



FURNEAUX LODGE

ENDEAVOUR INLET
MARLBOROUGH SOUNDS

WELCOME

Thank you for choosing to stay at Furneaux Lodge. We hope you enjoy your stay with us.

Our team would love to receive your feedback about your Furneaux Lodge experience.

Likewise, please share your experience with us on TripAdvisor, Facebook and Google, and feel free to tag us in your social media posts:

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COME BACK TO SEE US - AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS, TOO

Furneaux Lodge is the ideal boutique venue for weddings and honeymoons, special events and corporate functions, and relaxing retreats.

We cater fully for all types of events with a unique and personalised approach, from intimate family celebrations to large gatherings.

Please ask our friendly Furneaux Lodge team for more information.





GENERAL INFORMATION

RECEPTION & ASSISTANCE

Our Reception opens at 8am, and assistance is available from the Furieux Restaurant and Bar until closing time.

A duty manager is available during the night – simply ring the doorbell at the manager's cottage. This is the A-frame building at the back of the property, opposite the Croft. The outside light is always on during the night to make the building easy to locate.

CHECK-OUT

Our check-out time is 10am.

Late check out may be available – please enquire with our Reception staff.

If you have checked out but would like to enjoy Furieux Lodge for a bit longer, you are welcome to store your bags with us. Please advise Reception of your departure time when you check out, and our staff will porter your bags to the jetty for you when your boat arrives.

PAYMENT METHODS

Furieux Lodge accepts VISA, Mastercard, EFTPOS and cash payments.

BAG TRANSFERS

If you are departing Furieux Lodge on foot and wish to have your bags transferred to your next destination by water taxi, please advise Reception.

Our staff will pick your bags up from your room at 8.30am during the high season or 10am during the low season.

Please ensure your bags are clearly named and place them outside your room, or just inside the door if it is raining.



RESTAURANT AND BAR

The Furneaux Restaurant and Bar is open all day and is located in the main lodge. See the dining section for details.

WI-FI

Furneaux Lodge is in an isolated location where internet access is limited. Guests can access free Wi-Fi near the Furneaux Restaurant and Bar.

Endeavour Inlet Guests

Password: paradise

TELEPHONE

Mobile phone coverage is very limited at Furneaux Lodge. Some coverage may be found on the shoreline or at the end of the jetty.

MAIL

The mailboat visits Furneaux Lodge on Wednesdays and Saturdays to deliver and collect our post. Please hand any post to Reception.

MAINTENANCE

Furneaux Lodge maintains its accommodation facilities to the highest standard. If you find there is a need for repairs, or a breakage occurs, please inform Reception so we can provide replacements or carry out repairs promptly.

DOGS

Dogs are welcome at Furneaux Lodge. If staying in our accommodation we ask that they are kept outside during their stay, including outside accommodation rooms overnight. Please ensure your dog is kept on a lead at all times and that you clean up after it.

EMERGENCY AND SAFETY PROCEDURES

To ensure your safety and comfort, Furneaux Lodge has measures in place in the event of an emergency or other event.

It is important to know where you should go to report an emergency...

During the day: Report to Reception or the Furneaux Bar.

Early evening: Report to the Furneaux Restaurant and Bar.

At night: Walk to the manager's cottage. This is the A-frame building at the western end of the property at the back opposite the Croft. The outside light is always on during the night to make the building easy to locate.

EVACUATION AREAS

If the resort is evacuated because of an emergency, please follow the instructions of staff and head to one of the two meeting areas:

- Front lawn
- Area behind Endeavour Suites

FIRE

If you discover a fire in your room, please leave your room immediately, close the door and alert a member of staff at Reception, Furneaux Restaurant and Bar, or manager's cottage. If possible, alert guests in adjoining or nearby buildings to evacuate.

Fire extinguishers and smoke alarms are located in all Furneaux Lodge's cottages. Fire hoses are located around all the suites.

If the lodge fire alarm sounds, please evacuate immediately to the nearest evacuation point and await further instructions from staff.



EARTHQUAKE

Earthquakes can occur in New Zealand, and we are well prepared for these.

If you experience an earthquake during your stay, it is important to stay calm.

New Zealand Civil Defence recommends that in an earthquake you:

- **Drop** to your hands and knees to protect you from falling.
Cover your head and neck with your arms, if possible under a sturdy table or desk.
- **Hold** on to your shelter or protective position until the shaking stops.

