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Getting here is part of the experience!

Right now the Kenepuru Road is closed due to storm damage. Updates are weekly and things are changing quickly so it’s best to contact us closer to your stay.

Council subsidies have made the water taxi options from Havelock very affordable.

The Hopewell boat can take up to 4- 5 people with luggage and groceries comfortably and pricing starts from $25 per person - $50 per person one way depending on how many are on board. Special prices apply for children. Please contact us for a quote [stay@hopewell.co.nz](mailto:stay@hopewell.co.nz)

If your group is 6 people or more Havelock Water Taxis is great value, but you need to book in advance as they are in high demand. <http://www.havelockwatertaxis.co.nz/> Ph: 021 1382 234

The Pelorus Mail Boat is operating into the Kenepuru Sound on Tuesdays departing from Havelock at 10am and this costs $25 per person. [bookings@themailboat.co.nz](mailto:bookings@themailboat.co.nz) Ph: 03 574 1088.

**Driving Directions (when the road is open).**The Queen Charlotte Drive is the scenic route which connects Havelock and Picton. You need to take this road from either Havelock or Picton to get to Linkwater. Here you turn into the Kenepuru Rd and Hopewell is at the end of this road. It is faster to go via Havelock if you are driving from Kaikoura.  
It is **not** necessary to have a 4WD vehicle; there is approximately 16kms of unsealed road off and on.

**You can drive part way and take a short cut across the Sound by boat from Te Mahia Bay. (when the road is open).**  Te Mahia Bay is only one hour’s drive from Picton or 45 minutes’ drive from Havelock and the road is sealed all the way.  
If you have a car but don’t want to drive all the way around to Hopewell, taking the Hopewell Boat is the best and cheapest option. $60 per adult return, $20 return for children under 16 years (children under 5 are free of charge). Bookings are essential. The boat from Te Mahia to Hopewell usually operates from midday to 6pm. The boat from Hopewell back to Te Mahia usually operates from 8am to 2pm. Taking the Hopewell Boat from Te Mahia Bay saves you driving another 1.5 hours to Hopewell. The car park at Te Mahia Wharf is safe to leave your car and there is no parking charge. The trip across the sound takes 15 minutes. Please book with us directly. We appreciate your booking in advance. Make sure you park down at the wharf and not at the resort. There is mobile phone reception at the end of the wharf. There is NO public phone at Te Mahia Bay Resort.

**Water Taxi From Picton . Cougarline Water Taxi/Hopewell Water Taxi Connection $60 per adult one way from Picton to Hopewell. All year round (once the road opens)** Cougarline have winter and summer timetables and run twice daily into Waterfall Bay/Mistletoe Bay to meet our connection. During summer they depart from Picton at 11.30am and 2.30pm daily. Please visit their website for more information www.cougarline.co.nz

**By Water taxi From Portage (Queen Charlotte Track Transfer)**  If you are walking the Queen Charlotte Track you can come across the Kenepuru Sound from Portage Bay or Te Mahia Bay to Hopewell. Please book directly with us. From Portage the price is $35pp (minimum run rate - 2 adults) each way and this includes any baggage transfers from the track, and $30 pp each way from Te Mahia and $35pp each way from Waterfall Bay. Children under 16 years cost $20 return and children under 5 years are free of charge.

**By Water Taxi From Havelock**  Havelock is only a 35 minute drive from Picton or a 60 minute drive from Nelson. This boat trip takes around 35 minutes through the Pelorus and Kenepuru Sounds. Pricing depends on the number of passengers. The Hopewell Water Taxi will pick up two people from Havelock for $50 per person, $40 per person for a group of 3 and $25 per person for four or more. If there is 6 – 15pp your best option is to use Havelock Water Taxis <http://www.havelockwatertaxis.co.nz/> Ph: 021 1382 234

For a larger group contact Gary and Ellen Orchard [www.pelorustours.co.nz/](http://www.pelorustours.co.nz/) It is best to contact the skippers directly for the exact quotes and availability.

On Tuesdays the Pelorus Mail Boat operates a Kenepuru Sound Trip and departs from Havelock at 10am delivering guests to Hopewell [bookings@themailboat.co.nz](mailto:bookings@themailboat.co.nz) Mention the subsidy when booking. Kenepuru Water Taxi Ltd. Visit [www.kenepuru.co.nz](http://www.kenepuru.co.nz) to get a quote and/or book your trip, (available from the 1st of November).

**Kayak here!**Contact **Sea Kayak Adventures** [info@nzseakayaking.com/](mailto:info@nzseakayaking.com/) +64 800 262 5492 and they can organise everything for you. They can pick you up in Picton, organise your kayaks and equipment, drive you to a launching place in the Kenepuru Sound. A beautiful 3 hour kayak or 1 hour (your choice) and you can paddle right to the lodge.

