2021 MOTUARA ISLAND, SHIP COVE & LUNCH AT BAY OF MANY COVES (BLD)

Motuara Island Bird Sanctuary is a predator-free safe haven for many rare species including the South Island Saddleback and Bush Robin. Small Blue Penguins nest in boxes alongside the track that gradually climbs to a lookout above the forest canopy. We have a relaxed start to the day with breakfast at Furneaux Lodge before being collected by boat to visit Motuara Island. On arrival enjoy a self-guided walk following the track around the island enjoying several lookout points along the way before reaching the highest point of the island for fantastic views across to Ship Cove. For those that do not want to do the walk today you can sit and enjoy the bird viewing station within a 5 minute walk from jetty. We are on the island for approximately 1 hour before departing the island and cruising over to Ship Cove. **Historic Ship Cove was named by Captain James Cook in**

1770 when his ship The Endeavour anchored here to replenish supplies of food, water and wood. It became a favourite anchorage of Captain Cook and he returned here a further four times between 1770 and 1777. There is a waterfall walk 20 mins one way for those keen to do some more exploring. From Ship Cove we cruise around to Bay of Many Coves - a luxury five-star resort, set in the heart of Queen Charlotte Sound, Marlborough. Here you will enjoy a wonderful lunch all the while enjoying the breath-taking scenery before heading back to Furneaux Lodge. We dine tonight at Furneaux Lodge.

Day 4 Saturday 27 November 2021 FURNEAUX LODGE (BD)

Today we have set aside as a free and relaxing day in beautiful Queen Charlotte Sound. You may like to take the short 10 minute walk to visit the 1000-year-old rimu tree near Furneaux Lodge, take a longer walk on part of the Queen Charlotte Track or catch the scheduled morning Cougar Line boat to their sister lodge Punga Cove across the inlet and have lunch at the Boatshed Café & Bar. The Lodge also has kayaks available if you feel like a paddle out on the water, or you can simply relax and enjoy the views, native forest and birdlife from your sundeck or from the plentiful hammocks on the waterfront. Any activities at additional cost. Dinner tonight at Furneaux Lodge.

Day 5 Sunday 28 November 2021 FURNEAUX LODGE - PICTON (BLD)

Following breakfast at Furneaux Lodge we bid farewell to our hosts when we are collected to **visit Arapawa Seafarms,** where the unique Blue Pearl or Paua Pearls are grown. On arrival you will be greeted by Mike and Antonia Radon, the owners of Arapawa Seafarms, where the unique Blue Pearl or Paua Pearls are grown. They will personally guide you on a tour of the farm, which is not only a place of work but also their home. Discover how the Blue Pearl came to be and see how they are produced. Depending on the time of year, it's possible to see paua of all sizes, from dust-specs in a larval rearing tank to full size paua with pearl inserts. Once you have finished your tour venture up to the Radon homestead, where you will be **served a light lunch including sampling local mussels and of course paua before heading back to Picton.** On our arrival back in Picton marina we walk back to our accommodation for our last night in the Marlborough region. Dinner tonight at our hotel.

Accommodation: Picton Yacht Club, Picton – 1 night

Day 6 Monday 29 November 2021 DEPART MARLBOROUGH (B)

Farewell from the South Island. After breakfast we are **transferred from the hotel to Blenheim Airport** to connect to our flight back to Auckland.

Terms & Conditions....

Acceptance of Terms and Conditions

If you book a Packaged Tour with us and pay your deposit, you are deemed to have accepted these terms. If you booked your Packaged Tour with us through an agent, the agent is deemed to have accepted these terms on your behalf. We may ask you to sign a copy of these terms when you join your Packaged Tour to provide a record of your acceptance of these terms and you agree to sign these terms on our request.

Itineraries

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Price Amendments

Prices were correct at the time and date of printing, however Leisure Time Travel reserves the right to amend the price subject to any changes in price imposed by other tour operators and carriers included in the itinerary or major fluctuation in the exchange rates, or increases in government or other levies. The final tour cost will be guaranteed not to change once the full and final payment has been received. Tour Price excludes drinks, telephone calls, travel insurance and items of a personal nature. Leisure Time Travel also reserves the right to cancel the tour due to low numbers and in this instance a full refund will be provided.

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For the health and safety of all passengers on tour any illness (such as fever, coughing or difficulty breathing) will not be accepted onboard the coach unless they can provide us with a negative Covid19 test result received within the past 72 hours. Should any passenger start to feel unwell on arrival or while on tour, they must immediately advise their tour manager and contact Healthline then visit a medical practitioner/medical centre/hospital. To return to the tour the passenger must be deemed fit and well to participate fully on a coach tour, obtaining and providing us with a written medical clearance -

Tour Inclusions & Costs....

- Door to door home collection & drop off service available from select areas - refer to flyer for further information
- 5 nights accommodation, twin/double rooms, (single rooms available with surcharge) all with private facilities
- Auckland to Blenheim return flights with Air New Zealand - other ports available, price on application
- Tour Admissions as per itinerary
- Daily Breakfasts (B), Lunch (L) and Dinners (D) where indicated on the itinerary
- Touring in modern air conditioned tour coach

TOUR PAYMENTS PER PERSON:

Club Member Twin/Double Share:	\$4,470.00
Non Club Member Twin/Double Share:	\$4,500.00
Single Supplement (additional):	\$ 800.00
Non-refundable deposit due at time of booking:	\$ 200.00

Balance of tour payment due Wednesday 13 October 2021

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Payments, Cancellations and Refunds

A non-refundable deposit per person is required at time of booking to confirm your seat. All balance payments must be received by Leisure Time Travel prior to the date specified as per itinerary or your booking confirmation. Payments are available to be made by Cash, Cheque, Direct Credit or EFTPOS only - Credit Card payments are not available without an additional surcharge. Leisure Time Travel reserves the right to amend or reschedule the tour due the result of circumstances outside the company's control. Leisure Time Travel also reserves the right to cancel the tour due to insufficient numbers and in this instance a substitute date will be offered or a full refund will be made available. Tour Price excludes drinks, telephone calls, travel insurance and items of a personal nature.

Travel Insurance

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New Zealand Cancellation Policy

If you cancel your booking:

- 42+ days prior to tour commencement, loss of non-refundable deposit
- 30-41 days prior to tour commencement your cancellation charge will be 50% of the holiday price (50% refund) plus any applicable supplier cancellation fees
- 30 days prior to tour commencement your cancellation charge will be 100% of the holiday price (no refund)

No refunds on any unused portions of any itinerary. The exception is if a sightseeing service is cancelled by operator due to weather conditions/safety concerns etc and the operator authorises a refund. Any such refunds will be processed through agent.

Please note that any applicable airline content does not apply to the above refunds - see your airline for their specific cancellation/refund policies.

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COVID-19 has created uncertainty for us all, therefore for cancellations directly related to COVID-19, we have negotiated special terms with our suppliers which would override 'normal cancellation' terms as outlined above; If the New Zealand Government imposes travel restrictions that would impact our ability to deliver your travel package prior to commencing travel, passengers will receive a full credit, less any applicable airline cancellation fees. If travel restrictions are imposed while on tour, we will seek credits on any unused portions of the itinerary from all suppliers. Any applicable credits will first be applied to any additional costs that our company may have incurred on the passenger's behalf e.g. if alternative accommodation or transportation to repatriate the passenger to their home city or nearest airport etc is required. Any remaining refunds will be credited to the booking agent to enable them to pass onto their passenger.

Contact your travel agent for more details