



Marlborough is internationally recognised for producing world class wines and fresh seafood direct from the waters of the Marlborough Sounds. Marlborough sits at the head of the Southern Alps, at the top of the South Island. Savour the region's award winning Sauvignon Blanc at one of over 30 cellar doors or feast on locally farmed Greenshell™ Mussels and New Zealand King Salmon at a top restaurant. The Marlborough Sounds boasts a fifth of New Zealand's total coastline, bays, beaches and native forest, providing the perfect habitat for wildlife including penguins, king shags, dolphins and fur seals. Hike or cycle the spectacular Queen Charlotte Track or embark on a kayak adventure to see the marine life up close.

ACCESS

Marlborough is situated in the centre of New Zealand, making it easily accessible by land, sea, rail and air. Visitors can fly into Marlborough Airport, 7km from the centre of the largest town, Blenheim. Air New Zealand has multiple daily direct services between Marlborough and both Auckland and Wellington, linking with international flights. Marlborough is only a 1.5 hour drive from Nelson and a 3.5 hour drive from Christchurch via Kaikoura, both routes with breathtaking views. For those who want to arrive by water, the port town of Picton can be accessed by ferry on a scenic three-hour sailing from Wellington. Between October and April the Coastal Pacific train provides access to both Picton and Blenheim from Christchurch.

VENUES

The Marlborough Convention Centre is the region's purpose-built conference facility. Located on the banks of the Taylor River in Blenheim, this venue can host up to 560 people theatre style or up to 350 banquet style. The modern ASB Theatre Marlborough is conveniently located next to the Marlborough Convention Centre. This multi-purpose venue has tiered seating in its theatre for 700 people as well as multiple break-out rooms and function areas. Both venues are supported by audio, visual, lighting, sound and event management provided on site with full time professional staff to help you with all your requirements. Only 10 minutes out of Blenheim is the Marlborough Vintners Hotel, which has capacity for up to 220 people and is the perfect venue for executive retreats, social functions or incentives. In Picton the Endeavour Park Pavilion can cater for up to 350 theatre style and up to 500 cocktail style. The Function Centre located on a working winery 10 minutes from central Blenheim, is a unique location for a conference of up to 200 theatre style or larger numbers for social functions.

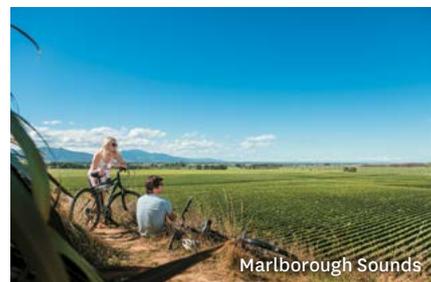
If you are catering for a slightly smaller crowd, Scenic Hotel Marlborough and Chateau Marlborough are ideal central Blenheim locations. Marlborough also has a range of stunning winery venues with dedicated facilities for business events and evening functions. For a spectacular themed event with a difference the internationally acclaimed Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre has a function space for up to 500 guests standing or 350 for seated dining, perfect for a gala dinner or cocktail function your guests will never forget.

Facts:

- Population: 46,000 people
- 7 km Airport to City
- Accommodation: Over 1000 rooms
- Venue capacity: 700 people theatre style
- New Zealand's largest wine growing region
- A fifth of New Zealand's total coastline

Claim to fame:

- The Home of Greenshell™ Mussels and world class Sauvignon Blanc wine



GETTING AROUND

Once in Marlborough getting around the compact townships of Blenheim and Picton is easy with little traffic. Whether conferencing in the Blenheim or Picton area most hotels are only a short walk from conference venues. An easy 25 minute drive connects Blenheim and Picton meaning everything in the region is close together and easy to get to. Other transport options in Marlborough include taxis, shuttles and rental cars, or for a twist the miniature railway. Bikes to hire and cycle tours are available for those who want to explore the region's many vineyards.

ACCOMMODATION

The region offers a good selection of accommodation for business events. There are more than 1000 rooms available ranging from luxury accommodation amongst the vines and nestled in the sounds, to town-based motels, and hotels combining accommodation and conference facilities on the same premises. For your convenience, the region offers a bed bank service to assist with your accommodation requirements.

MEMORABLE PRE AND POST TOURING OPTIONS

SAVOUR the region's world famous Sauvignon Blanc and other wine varieties on a tour to some of Marlborough's top wineries and cellar doors. Relax in the sun at a vineyard café or restaurant or meet the winemakers to discover the secret to their award winning creations.

EXPLORE the stunning Marlborough Sounds in a sea kayak, walk or cycle all or part of the 70km Queen Charlotte Track. Spend the nights in comfortable lodges overlooking the Sounds.

JOURNEY back in time and hear about the people, the stories and the evolution of aviation during WWI and WWII at Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre - Marlborough's most visited attraction. The Centre showcases Sir Peter Jackson's collection of WWI aircraft and memorabilia as well as the more recently developed WWII showcase both put together beautifully by Weta Workshop, the creative team behind The Lord of the Rings, only 5 minutes from Blenheim.

TAKE a cruise or kayak in the Marlborough Sounds, join a mail boat tour, see where our seafood grows, visit a wildlife sanctuary or swim with dolphins.

INDULGE in the taste of locally sourced produce at one of the regions brilliant cafés or restaurants. Enjoy meeting producers and tasting the best Marlborough has to offer at New Zealand's original Farmers' Market.

WANDER through the vibrant seaport town of Picton; the foreshore showcases the region's marine history complemented by cafés, galleries and walking tracks.

MEMORABLE INCENTIVE OPTIONS

BE AMAZED with a flight in an open top aircraft or take in a tailor made private air show while savouring the best of Marlborough's food and wine at Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre.

WALK or mountain bike the Queen Charlotte Track, soaking up stunning views of the Marlborough Sounds while your luggage is boated to your accommodation each day.

DISCOVER Molesworth Station, New Zealand's largest backcountry station on a 4WD tour to experience spectacular scenery, enjoy a picnic amongst the rolling farmland, and hear about the station's fascinating pioneer past.

SAMPLE the region's local produce and embark on a food and wine matching challenge or visit a salmon or Greenshell™ Mussel farm in the Marlborough Sounds.

EXPERIENCE a behind the scenes tour of Marlborough's wine industry. Meet the winemaker of a leading wine brand, experience dining in a barrel hall or enjoy a tour of a working winery.

STAY at the award winning Bay of Many Coves resort in the pristine natural environment of the Marlborough Sounds with a fine dining restaurant, day spa and café with main access by boat or helicopter. Relax at Marlborough Vintners Hotel amongst the vines or unwind at Chateau Marlborough in central Blenheim. The Marlborough Lodge has everything you would expect at a secluded luxury lodge, in a quiet vineyard location with the convenience of being only 5 minutes from the airport and 10 minutes from Blenheim.