In a major event, once the shaking stops, please go to your room's designated evacuation area or follow Furieux Lodge staff instructions.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY

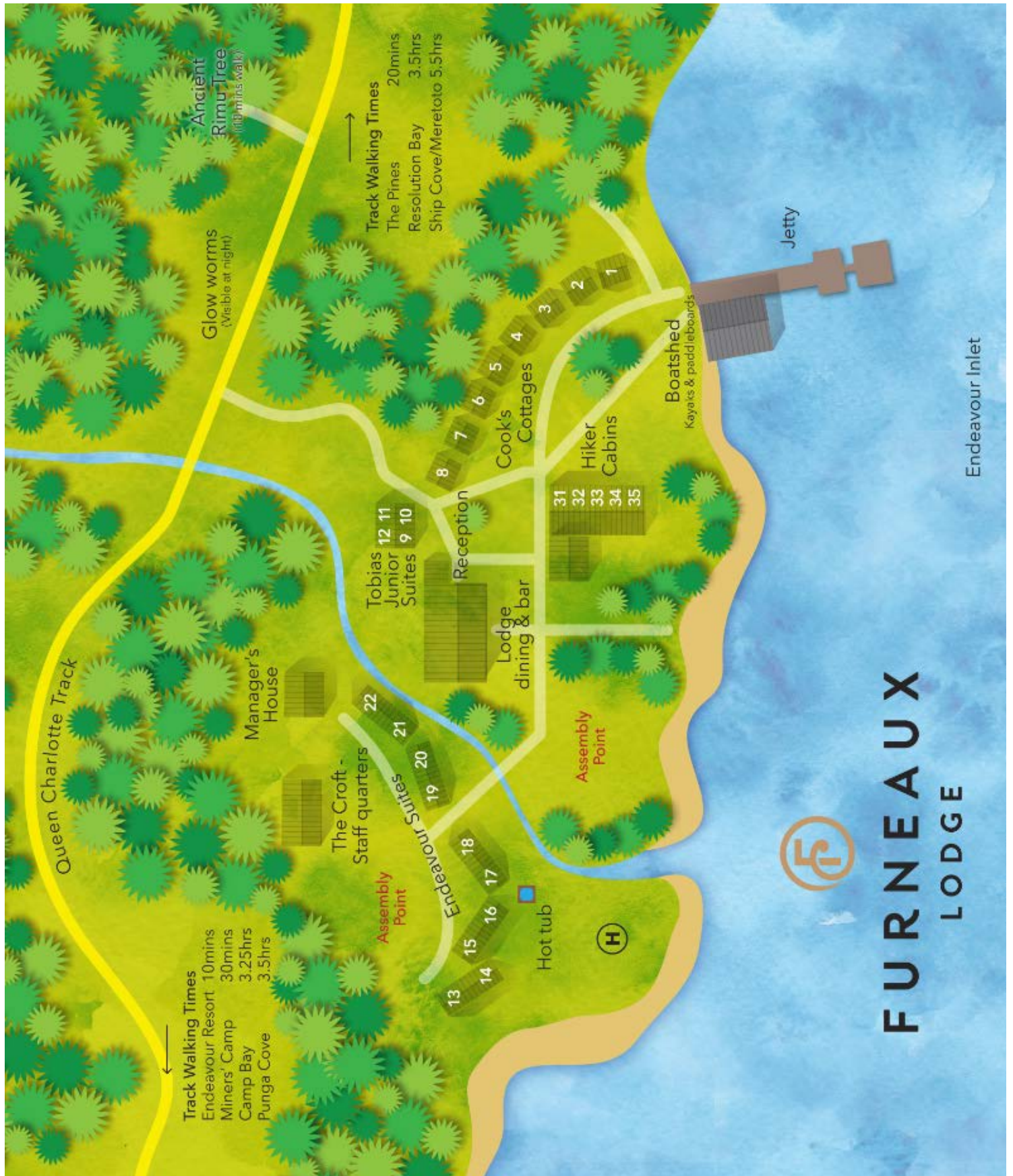
In the event of a medical emergency, please alert Furieux Lodge staff at the Reception, Restaurant or Bar.

If the emergency occurs at night, please alert the duty manager at the manager's cottage, which is the A-frame building at the back of the western end of the property opposite the Croft. Staff will provide assistance or alert emergency services if necessary.



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Endeavour Inlet

FACILITIES & SERVICES

GAMES AND BOOKS

For a relaxing day or if you're sheltering from rain, a selection of games, puzzles and books are available in the restaurant foyer. The lodge also has a pool table.

There are also children's toys; please help yourself to use them during your stay.

ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS

Kayaks, stand up paddle boards and mountain bikes are available for guests to use at Furneaux Lodge. These are great way to explore Endeavour Inlet on sea and land. Please arrange equipment hire at Reception and collect from the boat shed adjacent to the jetty path.

Reception staff can also provide you with a variety of sports equipment – please enquire.

FISHING EQUIPMENT

Fishing equipment is available for hire from Reception, and bait can be purchased. Local fishing regulations regarding size and bag limits are displayed near the jetty and must be adhered to – any breaches of fishing regulations are the guest's responsibility and Furneaux Lodge accepts no liability for this.

Once you've filleted your fish, see our Front of House team for what we can prepare with your freshly caught seafood.

If fishing at the jetty, please be mindful of boats approaching and berthing at the jetty, and wind your line out of the water if a boat approaches.

HOT TUB

A hot tub is available for guest use.

COMPLIMENTARY HOT DRINKS

Furneaux Lodge provides complimentary tea and coffee in all rooms.



PACKED LUNCHES

Are you heading out to explore and would like us to prepare a delicious packed lunch?

