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Visitor Guide





Welcome to Marlborough

Nau Mai, Haere Mai!

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Marlborough is the connection to the South Island. It is a place blessed with many different story lines, bound by the Nukuo Ariki – the four valleys. This booklet is your personal planning tool, a guide to creating the story you wish to tell – a story inspired by the rich history and unique paths that converge here.

Whether you're hiking to the peak of Mount Tapuae-o-Uenuku marveling at the beautiful views, or you're feasting on local seafood delicacies on a cruise, you will find a story worth sharing here. Your path might start as you navigate through the sunken valleys like many before you. Its twists and turns created the Marlborough Sounds and its full spectrum of colour. You might decide to go fishing, or wade your way on a kayak into a different story.

It might draw you on your electric bike into an adventure story around its long glittering coastline, or following its path to the vineyards and world class wineries.

Be in Marlborough as an open book, with a vision to find a story worth telling. Learn the paths to stories from those before you, hear ours, tell yours and inspire the next.




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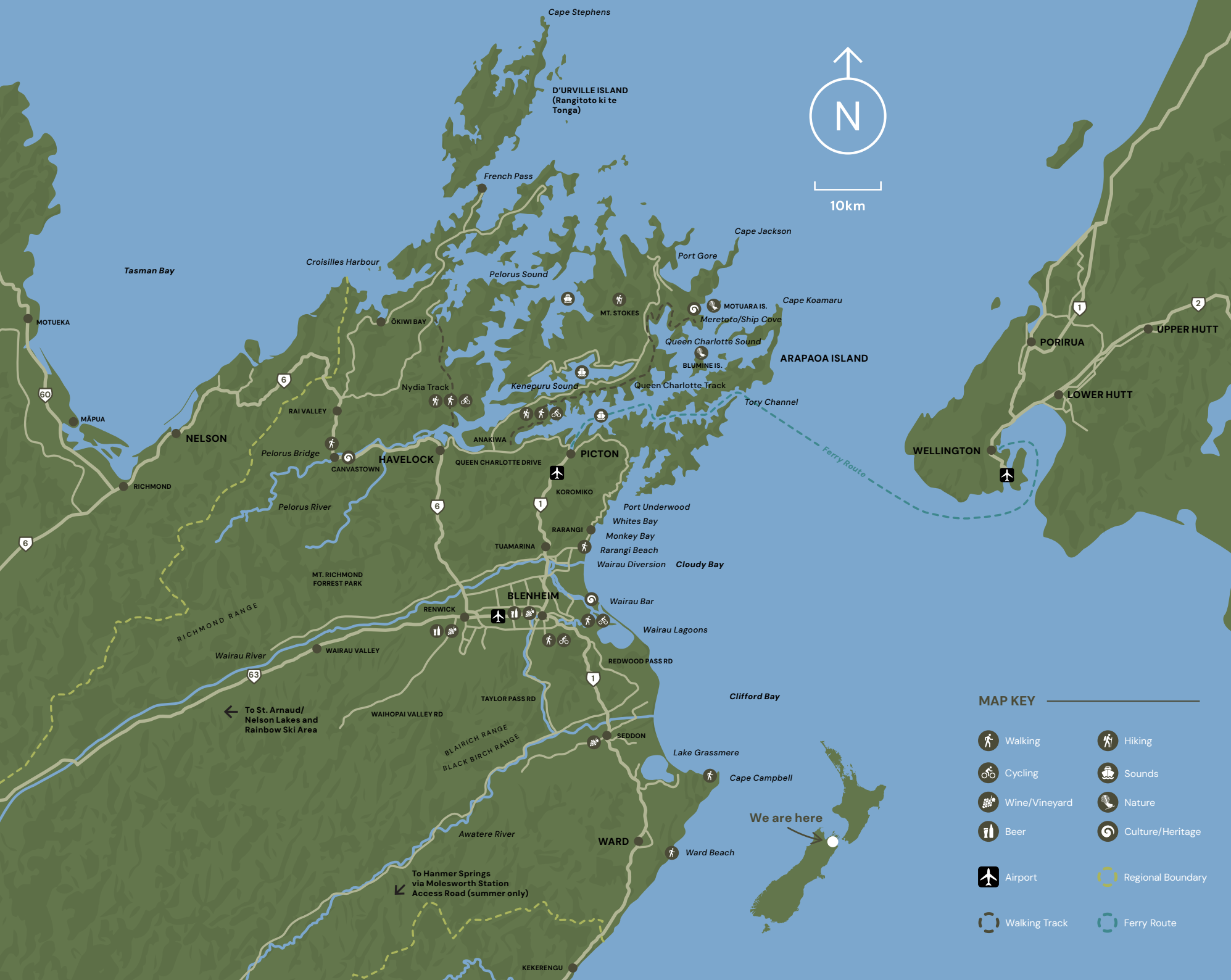
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Marlborough

