

Blue Sky Retreats at Marlborough Vintners Hotel (MVH)

I can see clearly now.....

The rain is gone...We all know the lyrics to that song but the truth is sometimes we need the opportunity to be in an environment that helps us think clearly, plan successfully and deliver results. MVH situated in the heart of Marlborough's famed wine growing region offers you the chance to escape the office to achieve your retreat goals,

MVH combines state of the art technology with superb meeting space, the greatest comfort and a gourmet food and wine experience second to none. We are a boutique venue specializing in tailor-made packages taking care of every detail with our unique MVH touch.

A luxurious stay because....

We provide 5 star accommodation for your small to medium sized group. Located on our hotel property our one bedroom 'Vineyard Suites' currently provide for 16 people single occupancy and up to 32 people twin share.

We can co-ordinate and book additional quality accommodation rooms at a select group of similar near-by properties and provide complimentary transfers to the hotel throughout the day. All-inclusive retreat packages are also available.

We are special because.....

We care....It's that simple. Our on-site hosts, Dave and Sarah Anderson, have a wealth of experience looking after guests and are able to cater for all group requirements including additional management of leisure activities and special events. They are both high achieving chefs and event planners who have turned their skills to establishing a very special experience in the heart of the vines.

Sarah's passion for the 'Slow Food' philosophy ensures our menus embrace the best of local seasonal produce and all items are hand-made by our talented team on site. Our wine list features the best of Marlborough's wines representing over 25 different vineyards.

Marlborough Vintners Hotel also offers a unique collection of specialty themed dinners, gourmet experiences and team building activities. Our packages are designed for the most discerning client.

The Conference & Event team

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Meeting Information

Meeting room rates

The Boardroom	FULL DAY	\$ 350.00
	HALF DAY	\$ 200.00
	HOURLY	\$ 60.00
 The Barrel Room	FULL DAY	\$ 1000.00
	HALF DAY	\$ 500.00
	HOURLY	\$ 150.00

The Boardroom

The Boardroom is ideal for smaller meeting of up to 30, with executive leather chairs around our large boardroom table, which also breaks down to smaller tables for workshop meetings. Jet-stream, full network capabilities for laptop computers, whiteboard, and data projection can be used in this room also.

Dimensions – 9m x 8m.

- ✓ Boardroom Table
- ✓ Executive chairs
- ✓ Portable Data Projector available
- ✓ High Speed Internet
- ✓ TV/DVD/VIDEO

The Barrel Room

The main conference room, The Barrel Room, a former wine cellar, has seating capacity for larger numbers with data projector, multiple jet stream connections, P.A system and whiteboard available. As a banqueting space 150 people can be seated for dining and more for theatre style meetings.

Dimensions – 16m x 14m

- ✓ Conference chairs
- ✓ High Speed Internet
- ✓ Fixed Data Projector
- ✓ Bose sound system
- ✓ PA System with lapel MIC and lectern
- ✓ TV/DVD/VIDEO
- ✓ In room Bar

Room	Boardroom	Classroom	U-Shape	Theatre	Banquet	Cocktail
Boardroom	24	32	24	60	40	75
Barrel Room	30	120	30	220	150	250
The Vintners Room	-	35	20	-	65	150

Meeting Equipment

Vintners can offer the following equipment for your conference or to hire for an off site event

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	COST PER DAY
Bluetooth	Electronic pointing device	FOC
Broadband	Broadband Internet	\$115.00
Chairs	Furniture	FOC
Conference Speaker Phone	Conference Calling	\$80.00 (Phone charges will apply)
Data Projector	Data Projector	\$115.00
Executive Chairs	Furniture	FOC
Jet stream	Live Video Conference	\$115.00
Lapel Mic	Lapel Mic	\$ 25.00
Laptop	Laptop	\$170.00
OHP	OHP	\$ 40.00
Oval Tables	Furniture	FOC
PA System	Lectern, Stage & Mic	FOC
Stereo	Portable Stereo	\$15.00
Sound system	CD player, BOS sound system	FOC
Trestle Tables	Furniture	FOC
TV/VIDEO/DVD	AV Equipment	\$ 45.00
Electronic Whiteboard	Electronic Whiteboard	\$180.00
Whiteboard	Whiteboard	FOC
Screen	Projector Screen	FOC

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Menus

MVH offers a number of menus and meal choices for retreat guests.

