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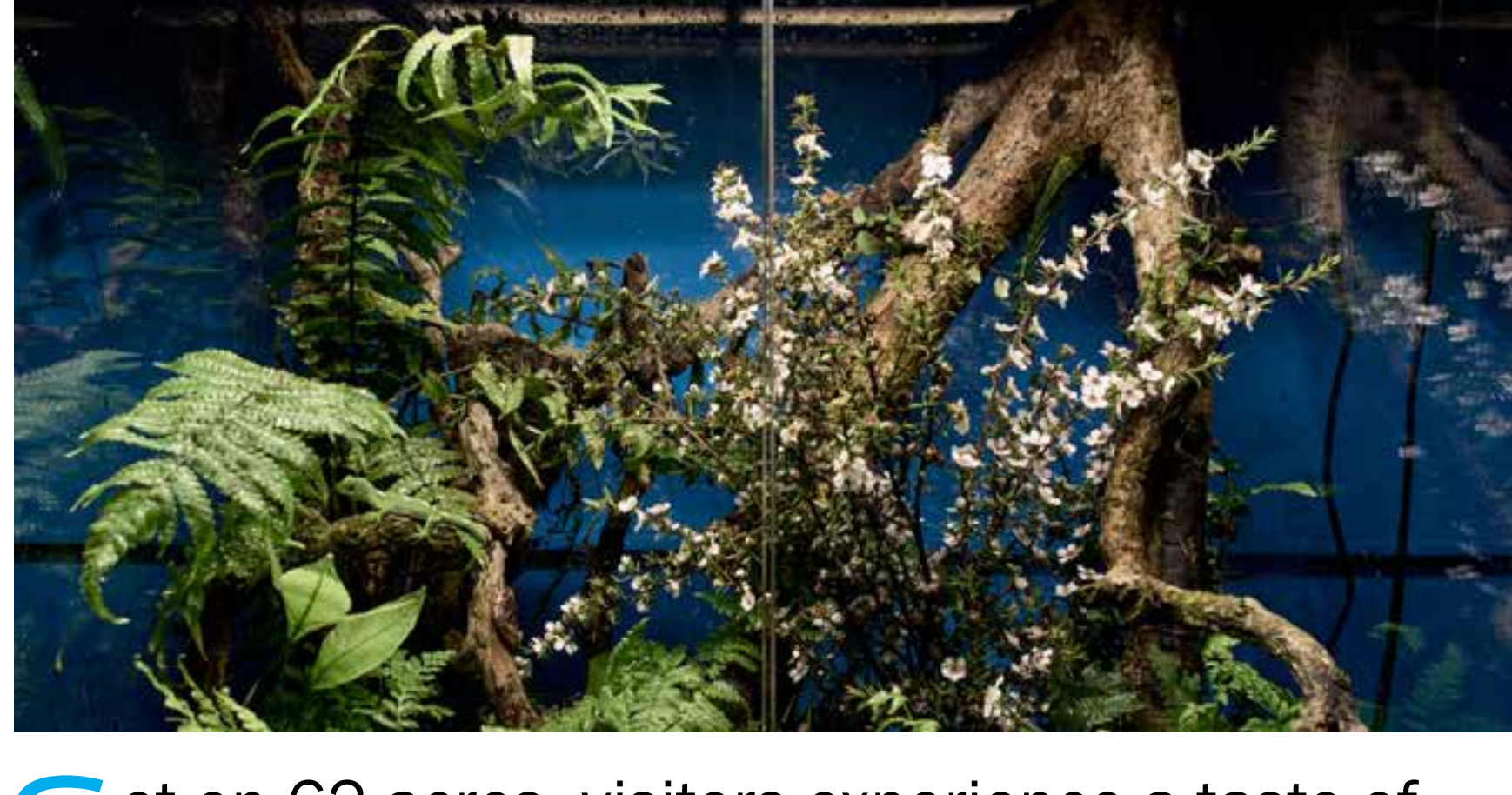
There is no time like the present to explore Claphams National Clock Museum in Whangārei. A museum dedicated to the history of time itself, this fascinating place offers entertaining and educational experiences for the whole whānau.

