

# **FOOTSTEPS WALKING CLUB of AOTEAROA / NEW ZEALAND**

*the best day-walks in 20 regions*

## **NORTH ISLAND EXCURSIONS 2022**

### **SOME OF THE ABSOLUTE BEST NORTH ISLAND SHORT WALKS**

#### **EXCEPTIONAL EASTLAND (with northern Hawke's Bay): 6-12 NOVEMBER 2022**

##### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- The world's largest Pohutukawa tree (Te Araroa)
- The easternmost point in the North Island (East Cape)
- The first city in the world to see the morning sun, the place where Captain Cook first landed, and the largest carved meeting-house in NZ (Gisborne)
- Natural hot springs in a stunning nikau forest (Morere)
- Limestone Caves, pristine lakes, quiet beaches, dramatic bluffs (Te Urewera)
- NZ's highest bridge, with windbreaks to protect the trains (Mohaka)
- A totally weird geological formation fit for a belfry (Bell Rock)
- The largest mainland gannet colony in the world (Cape Kidnappers)
- NZ's second largest pa (Otatara)



Lake Waikaremoana

#### **WILD AND WINSOME WAIRARAPA (with southern Hawke's Bay):**

**13-19 NOVEMBER 2022**

##### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- The largest mainland gannet colony in the world (Cape Kidnappers)
- NZ's second largest pa (Otatara)
- A tiny town with no less than 11 registered historic buildings (Ongaonga)
- The longest place name in New Zealand and the world (Porangahau)
- An historic lighthouse sitting high above a spectacular coastline (Castlepoint)
- The most extensive "Badlands" or hoodoos formations in NZ (Putangirua)
- A rail crossing that was unique in the world (Remutaka)



Castlepoint

## **CAPITAL KAPITI (Wellington,Horowheua,Manawatu): 20-26 NOVEMBER 2022**

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- The wild seascapes, seals and geology of Cook Strait
- “Lord of the Rings” locations along the river in the Hutt Valley
- The glorious cityscapes and harbour views of Wellington
- Mountains hugging beaches along the Kapiti coastal strip
- The weird “Bridge to Nowhere”, built but never used
- The most polluted river in NZ, but one that carved an impressive gorge (Manawatu)



Turakirae Head

## **TANTALIZING TARANAKI: 27 NOVEMBER – 3 DECEMBER 2022**

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- The astounding volcanic vistas of New Zealand’s very own “Mount Fuji” (Taranaki)
- The highest waterfall in the North Island (Damper Falls)
- The wild west coast at Tongaporutu: rolling surf, black sand, white cliffs
- Taranaki – voted by “Lonely Planet” (in 2017) as the 2nd best region in the world to visit
- New Plymouth’s spectacular coastal walkway and Rewarewa Bridge



Lake Mangamahoe and Mount Taranaki

## **TOP-NOTCH TAUPO and TUMULTUOUS TONGARIRO: 4-10 DECEMBER 2022**

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- NZ's largest lake, created by the biggest volcanic eruption on the planet (Taupo)
- Millions of litres plunging through a narrow gorge like a washing machine (Huka Falls)
- The 3 magnificent volcanoes in our first national park, a World Heritage Area (Tongariro)
- NZ's worst railway disaster and carrot capital (Tangiwai/Ohakune)
- New Zealand's most famous and popular one-day walk (Tongariro Crossing)
- One of New Zealand's most spectacular examples of railway engineering (Raurimu)
- New Zealand's largest totara tree (Pouakani)
- The area where they catch a trout and shoot a deer in the same morning (Rangipo)
- Forest giants and melodious birdsong in a forest saved from the axe (Pureora)
- Walkways, waterfalls and rapids along our longest waterway (Waikato River)



Tongariro Crossing

**TRIP PRICES:** 6+ participants \$1000pp; 5 - \$1100pp; 4 - \$1200pp, 3 - \$1300pp.

Includes: accommodation, transport, breakfasts, information, guiding.

Not included: airfares, lunches and dinners.

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