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Pre & Post Conference Itineraries



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EVERY DAY



Welcome to MARLBOROUGH

Imagine a region where food, wine, scenery, and a touch of adventure all meld into one brilliant experience. Where, within minutes after touching down at the airport you're tasting incredible wines at a celebrated cellar door, and by evening, you're ensconced in a remote waterfront resort, enjoying a gourmet dinner of local produce surrounded by nothing but natural beauty and tranquillity.

Welcome to Marlborough, Te Taihu-o-te-waka, where all the best ingredients for a conference, corporate retreat or incentive programme are in one amazing place.

One of New Zealand's sunniest places, centrally located at the top of the South Island and well connected by air, road and ferry transport links to the main centres and international airports. It can also be reached by coastal rail journey from Christchurch or via a scenic cruise from the North Island.

Whether it is the perfect blue-sky days and calm sparkling waters of winter, the carpet of red and gold vines through Autumn or the release of new season produce and wines in Spring, sun-drenched Marlborough is Brilliant Every Day.

We'd love to show you Marlborough's many sides: from relaxation, adventure, culture and heritage to the most incredible food and wine – or a brilliant blend of it all!

Extend your stay in Marlborough before or after your conference or business event. Have your family or friends join you to experience our incredible region.

Let us introduce you to our hidden gems and help you to develop a brilliant and unique itinerary for your stay. We look forward to welcoming you!

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ITINERARIES

Check out the following Marlborough itineraries. These are just some suggestions to get you started, you can easily spend a few weeks here in sunny Marlborough. For more ideas and detailed information regarding accommodation and experiences please check out our Incentives brochure ([click here](#)).

One day in Marlborough

This itinerary features Marlborough's two most well-known assets: wine and the Marlborough Sounds.

Arrive in Marlborough in the morning and enjoy a private tour of Marlborough's famous wine region. Sample New Zealand's internationally acclaimed Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc and other varietals on one of our many wine tours.

Indulge in a leisurely lunch at a vineyard restaurant, and pair the wine with local produce to create the ultimate match made in Marlborough.



No Marlborough experience is complete without getting out onto the beautiful waters of the Marlborough Sounds.

Embark on a nature cruise to the bird sanctuary Motuara Island, enjoy a Dolphin Watching tour or taste the region's incredible seafood (without having to catch it first) onboard a Seafood Cruise from Picton or a Greenshell Mussel Cruise from Havelock.

Relax as you glide through the Sounds, cruise past aquaculture farms and learn more about this fascinating industry while tasting fresh Greenshell mussels, King Salmon and more, paired perfectly with Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc.

Stay the night at your choice of Marlborough accommodation whether it be in the heart of Blenheim, amongst the vines or in the seaside town of Picton.

Alternatively, you can begin in the Marlborough Sounds and make your way to the wine region in the afternoon.

Two days in Marlborough

DAY One:

Arrive in Marlborough and spend the morning visiting the internationally acclaimed Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre, which brings to life the heroes of World War One and Two aviation with an unparalleled collection and dramatic lifelike scenes.

World renowned Weta Workshop and Wingnut Films, responsible for The Hobbit and Lord of the Rings, created the sets which make this attraction world-class and visually impressive.



Indulge in a leisurely lunch at a vineyard restaurant, and pair the wine with fresh local produce to create the ultimate match made in Marlborough.

In the afternoon enjoy a private wine tour and choose from more than 30 cellar doors, tasting award winning wines along the way. No cellar door is the same, each offering unique experiences including private tastings and behind-the-scenes tours, historic and underground barrel rooms and "meet the winemaker" experiences.

Relax this evening at a local hotel or motel or choose one of the many boutique B&Bs or vineyard cottages dotted throughout the Marlborough wine region. Dine at one of our acclaimed restaurants.

DAY Two:

Make your way to Picton or Havelock – two scenic seaside towns and gateways to the Marlborough Sounds, where 1500km of winding coastline are home to secluded bays, historic sites, marine reserves, and precious island sanctuaries, which foster kiwi and other native species.

