

The Marlborough Sounds, at the top of the South Island, just beyond the famous Marlborough wine region, offers bush clad bays and beaches, a mild climate and a superb combination of hiking and biking trails, sea kayaking and cruising. The Queen Charlotte Track is one of New Zealand's Great Walks, an intermediate level track, undulating rather than steep and easily accessible by anyone of moderate fitness. Accommodation along the way is in a variety of simple to luxurious bed and breakfasts and small lodges. Water taxis carry your luggage from point to point, so all you have to do is enjoy the walking and the scenery.

Wilderness Guides live work and play in the Marlborough Sounds. Their passion for the region is obvious and their commitment to the environment genuine. Join Steve, Juliet and their small, friendly team for guided or independent sea kayaking tours, mountain biking and gourmet guided or independent hikes on the Queen Charlotte Track - or a combination of all three with their Marlborough Sounds adventure combo tours.

This is where your adventure begins!



## Queen Charlotte Track Guided Packages

Wilderness Guides offer the most extensive range of guided walking and independent hiking packages to experience the Queen Charlotte Track. Their boutique lodge guided walk was even rated as one of the 25 Best New Trips in the World 2008 by National Geographic Adventure Magazine!

As Queen Charlotte Track specialists, the tours featured on this website offer excellent value, exceptional service and a commitment to the track environment. Both independent and guided walk options from one day to multi days are available depending on the style of experience you prefer.

As a general rule, if you would like a more personalised tour with an emphasis on gourmet food and wine with everything provided including interpretation on the area, then a guided walk is for you. See the guided walking packages at the bottom of the page.

If you are more independent of spirit but would still like certain elements such as your accommodation, transport and daily lunch arranged, then the independent packages offer this. Or, perhaps you want a custom package designed – Wilderness Guides can do that for you too!

- **4 Day Boutique Guided Walk**  
3 nights boutique luxury seaview twin share accommodation with own private ensuite - No Road Inn, Mahana Lodge and Raetihi Lodge
- **4 Day Standard Guided Walk**  
3 nights superior, seaview twin share accommodation with own private ensuite - studio at Furneaux, chalet at Punga and Standard Chalet at Lochmara Lodge  
Picton accommodation transfers to start of trip on Day 1 and return on Day 4
- **4 Day Standard Guided Kayak & Walk**  
3 nights superior, seaview twin share accommodation with own private ensuite - studio at Furneaux, chalet at Punga and chalet at Lochmara Lodge  
All kayak equipment - full instruction provided (beginners catered for)
- **3 day Hike Bike Kayak Combo**  
We often get visitors to the Sounds asking how they can best experience all three of the Marlborough Sounds most popular activities - hiking and mountain biking the Queen Charlotte Track as well as sea kayaking - over a few days. Our 3 Day Hike/Bike/Kayak Combo takes the best sections of the Queen Charlotte Track to hike and mountain bike

## Wilderness Guides - multi-day

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and rolls these together with a one day independent kayak rental to provide an affordable, fantastic package to 'do it all' in the Marlborough Sounds.

Departs 07:30 | Duration 3-4 days

### Queen Charlotte Track Guided Day Walk & Wildlife Tour

Enjoy a one day guided walk along the Queen Charlotte Track from Ship Cove to Endeavour Inlet (14km - five hours approx.). The forest is mainly a mixture of stunning podocarp and beech trees with punga ferns and other New Zealand native foliage. This day is regarded as the premier section of the Queen Charlotte Track. Many beautiful views are to be had across the Marlborough Sounds. Your informative local guide will explain the European and pre-European connections of this significant historical area as well as provide detailed information on flora and fauna.

Included in the trip is the boat cruise, packed lunch, guide and the pick-up/drop off from your Picton accommodation.

Departs 07:30 | Duration 8 hours

Multi-day trips include Accommodation (twin share), Guiding services, Water transport to and from track, Luggage transfers, All meals – breakfast, three course dining with one bottle of wine per two each night (or alternative beverage) and packed lunch each day, Complimentary van transfers to and from Picton accommodation to water taxi and Picton dinner transfers before and after the walk.

Private tour option available

Price \$POA



### Directions

Meet us at our base in Picton on the Waterfront.

### Terms

**CHILD POLICY** Minimum age limit for sea kayaking is 12 years old. Private tours for younger children available on request.

**CANCELLATION** 7 days & 100% | 30 days 50% | cancellation due to weather or mechanical reasons Full Refund

**SEASON** Open year round

**CHRISTMAS** Closed Christmas Day

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