



### Queen Charlotte Sound Cruise & Walking Routes

#### MAILBOAT CRUISE

- Red – Monday & Thursday
- Black – Wednesday & Saturday
- Yellow – Tuesday & Friday
- - - Saturday only
- Round the Bays (The Pet Fish Cruise)
- - - Ship Cove Cruise
- Queen Charlotte Track

Note: Due to circumstances beyond our control, cruise routes may vary from day to day. Beachcomber Cruises reserve the right to amend cruise itineraries and/or fares without prior notification.

### Guide to Walking Distances

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|----------------------------------|--------|
| Ship Cove to Resolution Bay      | 4.5km  |
| Resolution Bay to Furneaux Lodge | 10.5km |
| Furneaux Lodge to Punga Cove     | 12.7km |
| Punga Cove to Portage            | 23.7km |
| Punga Cove to Bay of Many Coves  | 12km   |
| Portage to Mistletoe Bay         | 8km    |
| Mistletoe Bay to Anakiwa         | 13km   |

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### Queen Charlotte Track

Please note that there is a luggage weight limit of 20kg per person, any excess luggage will be charged a fee. Mountain bikes are transferred for a fee of \$5 per bike, per transfer. Any additional transfers other than stated will be charged.

The Queen Charlotte Track is a partnership of public and private land, a QCTLC pass is required for the private land which contributes to maintenance, enhancements and access. This can be purchased from our office - \$10 for a one day pass or \$18 which is valid for up to 5 consecutive days and is in addition to all cruise and walk tour products.

### Kaipupu Point

Text TBA please

### Water Taxis

Text TBA please

Family photo - please supply

"When you buy from a family-owned business, you are not helping a CEO buy a third holiday home, You are helping our granddaughters get dance class, allowing our grandsons to get swimming lessons, getting a student through school and putting food on our family's table. Our customers are our shareholders and are the ones we strive to make happy. Thank you for supporting our family business."

### About Us

Family owned and operated, Beachcomber Cruises are based in Picton, the heart of Queen Charlotte Sound. Operating 364 days a year rain or shine, we specialise in cruising, transport to the Queen Charlotte track, accommodation transfers and on-demand private water taxis.

When you cruise with us you cruise in safety and comfort. We love what we do and hope you will too.

### Important Information

**Check-in time is 30 minutes prior to cruise departure.**

Child prices are valid for ages 5-14 years inclusive, infants travel free of charge with an adult.

A refund of the total price less 10% will be given if your booking is cancelled 48 hours in advance. While you are ashore you are responsible for your own health and safety.

Beachcomber Cruises reserve the right to amend timetables, cancel departures, substitute plant and equipment and alter ticket prices at any time without prior notification due to unforeseen circumstances. Prices are valid 01 October 2016 - 30 September 2017. For full terms and conditions please refer to our website.



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## Ship Cove Cruise

Cruise from Picton, up through the Queen Charlotte Sound to historical Ship Cove. Along the way your skipper will provide a commentary on the surrounds, history, and the wildlife, be it bird, fish or mammal.

A highlight of this tour is a 30 minute stopover at Ship Cove. Named by Captain James Cook on 15 January 1770 when his ship, The Endeavour, anchored here to replenish supplies of food, water and wood. It became a favourite anchorage of Captain Cook and he returned here a further four times between 1770 and 1777.

Take the opportunity to dabble in the creek where Captain Cook made home brew for his crew and share the beach with the resident wildlife. Have your photo taken beside the Captain Cook Monument commemorating his visits to this area or just relax and enjoy the tranquil surrounds.

On re-joining your vessel cruise via Endeavour Inlet to view Furneaux Lodge and Punga Cove Resort before returning to Picton.

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- 30 minutes ashore at Ship Cove
- Skippers commentary on the history and residents of the area

Please ensure you check in 30 MINUTES before your cruise departure



**OPTIONAL ADD-ON**  
Make a day of it with lunch at Furneaux Lodge or Punga Cove Resort

## The Magic Mail Run

This is our most popular trip and a great way to explore the beautiful Marlborough Sounds. The Beachcomber Mail Boat is the only official licensed New Zealand Post Rural delivery service by water in the Queen Charlotte Sound. Share the excitement of Mail Day as our skipper delivers the mail and groceries to the families that live in the various bays and inlets in the Queen Charlotte Sound. Say "hi" to the kids waiting on the wharf for their schoolwork or greet the many animals that come down to meet the boat.

