

Explorer Dream Shore Excursions – Picton

Itinerary:

Auckland – Bay of Islands – Milford Sound – Doubtful Sound – Akaroa – Picton – Napier – Auckland

Applicable sailing date: 12 January, 2020

Discover the best that New Zealand has to offer, select from a vast variety of shore excursions that Dream Cruises arrange for you. Book with us and have an unforgettable experience.

- **Great Convenience:** Well thought and arranged transport for point-to-point service.
- **Peace of Mind:** Booking your trip with us is worry-free! Ship will be there when you return even if there are unexpected delays on an excursion.
- **Professionally Managed:** All tours are conducted by professional guides.
- **Catered Needs:** Notify our team at the time of booking if you require a vegetarian meal or have specific food allergies.
- **Variety of Choices:** Pick your dream excursion to enjoy with your family and friends by referring to the tour’s activity level, features and remarks.

Excursion Features		Remarks
 Gourmet (Lunch)	 Refreshment (Tea/coffee/snacks)	 Age restrictions apply
 Wine Tasting	 Culture & History & Heritage	 Disclaimer is required for joining this activity
 Shopping & Relaxation	 Adventure	 Not recommended for guests in wheelchairs or with limited mobility
 Family fun (guests of all ages are welcome)	 Scenic	 Ship to shore transfers on tender boats

Activity Level		
<p>●○○ Moderate</p> <p>Requires some level of physical input such as lengthy walking over uneven roads, going up staircases or terrains.</p>	<p>●●○ Active</p> <p>Requires physical input for lengthy periods. Such as crossing steep terrains, and activities with ample movement.</p> <p>Recommended for venturous and able-bodied guests.</p>	<p>●●● Challenging</p> <p>Requires high level of physical input for lengthy periods. Activity may also require certain skills, such as scuba diving or windsurfing.</p> <p>Recommended for venturous and able-bodied guests and may require some previous experience.</p>

Picton

Picton sits snugged between the mountains and the sea, at the head of the beautiful Queen Charlotte Sound. It is the gateway to Marlborough region which is world-renowned for its white wine, particularly Sauvignon Blanc in the wineries of Blenheim. You can enjoy the natural beauty of the Queen Charlotte Sound with the tasting of fresh mussels, clams and salmon paired with a glass of Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc for the ultimate wine and food match.

Paua Taste and Secret of Blue Pearls (EDPCN01WME)

English
Commentary

AUD 339/ adult
AUD 329/ child

Meal 	Activity Level ●○○○	Features 	Duration* 5.5 hours	Participants Min. 15, Max. 30	Remarks 
 <p>Arapawa Seafarms</p>	<p>Depart Picton and cruise through the Queen Charlotte Sound, a myriad of waterways and tranquil bays whilst enjoying a commentary from your friendly skipper and guide. Our destination, approximately one hour by boat, is Whekenui Bay on Arapawa Island, a small island flanked by Queen Charlotte Sound, Tory Channel and the Cook Strait. From the late 1820's until the mid-1960's Arapawa Island was a whaling base in the Marlborough Sounds. The whaling industry long since abandoned, has given way to salmon, mussel and oyster farms which we will pass as we travel to Whekenui Bay, home to the Radon family.</p>				
 <p>Paua</p>	<p>On arrival you will be greeted by Mike and Antonia Radon, the owners of Arapawa Seafarms, where the unique Blue Pearl or Paua Pearls are grown, Paua being the Maori name given to abalone. They will personally guide you on a tour of the farm, which is not only a place of work but also their home. Discover how the Blue Pearl came to be and see how they are produced. Depending on the time of year, it's possible to see Paua of all sizes, from dust-specs in a larval rearing tank to full size Paua with pearl inserts. Don't miss this opportunity to glimpse a unique part of New Zealand marine life and spend time with experts in the Paua industry. Take the time to view the rare and exclusive pearls in custom made jewellery. Once you have finished your tour venture up to the Radon homestead, where you will be served seafood lunch of Paua, mussels, salmon and light refreshments before returning to Picton.</p>				
 <p>Paua farming</p>	<p>Tour Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harbour Cruise: Relax and unwind while you cruise the tranquil Pelorus Sound and Kenepuru Sound. • Indulgent Paua, salmon and mussels: Enjoy freshly cooked seafood mussels paired with a glass of local wine for the ultimate wine/food match. 				