As one of the largest and most historically significant collections of clocks in the Southern Hemisphere, Claphams National Clock Museum is home to over 1400 timepieces, from ancient sun, sand, and water methods to some wacky and wonderful clocks of today. Many of the exhibits belonged to inventor, entertainer, and practical joker Archibald Clapham, who effectively gifted his enormous collection to the local council in 1961. Today, the display has grown to encompass more rare and notable pieces.

Visitors can explore the museum themselves or pre-book a guided tour by contacting the friendly team through the website or by phone. Learn about the history of recording time, have a peek at the inner workings of different types of clocks, and enjoy some Archie Clapham surprises along the way. Children can play the Clock Hunt game to keep them actively engaged.

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At the main facility, heritage and nature collide with our taonga in the Whangārei Museum and the living taonga in the Native Species Habitats. Your ticket or membership gives you a full day to explore (don't forget your picnic). Within the Native Species Habitats, you can discover some of Aotearoa's most treasured native species. We proudly hold ZAA accreditation, so our keepers are focused on welfare and high standards of care, based on science and delivered across our site. The Whangārei Museum has a gallery space for fresh exhibitions, plus visitors can explore our permanent collections.

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Magic around every bend



Waitangi. Photo by Camilla Rutherford.



Ninety Mile Beach. Photo by David Kirkland.

This winter, chase summer in Te Tai Tokerau – New Zealand’s winterless north. Whether you choose to turn left or right at the fork in the road at Brynderwyn, or criss-cross from coast to coast, a road trip in Northland will reward anyone with a sense of adventure.

Those who veer right will encounter some of Northland’s best-known hotspots. With over 100 beaches and coves, six waterfalls, 40-plus bush walks, and more than 100 kilometres of cycle trails, travellers wanting to immerse themselves in natural beauty will be spoilt for choice. Whangārei offers plenty to see and do for travellers of all ages and interests. As the region’s biggest city, it’s chocka with eateries, boutiques, galleries, museums, nature parks, and family-friendly activities. No visit would be complete without a visit to Whangārei Falls, so make sure to stop off on your way out.

Take the long way further north around the Tutukaka Coast to discover pristine beaches that lead into aquamarine water, plus thick native forests that verge on the prehistoric.

Next stop is Bay of Islands. Steeped in history, this area is home to Russell, Paihia, Kerikeri, the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, several of the country’s oldest buildings, and some of Aotearoa’s most fascinating stories. The best way to explore its hundreds of islands is by boat, but it’s worth exploring on dry land too.

The northernmost part of the country isn’t far from here! Cape Reinga / Te Rerenga Wairua is a place of cultural, spiritual, and historical significance, not to mention it’s quite breathtaking to find yourself at the tippy top of beautiful Aotearoa.

You can loop your way back down the west coast from the top. On the way south, stop off at Te Oneroa-a-Tōhē / Ninety Mile Beach to jump into adrenaline-inducing activities and roll down the dunes; explore the majestic Waipoua Kauri Forest, home to the largest living kauri tree Tāne Mahuta who is also known as the king of the forest; and Dargaville, a charming town on the banks of the Northern Wairoa River that was once a hub of thriving industry thanks to logging and gum digging. Not to mention all the beautiful bays and endless bush tracks dotted along the way.

From famous attractions to hidden gems, Northland is a paradise with something special hidden behind every bend.