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Delivering mail to the local residents; greet the kids waiting for their school work.
- 15 minutes ashore at Ship Cove, a favourite anchorage of Captain Cook's
- View the resident wildlife and marine mammals such as New Zealand Fur Seals and visiting dolphins
- Learn the history of Queen Charlotte Sound and its residents from your friendly skipper



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| DEPARTS | 1.30pm Monday to Saturday, all year round                                      |
| RETURNS | Approximately 5.30pm - 6.00pm                                                  |
| PRICES  | \$99 per adult / \$55 per child (5-14 years)<br>Children 0-4 years travel free |

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|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| DEPARTS | 9.00am daily, all year round                                                   |
| RETURNS | Approximately 12.30pm                                                          |
| PRICES  | \$83 per adult / \$47 per child (5-14 years)<br>Children 0-4 years travel free |

CRUISE THE SOUNDS



## Sunday Afternoon Cruise

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Motuara Island Bird Sanctuary – enjoy 30 minutes ashore
- Historical Ship Cove – 15 minutes to explore
- Complimentary tea and coffee

Everyone knows Sundays are for cruising! What could be better than a leisurely boat trip out to Motuara Island, a predator free bird sanctuary home to some of New Zealand's rarest and endangered native birds. Then cruise to historical Ship Cove to visit Captain Cook's monument before heading back to Picton via a salmon farm in Ruakaka Bay.

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| DEPARTS | 1.30pm Sunday, all year round                                                       |
| RETURNS | Approximately 5.30pm                                                                |
| PRICES  | From \$93 per adult / \$51 per child (5-14 years)<br>Children 0-4 years travel free |



## Motuara Island Bird Watchers Cruise

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- 60 minutes ashore Motuara Island
- Spectacular views of the North Island from the Cook Strait Lookout
- Complimentary tea and coffee on your return journey to Picton

This tour operates during the summer season and attracts bird lovers from around the world. Motuara Island is a predator free haven for some of New Zealand's most iconic and critically endangered native birds including the South Island Saddleback, the very rare King Shag, Little Blue Penguin and of course the Kiwi to name just a few.

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| DEPARTS | 8.00am daily, 01 Oct - 30 Apr                                                       |
| RETURNS | Approximately 12.30pm                                                               |
| PRICES  | From \$87 per adult / \$47 per child (5-14 years)<br>Children 0-4 years travel free |



## A Day in the Sounds

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Skippers commentary on the history and residents of the area
- 30 minutes ashore at Ship Cove

Please ensure you check in 30 MINUTES before your cruise departure

Spend the day exploring and enjoying lunch at a resort in the sounds. Depart Picton on our Ship Cove cruise before being dropped off at the lodge of your choice. Enjoy a leisurely lunch\*, soak up the scenery, go for a walk or a swim before your afternoon pickup to return to Picton.

\* All food, beverages and activities are payable directly to the lodge.

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| RETURNS | Approximately 5.30pm                                                                |
| PRICES  | From \$83 per adult / \$47 per child (5-14 years)<br>Children 0-4 years travel free |

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## Queen Charlotte Track

The Queen Charlotte Track is one of the top ten, finest coastal walking and mountain biking tracks in New Zealand. It starts at Ship Cove and winds its way through virgin native bush over saddles, along the coast line and up and along ridge lines, offering panoramic views and magnificent scenery.

The entire 71km track can be completed in three to four days or choose one of our day walks. It can be difficult to know where to start when there are so many choices and options available so we've put together a selection of our most popular walks. For more details about walking or biking please call us or pop into our office. Additional information can be found on our website.

Please note all walks are unguided and you are responsible for your own health and safety while ashore.

### PLEASE NOTE

- Return water transport ex Picton to the start and end points of your chosen walk are included
- Biking options are also available – please enquire for details
- Queen Charlotte Track Passes available



**OPTIONAL ADD-ON**  
Choose to visit Motuara Island for only \$5 on selected 8.00am departures

## Great Track & Pack Pass

The ultimate in value and flexibility. Choose your start and end point, walking/cycling distances and overnight stopovers where your luggage will be transferred to each day. All you have to do is walk and enjoy a variety of landscapes from lush, green New Zealand forest with its vocal birdlife to sweeping panoramic views of the Marlborough Sounds.