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Marlborough Sounds Seafood Cruise (EDPCN02WME)

English
CommentaryAUD 269/ adult
AUD 259/ child

Meal 	Activity Level ●○○	Features 	Duration* 3 hours	Participants Min. 35; Max: 45	Remarks 
 <p>Salmon tasting</p>	<p>This spectacular scenic seafood cruise in the Marlborough Sounds, with English commentary, features a nature walk, mussel and salmon farm visit, and fish feeding. Sample fresh local salmon, mussels and clams paired with Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc wine.</p>				
 <p>Mussels and Clams tasting</p>	<p>Enjoy the natural beauty of the Queen Charlotte Sound while cruising aboard our luxury launch that departs from Picton. Cruise near mussel and salmon farms, learn about aquaculture in the Marlborough Sounds, feed tame cods, take an educational walk at the Kaipupu Point Sounds Wildlife Sanctuary and enjoy the picturesque scenery.</p> <p>Tour Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harbour Cruise: Relax and unwind while you cruise the Marlborough Sounds. • Indulgent Seafood: Enjoy fresh local salmon, mussels paired with a glass of Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc for the ultimate wine/food match. 				

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The Wines of Marlborough (EDPCN03NME)

English
Driver Guide

AUD 209/ adult

Meal	Activity Level	Features	Duration*	Participants	Remarks
-	●○○		4.5 hours	Min. 10	
 <p>Vineyards at Marlborough</p> <p>Marlborough is at the top of the South Island, and can be easily reached by air or ferry from Wellington. The city of Blenheim is at the region's heart, and is just a short 20 minute drive from the breath-taking beauty of the Marlborough Sounds. Over the hills and to the south are the Awatere Valley and the seaside town of Kaikoura.</p> <p>Marlborough is New Zealand's largest wine growing region. It has an enviable international reputation for producing the best Sauvignon Blanc in the world. It also makes very good Chardonnay, Riesling and high quality Pinot Noir.</p>  <p>Wine tasting</p> <p>Board your motor coach and travel south on approximately half-hour drive to Blenheim, the largest town in Marlborough. The city is named after the Duke of Marlborough's greatest victory over the French. Blenheim anchors one end of Marlborough's wine trail.</p> <p>Sauvignon Blanc from the Marlborough region literally put New Zealand on the international viticultural map. Today, the region produces 79 percent of all New Zealand wines. The region's cool climate and sandy loam soils are ideal for fine Riesling, Pinot Gris and Gewurztraminer, as well as Sauvignon Blanc. Merlot and Pinot Noir also do well in the area's long-ripening growing season. Visit three leading wine estates for tastings. Board your coach for the return to Picton.</p> <p>Tour Highlight:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wine tasting at leading wineries: Experience the splendid beauty, charm and flavours of the world-renowned Marlborough wine region. <p><u>Important Note:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimum age of participants for wine tasting session is 18 years old. - The wineries visited may vary. 					

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Queen Charlotte Sounds Scenic Cruise (EDPCN04NME)

English
Driver GuideAUD 109/ adult
AUD 99/ child

Meal 	Activity Level 	Features 	Duration* 2.25 hours	Participants Min. 35	Remarks 
 <p data-bbox="156 629 459 696">Queen Charlotte Sounds Scenic Cruise</p>	<p data-bbox="536 342 1485 763">Your sightseeing cruise begins with a short walk from the ship to your catamaran, which features an open deck area, an enclosed salon with large viewing ports, and restrooms. Cruise the waters of Queen Charlotte Sound as your captain recounts the region's history, from Captain Cook's visits in the 18th century to tales of pioneer days. Take in views of the sound's coves, bays and sandy beaches. The nutrient-rich waters - the sound's colours range from turquoise to emerald - attract seals, sea birds and dolphins including common, bottlenose and Hector's dolphins. Feed the famous pet fish at Double Cove which include Blue Cod, mullet and also the sneaky paradise ducks. Tea or coffee with light refreshments is served during the voyage.</p> <p data-bbox="536 786 730 819">Tour Highlight:</p> <ul data-bbox="560 842 1445 909" style="list-style-type: none"> • Harbour Cruise: Indulge your senses with the exquisite beauty of Queen Charlotte Sound. <p data-bbox="92 943 703 965"><u>Important Note:</u> Wildlife sightings cannot be guaranteed.</p>				