Simply complete the lunch form provided at check-in and return to Reception by 4pm the day before you head out.

GUEST LAUNDRY

Furneaux Lodge provides a laundry service for guests. Please arrange this at Reception. You will be asked to place your laundry in a bag labelled with your room number and to leave it with the duty receptionist.

HAND WASHING

If you prefer to hand wash your laundry, please ensure you only use a biodegradable product that is safe for septic tanks. A suitable product is available at the Furneaux Bar. We appreciate your co-operation with keeping our important wastewater system running smoothly.

SHOP

Furneaux Lodge offers a small number of items for sale at the Furneaux Bar including ice cream, snacks, toiletries, sunscreen and insect repellent.

DRYING ROOM

Ensure all your gear is dry before another day of adventuring by putting it in the drying room overnight. The drying room is located next to the Hikers Cabins' disabled toilet.

ROOM EXTRAS

Please ask at Reception if you require extra blankets, pillows, towels, heaters or an iron.

WATER TAXIS AND TRANSFERS

We can organise water transfers For guests exploring the Queen Charlotte Track from Furneaux Lodge, or to travel to Picton or Punga Cove. Please see Reception for more information.

DINING AT FURNEAUX LODGE

Furneaux Lodge's Restaurant and Bar serves delicious food and refreshing beverages all day – from breakfast in the morning, lunch from noon, then onto dinner in the evening. Plus, all-day coffee, beverages and bar snacks.

BREAKFAST

8 - 10am

LUNCH

12 noon - 3pm

DINNER

5.30 - 8.30pm

See sample menus on the following pages...



SAMPLE


FURNEAUX
 LODGE

BREAKFAST
M E N U
 SERVED FROM 8:00AM - 10:00AM

Sesame bagel cream cheese, house preserves 	\$14.0
Furneaux granola poached berries, chia set coconut yoghurt, fresh fruit  DF / GF	\$16.0
Bacon butty brioche bun, crispy bacon, house relish, fried egg, smoked cheddar	\$16.0
Buttermilk French toast brioche loaf, orange mascarpone, seasonal compote 	\$21.0
Roaming hens free range eggs, house relish, toast, herb butter	\$14.5
Forest forage portobello mushrooms, thyme whipped feta, pesto, ciabatta, poached egg 	\$22.5
Eggs benne door stop toast, baby spinach, hollandaise.	\$23.0
Your choice of: Crisp bacon / mushrooms / hot smoked salmon	
Vege breakfast free range eggs, roasted mushrooms, tomato, spinach, potato hash 	\$22.5
The Furneaux potato hash, wild pork sausage, bacon, eggs, tomato, mushroom	\$25.0

ON THE SIDE

Wild Pork Sausage	\$5.00	Pestells Streaky Bacon	\$5.00
Potato Hash	\$3.00	Tomato	\$3.00
Mushroom	\$3.00	Coconut Yoghurt	\$5.00
Spinach	\$5.00	ViaVio yoghurt	\$4.00

TO DRINK

Espresso/Long black	\$4.00	White Wabbit Tea	\$5.00
Flat white/Capuccino/ Latte	\$5.00	Orange Juice	\$5.00
Mocha/Chai Latte	\$5.00		
Hot Chocolate	\$5.00		
Dirty Chai	\$5.00		
+ Coconut / Soy / Almond	\$0.50		

SAMPLE

BREADS & BITS

Turkish bread (V) extra virgin olive oil, dukkah	10
Baked cob loaf bread (V) sea salt, herbed butter	15

SMALLER PLATES

Pork & ginger dumplings sesame soy dressing, pickled ginger	23
Monkfish sliders Kewpie mayo, watercress	18
Cranky Goat haloumi (V, GF) romesco herbs, nuts, roasted grapes	20
Hot smoked salmon salad (GF) pickled fennel, cherry tomatoes, rocket, dill, crispy potatoes	23
Salt and pepper squid grilled lime, citrus aioli	22

BURGERS & SANDWICHES

Kaaraage chicken bao buns Sounds soy mayo, Asian slaw	25
Grass-fed beef burger (GFO) bacon, smoked cheddar, cos lettuce, fries	25
Veggie pattie burger (V, GFO) slaw, tomato, hummus, brioche bun, fries	25

MENU

THE RAW BAR

Pacific fish salad Local line caught fish, marinated island style, coconut, lime, ginger, hint of chilli, tomato, herbs, ciabatta	25
Mills Bay mussels 1kg steamed mussels, confit garlic, white wine, herbed butter, baguette	27
Sounds oysters (Subject to availability)	

LARGER PLATES

Spiced harissa salad (V, GF) pumpkin, smoked hummus, pomegranate molasses, micro green salad, tamari nuts, herb dressing	27
Beer battered market fish fries, salad, tartare, lemon	27
Hāpuku salsa verde butter, confit cherry tomatoes, Israeli couscous, salad, grilled lime	37
Mānuka smoked scotch fillet (GF) twice cooked agria potatoes, braised root vegetables, red wine jus	37
Bush lemon chicken caramelised sweet potato, orange dijonaise, watercress	36