You can choose a cruise to historic Ship Cove or Motuara Island Bird Sanctuary, or enjoy a Seafood Cruise, visiting a King Salmon farm, learning about mussel farming while sampling fresh local salmon and Greenshell mussels matched with a Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc.



Use the afternoon to explore the surrounding walking and biking trails or go kayaking, a great way to relax and unwind. Soak up the brilliant scenery and look for seals, stingrays, dolphins and penguins. Or just spend some time in Picton or Havelock exploring boutique shops and galleries, relaxing at cafes with beautiful views.

Stay at an idyllic resort on the water's edge or a luxury lodge in the Marlborough Sounds. Alternatively choose one of many accommodation options in Picton or Havelock.



Three days in Marlborough

DAY One:

Arrive in Marlborough in the morning and begin your indulgence tour with a premium blending winemaker experience, where you will learn how to blend a fine wine.

Relax and unwind over a leisurely lunch at one of our many award-winning winery restaurants and match fresh local produce with wine to create the ultimate ocean-to-plate, vine-to-glass experience.



In the afternoon explore a selection of over 30 cellar doors on a guided tour of Marlborough's wine trail. For those looking for something more active, join a wine tour by bike and cycle your way around the Marlborough wine region. Compare wines from throughout the region, learn about the history of wine in Marlborough and visit boutique family producers as well as recognised international brands.

Along the wine trail you can also stop at Marlborough's luxurious Makana chocolate factory, at the Vines Village for shopping and a refreshing gin from Elemental Distillers or at the Moa Brewery & Cider Tap Room for a chilled craft beer or cider.

Or if a break from wine and food is needed, make your way to the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre. Be inspired by the heroes of WWI and WW2 aviation history, whose stories have been brought to life by film director Sir Peter Jackson's Wingnut Films and Weta Workshop.... the choices are endless.

Where to stay? Stay in style: from luxury town and country retreats to a wine barrel cabin, a refurbished heritage building or a colonial cottage in an award-winning garden - Marlborough has every accommodation wish covered.

DAY Two:

Start your day touring the Marlborough Sounds – which comprise one-fifth of New Zealand's coastline. Visit the historic Ship Cove (Captain Cook's favourite New Zealand anchorage) or Motuara Island, one of four uninhabited wildlife reserve islands in the Queen Charlotte Sound. Look out for dolphins, seals, orca and the rare King Shag along the way.

Or relax and unwind while you cruise the tranquil Marlborough Sounds, visit a King Salmon farm, learn about Greenshell Mussel farming and sample fresh local seafood paired with Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc.

Get dropped off and stay the night at a secluded lodge in the Marlborough Sounds and enjoy fine dining whilst watching the sun go down over spectacular scenery.



DAY Three:

Wake up to birdsong and the prospect of paddle boarding or sea kayaking on the calm blue waters. Relax in the morning or for the ultimate indulgence enjoy a massage at a day spa.

If you would like to be more active, walk a section of the famous Queen Charlotte Track and marvel at the brilliant views or experience the rush of mountain biking New Zealand's longest dual-purpose track.

Another good way to start the day is to catch a fish from the pristine waters of the outer Sounds, or for the experience of a lifetime, swim with dolphins in the sheltered waters of the Marlborough Sounds on a wildlife cruise.



Complete your visit to Marlborough with a scenic flight by helicopter or aircraft. Take in the stunning scenery and enjoy a birds-eye view of the wild, beautiful and remote landscapes that make up this special part of the world.

Or enjoy a visit to the Marlborough High Country for an exhilarating mountain biking or four-wheel drive adventure or a hunting expedition – the options are endless!

Thank you for taking the time to visit Marlborough and to experience our brilliant destination!



