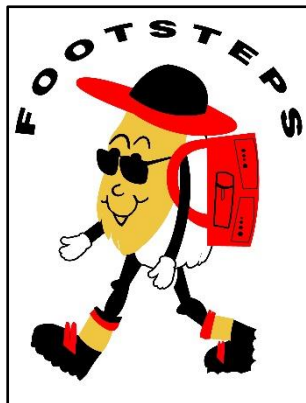


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### **WILD AND WINSOME WAIRARAPA (with southern Hawke's Bay)**

**1-7 February**

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- The largest mainland gannet colony in the world (Cape Kidnappers).
- NZ's second largest pa (Otatarā).
- 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

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### **CAPITAL and KAPITI (Wellington, Horowheua, Manawatu)**

**8-14 February**

#### **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 most polluted river in NZ, but one that carved an impressive gorge (Manawatu).



Turakirae Head

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## TANTALISING TARANAKI

22-28 February

### HIGHLIGHTS

- The astounding volcanic vistas of New Zealand’s very own “Mount Fuji” (Taranaki).
- The highest waterfall in the North Island (Dampier 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

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## MARVELLOUS MARLBOROUGH

15-21 March

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Picturesque Picton, the gateway to the region and the South Island.
- 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

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## **NOTEWORTHY NELSON AND GOB-SMACKING GOLDEN BAY**

**22-28 March**

### **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

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## **GREAT BARRIER ISLAND**

**31 October - 7 November**

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- No power lines – an island completely off the grid!
- Kauri dams adorning the slopes of spectacular Mount Hobson.
- Kaitoke Hot Springs bubbling up in the heart of the forest.
- The broad sweep of magnificent surf beaches from the Haratonga Walkway.
- The sleepy and quaint villages of Fitzroy, Claris, Whangaparapara and Tryphena.
- Mining, whaling and milling relics.

- The therapeutic sense of silence and solitude.



Port Fitzroy

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## CHATHAM ISLANDS

22-28 November

### HIGHLIGHTS

- The wild swampy barrens of the southern tablelands – eerie and endless.
- Gnarly forest straight out of Hansel and Gretel - trees bent over and curled, their growth stunted by peat bog and wind.
- Admiral Gardens – sand dunes, karaka forest and two sparkling lakes.
- Optional excursion to the wild expanse of Pitt Island.
- Tannin-blackened waterfalls down a steep valley leading to a wild cove covered in washed-up buoys and crayfish pots.
- Ancient dendroglyphs (tree carvings) on the Wharekauri trail.



Pitt Island

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