

## QUEEN CHARLOTTE SOUND – NORTH OF THE SOUTH ISLAND

4 or 5-day Marlborough Sounds GUIDED walking... in the footsteps of Captain James Cook



This is one of our most popular, scenic guided walking holidays, in the north of New Zealand's South Island. When English explorer Captain James Cook sailed into the calm waters of the Marlborough Sounds in the late 17<sup>th</sup> Century, he must have believed he was in paradise. Today you can follow in Cook's footsteps along the scenic 71km of the Queen Charlotte Track. Explore the vast network of drowned river valleys, lush coastal beech and tree fern forests with its ever-changing hues accompanied by knowledgeable walking guides.

Each night stay at a comfortable accommodation and a superb setting complete with a private bathroom and access to restaurant meals, and fine local wines. Carrying only a small daypack during a walking day, this is the ideal introduction to the New Zealand wilderness in comfort. Our guided walks feature quality hotel-style accommodation and gourmet a la carte restaurant dining.

We offer you the choice of exploring the Queen Charlotte Track in 4 days, or to extend your experience with an extra day as a 5-day option. And for those wanting a more relaxed pace or if you are travelling with non-walking partners, we can shorten your walking by utilising water taxis and cruising through the beautiful Marlborough Sounds. For a more exclusive walking experience, we offer **Deluxe Lodge** 4-day or 5-day guided walks on this track.

**Departs:** **Standard 4 & 5-day** guided walks depart most Tuesdays, from October 2019 to April 2020  
**Deluxe Lodge** guided walks are arranged daily on demand for a minimum of two clients

**Inclusions:** Return transfers/cruising ex Picton, twin share rooms with ensuite, all bedding / towels at lodges, all meals on the track (packed lunch daily, except on the free day of 5-day walks), experienced walking guide and daily luggage transfers.

Tour Cost (per person, twin share)	Standard guided walk		Deluxe Lodge walk	
	4 day	5 day	4 day	5 day
Adult	\$1975	\$2375	\$2725	\$3095
Single supplement	\$565	\$630	\$595	\$735
Child (5-12 years)	\$1365	\$1520	on request	

### Queen Charlotte Standard 4-day / 3-night & 5-day / 4-night Guided Walks

Stay in private, sea view units (suite at Furneaux Lodge, suite at Punga Cove and terrace unit at Portage Resort). Enjoy one complimentary glass of wine each evening.

### Deluxe Lodge 4-day/3-night & 5-day / 4-night Guided Walks

Stay in luxury private sea view ensuite rooms at Furneaux Lodge, Mahana Lodge and Lochmara Lodge. Enjoy one bottle of wine per two people, each evening, plus complimentary drink on arrival.

Sea kayaking trips are also available – contact us for details:

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## 4-DAY / 3-NIGHT GUIDED WALK

## STANDARD ACCOMMODATION

### Day 1: Ship Cove to Endeavour Inlet

walking @ 14km, 5 hours

Early morning pick up in Picton, then cruise to Motuara Island en route to Ship Cove — an anchorage used by Captain Cook in the 1770s. Walk through virgin beech forest with stunning views. Stay overnight in a suite at Furneaux Lodge, comprising the original homestead, restaurant, bar and chalets/units in a picturesque setting.

### Day 2: Endeavour Inlet to Punga Cove

walking @ 12km, 4 hours

A mostly coastal walk around the inlet through regenerated bush to the call of native birds. Learn about antimony and the mining industry that thrived there in the 1880s. Stay tonight at Punga Cove resort, nestled amidst the native bush in well-appointed chalets/units. The gourmet restaurant and impressive view caps off a perfect day.

### Day 3: Punga Cove to Torea Saddle / Portage Hotel

walking @ 24km, 8 hours

A challenging day of walking rewarded with splendid views, traversing the ridgeline between Punga Cove and the Torea Saddle. If you prefer a day's rest can choose a boat ride around the peaceful and scenic bays of the Queen Charlotte Sound (optional, at extra cost). Portage Hotel, is nestled at the narrowest point between Queen Charlotte and Kenepuru Sounds with a wonderful view into Kenepuru Sound. This well-established place has a reputation for a fine restaurant and features natural timber chalets. Overnight in a unit with water views and ensuite bathroom.

\* For those taking the 5-day / 4-night Queen Charlotte walk you will have an extra night here.

### Day 4: Portage Hotel to Anakiwa

walking @ 21km, 7 hours

Ascend to the ridgeline, enjoying stunning views. Open farmland and a grand native bush section is a fitting finish to Anakiwa. Return to Picton by boat in the late afternoon.

## 4-DAY / 3-NIGHT GUIDED WALK

## DELUXE LODGE ACCOMMODATION

### Day 1: Ship Cove to Endeavour Inlet

walking @ 14km, 5 hours

Same early morning start point in Picton and route outline as shown above for the standard walking itinerary.

**Accommodation: Furneaux Lodge** comprises the original homestead, restaurant, bar and fully self-contained chalets in a delightfully picturesque setting, backing onto natural bushland and looking out over the waters of Endeavour Inlet. The lodge has an award winning restaurant for dinner and/or breakfasts.

### Day 2: Endeavour Inlet to Camp Bay / Punga Cove

walking @ 12km, 4 hours

We follow the standard itinerary on the Queen Charlotte Track to join the main track onwards and into Big Bay, working our way towards Camp Bay and Punga Cove. Mahana Homestead is 5 minutes' walk from Punga Cove.

**Accommodation: Mahana Lodge** is a stunning historic homestead, with a reputation for superb food, a relaxed atmosphere and attentive hosts. Dine this evening on the verandah with beautiful views of the bay with a delicious home cooked meal.

### Day 3: Mahana Lodge to Lochmara Lodge

walking @ 24km, 8 hours

We depart Mahana Lodge and return to the Queen Charlotte Track, similar to the above standard itinerary. We conclude our walk at Torea Bay and transfer by waiting water taxi to Lochmara Lodge.

**Accommodation: Lochmara Lodge**, set on the tranquil shores of the Queen Charlotte Sound, is Marlborough Sounds' only Wildlife Recovery & Arts Centre. It has achieved national and international recognition as one of the best places to stay in New Zealand. Overnight in units with water views and ensuite bathrooms.

\* For those taking the 5-day / 4-night Deluxe Lodge walk you will have an extra night here.

### Day 4: Lochmara Lodge to Anakiwa

walking @ 21km, 7 hours

Depart Lochmara Lodge by water taxi to Portage Bay and ascend to the Queen Charlotte Track once again, enjoying stunning views on the walk to Anakiwa. Return by boat back to Picton.

**Outdoor Travel** offers a wide range of walking experiences in New Zealand including the **Milford Sound Track**, **Routeburn Walk**, **Grand Traverse**, **Akaroa / Banks Peninsular walk**, **Hollyford Track**, or the **Abel Tasman National Park Walk**. We also offer guided or self-guided walking holidays in Australia, Europe and America.

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