Social Media

Have a brilliant time tweeting or posting on social media. To use our GIPHY stickers, search 'Marlborough' on a compatible platform. We use the following hashtags & handles:

Facebook:	Marlborough New Zealand	#brillianteveryday	#marlboroughNZ
Twitter:	@Marlborough_NZ	#brillianteveryday	#marlboroughNZ
Pinterest:	Marlborough_NZ	#brillianteveryday	#marlboroughNZ
Instagram:	Marlborough.NZ	#brillianteveryday	#marlboroughNZ
Youtube:	Destination Marlborough		
All:	#nzmustdo		



LOCATION



Getting here

By air

Flights land at Marlborough Airport, 7km from the centre of Blenheim. The 10-minute drive into town can be taken by taxi, shuttle or rental car.

By sea

The 3.5-hour ferry trip from Wellington with Bluebridge or Interislander arrives at the port town of Picton.

By road

Charge your camera for photo opportunities along your road journey to Marlborough from Christchurch, Nelson and the West Coast. Bus services also operate into and out of Marlborough.

By rail

Sit back and take in the scenery along the South Island's East Coast aboard the Coastal Pacific between Christchurch and Picton. *Seasonal service*



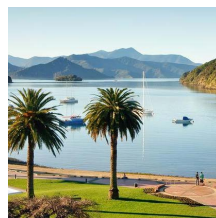
Blenheim/Waiharakeke

Marlborough's main centre in the heart of wine country with a range of venues, accommodation, cafés, restaurants and shops.



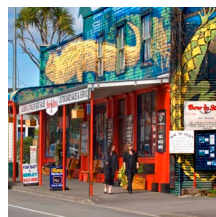
The Marlborough Sounds

A recreational haven – home to historic sites, walking and cycling tracks, a marine reserve with a variety of experiences, island sanctuaries and a range of accommodation tucked away in secluded bays.



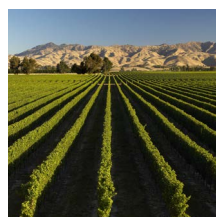
Picton/Waitohi

Picturesque port town has great cafes, restaurants and speciality shops and is the main access point for the Queen Charlotte Sound.



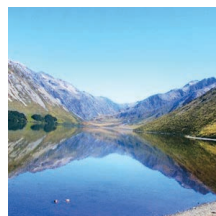
Havelock

The Greenshell™ Mussel capital of the world, Havelock is the access point for Kenepuru, Pelorus and Mahau Sounds.