PLATTERS

The Furneaux (for 2) A selection of local artisan meats, cheeses, and seafood with seasonal chutneys, relishes, and pickles. Served with artisan breads and our house lavosh	55
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ON THE SIDE

Rosemary fries (V, GF) confit garlic aioli, sea salt	10
Potato wedges (V) sour cream, sweet chilli sauce	12
Thymebank garden leaves (V, GF) honey and mustard vinaigrette	10

SOMETHING SWEET

Deconstructed banoffee pie banana, cream, dark chocolate, dulce de leche	15
Local summer strawberries pomegranate molasses, spiced biscuit, crumbs, vanilla bean ice cream, ginger syrup	15
Ghana chocolate and burnt orange panna cotta (GF) brandy wafer, chia coconut, crème, toasted almond	15

V VEGETARIAN
 GF GLUTEN FREE
 GFO GLUTEN FREE OPTION

We will take all reasonable efforts to accommodate guests' dietary needs, however we cannot guarantee that the ingredients we use will be allergen free. If you have any dietary requirements or allergies, please inform one of our team members





IMPORTANT INFORMATION

IF THE POWER GOES OUT

Because Furneaux Lodge is located in an isolated area of the Marlborough Sounds, from time-to-time we may experience temporary power outages.

Should the power go out in the evening for a long period of time, staff will visit you in your room to ensure your comfort.

WATER SUPPLY

Furneaux Lodge's water is sourced from the creek above the lodge and is treated, so it is safe to drink.

In our part of the Marlborough Sounds, fresh water is limited and precious. Please conserve water where you can. Complimentary cold water is always available at the bar.

SMOKING

All Furneaux Lodge rooms are strictly smoke-free. Smoking is permitted outside only. As we live in a fragile natural environment (particularly during hot, dry summers) and are a long way from fire emergency services, please use ashtrays as provided.

WASTEWATER

Furneaux Lodge operates a self-contained wastewater system. It is very important that no chemicals, sanitary items, nappies or other non-biodegradable items end up in our septic tanks. Please dispose of these in the bins provided.

Tea leaves and coffee grinds should also be placed in a rubbish bin and not washed down a drain.

MOORINGS

Furneaux Lodge has 13 moorings available for guests or casual visitors and offers a water taxi to the jetty.

For lodge guests or those eating at our restaurant, the use of moorings and the water taxi are free of charge. Other visitors may use the moorings and water taxi service for \$25 (overnight), payable at the Furneaux Bar or Reception.

TRANSPORT

Many water taxi and other tour operators from Picton stop regularly at Furneaux Lodge's jetty. To organise water transport or see a schedule, please see our team at Reception.

Furneaux Lodge is accessible by helicopter and has several helipads. The main helipad is located on the grass area by the beach.

To arrange a helicopter flight please see our team at Reception.



ACTIVITIES

Furneaux Lodge is perfectly placed to take advantage of the natural playground that is the Marlborough Sounds.

Enquire at Reception about using Furneaux Lodge equipment to explore Endeavour Inlet, book excursions, charters and experiences, or order a packed lunch and head for the Queen Charlotte Track.

KAYAKS AND STAND UP PADDLE BOARDS

Kayaks and stand up paddle boards are complimentary for our guests and a great way to explore beautiful Endeavour Inlet. Please always wear a lifejacket.

Be sure to keep an eye out for seals, stingrays in the shallows, Little Blue Penguins, King Shags, a passing pod of dolphins or even, occasionally, orca.

GLOW WORMS

Discover the magical sight of glow worms lighting up the bush at night. Simply head out the lodge's main gates and onto the Queen Charlotte Track, and see these tiny creatures glow all around you. Make sure to bring a torch with you so you can follow the path, but switch it off to see the glow worms.



INDEPENDENT EXPLORING

WALKS

RIMU TREE

10 minutes

Visit the 1,000-year-old rimu tree near Furieux Lodge. From the lodge gates, turn right and look for a sign directing you to the tree.

FURNEAUX LODGE - PUNGA COVE RESORT

3-4 hours one way - approximately 12km

Follow the scenic Queen Charlotte Track around beautiful Endeavour Inlet, via the Miners' Camp, to Punga Cove Resort.

Stay for lunch and walk back, or ask us to arrange a water taxi to pick you up according to their schedule.

FURNEAUX LODGE - SHIP COVE/MERETOTO

5.5 hours one way - 17km

Learn about the historic landing of Captain James Cook at Ship Cove/Meretoto and take in the spectacular views over Resolution Bay, Tawa Cove and Endeavour Inlet.

Many companies offer transport to and from Ship Cove/Meretoto and most people walk north to south. See the team at Reception for transfer options back to Furieux Lodge from Ship Cove/Meretoto.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE TRACK

The 73km Queen Charlotte Track runs past Furneaux Lodge.

Stay for the night as you walk through or base yourself here at the lodge and walk any section of the track each day using water transfers to get there and/or get back each night.

Ask at Reception for water taxi schedules and to book.