Te Tau Ihu o Te Waka a Maui

Getting here

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 the West Coast

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.

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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.

See pages 5 and 35 for timings & more travel information.

MAP KEY

- Walking
- Cycling
- Wine/Vineyard
- Beer
- Airport
- Walking Track
- Hiking
- Sounds
- Nature
- Culture/Heritage
- Regional Boundary
- Ferry Route

Travel times

DRIVE

| | |
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| 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 |

Travel times are approximate only, and do not account for road closures, detours or delays. For up to date information visit nzta.govt.nz/traffic

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

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| Wellington to Picton | 3hrs 30 mins |
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TRAIN

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| Christchurch to Picton | 5hrs 15 mins |
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Average daily max temp
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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 the waters of the Marlborough Sounds and explore with a scenic cruise or by kayak. Each blossom and burst of greenery tells a story of nature's resilience and the promise of new beginnings. From the lively buzz of the farmers markets to the tranquility of the coastal walks, Marlborough's Spring is a celebration of renewal and the beginning of warmer days.

Average 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. Pick your path this season, whether it be walking scenic trails that have become a tapestry of crunchy leaves, or cruising serene waterways of the Marlborough Sounds which provide a picturesque backdrop. Watch as the region fills with autumnal hues of red and orange, it's a beautiful time to get outside and explore nature.

Average daily max temp
23°C | 74°F



Summer / 1 December – 30 February

Summer in Marlborough is about jumping off jetties into sparkling seas or lazing over a long lunch with your choice of beverage – not only a wine region, Marlborough also has award winning gin and beer. For the active nature enthusiasts, explore the Queen Charlotte Track on foot or by mountain bike, or relax and rejuvenate at a lodge in the Marlborough Sounds. Take a roadtrip around the region to explore each valley and create your own Summer story. Embrace the local cuisine and board a seafood cruise or taste fresh summer flavours by picking your own cherries and strawberries.

Average daily max temp
13°C | 55°F



Winter / 1 June – 31 August

Winter brings 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 – did you know we have a cellar door fireplace trail!

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. For the snow bunnies, check out Rainbow Ski Area and hit the slopes.

What's on in Marlborough

JANUARY

Picton Maritime Festival
Picton New Years Eve Event

FEBRUARY

Marlborough Wine & Food Festival

MARCH

Havelock Mussel & Seafood Festival
The Marlborough Multicultural Festival

APRIL

Yealands Classic Fighters Airshow Omaka (biennial)