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Queen Charlotte Sea Kayaking (EDPCN05NME)

English
Driver GuideAUD 259/ adult
AUD 249/ child

Meal	Activity Level	Features	Duration*	Participants	Remarks
-	●●○		4 hours	Min. 6; Max: 24	



Queen Charlotte Sea Kayaking

The intricate waterways of the Marlborough Sounds create a wonderland for sea kayakers. The Marlborough Sounds consists of 1500km of New Zealand's coastline, so finding a corner to call your own in a sea kayak is not difficult. The wildlife is testimony to this magnificent environment with seals, dolphins and penguins a common sight. Queen Charlotte Sea is just waiting to be explored - there is no better way than by sea kayak. No previous experience is necessary. All gear is provided, though, please dress for the weather.



Scenic Queen Charlotte Sounds

Paddle your two-seat kayak (approximately 2 hours) around some of the most beautiful bays and dramatic seascapes in the Marlborough region, located at the southern end of Queen Charlotte Sound. Upon arrival, re-board your vehicle and commence the approximately 30-minute drive back to the pier.

Tour Highlight:

- **Panoramic kayaking:** Explore and experience the pristine natural beauty and dramatic seascapes of Marlborough Region and Sounds.

Important Notes:

- Minimum age of participants is 10 years old, participants aged under 12 must be accompanied by his or her parent or guardian.
- Guests should consider their physical condition and medical history in determining whether they are suitable to join this tour.
- This tour is not recommended for those guests who: are pregnant; have undergone a surgery recently; are taking prescribed medication/ receiving medical treatment currently; have pre-existing neck, back, knee and/or shoulder injury; are suffering from heart disease, asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, respiratory problem and/or physical disability.
- All guests booked on this tour may get wet. We recommend wearing warm, comfortable sportswear in layers with flat, closed-toe shoes and bring sun protection, a towel, change of clothing and weatherproof jacket.
- Kayaking tour operates in two-seat kayaks and involves an extensive amount of paddling for approximately two hours.
- Although frequently encountered on this type of tour, wildlife and marine life sightings are not guaranteed.
- If this tour operates in wet weather conditions, and a life vest, kayak, paddles, spray decks, and dry bags for each guest's personal items are provided.

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Queen Charlotte Sound Walk at Mistletoe Bay (EDPCN06NME)

English
Driver GuideAUD 189/ adult
AUD 179/ child

Meal 	Activity Level 	Features 	Duration* 3.5 hours	Participants Min. 10	Remarks 
	<p>This tour is perfect for active travellers who like to keep fit on holiday, combining sightseeing and walk in the natural New Zealand landscape. Board "Sounds Adventure," a large sightseeing launch that features an open upper deck and an enclosed salon as well as restrooms.</p> <p>Cruise Queen Charlotte Sound to Mistletoe Bay. The nutrient-rich waters - the sound's colours range from turquoise to emerald - attract seals, sea birds and dolphins including common, bottlenose and Hector's dolphins. Alight at Mistletoe Bay and meet your guides for a 90-minute walk on the Peninsula Loop. The Loop is part of the Queen Charlotte Track, a 44-mile-long trail system that travels from historic Ship Cove to Anikawa. Your loop walk travels along skyline ridges offering views of both Mistletoe and Waterfall Bay. The terrain features lush, mature coastal forest with kamahi, tree ferns and manuka trees. Listen to the native bird song as you explore the area. Your return cruise to Picton features tea and refreshments.</p> <p>Tour Highlight:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scenic walk to Peninsula Loop: Marvel at panoramic views of emerald Mistletoe and Waterfall Bay. • Harbour Cruise: Indulge your senses with the exquisite beauty of Queen Charlotte Sound. 		<p>Queen Charlotte Track</p> <p>Queen Charlotte Sounds Scenic Cruise</p>		
<p><u>Important Note:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife sightings are not guaranteed. - Guests should consider their physical condition and medical history in determining whether they are suitable to join this tour. - Guests are required for a walk which climbs 30 meters (98 feet) and is over uneven ground. - The track may be wet and muddy if there has been rain. We recommend wearing strong, sturdy and comfortable walking shoes and clothes for the conditions. 					