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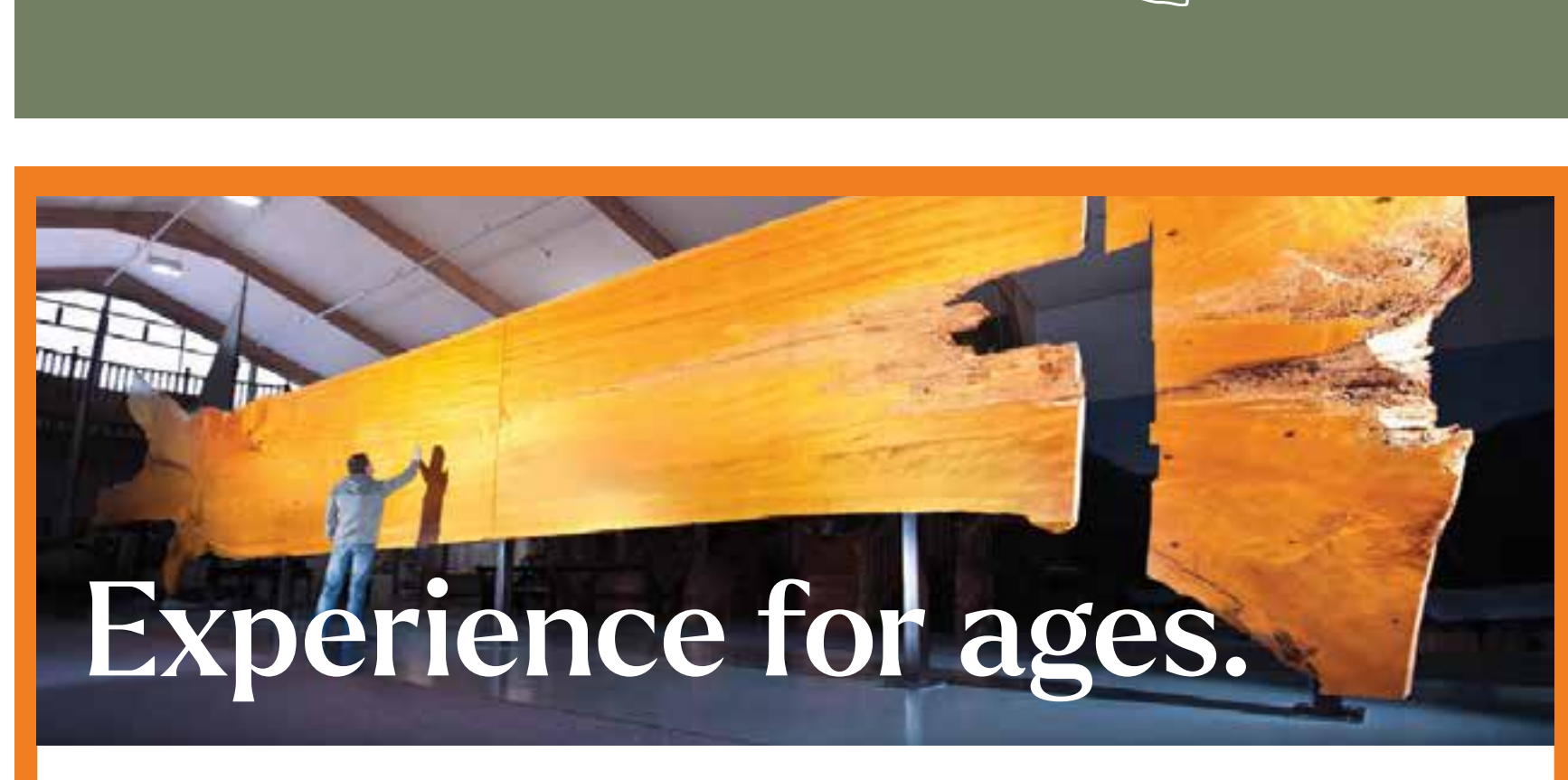
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Welcome to Destinationz

The fuel crisis has been squeezing all our wallets lately. In particular, travelling overseas has become so expensive – not to mention marred by uncertainty. Thankfully, New Zealand is still one of the best and safest countries to visit. By choosing an Aotearoa holiday, you're not only boosting our economy and tourism industry, but you'll feel it less in your pocket, too.

