

Picton, Marlborough, New Zealand

Your ship weaves through the glassy fjords of the Queen Charlotte Sound before tying up in one of New Zealand's most scenic small towns. Wine country, birdlife, and stunning coastal walks are all within a short drive — or a water taxi.

 Pier (Waitohi or Waimahara Wharf)

 Typical call: 7-10 hrs

 NZD (cards accepted everywhere)

 English

 Marlborough wine country

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Waitohi Wharf (central) or Waimahara Wharf (Shakespeare Bay, shuttle provided)

Best For: Scenic Sound cruises, Marlborough wine tours, coastal walks, wildlife

Walk to Centre: 0-5 min from Waitohi Wharf; ~10 min shuttle + walk from Waimahara

Don't Miss: The sail-in through Queen Charlotte Sound — be on deck early

 Getting around:  Taxi  NZD 8–20

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Queen Charlotte Sound Scenic Cruise** — Glide through the deep, bush-fringed bays and coves of Queen Charlotte Sound with commentary on wildlife and history.
- **Marlborough Wine & Sauvignon Blanc Tour** — Picton is the gateway to Marlborough — New Zealand's most celebrated wine region.
- **Motuara Island Bird Sanctuary** — A water taxi takes you to this predator-free island sanctuary where you can spot South Island robin, saddleback, and...
- **Edwin Fox Maritime Museum** — See the Edwin Fox — one of the world's oldest surviving merchant sailing ships (built 1853) and the only surviving...
- **Queen Charlotte Track Day Walk** — Water taxis drop you at Ship Cove (Meretoto) — Captain Cook's favourite New Zealand anchorage — for a guided or...

BEST WALKS

- **Foreshore Promenade & Town Stroll** 1-2 km • 20-30 min • Flat • Free — Walk the picturesque waterfront from the cruise wharf along the marina to Picton town centre.
- **Bob's Bay Track** 2 km return • 45 min • Easy-moderate • Free — A short but rewarding bush walk from Picton town to secluded Bob's Bay — a quiet, sheltered cove with clear water and native forest.
- **Harbour Lookout Walk** 1.5 km return • 30 min • Moderate (uphill) • Free — A short uphill track from the town centre rewards you with wide views over Picton Harbour, the Marlborough Sounds, and your ship.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	63°	52°	11d
Jun	55°	45°	12d
Aug	55°	43°	10d
Sep	57°	46°	12d
Oct	62°	48°	11d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:54AM–5:53PM · Jun 7:48AM–5:00PM · Aug 7:15AM–5:42PM · Sep 6:26AM–6:13PM · Oct 6:35AM–7:44PM

Picton, Marlborough, New Zealand — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1 Picton Heritage & Whaling Museum

Explore Picton's history and whaling heritage at this museum.

3 Collins Memorial Reserve

Enjoy scenic views and walking tracks at this memorial reserve.

5 Seafood Odyssey Cruise

Enjoy a scenic cruise with fresh Marlborough seafood tasting.

P Cruise port / terminal

2 Edwin Fox Maritime Museum

See the world's only surviving East Indiaman, Edwin Fox, here.

4 Alexanders Holiday Park

A holiday park offering accommodation and facilities for longer stays.

6 Picton Interislander Vehicle Check-In

Check in your vehicle for the Interislander ferry here.