Walkers and mountain bikers who use the Queen Charlotte Track between Punga Cove and Anakiwa are required to purchase a Queen Charlotte Track Land Co-operative (QCTL) Pass. The fees are \$12 for a day pass or \$25 for a five-day pass. School children are free. Please see Reception for more details.

You don't require a pass for the section of track between Ship Cove, Furneaux Lodge and Punga Cove.





TOURS & EXPERIENCES

Furneaux Lodge is perfectly placed to take advantage of the natural playground that is Marlborough. To join a tour or activity and discover other parts of beautiful Marlborough, ask our team at Reception to make a booking.

WINE TOURS

No trip to Marlborough is complete without trying the region's world-famous wines, straight from the source. Choose from a selection of wine and vineyard tour options and timetables, including a full-day Taste Marlborough Wine Tour and a full-day Marlborough Icons Tour.

SEAFOOD CRUISE

Discover, learn about and taste the freshest seafood, straight from the source, on a Seafood Odyssey seafood cruise through Tōtaranui/Queen Charlotte Sound. Visit a salmon farm and taste fresh King salmon, try surf clams, Greenshell Mussels and pair it all with crisp Marlborough sauvignon blanc.

HELICOPTER EXCURSIONS

Treat yourself with the unforgettable experience of a spectacular bird's-eye view of the Marlborough Sounds, or fly further afield to see the true scale of Marlborough's expansive vineyards from above. Furneaux Lodge has its own helipad, allowing for guest pick-up on site.

CHARTER CRUISE

Choose your own Marlborough Sounds experience by chartering a boat for the day. Be informed by local knowledge of the crew, and explore the lesser-known corners of Queen Charlotte Sound.

OUR ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENT

Our stunning natural environment is what makes Furneaux Lodge so special, and we are committed to looking after it now and for the future.

At Furneaux Lodge we are constantly striving to implement more and better sustainable practices to protect and enhance the forest, the sea and the wildlife that surrounds us.

We only use biodegradable and organic cleaning products and conserve water by reducing water volume without compromising on quality.

In our rooms, you will see we use low energy lighting and motion sensors to reduce our power use.

Furneaux Lodge has also phased out single-use plastic toiletry bottles and replaced these with larger refillable containers. Our milk is delivered in larger containers to further reduce single use plastic.



HISTORY OF FURNEAUX LODGE

Furneaux Lodge's location in Endeavour Inlet/Punaruawhiti has a long and fascinating history. It began with the earliest arrivals of Māori and went on to the times of British explorer Captain James Cook, a surprise visit from a Russian expedition, a thriving mining operation and finally the beginnings of what are today's resort and holiday destination in Marlborough.

Tangata whenua

Marlborough iwi Rangitāne occupied Queen Charlotte Sound/Tōtaranui, and they shared some interest within the Sound (such as Port Gore) with Ngāti Kuia, which was predominantly based in Pelorus Sound/Te Hoiere. Ngāti Kuia, Rangitāne o Wairau and Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō are the three tribes in Te Tau Ihu (northern South Island) who trace their descent from the Kurahaupō waka – one of the great ocean-going waka that came to New Zealand.

Endeavour Inlet most likely saw seasonal populations of Māori in the late 18th Century while, to the north, Titirangi was a kumara plantation.

During the first half of the 19th Century, five other iwi - Ngāti Toa, Ngāti Koata, Ngāti Rarua, Ngāti Tama and Te Atiawa - invaded and occupied areas of the northern South Island under Te Rauparaha, a Māori rangatira and warrior of the Ngāti Toa tribe.

Te Rauparaha's allies raided and slaughtered Māori settlements in the Marlborough Sounds during the Musket Wars from the 1810s to 1830s. The legacy of these violent raids that arrived from the North Island was felt for years later by the local population, including after Te Rauparaha's 1849 death.

By the 1860s, land that had previously been cultivated by Māori, had been subdivided, partially cleared and sold for farming to European settlers.



Origins of local names

The Māori name for Endeavour Inlet is Punaruawhiti, which may mean to cross over in pairs or it may refer to the fresh water springs in the bay. It also translates as twilight.

Captain Cook renamed it West Bay before it was dubbed Endeavour Inlet in the early 1840s by Captain Stokes of the HMS Acheron. Several landmarks in the bay are named in recognition of Cook's visits, including Mount Furneaux for Tobias Furneaux, the English navigator who joined Cook during his second voyage in the Pacific.

He was one of the first men to circumnavigate the world in both directions, and later commanded a British vessel during the American Revolutionary War.

Mount Furneaux was originally called Puhikererū, which means decorated with feathers, or 'the plume of the kererū'. The maunga or mountain is considered to be sacred by Māori and was used as a navigation aid and as a birding area.

The name is said to stem from when the great navigator Kupe came to Aotearoa with two birds including a kererū/pigeon named Rupe, who was to find fruit in the forest.

Rupe flew south to Te Wai Pounamu/South Island and joined local pigeons feasting on the plentiful food on the maunga, never to return to Kupe.

The day the Russians came

Just seven years before Te Rauparaha's raids on local people of Tōtaranui, the Russians paid a visit.

