

Packages 2017-2018

Celebrate Romance - 2 Night Package

This romantic getaway is perfect to celebrate romance in a private and inspiring location. Whether you are planning a special surprise proposal, renewing your wedding vows, celebrating an anniversary or simply want to reconnect in an exceptional setting, The Sounds Retreat provides all the decadent details to make your stay unforgettable.



Day One: Arrive, unwind and enjoy a bottle of chilled Veuve Clicquot and canapés. Relax, perhaps on your deck overlooking the Queen Charlotte Sound or in your private hot tub. Your four-course dinner with accompanying Marlborough wines will be served in your private cabana.

Day Two: Enjoy breakfast in your private cabana and then drive yourself in the guest BMW Mini Cooper S Convertible down to the waterfront where you will board the 'Lady Karen', a 1957 fishing vessel with a warm and inviting timber interior. Try your luck at skeet shooting off the deck or fishing. Your skipper will bake some fresh scones on board for morning tea and you can choose to enjoy your gourmet picnic lunch on board or at a secluded bay. Return back to The Sounds Retreat in the afternoon for your sixty-minute massage before enjoying your four-course dinner specially prepared by our in house chef.

Day Three: Continental or cooked breakfast will be served in your private before being transferred to the local airport. Check out is at 10.00am.

Includes:

- 2 nights' accommodation
- Transfers to and from Blenheim/Picton airports
- Chilled Champagne and hand made chocolates upon arrival
- Sixty minute massage per guest
- 2 three course dinners with accompanying wines at the Retreat created by our on-site chef
- 3 hour cruise aboard the 'Lady Karen' on the Queen Charlotte Sound with morning tea, fresh scones on board and a picnic hamper at a secluded beach.
- Private hot tub to enjoy at your leisure.
- Use of BMW Mini Cooper S Convertible (with valid driving license, guest pays for fuel)
- All alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Full gymnasium
- Mountain bikes

Package Pricing: \$5,275

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Desire to do it all – 4 Night Package

Experience all of the best New Zealand has to offer - hiking in the native forest nearby, kayaking on the Queen Charlotte Sound, biking along the renowned Queen Charlotte Track, swimming with dolphins, sampling the best wines and tasting the finest foods.

It's all here for you to enjoy at The Sounds Retreat.



Day One: Arrive, unwind and enjoy a bottle of New Zealand's highly regarded Methode Traditionelle wines. Begin your escape from reality with a one-hour massage in your private cabana. Perhaps followed by a soak in your private hot tub before your three-course dinner served with accompanying Marlborough wines.

Day Two: Enjoy breakfast before a private guided morning kayak to Mistletoe Bay, then an easy hike or mountain bike back to the Retreat. A packed lunch hamper is included for you to enjoy at a quiet scenic spot. Soak in the hot tub before a delicious three-course dinner served in your private cabana.

Day Three: Enjoy breakfast, before a chauffeur driven drop off to your half day bike ride through the Marlborough vineyards. Your chauffeur is on stand by to collect you at any point during your bike ride. After a lunch at your choice of vineyard restaurant (lunch not included) your privately guided wine tour begins. Your knowledgeable guide may also recommend other points of interest you may wish to visit. Return via your luxury transfer to The Sounds Retreat to relax into the evening with dinner.

Day Four: After breakfast, drive yourself to Picton in the guest BMW Mini Cooper S Convertible and embark on a morning trip cruising the Marlborough Sounds, and then swimming with or viewing wild dolphins. Return to Picton to wander along the waterfront and enjoy a light lunch at a waterfront café. The afternoon is free to either visit the Edwin Fox Museum in Picton, home of the world's 9th oldest ship, or cruise around Marlborough at your leisure in the guest Mini Cooper S Convertible. Relax back at the Sounds Retreat after all the thrills of the day with your three-course dinner with matching local wines.

Day Five: Enjoy breakfast in your private cabana before check out at 10am. Complimentary transfers are available to Picton or Blenheim Airports.