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| DURATION | 71kms, approximately 3 - 4 days walk                    |
| DEPARTS  | 8.00am (01 Oct - 30 Apr only) or 9.00am & 1.30pm, daily |
| RETURNS  | 5.30pm - 6.00pm                                         |
| PRICES   | From \$101 per adult / \$53 per child (5-14 years)      |

## Ship Cove to Furneaux Lodge

One of our most popular walking options, with a variety of scenery from rugged grand to placidly beautiful Nature's Best combines a scenic cruise with expert commentary, historical Ship Cove and an initially challenging but scenically rewarding 14km walk to Furneaux Lodge.

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| DURATION | 14kms, approximately 4½ - 5 hours walk            |
| DEPARTS  | 8.00am daily (01 Oct - 30 Apr only) or 9.00am     |
| RETURNS  | 5.30pm - 6.00pm                                   |
| PRICES   | From \$81 per adult / \$45 per child (5-14 years) |

## Furneaux Lodge to Punga Cove

This section of the track mainly follows the coastline around Endeavour Inlet through regenerating native bush. Once farmland, this part of the walkway has reverted to nature and the forest is once again lush and alive with the sound of birdsong.

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| DURATION | 11.7kms, approximately 2¾ - 4½ hours walk         |
| DEPARTS  | 8.00am daily (01 Oct - 30 Apr only) or 9.00am     |
| RETURNS  | 5.30pm - 6.00pm                                   |
| PRICES   | From \$79 per adult / \$43 per child (5-14 years) |

## Torea Bay to Punga Cove

Feel like a challenge? This full day walk from Torea Bay to Punga Cove offers stunning scenery with panoramic views of the Queen Charlotte and Kenepuru Sounds. If you have time, enjoy a drink or meal at Punga Cove Resort as a well-earned reward.

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| DURATION | 23.7kms, approximately 5½ - 7½ hours walk         |
| DEPARTS  | 8.00am daily (01 Oct - 30 Apr only)               |
| RETURNS  | 5.30pm - 6.00pm                                   |
| PRICES   | From \$81 per adult / \$45 per child (5-14 years) |

## Torea Bay to Mistletoe Bay

A steep uphill climb is rewarded with great views over the Kenepuru and Queen Charlotte Sounds, before dropping down into a forest of lush native bush. Pack a picnic to enjoy at Mistletoe Bay while awaiting your pick up.

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| DURATION | 7.8kms, approximately 2½ - 3 hours walk           |
| DEPARTS  | 8.00am daily (01 Oct - 30 Apr only) or 9.00am     |
| RETURNS  | 4.30pm                                            |
| PRICES   | From \$71 per adult / \$41 per child (5-14 years) |

## Torea Bay to Anakiwa

An extension of the Torea Bay to Mistletoe Bay track, continue from Mistletoe Bay following old bridle trails, skirting farm paddocks, passing through regenerating and mature forest and an opportunity for a swim at Davies Bay before continuing to Anakiwa, approximately one hours walk away.

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| DURATION | 20.7kms, approximately 6½ hours walk              |
| DEPARTS  | 8.00am daily (01 Oct - 30 Apr only)               |
| RETURNS  | 4.30pm                                            |
| PRICES   | From \$71 per adult / \$41 per child (5-14 years) |

## Mistletoe Bay to Anakiwa

It is a short water taxi ride from Picton to Mistletoe Bay, so spend some time exploring the loop tracks before heading up on to the Te Mahia Saddle to join the Queen Charlotte Track. The views are worth the climb as you continue to Anakiwa listening to native birdsong. Please book 24 hours in advance.

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| DURATION | 12kms, approximately 2½ - 4 hours walk            |
| DEPARTS  | 10.00am daily (minimum 2 adults to operate)       |
| RETURNS  | 4.30pm                                            |
| PRICES   | From \$71 per adult / \$41 per child (5-14 years) |

QUEEN CHARLOTTE TRACK