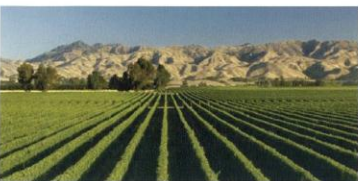


Destination **Marlborough**
NEW ZEALAND



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MARLBOROUGH TRADE FACTS

GETTING TO MARLBOROUGH

By Air:

Auckland to Blenheim.....1 hour 20 minutes
Wellington to Blenheim.....25 minutes
Wellington to Picton.....25 minutes
Christchurch to Blenheim..... 50 minutes

By Road:

Driving times ex Blenheim:
To Christchurch - 4.5 hours
To Nelson – 1 hour 45 minutes
To Kaikoura – 1 hour 45 minutes

By Sea:

From Wellington to Picton: 3.5 hours

Useful Websites:

www.interislander.co.nz
www.bluebridge.co.nz
www.soundsair.com
www.airnewzealand.co.nz

KEY CENTRES

- **Blenheim** - the largest town in Marlborough, the main airport is located here and the central base to visit the 43 winery cellar doors.
- **Picton** - a bustling sea port town at the head of the Queen Charlotte Sound and all the activities this entails. This is where you get the ferry service to Wellington and it is a 25 minute drive to Blenheim.
- **Havelock** - Greenshell Mussel Capital of the World and the gateway to the Kenepuru and Pelorus Sounds. Havelock is a 40 minute drive to Blenheim or 60 minutes to Nelson on State Highway 6.
- **Seddon** - a small village in the Awatere Valley is the service centre for the surrounding farm lands and vineyards. Seddon is a 30 minute drive from Blenheim.

TOP TEN MARLBOROUGH EXPERIENCES

1. Take a winery tour. There is a variety of local wine trail operators providing a popular way to see and sample what Marlborough has to offer, be it by car, coach or bicycle!
2. Cruise the waterways of the Marlborough Sounds by boat
3. Walk or Mountain Bike the famous Queen Charlotte Track for one day, or four.
4. Wake up in paradise, stay in the vines or have a night away in the Marlborough sounds
5. Don't miss Visit the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre, for a visual feast of World War One aircraft.
6. Getting active on the water; kayaking, sailing, dolphin swimming or self drive safari.
7. Enjoy a leisurely lunch amongst the vines.
8. Spend a day in the vibrant seaside town of Picton explore the foreshore and art galleries.
9. Grab a map and follow one of Marlborough's scenic drives.
10. Sample local produce from the farm gate or weekend market

MARLBOROUGH INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

2011/2012

Marlborough Marathon

3rd December 2011

www.marlboroughmarathon.co.nz

Forrest Graperide

24th March 2012

www.graperide.co.nz

Marlborough Wine Festival

11th February 2012

www.wine-marlborough-festival.co.nz

Hunters Garden Marlborough

1st-4th November 2012

www.gardenmarlborough.com

Havelock Mussel Festival

17th March 2012

www.havelockmusselfestival.co.nz

Classic Fighters Airshow

Easter 2013

www.classicfighters.co.nz

Marlborough is part of the **Classic New Zealand Wine Trail**, a signposted 380 km self-driving touring route that leads travellers off the beaten track. Travel through four of New Zealand's most interesting and scenic regions, including three wine growing areas that account for more than 70% of the country's wine production.
www.classicwinetrail.co.nz

The Marlborough Wine region has:

- 142 Wineries
- 544 Grap growers
- 44 Cellar Doors
- 23,921 hectares of planted grapes
- Marlborough produced 76% of New Zealand's 2011 vintage
- 91.8% of New Zealand sauvignon blanc comes from Marlborough.



DESTINATION MARLBOROUGH CONTACTS:

We welcome enquiries from travel trade relating to Marlborough. Independent advice and guidance is always available, from product recommendations to driving times, route suggestions and itinerary development support. We are also happy to provide input into brochures and websites.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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