



Welcome to Lochmara Lodge

Welcome to Lochmara Lodge Marlborough Sounds Wildlife Recovery and Arts Centre. We are set on the tranquil shores of the Queen Charlotte Sound in the Marlborough Sounds of New Zealand.

Lochmara Lodge is a beautiful and unique setting for weddings and celebrations. The stunning beauty of the Marlborough Sounds, the casual elegance of the Lodge, and the relaxed, personal service combine to create the ideal venue for your celebration.

Built by locals Shayne Olsen and Louise Bright, we have been operating since 1997. In only a short time Lochmara Lodge has achieved national and international recognition as being one of the best places to stay in New Zealand. One aspect that has remained constant over that time is our continued dedication towards art, conservation and education.

Located just a 15 minute boat ride from Picton in the stunning Lochmara Bay, the Lodge is the perfect choice for those wanting a memorable venue with that something special.

We appreciate that weddings require a more personal touch – to discuss your ideas and whether Lochmara is right for you, please contact us directly.



Weddings at Lochmara



Lochmara Lodge specialises in laid-back, informal weddings, where the wedding couple can relax and enjoy their special day with their guests. Your ceremony and reception can both be held at the Lodge, and we can also cater for longer celebrations, including accommodation, pre- and post- wedding functions, and activities for guests.

Lochmara is also the ideal wedding venue for those seeking a more environmentally-conscious celebration. The Lodge is committed to sustainable practices. This focus on sustainability is carried through into your wedding menu, where as far as possible all produce is either wild or organic, sourced locally.

Wedding Facilities

Lochmara Lodge can cater for up to 60 people for wedding receptions in their restaurant cafe. The restaurant cafe area is also able to be divided into two smaller areas, allowing for smaller, more intimate weddings. Both areas have stunning views over Lochmara Bay, and are decorated with local New Zealand art. The restaurant opens on to a large deck, perfect for warm summer evenings.

The Lodge is on 11 acres of land, including native bush trails, gardens, and a small beach area. All areas of the Lodge grounds can be used for wedding celebrations, and there are also some beautiful spots for photographs, overlooking the bay and backed by native bush.



For an extra special indulgence, we can offer soothing and therapeutic treatments at the bathhouse at Lochmara Lodge. The bathhouse is a blissful escape for relaxation, indulgence, or romantic breaks for the bridal party or wedding couple. The two room suite offers bath, massage and other therapeutic treatments for men and women. Soak in our luxurious twin tubs overlooking the tranquil bay, enjoying drinks for the mini-bar or pre-order your bubbles to be waiting on your arrival.

Dining and Catering

Lochmara Lodge has its own fully licensed restaurant. The cuisine focuses on giving a true taste of Marlborough and where possible, all produce is either wild or organic, sourced locally. The drinks menu showcases Marlborough wines and New Zealand craft beers. Organic juices and fair trade coffee and tea are also available. Our menus are seasonally focused, and change regularly. Our chef will be happy to work with you on a menu designed specifically to meet your requirements. Sample menus are provided at the end of this pack. For the day after the wedding, barbeque facilities are also available.

Location and Access

Lochmara Lodge is located in Lochmara Bay in the stunning Marlborough Sounds at the top of the South Island. The Lodge is a 15 minute boat ride from Picton, and is also accessible by air or on foot via the Queen Charlotte Track.



Water transfers are provided by our own fast water taxi service.

Air transfers are available by float plane from Picton or a short helicopter flight from Picton, Wellington, or the upper South Island.

For something different, guests can also walk in via the Queen Charlotte Track or sea kayak from Picton or Anakiwa, with luggage transfers by Lochmara's water taxi.

Accommodation

The Lodge can accommodate up to 40 people in 14 tasteful rooms. The seven chalets (open plan) and seven one or two bedroom units all offer ensuites, tea and coffee making facilities, and a relaxing atmosphere. For larger groups, we can coordinate extra accommodation in Lochmara Bay.



Sleeping Plan

- 2 x Twin En-suite - Two single beds, en-suite, and no water views.
- 2 x Bay view En-suite - Queen bed, en-suite, private porch with table and chairs in shared courtyard with beautiful views of the bay.
- 1 x Studio unit - Queen bed, single bed, couch (bed settee), coffee table, kitchenette (no cooking facilities), en-suite, private porch with table and chairs in shared courtyard with beautiful views of the bay.
- 2 x Family Units - Two bedrooms, back room has two single beds front room has queen bed, couch (bed settee), coffee table, kitchenette (no cooking facilities), en-suite, private porch with table and chairs in shared courtyard with beautiful views of the bay.
- 2 x Family Chalet - Queen bed, two single beds, tea and coffee making facilities, en-suite, adjoining balconies with table, chairs and stunning views of the bay.
- 2 x Regular chalet - Queen bed, one single bed, couch (bed settee), coffee table, tea and coffee making facilities, en-suite, adjoining balconies with table, chairs and stunning views of the bay.
- 3 x Luxury chalet - Queen bed, couch (bed settee), coffee table, tea and coffee making facilities, en-suite, private balcony with table, chairs and stunning views of the bay.