We started *Destinationz* all the way back in 2015 to encourage Kiwis to take a break in their own big, beautiful backyards. You can have any kind of holiday here – be it a snowy skiing sojourn, a romantic retreat, or a stargazing sleepover under some of the darkest skies in the world. We wanted to remind readers that New Zealand has everything an international trip offers and then some. There have been moments when this has felt more relevant and resonant than ever, like during the global pandemic, when supporting local was essential. 2026 feels like one of those times.

And so we bring you this free guide to travelling the length and breadth of the motu this winter and spring, whether you want to rug up and get rugged up north, explore out east, descend untouched southern lands, or wine down in the wistful west. Speaking of wine... For this issue, our travel journalist and editor Maddi made it up to Hawke's Bay – always sunny no matter the season – for a weekend away at Arapata Estate. Like she always says, stop and smell the rosé!

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Cabaret – The Musical at the Kit Kat Club lets loose at Auckland's ASB Waterfront Theatre from the 22nd of September to the 18th of October in a provocative panoply of performance, partying, and perfection that will leave audiences panting and pleading for more.

60 years after the eight-time Tony-winning musical set the world stage alight, and following celebrated West End and Broadway revivals, Auckland Theatre Company and Auckland Live present a sizzling New Zealand production directed by Benjamin Kilby-Henson (*Romeo & Juliet*, *Strictly Ballroom*). *Cabaret* will overflow with his trademark theatrical force, flair, and fabulosity, amplified by a local cast and creative team that includes Nomi Cohen as Sally and Matu Ngaropo (Ngāi Tūhoe, Te Rarawa, Ngāti Porou) as Emcee.

"It's seedy, sumptuous, and alive," Kilby-Henson purrs. "Exactly what great theatre should be".

End winter with a bang at Cabaret!

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From the moment you enter, you're encouraged to play, test, and explore. Explore wing shapes, experiment with airflow, and see how lift, thrust, drag, and weight work together in real time. It's tactile, immersive, and designed so tamariki and adults can discover side by side.

Forces of Flight has a distinctly Aotearoa perspective. Alongside interactive tech and aviation objects, you'll encounter mātauranga Māori woven throughout the exhibition, offering a deeper connection to the skies and the stories they hold.

Whether you're visiting with family, travelling with curious friends, or simply looking for something different to do in Auckland, this exhibition rewards time and curiosity. Expect discovery, moments of playfulness, and that satisfying spark of understanding when something clicks. You'll leave not just knowing how flight works – but having felt it for yourself.

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Pedalling paradise



Nelson Street Cycleway. Photo by Miles Holden.

In New Zealand, even when you're smack-dab in the middle of the city, you're never far from outdoor adventure. With safe, gentle, picturesque bike routes traversing urban, recreational, and rural areas, Auckland enjoys plenty of cycling opportunities for all ages and abilities.

One of the most popular locations is Ambury Park, where the many paths criss-cross a nature reserve chocka with critters. Plus, there are bridges, lagoons, and picnic spots to find. Narrow Neck Beach to Devonport Village swoops past beaches and reserves and has excellent views of Rangitoto Island and Maungauika (North Head).

The wide, sealed Waterview Path is perfect for little ones because it has so much to do along the way – think playgrounds, rainbow bridges, and more. Te Ara Tahuna follows the edge of the Ōrewa Estuary, while Pakuranga Rotary Path enjoys great views of Maungarei / Mount Wellington and the sweeping Tāmaki Estuary.

If you want to weave your way around the city, the Westhaven Path that starts in Herne Bay rewards cyclists with views over the Auckland Bridge and along the Westhaven Boardwalk.

Bike the big city this winter break.



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Gisborne

Beach buzz



Waikanae Beach Boardwalk.

Courtesy of Tairāwhiti Gisborne.

Waikanae Beach is Gisborne's most popular. Long, sandy, and often scattered with shells, this picturesque location is a hotspot in the summer. However, winter has its own perks, with sunrises being particularly beautiful in the crisp morning air.