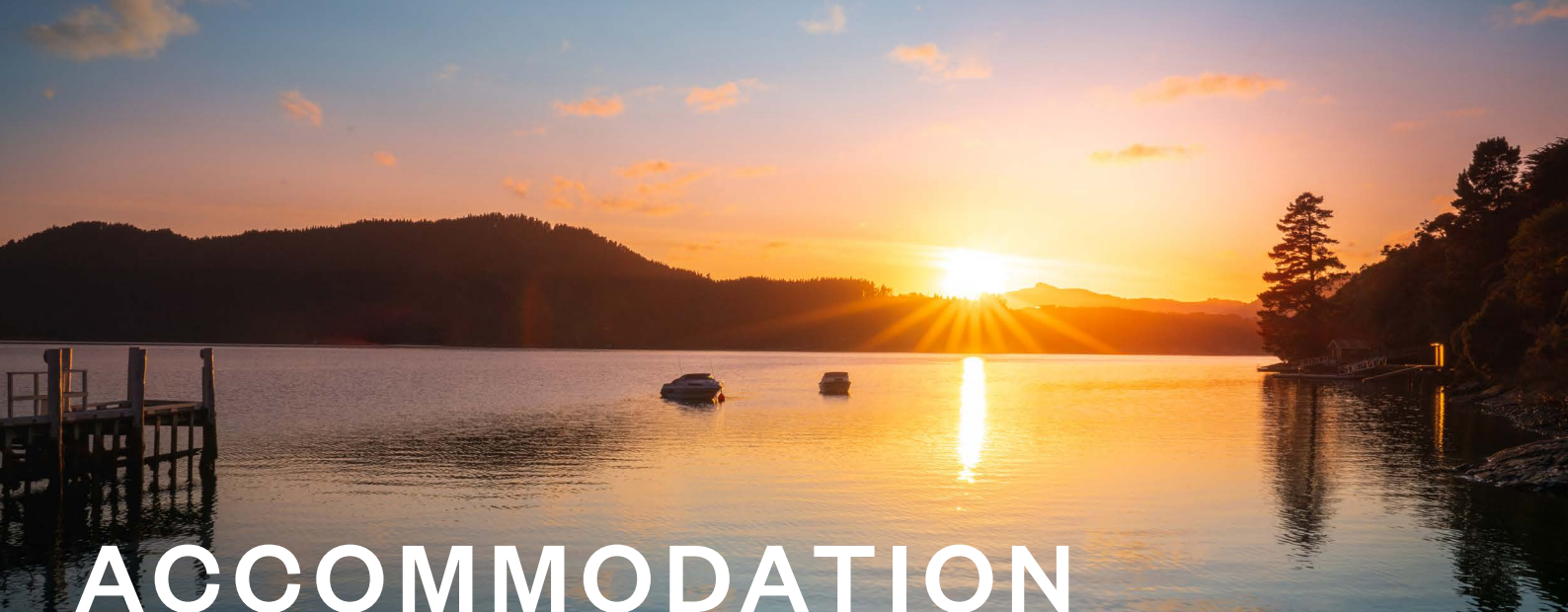
Wairau Valley

Long rows of vines weave through the valley, changing the landscape every season – visitors can explore by bike, car or tour.



Awatere & the Pacific Coast

Snow-capped mountains on one side and the blue Pacific coast on the other, you'll find vineyards and the birthplace of New Zealand's sheep farming industry, Molesworth Station – the country's largest high-country farm.



ACCOMMODATION

Marlborough has more than 1,000 rooms available, ranging from premium lodges amongst the vines or nestled in the Sounds, to town-based luxury and boutique hotels.

SELECTION OF ACCOMMODATION	ROOMS	BEDS	STAR RATING	LOCATION
Chateau Marlborough	80	160	*****	Blenheim
Scenic Hotel Marlborough	54	104	****+	Blenheim
The Marlborough Riverside Hotel	44	50		Blenheim
Lugano Motor Lodge	15	27		Blenheim
14th Lane Urban Hotel	8	11	*****	Blenheim
Hotel D'Urville	10	14		Blenheim
Blenheim Palms Motel	17	26		Blenheim
Bella Vista Motel	18	32	****	Blenheim
171 on High Motel	12	31	****+	Blenheim
Ashleigh Court	12	48		Blenheim
Centre Court Motel	12	21		Blenheim
Waterfront Motel	12	12		Blenheim
The Marlborough	10	20	Luxury Lodge	Wairau Valley
Vintners Retreat	11	48	*****	Wairau Valley
Cloudy Bay Shack	4	4		Wairau Valley
St Leonards Vineyard Cottages	6	9		Wairau Valley
Rowley Estate	4	4		Wairau Valley
Copper Black	3	3		Wairau Valley
Picton Yacht Club Hotel	48	76		Picton
Picton Waterfront Apartments	30	44		Picton
Escape To Picton	3	3	*****	Picton
Picton Beachcomber Inn	35	67		Picton
Jasmine Court Motel	19	32	****+	Picton
Harbour View Motel	14	21		Picton
The Portage Hotel	41	128		Marlborough Sounds
Bay of Many Coves	17	34	Luxury Lodge	Marlborough Sounds
Furneaux Lodge	27	76	****	Marlborough Sounds
Punga Cove	26	55	***+	Marlborough Sounds
Lochmara Lodge	14	41		Marlborough Sounds
Waterfall Retreat	6	11		Marlborough Sounds
Raetihi Lodge	13	16		Marlborough Sounds
Te Mahia Bay Resort	13	51		Marlborough Sounds
Havelock Motel	11	28		Havelock
Middlehurst Station	10	20		South Marlborough
Experience Cape Campbell	5	9		South Marlborough
Ugbrooke Country Estate	4	4		South Marlborough

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