Activities

Lochmara Lodge provides access to a range of activities for your guests who are staying on with us.

The Marlborough Sounds is an outdoor adventure paradise, providing opportunities for activities both on and off the water. We are happy to coordinate booking activities for your guests.



Lochmara Lodge Arts Centre and Wildlife Recovery Centre

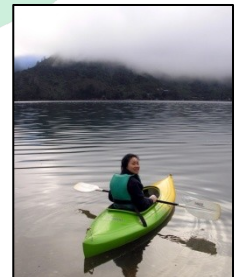
All visitors to the Lodge can visit the Lochmara Lodge Arts Centre and Wildlife Recovery Centre. The Arts Centre is a unique facility where artists from around New Zealand can create and showcase artwork in a variety of mediums. The centre comprises an 11 acre outdoor sculpture trail, two galleries, and artwork throughout the Lodge accommodation. The enclosures in the Wildlife Recovery Centre are also available to visit, as well as seeing a range of wildlife in the mainland island area. Information boards on the art and the wildlife are available on marked paths throughout the property. The area also hides more than 30 hammocks with views of the native bush and the bays – these are a great way to relax and unwind.

Queen Charlotte Sound Cruise

Explore the inlets and bays of the Queen Charlotte Sound by launch, watching for local marine and birdlife. Groups of up to 20 can be catered to by Lochmara Lodge's own launch, or for larger groups we can coordinate a cruise through our partners at Beachcomber Cruises.

Sea kayak in the Queen Charlotte Sound

The Marlborough Sounds provides tranquil waters and endless bays perfect for sea-kayaking. A limited number of sea kayaks are available at the Lodge. For larger groups or guided trips, we can coordinate a package to suit your requirements with our partners at Wilderness Guides.



Guided/unguided walk on the Queen Charlotte Track

The Queen Charlotte Track is a 72km track along the bays and ridgeline from Ship Cove to Anakiwa. The track can be accessed from Lochmara Lodge via a well-maintained path and at several bays along the route. The Lodge can provide packed lunches for guests, and water transfers to/from any section of the track.

Mountain bike the Queen Charlotte Track

The Queen Charlotte Track is considered to be some of the best mountain bike single track in the world. We can coordinate mountain bike hire through our partners at Wilderness Guides. Packed lunches and water transfers for your guests and bikes are also available.

Other options

- Swim with the dolphins
- Marlborough wine tour
- Dive the Mikhail Lermontov (qualified divers only)
- Charter fishing or sailing trips
- Marlborough art and/or garden tour
- Art workshops at Lochmara Lodge

Pricing

Lochmara Lodge is available for exclusive use for two nights for weddings. Our packages include use of the venue, accommodation, all meals, and water transport for your guests. Smaller weddings can also be catered for with non-exclusive use.

Several package options are available. Please contact us to discuss your requirements.

Catering

The cuisine at Lochmara Lodge is based on sustainability. Where possible our meat and seafood are wild, organic or local, and fresh produce is sourced locally and seasonally. We also grow salad, herbs and some vegetables and fruit onsite at Lochmara Lodge in our organic garden and orchard. The cuisine is elegant and full of flavour using ingredients that we believe will give you a taste of this beautiful environment, the Marlborough Sounds. This is a sample menu with options for your set menu. Feel free to talk to us about wedding catering as we are very flexible!

Friday night get together

Buffet BBQ with salads, meats and dessert.

Saturday Breakfast

Streaky bacon and free range eggs on toasted Ciabatta

Homemade muesli, organic yoghurt, fresh fruit and local honey

Wedding Meal

Afternoon Canapes

Roasted button mushrooms stuffed with ricotta, pine nuts & spinach

Smoked salmon croute, sour cream & chives

Free range chicken skewers and satay dipping sauce

Tomato & basil bruschetta w/olive oil drizzle

Entrée Options

Steamed Marlborough green lipped mussels,
garlic, white wine and fresh herbs

Homemade dips with freshly baked bread

Main Options

Oven baked blue cod, wilted summer vegetables, lemon garlic sauce and kumara crisps

Char grilled scotch fillet, potato mash, roasted field mushroom & red wine jus

Lochmara vegetable stack

kumara rosti, rocket & pesto dressing

Dessert Options

Chocolate & kahlua pudding, strawberry compote & crème anglaise

Crème Brulee

Sunday Champagne Brunch Options

Smoked salmon tartlet, rocket and pesto dressing

Poached eggs with spinach and hollandaise on sourdough bread

Cooked BBQ breaky.

Champagne to order. Not included in price.