Includes:

- 4 nights' accommodation
- Transfers to and from Blenheim/Picton airports
- Sixty minute massage per guest
- 4 dinners created by our on-site chef at The Sounds Retreat
- Private guided kayak, then an easy hike or mountain bike back to lodge. Packed lunch hamper included for you to enjoy at a quiet scenic spot
- Half-day bike ride through the Marlborough vineyards.
- Chauffeur driven car with private guided vineyard and wine tasting tour, and tour of Marlborough highlights
- Half-day dolphin experience cruise followed by light lunch in Picton.
- Private hot tub to enjoy at your leisure.
- All alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included
- Mountain bikes
- Full gymnasium

Package Pricing: \$10,900

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Pamper & Rejuvenate - 2 Night Package

'Pamper & Rejuvenate' has been designed to revive your body and mind. Savor the peace and privacy of The Sounds Retreat where the service and decadent details are exclusively yours!



Day One: Arrive and unwind with some chilled Marlborough Methode Traditionelle before you and your partner enjoy a sixty-minute massage in your private cabana. After perhaps a soak in your private hot tub, your three-course dinner created by our in-house chef will be served with accompanying Marlborough wines.

Day Two: A leisurely breakfast will be served in your private cabana before a private ninety-minute yoga session will commence. Our yoga therapist will teach a strength and stretch practice specially choreographed to your needs and experience.

Choose to enjoy your session on the outdoor deck or in the shaded cabana.

After some time to relax, your beauty therapist will arrive in the afternoon to pamper you with an energizing sixty-minute facial, which includes cleansing, exfoliation, massage, extractions masks and home care advice.

The Retreat gymnasium and mountain bikes are available for guests.

After the day of fitness and beauty, your three-course dinner will be served with accompanying wines.

Day Three: After breakfast in your private cabana, relax before your check out and transfer to the local airport at 10am.

Includes:

- 2 nights accommodation
- Transfers to and from Blenheim/Picton airports
- 60 minute massage per guest
- 90 minute private personalized yoga session for one person or couple
- 2 sixty minute energizing facials
- Use of full gymnasium
- Mountain bikes
- Private hot tub
- 2 three course dinners with accompanying wines
- All alcohol and non-alcoholic beverages
- 2 breakfasts served in your private cabana
- Use of Mini Cooper S Convertible (with valid driving license) to explore the local area

Package Pricing: \$5,100

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Gourmet Food & Wine – 3 Night Package

For food and wine connoisseurs, this is the ultimate experience of the best New Zealand offers.



Day One: Arrive and relax into your Epicurean escape with a bottle of Veuve Clicquot. Totally unwind with a sixty-minute massage in your private cabana before you wine and dine in privacy with a three-course meal created especially for you.

Day Two: Enjoy breakfast before being collected by your private chauffeur to enjoy a full day of gourmet experiences in Marlborough. This includes private wine tastings at award winning vineyards. After a warm welcome at 12.30 pm by one of Herzog's small winery team (often including Hans and Therese Herzog) you will enjoy a tour of the famous organic, single vineyard where you will learn more about their wines and how they are grown before visiting the on-site boutique winery and barrel hall to gain an insight into how Hans' great wines are crafted. Choose to enjoy your three course 'Trust the Chef' lunch inside or alfresco surrounded by the 'vineyard of the world' is a special affair in itself. Only matched by the delicious bistro style dishes from our Gourmet Chefs and perfectly complemented by Hans' fantastic choice of wines. The chefs will prepare great soul food to match grand wines from the organic vineyard. Your chauffeur will collect you and recommend other points of local interest and award winning vineyards you may wish to visit before returning to The Sounds Retreat. Indulgence resumes with dinner created by our in-house chef.