MAY

Saint Clair Vineyard Half

JUNE / JULY

Various Matariki Events

JULY

Marlborough Book Festival

OCTOBER

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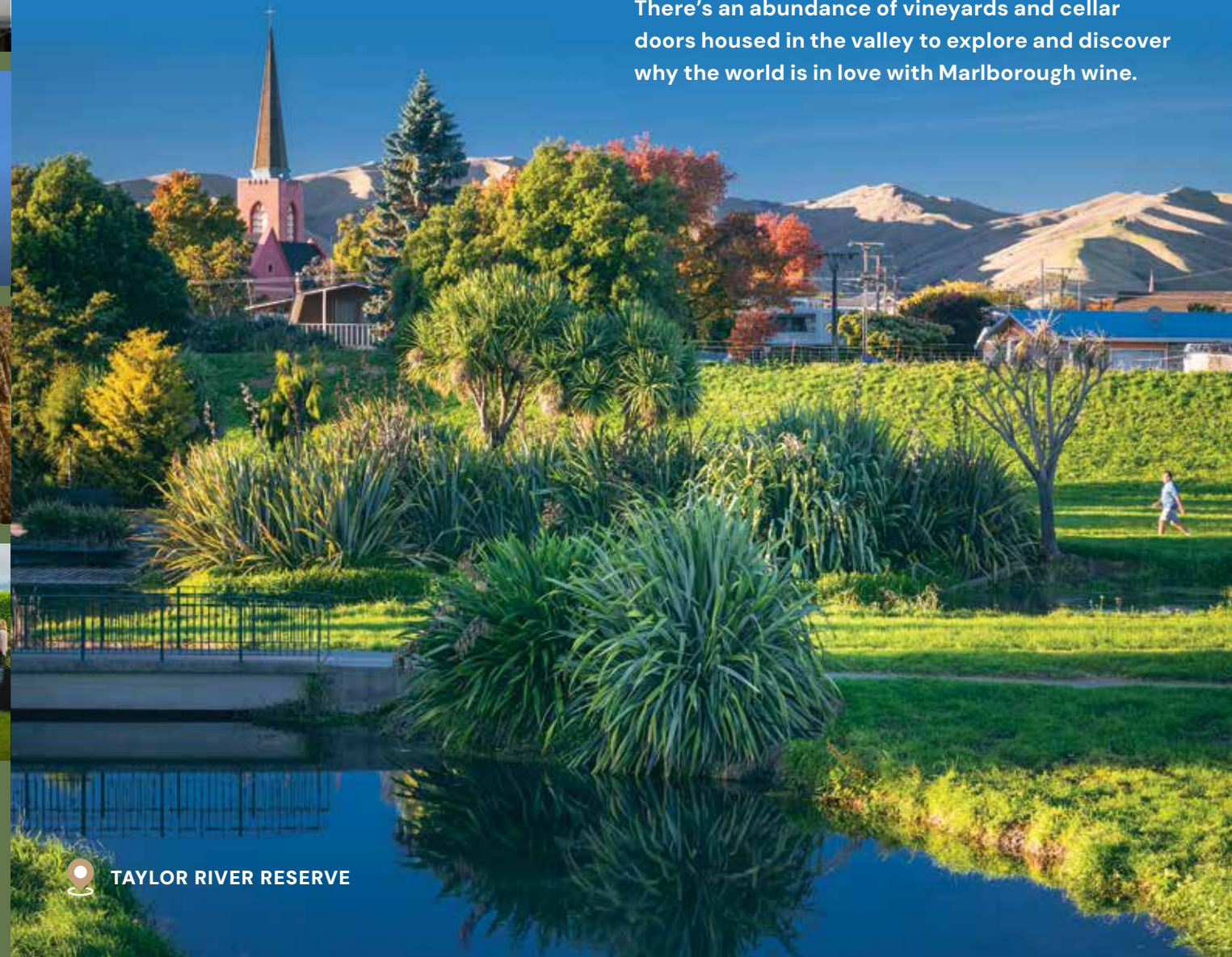
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Wairau Valley

The Wairau Valley is made up of a few townships of Blenheim, Renwick and Spring Creek. Marlborough's main town, Blenheim, has great cafes, galleries and shops wrapped up within the picturesque Taylor and Opawa rivers, a short distance to the region's world famous wineries.

