

**FOOTSTEPS WALKING AND TRAVEL CLUB OF  
AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND**

*the best day-walks in 20 regions*

**SOUTH ISLAND EXCURSIONS**

**2024-2026**

**SOME OF THE ABSOLUTE BEST SOUTH ISLAND SHORT WALKS  
OVER FOUR YEARS WE COVER THE ENTIRE SOUTH ISLAND**

**2024**

**TREMENDOUS TRANSALPINE (NORTH CANTERBURY, ARTHUR'S PASS,  
BRUNNER): 14-20 April 2024**

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- The beautiful parks and walkways of the Garden City (Christchurch)
- A taste of the Banks Peninsula volcanic landscapes/seascapes
- The spectacular rock formations of Castle Hill and scree slopes of Craigieburn
- Classic vistas of the central Southern Alps along the famous TranzAlpine train route
- The awesome mountain scenery of Arthur's Park National Park: kea country!
- The world-class wetlands around beautiful Lake Brunner
- The best of the Canterbury foothill forests, gorges, tussock-lands and lakes



Lake Brunner

## **AMAZING ALPS TO OCEAN: (CENTRAL LAKES/SOUTH CANTERBURY)**

### **21-27 April 2024 HIGHLIGHTS**

- NZ's largest Dark Sky Reserve and the only one in the southern hemisphere (Tekapo)
- The best of the central south tussock-lands and alpine lakes (MacKenzie Country)
- NZ's longest and largest glacier, calving into its terminus lake (Tasman)
- The unrivalled scenery around NZ's highest mountain (Mount Cook National Park)
- The power of the mighty Clutha River, harnessed at NZ's largest earth dam (Benmore)
- Film locations for *Lord of the Rings*, and *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*
- The unique braided rivers flowing across the patchwork plains



Sealy Tarns

**2025**

## **FANTASTIC FIORDLAND: 9-15 March 2025**

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Bluff, site of the famous Paua Shell House and Tiwai Point aluminium smelter
- Granite and grebes in the beautiful Borland
- The magnificent "Lord of the Rings" filming location at Mavora Lakes
- A lake saved by NZ's largest ever petition (Manapouri) and one that wasn't (Monowai)
- Some of the most glorious alpine lakes in NZ (Te Anau, Green Lake, Lake Marian)
- The magnificent Eglinton and Hollyford Valleys
- A taste of some of our best Great Walks (Routeburn and Kepler)



Lake Marion

### **SUPER SOUTHLAND (with STEWART ISLAND): 16-22 MARCH 2025**

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- The legendary Hokonui Hills, reputed to inspire moonshine and meandering.
- The “country music capital” of New Zealand (Gore)
- An ancient fossilised forest exposed at low tide (Curio Bay)
- The most southerly point of the South Island mainland (Slope Point)
- Thoroughly impressive waterfalls in the Catlins
- Spectacular coastal scenery at Nugget Point lighthouse
- The unspoilt beauty of NZ’s third-largest island (Stewart Island) (3 days)



Purakaunui Falls

### **OUTSTANDING OTAGO: 20-27 April 2025**

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- The superb seascapes and wildlife of the Otago Peninsula
- The unique tussock and tors landscape of central Otago and the Otago Rail Trail
- A stunning lake created from a goldmine, alongside a haunted hotel (St. Bathans)
- Pristine lakes that freeze in winter to become iceskating and curling venues
- New Zealand’s “Edinburgh” (Dunedin), plus our hottest/coldest town (Alexandra)

- The site of NZ's first gold strike, sluicing fields, water races, diggings and relics •  
Awesome autumn colours throughout the entire region



Clutha River Walkway

**2026**

**MARVELLOUS MARLBOROUGH: 1-7 March 2026**

#### **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: 8-14 March 2026**

#### **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

**TRIP PRICES:**

6+ participants \$1400pp; 5 participants \$1500pp; 4 participants \$1600pp.

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

Not included: airfares, lunches and dinners.

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