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Important Notes

1. Shore excursion fares are denominated in AUD.
2. Child fare is applicable to those aged 11 or below. Infants aged below 2 come free.
3. Shore excursion tickets are neither refundable nor transferrable after they have been sold.
4. Shore excursions require a minimum number of participating persons and may be cancelled if there are insufficient participants.
5. All shore excursions are sold on a first-come, first-served basis and have a maximum limit of participating persons. To avoid disappointment, guests are recommended to reserve shore excursions early.
6. Some shore excursions may require long-distance walking. It is recommended that guests should consider their physical conditions before joining such shore excursions.
7. Please be careful of personal belongings at all times in order to avoid thefts and robberies.
8. Please take extra care and caution when walking inside and outside the ports or during shore excursion in order to avoid accidents.
9. Please pay attention to hygiene conditions when going outside. Please do not drink nor dine in dirty environments.
10. Shore excursion is operated by the independent local tour operator and ticket is sold by Dream Cruises as an agent for and on behalf of such tour operators. Dream Cruises (including its officers, employees and affiliates) will not be responsible for the act, negligence, default or omission of such tour operators and/or any losses or damages suffered by the passenger in relation to their shore excursion.
11. Tour operator shall have the right to change the itineraries (including, without limitation, place of visit, transportation, accommodation and meal arrangements) due to operational need, weather conditions and/or safety, comfort or enjoyment of the guests. Neither Dream Cruises nor the tour operator shall be liable for loss, delay, inconvenience, disappointment or expenses whatsoever incurred or suffered by the passenger in such circumstances.
12. Dream Cruises (including its officers, employees and affiliates) and tour operator shall not be liable for any loss, damages, claims, costs and expenses incurred and/or suffered by the passenger in relation to any force majeure events including, without limitation, war or threat of war, riot, disaster, acts of Gods (which includes but not limited to adverse weather condition, storm, tsunami, earthquake and/or typhoon), terrorist activity, fire, technical problem with transport, closure of port, strikes or other industrial action, act or decision of any government authority and any other events beyond the control of Dream Cruises and the tour operator.
13. Tour operators reserve the right to refuse the passenger to join shore excursions or cancel shore excursions for the following several reasons: late guests; safety reasons; immigration and custom clearance; and conditions beyond the control of the tour operator.
14. All above Shore Excursions photos are for reference only. Information on this promotional leaflet is correct at the time of print. Dream Cruises reserves the final right to amend and change any applicable terms and conditions on this promotional leaflet without prior notice. In case of any disputes, the decision of Dream Cruises shall be final.
15. Dream Cruises will not be held responsible for any activity/transportation in ports of call other than that which is arranged through the tour desk onboard the vessels of Dream Cruises. Any activity/transportation inside or outside the port area is not within the control of Dream Cruises.
16. Itineraries and tour prices are subject to change without prior notice. Kindly refer to the final tour information onboard.
17. For guests in wheelchairs, there will be crew members to guide and steady them as they embark for shore excursions, but the crew members cannot support, carry or lift guests on board the tender for safety reasons. Guests in wheelchairs please wear appropriate, flat, and securely attached footwear, when embarking and disembarking the tender. If passenger uses a wheelchair or mobility scooter, please note that passenger or passenger's travelling companion is responsible for assembling and disassembling the wheelchair/mobility scooter.

Notes:

Travel Accident Insurance

Age	Medical expenses claimable due to accident happened during the course of the journey	Charges claimable for medical evacuation conducted during the course of the journey
6 months or above	Up to US\$5,000 (Deductible US\$50 /claim)	Up to US\$5,000 (Deductible US\$50 /claim)
1) This Travel Accident Insurance is provided by AIG. The provisions and exclusions as staged under the AIG policy shall be conclusive. The company has the absolute right to terminate the policy without any notice. 2) Travel Accident Insurance is not meant to replace your own travel insurance. For sake of completeness, we strongly advise you to obtain your own insurance arrangement before departure. 3) Please note that any claim for illness or injury must be formally lodged with full particulars to our Customer Service <u>strictly within thirty (30) days from the date of the incident</u> . Claims lodged after the said timeframe shall be considered as time-barred.		

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