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## TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS

There are three ways to reach Raetihi Lodge, by road, water or air.



### By Water Taxi

#### From Picton

You will need to book a water taxi from Picton to Waterfall/Onahau Bay, which will take about 20 minutes, and offers a scenic cruise across the Queen Charlotte Sound. At Waterfall Bay, the Raetihi Lodge Guest Water Transfer Service will pick you up in a van and drive over to Te Mahia jetty, followed by a water transfer to Raetihi Lodge. Total travel time is approx. 40 minutes. You will need to book both legs of the journey, and our staff will be happy to assist with bookings upon request. Please note, all prices quoted for external operators are subject to change, as Raetihi Lodge does not operate these services.

#### ***Raetihi Lodge Guest Transfer charges:***

**Waterfall/Mistletoe Bay or Te Mahia Jetty to/from Raetihi Lodge** - NZ\$25 per adult each way.

For groups min. 4 – max. 7 people travelling together - \$95 each way.

Children 5-14 years are \$15, and under 5 years are free.

To arrange the **Raetihi Lodge Guest Transfer** collection or drop off from Waterfall Bay to Raetihi Lodge, please contact our staff on **+64 3 573 4300** or **info@raetihilodge.co.nz**

There are 3 water taxi companies operating out of Picton that all have different timetables:

**1. Cougar Line Water Taxi** – [www.cougarline.co.nz](http://www.cougarline.co.nz) email [enquiries@cougarline.co.nz](mailto:enquiries@cougarline.co.nz) or + 64 3 573 7925 or free phone (within NZ) 0800 50 40 90.

Office located on the Picton foreshore (follow the same directions as above for Beachcomber).

- Cougar Lines **departure times from Picton to Waterfall Bay** are **11.30am and 2.30pm, daily.**
- Cougar Lines **pick up times from Waterfall Bay to Picton** are **approximately 11.45-12noon and 3.00pm daily.**

**\*\* Bookings are necessary, as we do not go into Bays without them.**

The cost of this fare is \$40.00 per adult each way. A child fare is \$20.00 each way and the child age group is 5 to 15 years and under 5's travel free of charge. Travel time is approx. 20 minutes, one way.

- Cougar Lines **departure times from Picton to Torea** are **8:00am, 10.00am and 1.30pm, daily. Also Mid-Dec to Easter 6.00pm**
- Cougar Lines **pick up times from Torea to Picton** are **approximately 10.45am, 12.45pm, 4.40pm daily. Also Mid-Dec to Easter 8.00-8.15pm**

**2. Arrow Water Taxi** - [www.arrowwatertaxis.co.nz](http://www.arrowwatertaxis.co.nz) email: [info@arrowwatertaxis.co.nz](mailto:info@arrowwatertaxis.co.nz)  
phone: +64 3 573 8229 or mobile 027 4444 689

Departures are from the Picton berth at the Town Wharf, London Quay or the Ferry Terminal on request. The boat departs Picton twice daily, then 3 times daily during peak Jan/feb season.

- Arrow **departure times from Picton to Waterfall/Onahau Bay** are:

**8.30am and 1.15pm daily**

Then an extra service added departing at 4.45pm for January & February 2016.

- Arrow **pick up times from Onahau/Waterfall Bay to Picton** are approximately **9.05am and 1.30pm and 5.20pm, respectively daily.**

The cost of this fare is \$30.00 per adult each way. For groups of 4 or more it's \$25 per adult. Children 6-13 years are \$10 and under 5 years are free.

*Arrow Water Taxi does a circular loop picking up and dropping off passengers. It goes to Anakiwa, then onto **Waterfall/Onahau Bay** where you get off/on here to meet Raetihi Lodge transfer. The boat continues to other bays, reaching back at Picton by 10am, 2.20pm and 6.15pm, respectively.*

#### **On Demand Arrow Water Taxi Service**

Picton to Onahau/Waterfall \$100 for up to 4 passengers travelling together.

For groups of 5-10 \$20 per person. Larger groups, please contact them direct.

### **3. Beachcomber Cruises & Picton Water Taxis – [www.beachcombercruises.co.nz](http://www.beachcombercruises.co.nz) phone:**

**+64 3 573 6175 email [office@mailboat.co.nz](mailto:office@mailboat.co.nz)**

Office located on the Picton foreshore (from the ferry terminal follow the path from the front entrance which will take you along past the Edwin Fox Maritime Museum and around the foreshore, opposite the Oxley Apartment block).

- **Picton To and From - Waterfall Bay**

\*Departs **Picton at 10:00am Arrives at Waterfall Bay 10:25am.** Waits 5 minutes for any pick ups from **Waterfall at 10:30pm**, then heads straight back to **Picton arriving at 11:00am**

\*Also, departs **Picton at 2:30pm Arrives at Waterfall Bay 2:55pm** makes its way back to Picton via Anakiwa arriving back in **Picton around 4:00pm**

One way - \$45.00 per Adult and \$31.00 per Child

Return - \$77.00 per Adult and \$49.00 per Child Children are 5 -14 years

- **Picton To and From - Torea Bay** *(more expensive option with combined legs)*

Departs **Picton daily at (8:00am 1<sup>st</sup> October – 30<sup>th</sup> April) and 9:00am arriving at Torea**

**8:15am and 9:15am** then our boats makes her way back up to Ship Cove cruises into the Endeavour inlet and **back in to Torea at 11:00am and 12:15pm finally arriving back in Picton at 11:20am and 12:30pm**

One way - \$45.00 per Adult and \$31.00 per Child

Return - \$76.00 per Adult and \$49.00 per Child

**Picton Water Taxis** are an on demand service and are able to transfer clients to and from the Queen Charlotte Track. (same contact as Beachcomber Cruises above)

- **Picton To and From Mistletoe or Waterfall Bay**

\$130.00 for up to 4 guests and \$20.00 per person thereafter.

