



A Warmer Winter 2011
WALKING THE QUEEN CHARLOTTE TRACK
Fact Sheet

Marlborough's clear crisp sunny days through autumn and winter make the cooler months an ideal time to get out for a walk on the Queen Charlotte Track. With free upgrades to superior rooms and children stay free, it is a great time to take up the special deals now on offer for the winter.

Renowned for its unique combination of challenge and comfort amid glorious scenery, the Queen Charlotte Track meanders 71km from shoreline to ridgeline along the Marlborough Sounds. With luggage transferred on ahead to lighten the load, walkers journey through stunning native bush and contrasting landscapes by day. By night enjoy the luxury of superb accommodation at Furneaux Lodge, Punga Cove Resort and Portage Resort Hotel, where fine food and wines tempt the palate.

Our itinerary allows the independent walker to enjoy the track hassle-free. We have selected the best accommodation and water transport operator, this combined with our own award winning client service ensure that your walk on the Queen Charlotte Track is a memorable experience.

ITINERARY 4 & 5 DAY WALK

Day One – Ship Cove to Furneaux Lodge (5 hour walk – 14km)

There is no better way to start your walk than boarding The Cougar Line catamaran in Picton and enjoying their award winning service en-route to Ship Cove. Ship Cove is of worldwide historical significance being the one place that Captain Cook visited 5 times to re-provision his ships. As you sweep into Ship Cove you will understand why. A steady climb out of Ship Cove provides unsurpassed views to the North Island. Follow the track down into Resolution Bay and through to Endeavour Inlet where you spy Furneaux Lodge with its broad sweeping lawns. This historic homestead has a restaurant and bar with chalet accommodation.

***Day Two – Furneaux Lodge to Punga Cove Resort (4 hour walk – 12km)**

This gentle coastal part of the track provides a good opportunity for taking a leisurely lunch and stopping to enjoy the plentiful birdlife along the way. Punga Cove Resort, your accommodation tonight, has individual chalets set amongst the bush clad hillside providing stunning views across Endeavour Inlet. Perhaps you might like to soak in the spa or swim in the solar-heated pool before adjourning for wine and dinner in their award winning restaurant.

***Day Three – Punga Cove to Portage Resort Hotel (8 hour walk – 24.5km)**

This section is the most challenging and rewarding of the track. Climbing away steeply from Punga Cove the sweeping views begin to appear as you walk along the ridge between the Queen Charlotte and Kenepuru Sound. The track is very undulating and therefore can be challenging for some people. As in the old days, Portage Resort Hotel is a welcome respite after a long day. The modern chalet-style units have all facilities required for your comfort and their restaurant is renowned for their barbecues and seafood.

Day Four – Portage Resort Hotel to Anakiwa (7 hour walk – 20km)

Once again the track follows the ridge climbing up to the highest point on the track at 400m. From the summit you have unsurpassed views into the surrounding Sounds. Winding down to sea level you will come upon some particularly beautiful virgin native bush which leaves you with a lasting impression of what must have been before man arrived. The harbour of Anakiwa comes into view and so too does the end of the Queen Charlotte Track. Your water transport collects you and, as you travel back to Picton, you can relax and reminisce on the magic of the last four days.

*Punga Cove Resort will be closed from 1 July to 31 August. The itinerary during this period will be to stay two nights at Furneaux Lodge. Therefore on the 2nd morning, clients walk from Furneaux Lodge to Punga Cove Resort, arriving in time to catch the Cougar Line transfer at 3.00pm across Endeavour Inlet back to Furneaux Lodge. On the 3rd morning, clients are transferred by small boat across Endeavour Inlet to Punga Cove to walk on to Portage Resort Hotel.



5 DAY FREEDOM WALK

Turn this walk into a true holiday and take a rest on the 4th day at Portage Resort Hotel. Sleep-in, have a leisurely breakfast, read a book for the day, rest and relax or transfer back to Picton for the day and take a wine tour in the Wairau Valley (30 minute drive from Picton). Daily departures from Picton with Sounds Connection www.soundsconnection.co.nz. A packed lunch is not provided on the rest day.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST AND WHAT IS INCLUDED?

| Walk | Early & late winter 15 May to 30 June & 1 September to 15 October | Single Supplement | Mid Winter 1 July to 31 August | Single Supplement |
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| 4 Day | \$495 | \$230 | \$460 | \$195 |
| 5 Day | \$570 | \$305 | \$535 | \$275 |
| Family (2 adults and 2 children 17 years and under) | | | | |
| 4 Day | \$1370 | Extra Child \$175 | \$1285 | Extra Child \$175 |
| 5 Day | \$1565 | Extra Child \$175 | \$1480 | Extra Child \$175 |

Conditions:

- Costs are per person and include gst.
- Rates are based on two people sharing a room (twin or double share).
- Single supplements apply for single travellers.
- Children stay free but charges are included for their water transfers and daily packed lunches.
- Rates assume that children may be sharing a room with parents.
- Room arrangements for family groups may vary due to number of children in group etc. Alternative rooms may be provided on some occasions than those listed below

Packages includes:

- Complete information pack for use whilst walking the track
- Superior twin share en-suite accommodation as listed below
- Packed lunch each day (except the rest day if on a 5 day walk)
- Water transport to the track and transfer of luggage each day
- Transfer back to Picton

Upgrades to the premier rooms at each hotel are a feature of this package and the following rooms are included:

Furneaux Lodge - Studio Suite
 Punga Cove Resort - Kiwi or Weka Suite
 Portage Resort Hotel - Kowhai Lodge Suite

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

A non-refundable deposit of \$100 per person is required to confirm your booking. Final payment is required 30 days prior to departure date if applicable. Cancellations received 30 days and up to 7 days from day of trip departure - 50% of trip value refund. Cancellations received 7 days or less from date of departure - no refund. We do understand that cancellations can occur due to illness or unexpected events. Therefore we recommend that you take out comprehensive travel insurance



TRIP CONDITIONS

- Booking us subject to accommodation availability on the track.
- \$100 per person non refundable deposit is required to confirm booking. Final payment is required 30 days prior to departure date. Cancellations received 30 days and up to 7 days from day of trip departure - 50% of trip value refund. Cancellations received 7 days or less from date of departure - no refund.
- Single supplements do apply.
- Dinner, breakfast and refreshment costs are to be met by client. As you are staying at licensed resorts they request that you do not take alcohol onto the property.
- Additional water transport costs, if required, are to be met by client.
- Upon arrival at our office you will be asked to complete a registration form. You must understand that you are taking a self-guided trip, there you are responsible for your own safety and well-being for the duration. Any additional costs incurred during your trip, due to illness or accident, are to be met by yourselves.

HOW TO BOOK

Check availability for our warmer winter walks on our website www.marlboroughsounds.co.nz and book over the web. Your booking will be confirmed immediately and you will be asked for credit card details. Your card will not be debited until we have re-confirmed the booking with you.