Day time meals are usually served in The Barrel Room or The Boardroom. However, depending upon the group size MVH can provide lunches and dinners in The Vintners Room Restaurant.

All meals feature the best of local New Zealand produce. Our wine list is extensive and features some of Marlborough's finest wines.

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We are happy to devise custom menus featuring items from our delectable A La Carte menu for your special function. Tantalising degustation menus with matched wines or fun celebration food can set the tone for your special event. Sumptuous set menus to choose from to suit your group and budget. Functions of all sizes can be catered for. Additional sample menus are available on our website → www.mvh.co.nz

- ✓ Please advise in advance if you have any guests with specific dietary requirements.
- ✓ The menus listed below are sample menus only and subject to change without notice.
- ✓ Please note that listed menu items are subject to seasonal availability.

Themed Dinners

MVH offers a unique collection of themed dinner to enhance any meeting experience and create a point of difference.

Our themed dinners incorporate room and table design with menus complemented to the theme. Our talented events team create memorable and professional events in house.

Past themes held at MVH include:

Kiwiana

Arabian Nights

Medieval Banquet (with full costume option)

Winter Wonderland

Around the World

Rio Carnival

Spanish

Winemakers

Wild Foods

Seven Deadly Sins

Hollywood

Spring Time in Paris

Team Building

MVH also offers a variety of team building options which can be held at the Hotel. This can be designed on an individual basis depending on your organisations needs. Most team building exercises held at vintners incorporate elements of the Gourmet food and wine experience. From a Paella party team event to a food foraging excursion with cooking class we offer options to excite, entertain and foster team relationships.

Day Meeting Menus

Lunch Menus

Served in The Barrel Room or The Boardroom or in the Vintners Room Restaurant during the day

MENU A

Sandwich Platter Menu @ \$21.50 pp

A selection of gourmet sandwiches, rolls and wraps

Example Menu:

- Smoked salmon, lemon cream fraiche wraps Or Asian beef wraps
- Bacon, tomato jam, lettuce and avocado on Vienna bread
- Smoked chicken, cranberry & brie rolls Or Rare beef, pear & blue cheese rolls Or char-grilled vegetarian rolls

Served with:

- Fresh Fruit
- Handcrafted sweet slice
- Tea/Coffee/Orange Juice

MENU B

Soup & Sandwich Menu @\$23.50pp

Choice of two sandwich options from the above with a choice of the following homemade winter soups to accompany:

- Kumara & Bacon Soup
- Pumpkin Soup with pesto
- Winter Vegetable Soup
- French Onion Soup with grilled cheese croutons

Served with:

- Fresh breads
- Fresh Fruit
- Handcrafted sweet slice
- Tea/Coffee/Orange Juice

MENU C

Quiche and Salad Lunch @ \$26.50 pp

Chef's selection of Quiche/Frittata with a variety of gourmet fillings & choice of two seasonal salads

Menu Example: Choose a combination of 3 quiches/frittatas and 2 salads

Quiches

- Salmon, chive & lemon
- Ham & kumara
- Salami, feta & sundried tomato
- Blue cheese & leek
- Vegetarian

Frittata

- Pumpkin & spinach
- Pumpkin & feta
- Chorizo & feta
- Potato & caramelised onion

Salads

- Portabello mushroom, almond and spinach
- Roasted vegetable with aioli
- Green salad
- Pasta salad
- Potato salad with garden herbs
- Cous cous salad
- Pumpkin & feta salad
- Broccoli, cauliflower and ginger salad

Served with:

- Fresh breads
- Fresh Fruit
- Handcrafted sweet slice
- Tea/Coffee/Orange Juice

MENU D

Hot & Cold Fork Menu @ \$26.50 pp

Chef's selection of plated seasonal hot and cold platters

Example Menu:

- Smoked Salmon, lemon cream fraiche wraps
- Half shell Marlborough Mussels with herb and garlic crumble
- Baguette, rare beef fillet, horseradish cream and watercress
- Sour cream chicken satay's
- Fresh Fruit
- Sweet Treat
- Tea/Coffee/Orange Juice

