

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

*the best day-walks in 20 regions*

## ***SOUTH ISLAND EXCURSIONS 2023***

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

#### **MARVELLOUS MARLBOROUGH: 5-11 FEBRUARY 2023**

##### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Picturesque Picton, the gateway to the Sounds and to the south.
- The stunning seascapes and walkways of the Marlborough Sounds
- The unrivalled juxtaposition of mountains and valleys in Nelson Lakes
- The magnificent tussock and tarns of Rainbow Station
- The relaxing hot springs and gentle forest walks of a true spa town (Hanmer)
- The grandeur of the Kaikoura mountain ranges plunging down to the coast



Lake Rotoiti

#### **NOBLE NELSON AND GOB-SMACKING GOLDEN BAY: 12-18 FEBRUARY 2023**

##### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- The geographical centre of New Zealand and unique boulder bank (Nelson)
- The pristine golden sands and sparkling waters of Abel Tasman National Park
- An intriguing story of romance and isolation in the backcountry (Asbestos Cottage)
- NZ's clearest and most beautiful natural spring (Te Waikoropupu)
- Spectacular cliffs, arches, caves, pillars, stacks and spits in Golden Bay
- The ingenious rock shelters of the Flora Valley and Mount Arthur
- The Tolkien-like scenery of weathered marble on the Mount Owen massif



Split Apple Rock

## **BRILLIANT BULLER: 26 MARCH – 1 APRIL 2023**

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- The walkway rated as one of NZ's best (Charming Creek)
- The magnificent limestone arches and caves of Oparara
- Impressive gold and coal-mining relics from our extractive past
- The spectacular tussock tops and tarns of Lewis Pass
- The most spectacular rock overhang in NZ – large enough to house an army (Fox River)
- The silent, sobering atmosphere where one of our worst tragedies occurred (Cave Creek)



Moria Arch

## **WONDROUS WESTLAND: 2-8 APRIL 2023**

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- The sparkling waters and reflections of some of our most beautiful lakes (Kaniere, Matheson, lanthe, Paringa, Moeraki)
- The homes of kotuku (white heron), inanga (whitebait), and our rarest kiwi (rowi)
- The two most accessible glaciers in New Zealand (Franz Josef, Fox)
- The unrivalled scenery of the remote Te Waipounamu SW NZ World Heritage Area



Hokitika Gorge

## **SOUL-BUILDING SOUTHERN LAKES: 9-16 APRIL 2023**

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- The spectacular trails around the edge of Lake Wakatipu
- Picturesque Queenstown, the alpine jewel of the South Island
- Picture-perfect reflections in Moke Lake
- The scenic wonders at the start of one of our most popular Great Walks (Routeburn)
- The unknown scheelite mines which contributed to the Allied war effort
- Historic Arrowtown: gold mining relics and *Lord of the Rings* locations
- The grandeur of Mt Aspiring National Park – graced by our 2<sup>nd</sup> highest peak.
- Wonderful lakeside and riverside trails in the Wanaka district
- The cheeky kea at the Rob Roy Glacier lookout
- Fascinating geology and gold-mining relics (Cromwell area)



Moke Lake

### **TRIP PRICES:**

6+ participants \$1100pp; 5 participants \$1200pp; 4 participants \$1300pp

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

Not included: airfares, lunches and dinners.

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