



A Warmer Winter BIKING 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 mountain bike ride on the Queen Charlotte Track. The hot new Winter Warmer deals mean there's never been a better time to gather up a group of friends or family and get going.

Located at the top of the South Island, in the Marlborough Sounds, The Queen Charlotte Track is quickly becoming one of New Zealand's classic tracks. This 71km walking and mountain biking track is renowned for its panoramic coastal views, lush coastal forest, resort accommodation and excellent water transport services – creating a ride that is challenging yet comfortable. Regarded as one of New Zealand's best single track ride, this is a challenging track, with many technical stages, and riders do need a good level of riding fitness to enjoy the trip.

Our itinerary allows mountain bikers to enjoy the track hassle-free. With luggage transferred on ahead to lighten the load, mountain-bikers journey through stunning native bush and contrasting landscapes by day. By night enjoying the luxury of superb accommodation at Furneaux Lodge, Punga Cove Resort and Portage Resort Hotel, where fine food and wines tempt the palate.

We have selected the best accommodation and water transport operator, this combined with our own award winning client service will ensure that your walk on the Queen Charlotte Track is a memorable experience

THE LONG WEEKEND RIDE – 3 DAYS, 2 NIGHTS

Option 1. (allows for arrival in Picton and some riding on the same day)

Day One – Ship Cove to Furneaux Lodge (2.5 hour ride – 15km)

Arrive in Picton in time to catch the 1.30pm Cougar Line boat transfer to Ship Cove. Your journey begins with a 1 hour boat ride to Ship Cove. Disembarking at Ship Cove, you will need to push your bike for the first part of the track as the incline is steep. You then have a good rapid descent into Resolution Bay with a long but moderate climb out of Resolution Bay to Tawa Saddle and slow downhill to Furneaux Lodge. Arrive at Furneaux Lodge around 5.00pm.

Day Two – Furneaux Lodge to Portage Resort Hotel (3.5 to 4 hour ride – 23.6km)

Rewarding ride around the head of Endeavour Inlet with some technical sections caused by tree roots and drop offs around Camp Bay. Climbing away steeply from Punga Cove the sweeping views begin to appear as you bike along the ridge between the Queen Charlotte and Kenepuru Sound. The track is very undulating and therefore can be challenging for some people. The track is wide but quite steep in places. Watch for drop offs and rocky areas. You can ride the road on this day if you prefer.

Day Three – Portage Resort Hotel to Anakiwa (3.25 to 4 hours – 20.7km)

Portage to Waterfall Bay – begins with long steep climb, lots of pushing, switch backs on descent. Some may prefer to take the road for this section. Waterfall Bay to Anakiwa – narrow undulating track at first, wider and more moderate mid section, then long descent into Anakiwa. Riding 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 three days.



Option 2. – (allows for overnight in Picton before riding the next day)

Day One – Ship Cove to Punga Cove Resort (3.5-4 hour ride – 26.5km)

Arrive at our office half an hour prior to your boat departure. Your journey begins with a 1 hour boat ride to Resolution Bay. (Although the track officially starts at Ship Cove the ride out of Ship Cove is quite steep and therefore we recommend that you start at Resolution Bay). You have a long but moderate climb out of Resolution Bay to Tawa Saddle and slow downhill to Furneaux Lodge. Rewarding ride around the head of Endeavour Inlet with some technical sections caused by tree roats and drop offs around Camp Bay. Overnight at Punga Cove Resort (see rates below for room options)

Day Two – Punga Cove Resort to Portage Resort Hotel (3.5 to 4 hour ride – 23.6km)

Climbing away steeply from Punga Cove the sweeping views begin to appear as you bike along the ridge between the Queen Charlotte and Kenepuru Sound. The track is very undulating and therefore can be challenging for some people. The track is wide but quite steep in places. Watch for drop offs and rocky areas. You can ride the road on this day if you prefer.

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THE WEEKENDER – 2 DAYS, 1 NIGHT

Day One – Ship Cove to Punga Cove Resort (3.5-4 hour ride – 26.5km)

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Day Two – Punga Cove Resort to Anakiwa (up to 7hour ride – 44.3km)

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NB – there are variations on this itinerary such as riding Ship Cove to Portage Resort Hotel on Day 1, Portage Resort Hotel to Anakiwa on Day 2. We can discuss the best option for you upon request.



HOW MUCH DOES IT COST AND WHAT IS INCLUDED?

Costs include gst are based on two people sharing a room. Single supplements apply for single travellers.

The Long Weekend - 3 day ride	\$420 per person (normally \$695 per person)	Single supplement - \$160
The Weekender – 2 day ride	\$315 per person (normally \$420 per person)	Single supplement - \$85

Family group (2 adults and 2 children 17 years and under)

The Long Weekend – 3 day ride	\$995 per family	Additional child	\$140
The Weekender – 2 day ride	\$785 per family	Additional child	\$125

Children stay free but charges are included for their water transfers and daily packed lunches. Please note that we do not recommend the mountain bike options for children younger than 13, unless they are very fit and used to mountain biking on a single track.

Package includes:

- Upgrades to premier twin share en-suite rooms at Furneaux Lodge, Punga Cove Resort, Portage Resort Hotel.
- Packed lunch each day
- Water transport to the track and transfer of luggage each day
- Transfer back to Picton
- Complete information pack for use whilst walking the track

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

MOUNTAIN BIKE RENTAL

We can provide quality mountain bikes for hire at \$50 per person per day. Rental includes:

- Specialised mountain bikes, front suspension, 24 gears, hydraulic disc brakes
- Tool kit
- Pump
- Helmet
- Water bottle carrier
- Map

Rental Conditions

Please be at our office at least half an hour prior to departure, for a bike fit out and briefing. If it has been raining, we may recommend that you walk on the first day as the track can be too slippery to ride. A \$400 per bike bond is required. We take an imprint of your credit card and hold these details on your file. A registration and indemnity form will also be completed during briefing.

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 is subject to accommodation availability on the track.
- \$100 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, therefore 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.

PRE TRIP INFORMATION

After receiving your booking we will send you pre-trip information which details how to get here, what to bring, arrival times and assistance with pre or post trip accommodation.