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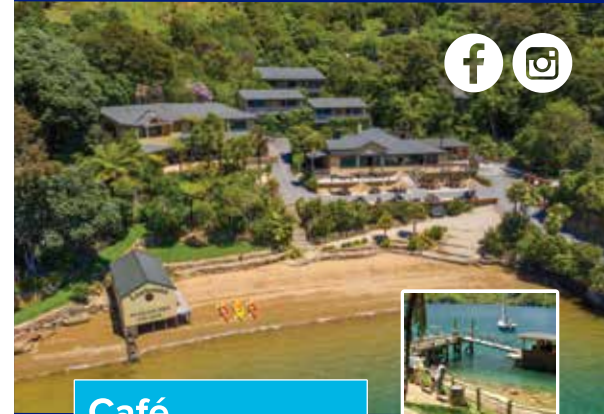
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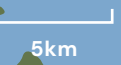


Pelorus / Te Hoiere & Kenepuru Sound

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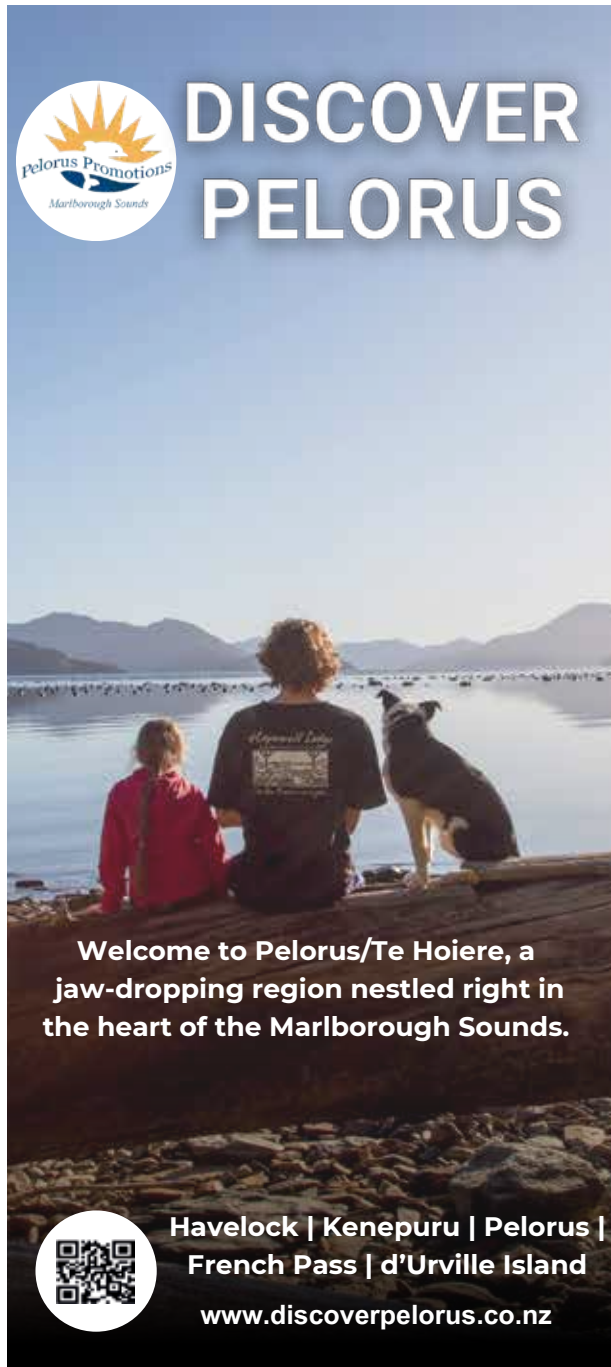
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By Air

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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.



Contact the isite

Visit the Blenheim, Picton and Havelock isite centres for the expert local knowledge you need to make your time in Marlborough brilliant. Contact the isite Visitor Information Centre on 0800 777 181 or email bookings@MarlboroughNZ.com

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Emergency contacts

In an emergency, dial 111 for police, fire service and ambulance.

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| Emergency | 111 |
| Police non-emergency | 105 |
| New Zealand Fire Service | 111 |
| Ambulance | 111 |

Wairau Hospital (Blenheim)

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