From boating to beachcombing, surfing to strolling, fishing to fireside chatting, swimming to stargazing, this centrally located beach is just a hop, skip, and a jump away from the heart of Gisborne. If you're there in the morning hoping to catch pink and orange streaking across the sky, stop by one of the cafés to grab a coffee and a treat before finding a cosy spot beneath one of the trees lining the shore. At any other time of day, pick up some just-caught fish and chips or some of Gisborne's famously fresh produce and enjoy a picnic perched on a piece of driftwood.

Fantastic walking paths and a beautifully maintained boardwalk perfect for all ages and abilities flank the beach. Along the way you'll find tennis courts overlooking the sea, a surf school for those bold enough to brave the winter water, and a playground the wee ones will love. Get your beach buzz at Waikanae Beach.

Secluded and serene



Tolaga Bay Wharf, Eastland. Photo by Rody NZ.

Tolaga Bay is famous for its nigh on 100-year-old wharf. One of the longest piers in New Zealand, it is exceptionally idyllic and one of the best spots on the East Coast to dangle a fishing line surrounded by a serene and still beauty – not to mention a perfect place to welcome the world's first sunrise of the day.

When it was built in 1929, the 660-metre-long wharf served as a lifeline for the remote region, with over 130 ships working out of the port in its prime. Today, it's simply a much-loved local landmark and an ideal spot from which to watch those famous Tairāwhiti sunrises. It takes about 30 minutes to walk to the end and back, so make sure to pack a cuppa to keep you cosy on a winter morning!

The settlement of Tolaga Bay is equally beautiful, with plenty to see and do in the heritage town featuring streets named after Captain Cook's crew. Nature abounds with the long, sandy beach the best place to stroll or catch those winter rays, while hiking trails can be found all around.

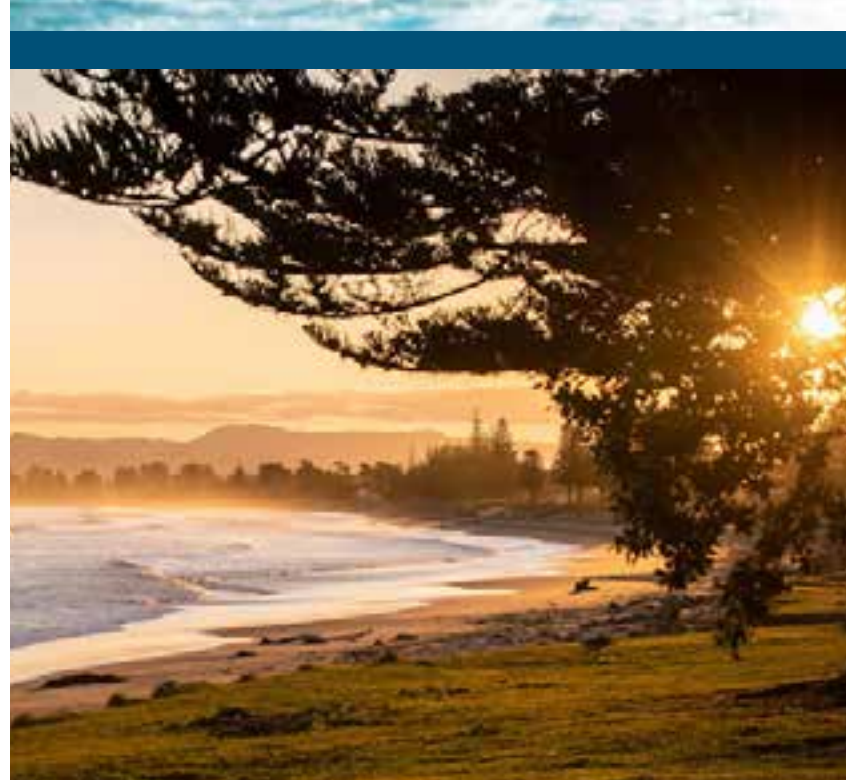
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Gisborne

Sip and savour



Photo by Gisborne Wine Growers' Association.