MENU E

Hot Dish Lunch Selection @ \$26.50 pp

Choose two of the following hot dishes:

- Moroccan chicken tagine with buttered cous cous
- Mild spiced ginger chicken with steamed rice
- Thai green chicken curry with steamed rice
- Lamb and prune casserole with steamed rice
- Mild beef curry with steamed rice
- Beef bourguignon with steamed rice
- Creamy Marlborough seafood pie

All served with:

- Garden green salad
- Gourmet rosemary and garlic roasted potatoes
- Fresh breads
- Fresh Fruit
- Handcrafted sweet slice
- Tea/Coffee/Orange Juice

Morning and Afternoon Tea Options

Tea, coffee & your choice of the following:

Homemade classic kiwi biscuits	\$5.50 pp
Mixed berry & white chocolate muffins	\$8.00 pp
Mini carrot cakes with cream cheese icing	\$8.00 pp
Homemade banana cake with chocolate icing	\$8.00 pp
Homemade scones with preserves & cream	\$8.00 pp
Warm homemade savouries & sausage rolls	\$8.00 pp
Selection of club & pinwheel sandwiches	\$8.00 pp
Warm savoury vegetable & cheddar muffins	\$8.00 pp

Tea and Coffee only

Freshly brewed coffee and Twinning's tea selection	\$3.50 pp
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Canapé Menu Selection

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@ \$2.50 per item

Allow 4-5 pieces per person average for Cocktail functions

choosing from the list below

Cocktail Sandwiches on freshly baked Artisan Bread

(Please choose 2 fillings per sandwich selection)

- Marlborough cold smoked salmon with lemon crème fraiche
 - Glazed premium ham with Dijon mustard
 - Blue cheese, prosciutto and fig pinwheels
- Locally grown asparagus (available Oct – Dec) *

Crostini Selections

- Salmon & walnut tartar
- Mushroom duxelle with rare venison
 - Chicken liver parfait
- Rare beef fillet, horseradish cream and watercress
- Salmon pate, roasted capsicums and crisp capers
- Blue cheese mousse, oven roasted pear and sugared walnuts

Canapé Selections

Sushi roll selection

- Mini saffron risotto cakes, pesto & parmesan (v)
- Handcrafted gnocchi spoons
- Confit duck and orange tartlet
- Thai fish cakes with lime and coriander aioli, chilli jam
- Black & white sesame salmon, Asian dipping sauce
- Spinach, onion jam, sun-dried tomato and feta tarts *
- Cocktail muffins with grilled brie and tomato jam *
- Spiced vegetable filo cigars *
- Salt and pepper prawn cutlets with ginger and sesame glaze
- Marlborough Mussels with garlic herb crumb
- Sour cream chicken skewers
- Marinated beef brochettes
- Miniature lamb kebabs and tatziki
- Mushroom arranci balls
- Blue cheese & peanut wontons with dark plum dipping sauce

Endings

- Fresh strawberry and Pimms shots (available Oct – Feb)
- Raspberry and Prosecco fizz
- Dark or white chocolate ganache centred truffles
- Hazelnut and vanilla wafers



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Canapé Menu Selection

@ \$5.00 per item

(subject to seasonal availability)

Bluff oysters (available March – May)

- Served natural with white balsamic and chive vinegar on the ½ shell
 - Served natural with champagne gelee on the ½ shell
 - Served beer battered with sumac salt

West Coast whitebait traditional egg fritter

Nelson Scallops on fennel and appleslaw with
Pernod cream



Accommodation

The Vineyard Suites

One bedroom, single storey apartment (accommodates up to 3)
Large bathroom with walk in shower, spacious open plan living area with sofa bed, leading onto private patio. Tea/Coffee making facilities, microwave & toaster, Sky Digital television, DVD, stereo, broadband internet.

Nestled amongst the vines, Qualmark 5 star

How to Find Us:

Arriving on the Ferry and Driving from Picton

When travelling towards Blenheim from Picton you will come to a place called Spring Creek. Spring Creek is approximately 20 minutes from Picton, just past the Wairau River. You need to turn right into Rapaura Road. The Hotel and Suites are located approximately 10km on the left hand side opposite The Vines Village at 190 Rapaura Road.

