

TOP 10 THINGS TO DO

Guy and Paula Raleigh share their Top 10 things to do while staying at Portage Paradise

#1 Walk to 'the Gap'

Take a stroll down the driveway to discover 'the Gap' at low tide. Steeped in history, the Gap separates Take in Bay South and Take in Bay North. No matter the weather, one bay is always calm.

#2 Water Taxi Tour

The most relaxing way to enjoy the tranquility of Kenepuru Sound is to discover it by boat. A water taxi trip with either Pete, Gary or on the Pelorus Mail Boat is popular.

Pelorus Tours - Gary and Ellen Orchard
M: 0274 345 488 E: gary@pelorustours.co.nz <https://www.pelorustours.co.nz>

Kenepuru Water Taxi - Pete Bigley
M: 03 573 4344 E: info@kenepuru.co.nz <http://www.kenepuru.co.nz/>

Pelorus Mail Boat <https://themailboat.co.nz/>

#3 Spend a day on the Queen Charlotte Track

It's world famous and on your doorstep. Why not purchase a day pass for the 8km (3 hour) walk between Portage and Te Mahia on the Queen Charlotte Track from the Portage Hotel? You'll enjoy a great walk with stunning scenery and views of both the Queen Charlotte and Kenepuru Sounds. Pete at Kenepuru Water Taxis can pick you up at Te Mahia, and return you to the Portage Bay jetty.

Queen Charlotte Track <http://www.qctrack.co.nz/>

#4 Drive to the top of Titirangi Bay Hill

Discover the true meaning of isolation, with views from the top of Titirangi Bay Hill looking out to D'Urville. A view from the same spot of Port Gore Bay where the [*Mikhail Lermontov*](#), ship wreck lays on the sea floor.

<https://seethesouthisland.com/titirangi-bay-marlborough-sounds-new-zealand/>

#5 Meet the Locals 5pm on Fridays

There is nothing like meeting the locals to learn about a place. The Portage Hotel is a popular gathering place - during winter you'll find locals at the main bar and during the summer at the Snapper Bar. It's a small but very special group of friendly souls who are welcoming and always up for a laugh. Guy says 'we compare them to onions, the more layers you take off, the more they make you cry with laughter.' A must do while you're staying at Portage Paradise.

#6 Sail Away

Spend a day on the water with just the wind behind you. 'Sounds by Sail' is well worth the time and money.

Sounds by Sail - Phil

M: 021 0451358

<https://www.soundsbysail.co.nz/>

#7 Guided Kayaking Trip

For those who like to get as close to the water as they can without getting in, book a guided kayaking trip around Kenepuru Sound. Ask about the Combo of kayaking, biking and walking.

<https://nzseakayaking.com/kayaking/kayak-rentals/>

<https://nzseakayaking.com/combo-tours/>

#8 Play a Round of Golf

Challenge yourself to a round of golf at Nopera (by road or water taxi). Whether you play 9 or 18, it's a great opportunity to meet the locals. Recognised as one of the most isolated yet beautifully presented golf courses in NZ, it's a must visit for golfers! Club Days are Saturday, tee off at 10 am. Club Hire can be arranged and everyone is welcome. Green Fees are \$15.

Nopera Golf Club - Secretary - Lynley Sowman

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#9 Get Out of the Kitchen. Dine Out.

Our favourite spots for dining out are: Portage Hotel + Snapper bar, Raetihi Lodge, Punga Cove Resort and Te Mahia Café offers pizzas, muffins and coffee.

<http://www.theportage.co.nz/>

<https://www.raetihilodge.co.nz>

<https://www.pungacove.co.nz>

<http://www.temahia.co.nz/>

#10 Just Relax and Do Nothing

Do as little or as much as your heart desires. The wonder of Portage Paradise is its position on the ridge top offering the ultimate in relaxation and ever-changing views. Whether you relax in the Spa pool, read a great book on the verandah, take a close up look at the activities on Kenepuru Sound using the telescope or just kick back with a coldie or a glass of your favourite wine with your best friend, the choice is yours! Life doesn't get much better than this!