**You can fly with Pelorus Air directly from Picton or Wellington to Nopera in the Kenepuru Sound and we’ll provide a free pick from the Nopera Airstrip.** For more information visit their website <https://www.pelorusair.com/flight-prices/> or phone +64 27 757 7247. There is a $25 subsidy per person.

**With your own boat.** We have complimentary registered moorings available for our guests. Our concrete jetty and steps can be difficult to access at low tide so best check the tides.

**Food/Groceries**

**Hopewell is primarily a self-catering lodge and you’ll need to bring some food with you**.  
You can order groceries from New World in Blenheim online. <https://www.newworld.co.nz/shop> These are delivered to our door by our Rural Mailman Adam Coleman.(Because the road is closed this service is now only available on Tuesdays). You need to place your order a couple of days in advance and mention that it needs to be delivered by Rural Mail with Adam. There are no deliveries on the weekends or public holidays. Our address is Hopewell, 7204 Kenepuru Road, Raetihi, R.D.2. Picton 7282.

We do offer gourmet pizzas in the evenings. They need to be ordered by 4pm on the day. We also bake bread to order, make great espresso coffees and there’s always some sweet treats available.  
You can collect your own shellfish (mussels, oysters and cockles) from the beach around us and you might be lucky and catch a fish. We will give you some tips on how to prepare your fresh seafood.  
The water supply comes from a spring and we have a UV Water Treatment system so you don’t need to bring bottled water. In fact please don’t bring bottled water – we don’t want your plastic waste!

Our common kitchen/dining area is fully equipped with fridges, freezer, kettles, toaster, ovens, microwave, panini press, pots and pans, all cutlery and crockery, wine glasses, serving dishes, sharp knives, tea-towels and complimentarily tea, coffee, sugar, herbs and spices, also oil, vinegar and soya sauce etc.

**There are no supermarkets in the Kenepuru Sound. The nearest supermarkets are in Nelson, Havelock, Blenheim and Picton.**

**Activities/Facilities. Only $25 per person (adult or child) for unlimited use of our kayaks, bikes, fishing boats and equipment and stand up paddle boards during your stay. You can use all these activities and only pay $25 per person for your stay.**

**Kayaking**  We have four new single and two double kayaks equipped with lifejackets and waterproof bags and supportive seats.

**Stand Up Paddle Boards**  The best way to experience the Sound on a calm day. Easy to use, lots of fun and a great workout.

**Mountain Biking** We have four new mountain bikes available. You can cycle around the coastal road to the ship wreck or for the more adventurous we can transfer you by water taxi over to the Queen Charlotte Track and you can ride along it and then back to Hopewell by road - a good days ride covering 50kms. Or we have a loop ride, along the Kenepuru Rd, over to Crail Bay, around to Hopai and Manaroa, over to Waitaria Bay and back to Hopewell along the Kenepuru Rd, 50kms, lots of hills, a good challenge and very scenic.

**Sailing Charters**  Join the “Sounds by Sail” team and explore the magic of the Kenepuru and Pelorus Sounds with a variety of charter options available. **www.soundsbysail.co.nz** The boat is a beautiful luxurious Beneteau and they sail every day offering very affordable rates for our guests. This is available through the summer months. They pick up from Hopewell.

**Fishing** We provide fishing rods, bait, tackle and row boats. The Kenepuru is good for snapper fishing especially during the months of November through to March.

**Dinghies/Rowboats** We have two Ramco rowboats equipped with anchors, oars and lifejackets available for fishing.

**Moorings.** Hopewell has moorings available; all are registered and complimentary for our guests.

**Pelorus Mail Run.**  Join the Mail Run on the Pelorus Express which runs three days per week. We can connect with the mailboat in the Pelorus Sound with our water taxi at an additional cost. Experience the beautiful outer Sounds, visiting isolated homesteads and meeting the locals as they collect their mail. <https://themailboat.co.nz/bookings/>

**Walks.**  There are some great walks right at our doorstep. Wander through a beautiful DOC scenic reserve to a farm, an easy 1.5 hour return walk. Try our own Hopewell Loop Track, this is very steep and good footwear is necessary but the views are worth it. Or visit Mt Stokes while you are in the area for the best view in the Marlborough Sounds. Experience the famous Queen Charlotte Track, you can get there by water taxi or drive there.

**Swimming.**  We have a lovely safe swimming beach and you can swim off the jetty steps at high tide. The water gets quite warm in summer as the Kenepuru Sound is relatively shallow.