Driving from Nelson

Blenheim is approximately 1hour 30minute drive from Nelson.
As you cross the Wairau River Bridge you will need to take the next left into Rapaura Road. The Hotel and Suites are located approx 1.5 kilometres up the road on the right hand side opposite The Vines Village at 190 Rapaura Road.

Driving from Blenheim Airport

If you are driving from the Blenheim Airport you turn right when leaving the main entrance to the Airport. This is Middle Renwick Road. Take your first left onto Jacksons Road. At the second stop sign turn left at the intersection onto Rapaura Road. (You should pass Allan Scott Winery on your left and Cloudy Bay Winery on your right). The Hotel and Suites are located approximately 4km further down on the left hand side opposite The Vines Village at 190 Rapaura Road

Driving from Christchurch/Kaikoura

Blenheim is approximately 4hours drive from Christchurch and 1hour 30 minutes drive from Kaikoura.
If driving from Christchurch/Kaikoura drive down Main street until you come to the first roundabout (with a railway lines running through the middle). Turn right at this roundabout. Follow the signs leading to Picton. Spring Creek is 5 minutes from Blenheim. At Spring Creek turn left onto Rapaura Road. The Hotel and Suites are located approx 10km further down on the left hand side opposite The Vines Village at 190 Rapaura Road.

POINTS OF INTERESTS & ACTIVITES

Marlborough has some wonderful opportunities to add that extra value to your retreat by way of fantastic team building and relaxation activities. All are easily accessible.

Below is a list of some of the fantastic add-ons your group could enjoy in our beautiful province:

- ✓ Wine trails by bike
- ✓ Tasting and tours of wineries
- ✓ Winemakers dinners
- ✓ Marlborough & Kenepuru Sounds –
 - Walking
 - Kayaking
 - Fishing
 - Boating/yachting
 - Eco-tours
- ✓ Craft workshops –
 - Bonsai plant
 - Lavender
 - Pottery
- ✓ Clay pigeon shooting
- ✓ Garden tours
- ✓ Art trails
- ✓ Greenshell mussel farm cruises
- ✓ Museum and art galleries tours
- ✓ Golf
- ✓ Mountain bike riding
- ✓ Horse riding
- ✓ Paint-balling
- ✓ Cooking classes
- ✓ Day spa
- ✓ Gourmet tours

Please note with many activities minimum and maximum number apply and availability is subject to weather conditions.

ACTIVITIES

To help plan the perfect retreat, we work closely with some specialised tour operators and local guides that are experts at creating the perfect experience for your group. The tours and activity suggestions listed below of some of the many experiences that we can arrange for your retreat, creating the perfect balance of work and leisure amongst the vines!

REGIONAL TOURING OPTIONS



Experience the fabulous Marlborough region taking in the unique aspects of the area, the stunning wines and the fantastic foods. Your tour experience can be full on active adventure, or laid back relaxation and indulgence.

These are all suggested itineraries and can be personalised to suit the group's interests, time requirements or budgets. These programs can be put in place as the partners program or for the full conference group. (Please note that itineraries may need to be altered for large groups)



Wine Tour

With over 100 wine making companies, Marlborough is the largest wine region in New Zealand. Add to this primary food producers, olive groves, café and restaurants galore and Marlborough really is the gourmet province. This is a fantastic opportunity to experience the very best of Marlborough. Visit the large iconic names in Marlborough wines or the smaller boutique wineries. Take a guided tour through the vineyard and winery, sample the wines and learn the secrets of making fine wines. Your half day or full day tour can include a nice range of wineries and time out for a nice relaxing winery lunch. During the afternoon taste Prenzel Schnapps and Marlborough olive oils. Finish the day with a visit to Makana Chocolates for a tasting of divine handmade chocolates.

