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**Getting here is part of the experience!**

**Driving**

You can drive to Hopewell which is at the end of the Kenepuru Road. It is a very scenic, long and winding road, parts are unsealed. It is currently under repair and you will encounter some one way sections and possibly roadworks. Our address is 7204 Kenepuru Road, Raetihi, Kenepuru Sound, 7282. It will take you approximately 2 hours from the Linkwater turn off or 2 hours 30 minutes from Havelock and Picton. Please drive carefully. A 4WD vehicle is not necessary.

**Water Taxi from Te Mahia Bay**

The **Hopewell Boat** operates from **Te Mahia Bay** for $25 per person each way, children under 14 are $10. You can contact us directly to book this. There is free and safe parking available beside the Te Mahia Bay Wharf. Coming directly across the Sound saves you 1 ½ hours of driving on the winding Kenepuru Road and the boat trip across takes about 15 minutes.

**Water Taxi from Havelock**

We highly recommend Kenepuru Water Taxisand they can take up to 10 people. They provide an on demand service so will run to suit you. Contact Adrian for a quote [kenepuruwatertaxi@gmail.com](mailto:kenepuruwatertaxi@gmail.com) Ph: 027 472 7200. Parking at the Havelock marina costs $7 per day and is safe and secure.

Havelock Water Taxis is best for larger groups (6 – 15 people), and you will need to contact them directly for a quote. <http://www.havelockwatertaxis.co.nz/> Ph: 021 1382 234

For even larger groups (over 14 people) contact Gary and Ellen Orchard from **Pelorus Tours** [www.pelorustours.co.nz/](http://www.pelorustours.co.nz/) It is best to contact the skippers directly for the exact quotes and availability.

**Water Taxis From Picton.** Cougarline Water Taxis operate from Picton to Waterfall Bay (Grove Arm) and they depart daily at 11.30am and 2.30pm. We then pick you up with your bags, drive you over the hill to Te Mahia Bay with our car and then the Hopewell Water Taxi brings you here. This costs in total $95 per person one way (Cougarline charges $60 and we charge $35pp).Bookings are essential <https://www.cougarline.co.nz/return-transfers/water-transfers/grove-arm-transfers/> and remember to let Hopewell know your arrival time at Waterfall Bay so we can arrange your connection.

**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 Bay.

**Fly here! 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.

**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**. Groceries can be ordered online through Fresh Choice Picton <https://picton.store.freshchoice.co.nz/> and delivered to our doorstep for your stay with our Rural Mailman Adam Coleman. Choose the home delivery option, put your name c/- Hopewell. Our address is 7204 Kenepuru Road, Marlborough Sounds ,Postcode 7282. It will state that it is being delivered between 4 – 5pm. In fact that is when it is packed and it will then be collected by Adam the following morning at 6am and delivered to Hopewell around 10am. Write a note in the delivery instructions that it needs to be delivered by **Rural Mail with Adam Coleman to Hopewell Lodge**.Freshchoice keep your order in the chiller so everything arrives in good shape and we will put your pershiables into the fridge/freezer for you. There are no deliveries on the weekends or public holidays. You will need to order a couple of days in advance at least.

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 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.

**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. 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. Our beaches have gravel and are rocky at low tide and water/beach shoes/sandals are very handy.

**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 $20, 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, 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 $65 per person (minimum 2 person run rate).

**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.

**Star Gazing.** With no light pollution the night sky is spectacular and we have a couple of telescopes.

**Bioluminescence.**When conditions are right you can see beautiful bioluminescence in the Sound, night swimming is an amazing experience with the glowing sea.

**Laundry.** We have a 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 mid afternoon. 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 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 $10.00 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 24 people. Please contact us for our exclusive group rates. 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 7 days 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.

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

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