**Hot Spa Pool.** Open 24/7 all year round. Temperature is 40 degrees Complimentary for our guests.

**Hammocks.**  We have a number of hammocks for reading and relaxing in the shade under the native trees.

**Golf.**  The Nopera Golf Course is just 4kms down the road. A challenging 9 holes with stunning views over the Kenepuru. Green fees are only $15, and the golf club has clubs for hire. We can help with transport if required.

**Glow-worms.**  A two minute walk at night-time brings you to our resident glow worms, they live in the ferns on the side of the 4WD track which runs through the back of our property.

**Bird Watching.**  Hopewell provides the perfect habitat for a wide variety of native birds. Living around us are Weka, Pukeko, Fantail, Morepork, Riflemen, Tui, Gannet, Kingfisher, Shag, Oyster Catcher, Robin, Tomtit, Silvereye, Blue Penguin and Bell-bird just to name a few.

**Queen Charlotte Track Access.** We are directly across the sound from the Track, it is easily accessible by water taxi. If you want a night’s accommodation at Hopewell while doing the walk you can be picked up from Te Mahia Bay or Portage Bay by water taxi.

**Days Walk on the Queen Charlotte Track from Hopewell.**  We can organise a day’s walk on the track while you are staying here. You can take a water taxi to Portage Bay and walk along the track exploring look out points and other bays finishing at Te Mahia Bay and water taxi back to Hopewell. The cost for water taxi transfers is $75 per person (minimum 2 people). Or you can drive 35kms to Punga Cove and park your car there, walk to Endeavour Inlet (or further if you wish) which takes around 4 hours and take a $10 water taxi back to your car. No pass is required on this section. Also from the Kenepuru Saddle (Punga Cove) you can walk up to Eatwells Look Out Point on the QCT which has the most amazing views across the Sounds.

**WIFI and mobile phone access.**  Free fast WIFI and you’ll get full 4G mobile phone coverage out here.

**DVD Library.**  There is a great collection of movies available free of charge for our guests We have a couple of portable DVD players available for your room or bring your laptop as we have no televisions here at Hopewell.

**Book Exchange/Magazines/Games.**  You are welcome to exchange your books and we have a large selection of board games.

**Barbecue.** A large gas BBQ and undercover area is available for our guests. The cottage has its own Weber BBQ.

**Laundry.** We have a coin operated washing machine (including the washing powder) and dryer available for our guests. Both cost $6 per cycle. We also have a large clotheslines outside with pegs.

**Accommodation - Prices are on our website.** [**https://www.hopewell.co.nz/accommodations/**](https://www.hopewell.co.nz/accommodations/)

**Check in** is any time after midday and before 9pm. Checkout from your room on the day of your departure is by 10.30am. You are still welcome to use the facilities and we ask that you leave Hopewell by 2.00pm (unless you are taking the mailboat out). If you require a late checkout please discuss it with us.

All our rooms have fully made beds with crisp linen and cosy duvets, bath towels and heating. Our double rooms all have new king size beds and most of our rooms have sea views. **All linen is provided except spa or beach towels.**The fully self-contained **cottage** is 100 metres away from the main complex; it has stunning views and a lovely deck along the front. It can sleep up to four people. and is fully self-contained with a fully equipped kitchen. It has two bedrooms, one has a king bed and the other room has two singles. All beds are fully made and towels provided.

**Families**  Our fully self-contained cottage is the best accommodation option for families. We also have the Family ensuite which has two adjoining rooms, private bathroom and use of the shared common kitchen/dining/lounge area. One room has a king bed and the adjoining room has a four built in bunks   
Porta cots are available for a one off charge of $15.00 and we also have a couple of foldaway beds, one can fit into the ensuite rooms, ideal for a child. These cost an extra $35 per night for a child and $45 per night for an adult.

**Group Bookings**  Hopewell can be booked out exclusively and it is the perfect venue for a family reunion or birthday celebration. It is also ideal for workshops or retreats, we have hosted yoga groups, photography workshops, team building functions, cycle groups, rowing groups to name a few. There is a minimum two night stay and we have rates which are inclusive of all activities. We can accommodate up to 28 people. Please contact us for our group rates and catering options available. We have reduced rates from April to October.

**Payment method  
Cash, EFTPOS, bank transfer, Master Card or Visa** (a 2.5% surcharge applies to credit cards) but there is no surcharge is you are using a NZ debit card.

We require credit card details or a deposit before your booking will be confirmed. **Your credit card is not charged** at this stage only validated.

**Cancellation Policy**  We appreciate at least 72 hours’ notice if you have a change of plans. You may be charged if you cancel after this time. Different cancellation policies apply to group bookings and Public Holiday bookings.

**COVID Policy** We have a free cancellation policy if your cancellation is due to COVID restrictions or illness.

**Your Check List  
Food - Sun Block - Insect Repellent - Sun Hat – Torch - Beach Towel - Rain Jacket - A Smile!**

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