This little-known moment in New Zealand's history included friendly bartering with local Māori which resulted in the Russians heading home with a hold full of artefacts, many of which remain in Russian museums today.

The visit was part of the Russian Antarctic expedition of 1819-21, which was led by Commander Fabian Gottlieb von Bellingshausen and included two ships: the 900-tonne Vostok and the 531-tonne Mirnyi, captained by Mikhail Lazarev.



Their planned route to the Society Islands after visiting Australia was changed by the winds, which pushed them east and resulted in the decision to head for Queen Charlotte Sound/Tōtaranui, apparently chosen for Captain James Cook's favourable recordings of Ship Cove/Meretoto from his visits in the 1770s.

It is said that, unlike Cook who met 400 local Māori on arrival, Bellingshausen was greeted by just 80 in 1820. The ships stayed for two weeks before weather forced them on their way again.

Antimony Mines

Situated at the head of the inlet is a retired antimony mine that was at one stage one of Marlborough's largest industries, employing and housing more than 100 men and having a smelter, post office and school also on site. The mine comprised 60% antimony - a semi-metal used at the time; alloyed with lead for batteries, metal type for printing presses, flame retardant paints and enamels.

It is thought that the antimony deposits were discovered by John Ashworth in 1873, who lived at the head of the inlet and carried out intensive prospecting. Ashworth then formed Marlborough Antimony Company Ltd with a local syndicate in 1874, and also discovered a small amount of gold in the mines.

Ownership and opening/closing of the mine changed a number of times in these early days. The school appeared to open and close accordingly, finally closing in 1895. Mining physically ended in 1901 and many attempts over years to revive the mine failed, with the site being officially closed in the 1970s.

The area is now known as the Miner's Camp. A fair portion of the location was then converted to smaller farm holdings, and presently predominately holiday homes with the surrounding farmland slowly reverting back to bush.

The Queen Charlotte Track

A section of what would one day become part of the beautiful 73km Queen Charlotte Track began as a series of unconnected bridle tracks built by European pioneers settling in the area. While most were used for moving goods and animals, the tracks north of Kenepuru were also used for keeping an eye on the coast during WWII. There are still a number of concrete gun emplacements dotted around the Sounds today.

The first part of the bridle track ran between Resolution Bay and Meretoto/Ship Cove, and the second led to Kenepuru Saddle. This section was opened as a walking track in 1967.

The Queen Charlotte Track began development as a public walkway in the early 1980s. After initial work by local landowners to create a walkable track from 1981–1983, a rough walking track was opened for the public to use in early 1983. By 1985, Government funding had stopped and maintenance of sections of track was left to local landowners, but when the Department of Conservation was formed in 1987, it became responsible for the track's maintenance. In November 1991, the Queen Charlotte Track as we know it was connected.





Howden Homestead

The Howden family who built the homestead that today remains the centrepiece of Furneaux Lodge as its restaurant and bar area, were among the Marlborough Sounds' original bach owners.

In 1878 Edinburgh-born Patrick Grieve Howden and his wife Mary arrived in New Zealand. Living in Wellington, Howden, a biscuit-maker, owned The Wellington Biscuit and Confectionery Company on Farish St with his brother David. The Howdens had six daughters and one son.

The family first began holidaying in Endeavour Inlet with another family, the Holms, and stayed at the large manager's house at the antimony mine settlement. In 1903 Howden bought his own 1,406 hectares of land in Panaruawhiti/Endeavour Inlet.



There, it is believed Patrick built the colonial-style holiday home for his family (although some reports state it existed in some form as early as 1890) – one of the first in the area, which received some attention in the newspapers of the day.

It was mentioned in the *Wellington News* of 1906, as a “substantial residence” and on 2 March 1906, the Marlborough Express reported on “the fine property of Mr Houden (sic), the Wellington biscuit maker, who has recently caused to be built a substantial residence, in which he and his wife reside for a few months every summer. It is Mr Howden’s determination that not a stick of the bush on his holding shall be felled, and he has a caretaker on the property to see his interests”.

Patrick Howden’s foresight in preserving that patch of virgin native forest around his holiday home, and that of his son Harry to make it a private scenic reserve in 1937, makes this section of the inlet unique.

The Furneaux Lodge bell

The large bell at the front of Furneaux Lodge harbours a fascinating past involving kidnappings, bandits and a daring rescue.

Originally owned by a Spanish Mission in China, the bell was given to Lieutenant Commander (later Captain) Harry Howden by Bishop Galvin and Roman Catholic missionaries in 1930.

The gifted bell was a token of thanks to him and the crew of his ship, British naval gunboat HMS Mantis, for rescuing three of their missionaries from the middle Yangtze River in China.

Fathers Laffen, Fernandez and Linenhan had been kidnapped for ransom by bandits and were being held at the town of Pialochi. Two Chinese emissaries from the town of Chenglin were sent to release the missionaries from the badits. Meanwhile, a sampan - small boat - was rigged and armed as a “Q boat”. Harry Howden and his crew used this boat to rescue the three missionaries. He was later awarded an OBE for service while in command of the HMS Mantis.