Day Three: After breakfast, Simon Lamb, the local cheese-maker will collect you and transfer you to the nearby boutique Cranky Goat cheese farm. You will learn the detailed cheese-making process from Simon. Enjoy making your own cheese and tasting some of the award winning cheeses with a glass of Marlborough wine. You will then be transferred fifteen minutes to the small village of Havelock where you begin indulging in the wonders of the sea, with a boat trip to the green lip mussel farms. This includes harvesting plus sampling a light gourmet selection of mussels on-board, before you return to the shores. You will be transferred back to The Sounds Retreat where you can relax, possibly with a soak in the hot tub before your three-course dinner on your final evening.

Day Four: Breakfast will be served in your private cabana before check out at 10am and a complimentary transfer back to either Picton or Blenheim airports.

Includes:

- 3 nights' accommodation
- Transfers to and from Blenheim/Picton airports
- Sixty minute massage per guest
- Private hot tub to enjoy at your leisure
- 3 three course dinners created by our on-site chef at The Sounds Retreat
- Chauffeur driven car with guide for one day
- 1 full day gourmet experience of Marlborough including a wine tour at Herzog Estate, wine tastings at award winning vineyards and three course lunch at Herzog's Bistro
- Half day private cheese-making and tasting experience at Cranky Goat cheese farm
- Enjoy a boat trip to the green lip mussel farms includes harvesting and tasting, and lunch including green lip mussels and Marlborough wines
- Full gymnasium
- Mountain bikes
- Use of BMW Mini Cooper S Convertible (with valid driving license, guest pays for fuel)

Package Pricing: \$8,550

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Over the Top Marlborough – 3 Night Package

Life-long memories are created when you experience Marlborough with the Over the Top Marlborough package. Combine a luxury accommodation with decadent cuisine, seeing the stunning Marlborough Sounds region from great heights aboard a scenic helicopter flight, and enjoy the Sounds on a private luxury cruise. These are unforgettable experiences showcasing Marlborough with elegance and style.



Day One: Arrive and unwind with a bottle of chilled Veuve Clicquot and hand made chocolates. Relax in your private hot tub or on your private deck before your three-course dinner with accompanying Marlborough wines, served in your private cabana.

Day Two: After a leisurely breakfast await your helicopter which will collect you from The Sounds Retreat. You will discover the outer Sounds, including the jewel of the area D'Urville Island and French Pass. You will land at a beautiful spot for a gourmet picnic with some award winning Marlborough wine, perhaps taking a stroll through the bush or on a private beach. Returning back to the Retreat you will be amazed at the untouched paradise of the Marlborough Sounds. Your masseuse will be waiting to offer your sixty-minute massage in your private cabana. The day's events will end with dinner created by our in-house chef.

Day Three: After breakfast you may choose to be chauffeured to Havelock or you can choose to drive the guest BMW Mini Cooper S Convertible. You will board the 'Grape Escape', a Selene Long Range Ocean Trawler, with old world craftsmanship and new world technology. Your cruise can be tailored to your needs, whether it is swimming, kayaking, watching dolphins, or just relaxing and enjoying the stunning Sounds with a gourmet platter or BBQ. Your crew will pamper you whilst you discover the magic of the Marlborough Sounds. Return back to The Sounds Retreat for dinner served in your private cabana.

Day Four: After a leisurely breakfast, prepare to check out for 11am where you will be transferred to a local airport or ferry terminal.

Includes:

- 3 nights' accommodation at The Sounds Retreat
- Transfers to and from Blenheim/Picton airports
- Chilled French Champagne and hand made chocolates upon arrival
- Sixty minute massage per guest
- 3 three course private dinners created by our on-site chef at The Sounds Retreat.
- Morning helicopter flight from the retreat over the sounds for sightseeing and includes a gourmet picnic lunch stop at a special scenic spot
- 4 hour cruise on the 'Grape Escape' including lunch
- Private hot tub to enjoy at your leisure.
- Use of BMW Mini Cooper S Convertible (with valid driving license, guest pays for fuel)
- Full gymnasium

Package Pricing: \$12,550

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Suggested 'One Day' itineraries:

