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TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS

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



By Water Taxi

From Havelock

You will need to book a water taxi from Havelock to Raetihi Lodge in advance. Approximately 30 minutes travel time to Raetihi Lodge. Cars can be parked at the Havelock Marina carpark in Havelock at a cost of \$6 per day.

We operate our own boat and will do our best to work in with your travel plans and arrival/ departure times. There are also other water taxi operators out of Havelock, who can take larger groups, and our recommendations are below.

Raetihi Lodge's vessel '**Miss Raetihi Lodge II**'. The boat, new in September 2022, is surveyed to take passengers in comfort and with efficiency to and from Havelock to Raetihi Lodge. This is an on demand service, so we will fit in with your plans, but bookings need to be made in advance.

Please call us on +64 3 573 4300 or email lodge@raetihilodge.co.nz to book this service and for times available. The cost is \$220 each way for 2 people, and there are discounts as numbers increase. Maximum 10 people.

Havelock Water Taxis For enquiries, please email them at skipper@havelockwatertaxis.co.nz, or call Brownie & Carleen Shallcross **+64 21 2020786** or 0211382234.

Brownie's boat, Jena, is fast, reliable, he offers good rates and can take up to 15 passengers, so he's great for groups coming out to stay with us.

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 email: info@kenepuru.co.nz or call Pete on +64 03 573 4344.

[Pelorus Mail Boat](#) offers a transfer service from Havelock Marina to the Kenepuru Sound, including drop off/ pick up Raetihi Lodge jetty, that **operates in Summer only**.

On Tuesdays and Saturdays only, they depart Havelock at 10am (check-in 9.30pm)

And Return to Havelock about 1.30pm

Adult: \$50 one way Child: \$30 one way Infants: Free (under 5) when accompanied by an adult

NOTE: If you **arriving into Blenheim airport**, we recommend you use [Marlborough Shuttles](#) service from the airport to Havelock (30 mins) and then use one of the Water Taxi Companies listed above. We are happy to assist with bookings.

From Te Mahia Jetty

Raetihi Lodge has our own boat (Miss Raetihi Lodge II) and skipper, and we offer water transfers from Te Mahia Jetty over to Raetihi Lodge (approx. 10 mins). This is an on demand service, so we will fit in with your plans, but bookings need to be made in advance.

Please call us on +64 3 573 4300 or email lodge@raetihilodge.co.nz to book this service and for times available. The cost is NZ\$30 per person each way (min 2 pax), and there are discounts as numbers increase. Maximum 10 people.





By Road

- **Drive to Havelock**, then get a water taxi to Raetihi Lodge. We operate our own boat & skipper offering an on-demand service, or there are other water taxi operators available. Parking at Havelock Marina is \$6 per day.
- **Drive to Te Mahia Jetty**, then book a water transfer with our skipper and lodge boat over to Raetihi Lodge (this saves 1.5 hours driving time to Raetihi). Call Raetihi Lodge for bookings +64 3 573 4300
Free car parking is available at Te Mahia Jetty carpark.
- **Drive to Raetihi Lodge**, but road work is still taking place on the Kenepuru Rd so please check for stop/start parts & road closures.
The road is spectacular and can be driven in a regular car, however, it is VERY winding and narrow in parts and un-sealed for much of the last 12 kilometres.

How do I get there? From Havelock or Picton, you drive to Linkwater on Queen Charlotte Drive, and turn into Kenepuru Road (the main turnoff). Te Mahia Jetty is a further 20kms from here, and Raetihi Lodge is about 72kms from Linkwater.

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 Jetty	45 mins
Havelock to Raetihi Lodge	2 hours
Blenheim to Havelock	30 minutes
Blenheim to Te Mahia Jetty	1 hour 15 mins
Picton to Linkwater	35 minutes
Picton to Te Mahia Jetty	1 hour
Portage to Raetihi Lodge	1 hour
Nelson to Raetihi Lodge	3 hours



By Air

Blenheim Airport is the closest domestic airport that **Air New Zealand** flies into. **Sounds Air** flies into Picton (Koromiko) as well as Blenheim Airport.

If you are **arriving into Blenheim airport**, we recommend you call [Marlborough Shuttles](tel:0800203027) (ph: 0800203027) and book a pick up from the airport to Havelock (30 mins), and then use one of the Water Taxi Companies listed above.

If you are coming from Wellington, Picton, Paraparaumu or Nelson, the quickest and most scenic option, is to book a flight with [Pelorus Air](#) to land at **Nopera Airstrip**. We offer a **complimentary Guest Transfer vehicle** which will transfer you to the Raetihi Lodge just 4km away.

Fixed-Wing Plane – Direct flights into Nopera, where we will meet you

[Pelorus Air](#)

Raetihi Lodge works closely with [Pelorus Air](#) to ensure your journey from ‘home’ to the lodge runs smoothly and efficiently. Flying over the stunning Marlborough Sounds and landing at Nopera Airstrip is one of the quickest, often cheapest, and best ways to make your way to us.

From Wellington, Picton, Paraparaumu or Nelson **arrive at Nopera Airstrip**. There you will be met by our **complimentary Guest Transfer vehicle and taken back to the Lodge just 4km away**.

For more information and bookings, please contact Cliff or Chris Marchant at Pelorus Air.

Phone: +64 (0) 27 757 7247

Email: info@pelorusair.com

Pelorus Air Direct Fares:

Indicative fares:

Wellington to Nopera fares: \$209 per adult (min. 3 people), includes 15kg baggage

Picton to Nopera fare: \$99 per adult (min. 3 people) or \$129 for 2 pax, Includes 15kg baggage

Paraparaumu to Nopera fare: \$259 per adult (min. 3 people), includes 15kg baggage

Pelorus Air Charter Prices for groups

By Helicopter

Lands on-site on our Raetihi Lodge Helipad!

From Nelson:

- **Independent Helicopters** call Logan Moore
Mobile: +64 (0) 21 804 110
- **Helicopters Nelson** www.helicoptersnelson.co.nz

From Blenheim or Picton

- **Coast-to-Coast Helicopters** call Alister & Sarah Twisleton
Mobile: 021 316 866 Ph: 0800 282 4354
- **Precision Helicopters** www.precisionhelicopters.nz

From Wellington:

- **Wellington Helicopters** www.wellingtonhelicopters.net.nz

Remarks

All forms of transportation arrangements require 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.