Endeavour Inlet holidays

Around the same time the Howdens established their holiday base, Endeavour Inlet started to become a popular holiday destination, with E C Perano advertising “cheap excursions” in 1908 to “favourite spot in Queen Charlotte Sound”, by steamer for passengers coming off the fortnightly “Excursion Train” to Picton from Blenheim.

In fact, in 1906, a reporter who travelled to Marlborough wrote “many people in the colony are ignorant of an easily accessible holiday resort” but noted that “citizens of Wellington have already built themselves summer residences for holiday resorts” in Resolution Bay and Endeavour Inlet which, in the report’s opinion, would become widespread for weekend Wellington visitors.

Patrick Howden died in 1914 and two years later ownership of the family property passed to Elizabeth and two of their daughters, Ada Howden and Amy Webb.

Members of the wider Howden family continued to holiday at Furneaux and in 1932 son Harry Howden, by then a distinguished navy captain who was living in Australia and later England, purchased the property. He flew in and out in his own private plane, bringing guests to his family bach.

While away, Harry employed ex naval man John Barker and his wife Hazel, from Australia, as caretakers.

Before retiring to the nearby Pines in the mid-1950s, the Barkers oversaw renovations and extensions to the house. In 1958, the Furneaux block was subdivided and the house and some land taken over by Elizabeth Highet, who owned it until 1964 when it was bought by Thomas Watkins of Lower Hutt.

In 1961 Harry bequeathed the land to the people of New Zealand as a 'scenic reserve and bird sanctuary' on the conditions that the forest was left standing forever and the shooting of birds was prohibited. Harry Howden died in 1969.



The beginnings of modern Furneaux Lodge

The lodge changed hands again in 1970, this time to Wellington chef Graeme Douglas Barry, who sold it a year later in 1971 to Frank and Vi Matthews of Christchurch under their company, Furneaux Lodge Limited.

The Matthews were the first owners to apply for a licence to operate Furneaux Lodge as a Tourist House Premises from the local council. This was granted in November 1977, prior to selling the leasehold in 1978 and the freehold in 1999. They ran the premises with their daughter and son-in-law June and Roger Cloudesley.

The Matthews, who had a holiday house in Punga Cove when they chanced upon Furneaux, immediately began upgrading the existing building and adding extra accommodation with independent chalets in what had been a sheep paddock. This was to be the start of Furneaux Lodge as an accommodation resort. The work also included a stone croft and stone boatshed, both built in 1975 from boulders out of the creek, as well as reclaiming some land for the boatshed and part of the jetty walkway.

When the Marlborough Electric Power Board announced it would run power poles and wires along the foreshore in front of the lodge, interrupting the beautiful view, a court case was needed to stop it. Power finally arrived at the lodge in 1976.

From 1978, Furneaux Lodge was run by a series of leaseholders and, from 1999, freehold owners. Initially, eight motel units/cottages that were built by the Matthews for guests during 1971, 1974 and 1980, were sold off to private owners with a leaseback arrangement in 1986 when all were unit titled. The lodge now own four of these cottages, with the other four still privately owned and under leaseback arrangement.

The lodge's campground was closed in 2004 and waterfront suites added between then and 2006.

In 2018, Furneaux Lodge – along with Punga Cove across the inlet – was bought by the Burkhart family, who also own Marlborough Tour Company, Cougar Line and Pelorus Mail Boat.

THE MARLBOROUGH SOUNDS

GEOGRAPHY AND GEOLOGY

The Marlborough Sounds is a network of ancient drowned river valleys, with three main Sounds: Queen Charlotte, Pelorus and Kenepuru.

Ongoing downward tectonic movement means the Marlborough Sounds continue to slowly sink.

The highest peak in the Sounds is Mt Stokes, at 1,203 metres. At its summit is a rare sub-alpine environment.

Marlborough Sounds soils consist mainly of clay over a base of greywacke rock, which account for the many slips visible on the hillsides.

OUR FORESTS

The Marlborough Sounds is clad in a huge variety of vegetation, from lush sub-tropical rainforest as seen here around Endeavour Inlet, to manuka scrub and gorse. Much of the Marlborough Sounds was cleared for farming and timber, but a number of conservation projects are now allowing native forest to regenerate.

Furneaux Lodge is located near 2,000 acres of extremely rare and precious virgin native forest. Within it are native beech and rimu – giants of the forest.



WILDLIFE

Endeavour Inlet is home to much of the plentiful bird and marine life that call the Marlborough Sounds home.

You are almost guaranteed to encounter a cheeky and bold flightless weka during your stay, or on the Queen Charlotte Track. Also look out for kereru (wood pigeon), tui, piwakawaka (fantail), kotare (kingfishers) and the rare King shag.

In the water, we often see passing pods of dolphins, Little Blue Penguins, seals, eagle rays and stingrays and even the occasional orca or whale.