Full day tour (10am – 4.30pm) with lunch from \$95.00 per person

Half day tour (1pm – 5pm) without lunch from \$49.00 per person

Group of 15+ people

Greenshell Mussel Cruise

A fantastic and totally unique wine and food cruise experience on the Marlborough Travel launch. Cruise the tranquil Pelorus and Kēnepuru Sounds, two of the main Sounds that make up the Marlborough Sounds. Take in all of the scenic and historical parts of the Sounds, learn the history of the Sounds and the people who have settled here. During the cruise we will visit a Greenshell mussel farm and learn about this delicacy and why it grows so well here in the Sounds. Enjoy a local favourite, freshly steamed mussels matched to a glass of Marlborough Sauvignon, a fantastic wine and food experience in a beautiful part of Marlborough.

Pricing from \$125.00 per person

Group of 15 – 80 people

Includes transport, cruise, mussels and a glass of Sauvignon



Marlborough Icons Tour

Enjoy the icons of Marlborough in one day with a tour through the wine region in the morning and the Marlborough Sounds in the afternoon. Experience all three iconic experiences with Marlborough wines, Marlborough Sounds and Marlborough Greenshell Mussels. Depending on the group size this can be created with a nice winery lunch or a lunch on board the launch as we cruise the Sounds.

Pricing from \$175.00 per person

Group of 15 – 80 people

Includes transport, cruise, mussels and a glass of Sauvignon and lunch



Charter Cruising

Enjoy the very best of the Marlborough Sounds with a private group cruise on the Marlborough Travel launch MV Odyssey.

Odyssey is a 21 metre power catamaran, a very large and stable launch. With full bar and galley facilities as well as large lounge areas and viewing decks this vessel offers all of the comforts for cruising the Marlborough Sounds.

Odyssey is available for

- Breakfast, lunch and dinner cruises for 20 – 80 people
- Cocktail cruises and special events
- Scenic Cruises including
 - Golf at Nopera rural golf course
 - Fishing trips
 - Bush walks



Marlborough History and Aviation

Take in the history of our region with a guided visit to Brayshaw Museum Park. This is a unique heritage attraction which includes provincial museum archives, vintage farm machinery and vintage cars. Continue the tour with a visit to the Aviation Heritage Centre, one of the largest collections of World War I Aircraft in the world. Enjoy a guided tour through the complex and take in the stunning exhibits created by Peter Jackson and the talented team at Weta Workshops.

Half day tour without lunch from \$95.00 per person

Full day tour with lunch from \$129.00 per person

Group of 15+ people

Beers in the Wine Region!!

A fun and educational tour for those who enjoy a cold beer rather than fine wines!! This tour takes in the boutique beers of Marlborough and a chance to meet the brewers behind the beers. Enjoy the beers of the Renaissance brewing company, Moa Beers, Pink Elephant beers, and visit the historic cork and keg old English pub. During the day we can also enjoy a nice lunch matched, of course, to fine local beers!

Half day tour without lunch from \$69.00 per person

Full day tour with lunch from \$110.00 per person

Arts and Crafts

The arts and crafts trail of Marlborough is growing nearly as quickly as the wine trail. With a range of artists, potters, woodworkers and sculptors we have a great scope of works to offer. During the day you will visit private homes, studios, and public galleries. Also time out to relax and enjoy a fabulous lunch at one of Marlborough's winery restaurants.

Half day tour without lunch from \$59.00 per person

Full day tour with lunch from \$99.00 per person

Group of 15+ people



Garden Tour

Through out Marlborough there is a range of private and public gardens that can be included in a tour. The scope of garden type is wide, with homestead gardens, modern contemporary, or formal gardens to visit. Be hosted by the owners and gardeners, enjoy a formal morning tea in the garden and lunch at a Marlborough winery. (Please note that this tour is seasonal and generally operates Spring through to Autumn).

Half day tour without lunch from \$89.00pp

Full day tour with lunch from \$149.00pp

Group of 15+ people

Arts, Gardens, Wines and Scenic

An eclectic mix of Marlborough arts and crafts, a private garden, a winery, and the best of the local scenic area. During the day we will take in the views from the Wither Hills, tour the Wairau valley through the vineyard area and into the upper Wairau where vineyards give way to rolling hill country, sheep farming and cropping. This is a great tour to take in the diversity of the Marlborough region and get a real taste of Marlborough.