- *Marlborough wine tour* – enjoy breakfast overlooking Queen Charlotte Sound before transferring to your vehicle for the day, either a private car, or a group tour meeting fellow travellers, both tours with knowledgeable guide. You will be driven around the vineyards, stopping at various cellar doors to savour the delicious wines of Marlborough. One of the vineyard restaurants will be chosen for a gourmet lunch, followed by more wine tasting. A visit to the local Makana chocolate factory is a must for chocolate lovers. Relax in the knowledge you can enjoy Marlborough's fine wines and do not have to drive back to the Retreat.
- *Dolphin Encounter and Picton* – after breakfast, drive along the stunning Queen Charlotte Drive towards Picton. Join Dolphin Watch Nature Tours on a morning cruise in the Marlborough Sounds. You can choose to swim with the wild dolphins or view them from the boat. This truly is the experience of a lifetime to see huge pods of dolphins, as they leap, back-flip and somersault out of the water. Back on shore, enjoy lunch at one of the waterfront cafes, watching the ferries come and go, and possibly one of the regular cruise ships. The afternoon could be spent visiting the Edwin Fox Ship & Maritime Museum, this houses the world's 9th oldest ship, with an interesting history full of adventures. Stroll across the foreshore and footbridge near the marina and take the Lower and Upper Bob's Bay Tracks to enjoy lookouts and views out in the Sounds.
- *Fishing in the Sounds* – Charter a fishing boat, with your own private skipper and enjoy cruising in the Queen Charlotte Sound. For an extra treat The Sounds Retreat can prepare a gourmet picnic to enjoy on the boat. With 1500km of magical waterways to explore in the Sounds, you can enjoy catching blue cod, snapper and terakihi whilst possibly watching the local dolphins and seals. Your skipper can collect you from the bay in front of The Sounds Retreat or from the wharf in Picton.
- *Cruising in the Sounds* – Enjoy boarding the 'Lady Karen', a 1957 fishing vessel with a warm and inviting timber interior. Try your luck at skeet shooting off the deck or fishing. Your skipper will bake some fresh scones on board for morning tea and you can choose which bays and direction you wish your private skipper to head towards. Take a picnic or stop at a Lodge for lunch before the cruise and return back to Anakiwa.
- *Kayak – Mountain bike/hike* - Enjoy breakfast before a morning kayaking on the Queen Charlotte Sound. This can be as long or as short as you wish, with a guide or alone. Perhaps a half day kayak to Mistletoe Bay hugging the shore enjoying the calm waters and watching the fish, seals and possibly dolphins and sting rays. Rest with a picnic lunch, maybe a coffee from the camp site shop, and then an easy hike or mountain bike back to the Retreat on the famous Queen Charlotte Track.
- *Sounds by Air* - If your budget stretches a little further, watch your sea plane fly into the bay below The Sounds Retreat. Walk out to meet your pilot, Al, and enjoy taking off in the middle of Queen Charlotte Sound and create your own scenic adventure. Seeing the Marlborough Sounds from the air is a once in a lifetime experience. With your pilots local knowledge, enjoy the view and learning about this stunning land and seascape, perhaps landing at a Lodge in the Sounds for morning tea before taking to the sky and returning to The Sounds Retreat. Finish off the day with a hot tub overlooking the bay and a massage in your private cabana.
- *Havelock Mussel Cruise* – After a leisurely breakfast, drive to the village of Havelock, "The Greenshell Mussel Capitol of the World", perhaps enjoy a light lunch at the Slip Inn overlooking the marina. Board your luxury launch and enjoy the natural beauty of the Marlborough Sounds with the indulgent Greenshell Mussel Cruise, featuring freshly steamed mussels paired with a glass of Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc for the ultimate wine/food match. Relax and unwind while you cruise the tranquil Pelorus and Kenepuru Sounds on this half-day exclusive tour. Learn about local history, visit a mussel farm and take in the stunning scenery.