CONSERVATION

There are an increasing number of community-led and private conservation projects around the Marlborough Sounds. For most, the focus is on extensive trapping of introduced animals to ensure the survival and regeneration of native flora and fauna. These species include possums, pigs, goats, stoats, rats and mice.



HISTORY

The Marlborough Sounds has a long history with Māori, who inhabited these sheltered waterways centuries before the first Europeans arrived.

Many myths and legends surround the Sounds, including the battle between the great navigator and warrior Kupe and Wheke the giant octopus. As Kupe fought Wheke in Cook Strait/Raukawa, the octopus tried to anchor himself to the earth and gouged out the Sounds' complex land forms.

Many fortified settlements (pa) were built throughout the Marlborough Sounds as iwi (tribes) defended themselves against invaders. Of particular note was the warrior chief Te Rauparaha, who warred with tribes throughout the North and South Islands, and led raids against Marlborough Sounds Māori during the 1830s.

The first European contact came with Captain James Cook, who found shelter and abundant food and water in nearby Ship Cove/Meretoto, located in Queen Charlotte Sound/Tōtaranui. Captain Cook returned there several times with his ships during his explorations of New Zealand over the next seven years. Endeavour Inlet and Resolution Bay were named after Cook's ships.

Since Cook, the Sounds has seen many industries come and go including whaling, mining and pastoral farming. The latter resulted in the burning of much native forest, some of which is regenerating now.

Today, aquaculture is one of the Sounds' main industries, particularly King salmon and Greenshell Mussels.



HISTORIC SITES IN QUEEN CHARLOTTE SOUND/ TŌTARANUI

SHIP COVE/MERETOTO

The site where explorer Captain James Cook anchored his ships from 1770 is marked with a memorial and information panels. This is also the beginning of the Queen Charlotte Track and is visited often by water taxis and tour operators. Resolution Bay and Endeavour Inlet are named after two of Cook's ships.

PICKERSGILL ISLAND/MATAPARA

Located on the northern side of Arapaoa Island, Pickersgill Island/Matapara was named after the master's mate on Cook's ship the Endeavour.

EAST BAY

This bay on Arapaoa Island was where Captain Cook released a buck and doe goat, which went on to establish a wild population that still exists today.

HIPPA ISLAND

The largest Māori pa in Queen Charlotte Sound/Tōtaranui was once based here, at the southern tip of Motuara Island and had, according to Captain James Cook, 80-100 whare (houses) in 1770.

By the time he returned eight years later, the pa was deserted. Given the rugged and exposed nature of the site, it is likely the pa was positioned for defence from outside tribes.

CANNIBAL COVE/ANAHO

This Outer Sounds bay received its English name by Captain James Cook after the crew of the HMS Endeavour discovered human bones in the remains of a meal.

Its Māori name, Anaho, means new bay or bay that runs deep. The bay supported a large settlement and had gardens and livestock.

Captain Cook released a boar and sow at Cannibal Cove/Anaho which would later become a food source for Māori and European explorers.

MOTUARA ISLAND

Besides being an important native bird sanctuary, Motuara Island is also a site of historical significance for both Māori, who populated Hippa Island at Motuara's southern end, and early Europeans.

Captain Tobias Furneaux, who captained the Endeavour's sister ship, the Adventure, established a hospital and gardens on the island. Captain Cook built an edifice on the island to record his visit and covered it with a Union Jack, proclaiming British Sovereignty over the South Island.

Today, Motuara Island is an important bird sanctuary and home to saddleback/tīeke, South Island robin/toutouwai, yellow-crowned parakeet/kākāriki and Maud Island frog.

It is also used as a crèche for rowi kiwi, which are only found in South Ōkārito Forest, near Franz Josef. Rowi have been decimated by stoats – fewer than 500 are left. Eggs are hatched in captivity and the chicks transported to Motuara Island. Once they weigh 1kg they can defend themselves from stoats and are returned to the wild.

LONG ISLAND – KOKOMOHUA MARINE RESERVE

Captain Cook also had gardens on Long Island and introduced potatoes, parsnips, carrots and turnips to local Māori to supplement their kumara (sweet potato) crops.

During World War 2, an anti-submarine signal station was built at Long Island. Many other defence structures were built in Tōtaranui/Queen Charlotte Sound during that time, including on nearby Blumine Island and in Tory Channel, many of which are still visible today.

ABOUT MARLBOROUGH

The Marlborough Sounds top the wider Marlborough region, which stretches as far south as Kekerengu on the rugged east coast and as far west as D'Urville Island.

The region's main centres are Blenheim and Picton, and the smaller settlements of Renwick, Havelock, Seddon and Ward.

Marlborough's dry, sunny climate makes it perfect for wine production, and wine has become New Zealand's largest wine industry – stretching across the Wairau and Awatere Valleys. The region is best known for its flagship variety sauvignon blanc, but also produces many other quality wine styles. Many local tourism businesses offer group and bespoke wine tasting and vineyard tours.

The region also has many cafes, bars and restaurants, the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre, craft beer brewers, the Makana Chocolate Factory, artisan cheesemakers, fruit growers and, on Sunday mornings, the Marlborough Farmers' Market.