Half day tour without lunch from \$89.00 per person

Full day tour with lunch from \$149.00 per person

Group of 15+ people

Awatere and Pacific Coast Tour

The Awatere Valley and Pacific Coast tours are very popular for gardens, wine tasting, arts and crafts. Today's itinerary is a combination of private and unique aspects of the coast. Visit Oak Tree cottage, the historic cob cottage in the Awatere Valley for a traditional devonshire tea in the garden, visit Isolation merino in Ward, and London hill gardens. Take in the rugged beauty of the Kaikoura coast with a visit to Kekerengu gardens. Enjoy a coast local favourite with a crayfish lunch washed down with Awatere Sauvignon Blanc, Simply superb!!

Full day tour with lunch from \$139.00 per person

Group of 15+ people

Marlborough Country Life Tour

A bit like mixing the best of all the tours.. Visit a private garden as the first stop for a private morning tea with the owners. Move on to a private Olive Grove tour with the owners before tasting their range of olive oils. Visit a Hazelnut ranch to see how the nuts are grown and roasted and taste the final product. Then complete the picture with a private tour through a vineyard and winery, finishing with a private tasting of the range of wines. During the day you will get to enjoy a fabulous 3 course winery lunch with matching wines.

Full day tour with lunch from \$189.00 per person

Group of 15+ people



Guided Sea Kayaking

Paddling through the many bays and coves of the Marlborough Sounds in your own kayak is a stunning activity. This is totally suitable for all age groups and all experience levels and you will not find a more rewarding experience for team building and confidence building. This is a fully guided kayak trip with experienced, qualified guides. All equipment and safety gear provided and includes a nice picnic lunch and/or afternoon tea. All transport is included. This gives an opportunity to stop along the Queen Charlotte Drive for photo's.

Full day tour with lunch from \$169.00 per person
Half day tour without lunch from \$129.00 per person
Group of 10 – 20 people

The Guided Walk

Depart Picton by launch for a cruise through the Queen Charlotte Sound stopping to disembark in one of the many bays. Then enjoy a guided walk on the Queen Charlotte Track. This is a fully guided walk and your guides will explain the significance of the local native flora and fauna. The walk location and duration will be totally dependent on the group's fitness and requirements.

Full day tour with lunch from \$169.00 per person
Half day tour without lunch from \$129.00 per person
Group of 6 – 20 people
Larger groups by arrangement

Fishing Trip

Enjoy a fishing trip through the Marlborough Sounds on board a suitable fishing vessel. Cruise the Sounds and take in the stunning scenery and let your fishing guide do all the work while you relax with a fishing rod in hand. This is a 4 – 8 hour trip with all equipment and tackle supplied.

(Please note that this trip operates on a boat rate rather than a per person cost like other tours.) Packages can also be created to include lunch or dinner.

Sportfishing vessel (1 – 6 people) from \$1450.00
Power Catamaran (1 – 40 people) from \$3900.00

OTHER ACTIVITIES



DAY SPA

A short 5 minute drive from the hotel offers a European inspired day spa with a large selection of treatments available. These can be tailored to suit the group requirements, times and budgets and can be a perfect inclusion for partners attending a corporate retreat or conference.



BIKE TOURS

Explore Marlborough is the only fully guided bike tour company in the region offering guided day tours of the wine region by bike. Our bike tours visit a selection of the region's best wineries and galleries. We aim to take you off the main roads and along some of the quieter country roads, through private vineyards and along the river stop-banks. Your tour includes one of our enthusiastic guides who inform you about the surrounding area, the history, the wineries and wines throughout the day. Prices depend on length of time and group size.



QUAD BIKING ADVENTURES

Marlborough Quad Bike Adventures lets you explore the Marlborough region like nobody else can, combining quad bike rides with adventure tours. Let our experienced guides take you into the heart of Marlborough. With first-hand knowledge of the region's best rides and the right gear and safety procedures in place, Marlborough Quad Bike Adventures offers the best experience on four wheels you'll ever have.

ARCHERY

Archery can be arranged to take place in the hotel grounds as part of a team building exercise or group activity. A professional team provide all equipment and tuition and handle all safety requirements on the day. Prices depend on size of group and length of activity.