Return: \$260.00 for up to 4 guests

#### **From Te Mahia**

Car parking is available at Te Mahia (main Kenepuru Road), then water travel time is 10 minutes to Raetihi Lodge. If you drive to Te Mahia, then you can arrange the Raetihi Lodge Guest Water Transfer to meet you at the Te Mahia jetty then on to the Lodge. Contact Raetihi Lodge on +64 3 573 4300 or [info@raetihilodge.co.nz](mailto:info@raetihilodge.co.nz) to book this service and for times available. The cost is NZ\$25 per person each way, and there is a discount for larger groups.

## From Havelock

Daily service, approx. 30 minutes travel time to Raetihi Lodge. Cars can be parked at the wharf in Havelock at a cost of approx. \$10 per day.

**Marlborough Tour Company's Greenshell Mussel Cruise** travels daily at 1.30pm from Havelock and the guests would get to experience a Mussel Cruise and then be dropped off at Raetihi Lodge around 3.30pm.

For more information go to [www.marlboroughtourcompany.co.nz](http://www.marlboroughtourcompany.co.nz), email or phone 03 577 9997 or freephone (within NZ) on 0800 990 800

**Kenepuru Water Taxis** also offers a service to and from Havelock with a minimum of 4 people and this service is booked as required, with no set time of departure. For more information go to <http://kenepuru.co.nz/>, email [info@kenepuru.co.nz](mailto:info@kenepuru.co.nz) or call Pete or Ann on (64) 03 573 4344.

**Pelorus Sound Water Taxi and Cruises** offers sight-seeing, mussel and fishing tours around the Sounds on their 18m launch, 'Foxy Lady'. They also have a water taxi service available to and from Havelock. Phone Bruce or Susanne on **FREE PH: 0508 havelock** Mobile: 027 444 2852 [www.pelorusoundwatertaxis.co.nz](http://www.pelorusoundwatertaxis.co.nz)

**NOTE:** If you **arriving into Blenheim airport**, we recommend you use a shuttle from the airport to Havelock or Picton (both 30 mins) and then use one of the Water Taxi Companies listed above. We are happy to assist with bookings.



## By Road

Two hours scenic drive down The Kenepuru Road. From Linkwater (the main road turn off) to Raetihi Lodge is about 74 kilometres.

Car parking at Te Mahia and travel on by Raetihi Lodge Water Transfer to Raetihi Lodge saves 1.5 hours drive.

The road is spectacular and can be driven on in a regular car. Note though that it is winding and narrow in parts and un-sealed for much of the last 25 kilometres.

If driving a rental car, please ensure that you are covered for driving on unsealed roads.

### DRIVING TIMES (approximately)

Nelson to Havelock	1 hour
Havelock to Te Mahia	40 mins
Havelock to Raetihi Lodge	2 hours
Blenheim to Havelock	25 minutes
Blenheim to Picton	30 minutes
Picton to Linkwater	30 + minutes
Portage to Raetihi Lodge	1 hour
Nelson to Raetihi Lodge	3 hours



## By Air

### Direct Charter Flights (Scenic)

**From Wellington, Picton or Nelson arrive at Nopera Airstrip** - There you will be met by our complimentary Guest Transfer vehicle and taken back to the Lodge, 5 minutes away.

For more information and bookings contact **Pelorus Air** [www.pelorusair.com](http://www.pelorusair.com), phone **+64 27 757 7247** or email **Email: info@pelorusair.com** for bookings and information on this charter service.

Indicative fares:

**Wellington to Nopera fares:** \$149 per adult (min 2 pax). ncludes 15kg baggage

**Picton to Nopera fare:** \$99 per adult (min 2) \$89 per child. Includes 15kg baggage

### Helicopter

Lands on-site on our own Helipad!

From Nelson contact **Tasman Helicopters** <http://www.tasmanhelicopters.co.nz/>, email [info@tasmanhelicopters.co.nz](mailto:info@tasmanhelicopters.co.nz) or phone (03) 528 8075.

### Float Plane

Lands at our jetty - contact **Picton Float Plane Service** <http://www.nz-scenic-flights.co.nz/emailfloatplanenz@gmail.com> or phone 021 704 248

### Remarks

- All forms of transportation arrangements require advance reservations to be made prior to the day of travel to ensure availability.
- Please note all prices quoted for external operators are subject to change, as Raetihi Lodge does not operate these services.
- We cannot be held responsible for changes in weather conditions or mechanical failures and reserve the right to cancel a trip if we deem it unsafe. We put your and our safety first. We will do our best to get you to your destination as soon as we can organise an alternative time.