Tairāwhiti, the Māori word for Gisborne, means “the coast upon which the sun shines across the water”. Ideal for us humans, these are also perfect conditions for growing grapes. Bubbly, round-bodied, tart, or dry, the vast and varied varietals that can be sipped and savoured here taste just like summer even in wintertime.

With high, hot sunshine hours, fertile clay loam soils, and some of the most acclaimed winemakers in the country, Gisborne is the fourth-largest producer in New Zealand. It's famous the world over for all of its vino – producing exceptional gewurztraminer, viognier, pinot gris, merlot, malbec, and more – but the king of the crop is the chardonnay. Though each chardonnay is unique, Gisborne ones are often described as highly aromatic, with rich, lush palates bursting with fruit.

Vino-focused visitors can sample the wonderful wines grown here paired with fresh dishes at farm-to-table eateries, as the main focus at the cosmopolitan bars, or directly from the source at the vineyards dotted around the city. Hop on a bike to explore the landscape, popping into cellar doors along the way, to get a true taste of the nectar that grows forth from the sun-drenched Gisborne soil.

Pseudo summer



Gisborne Town Clock.
Courtesy of Tairāwhiti Gisborne.

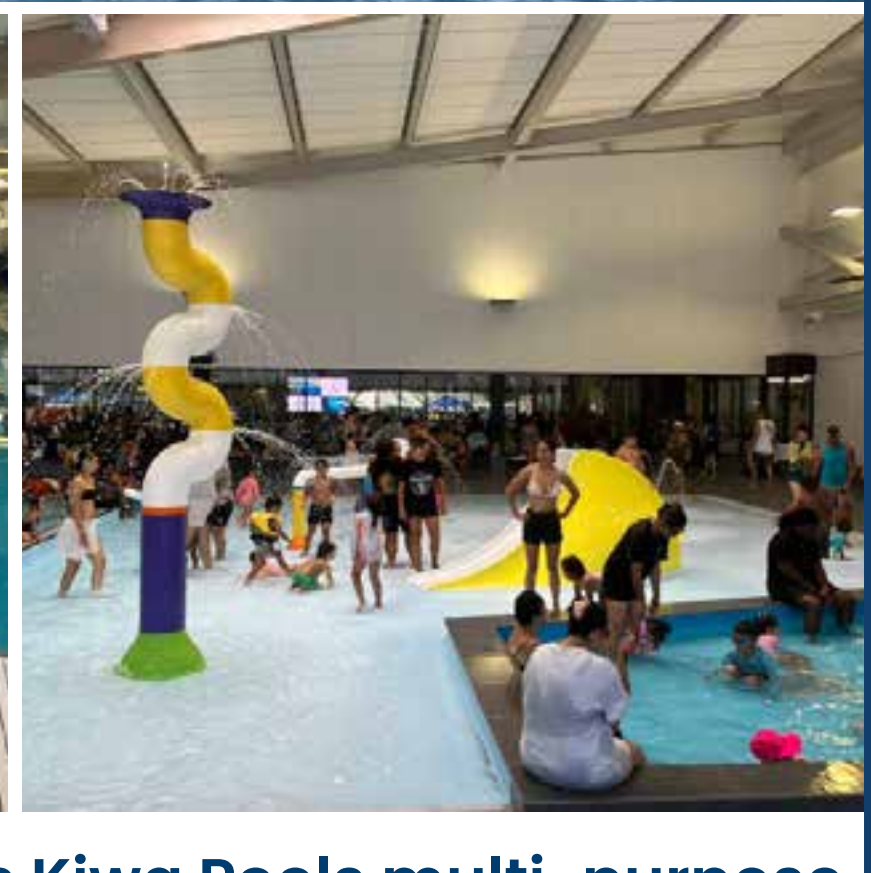
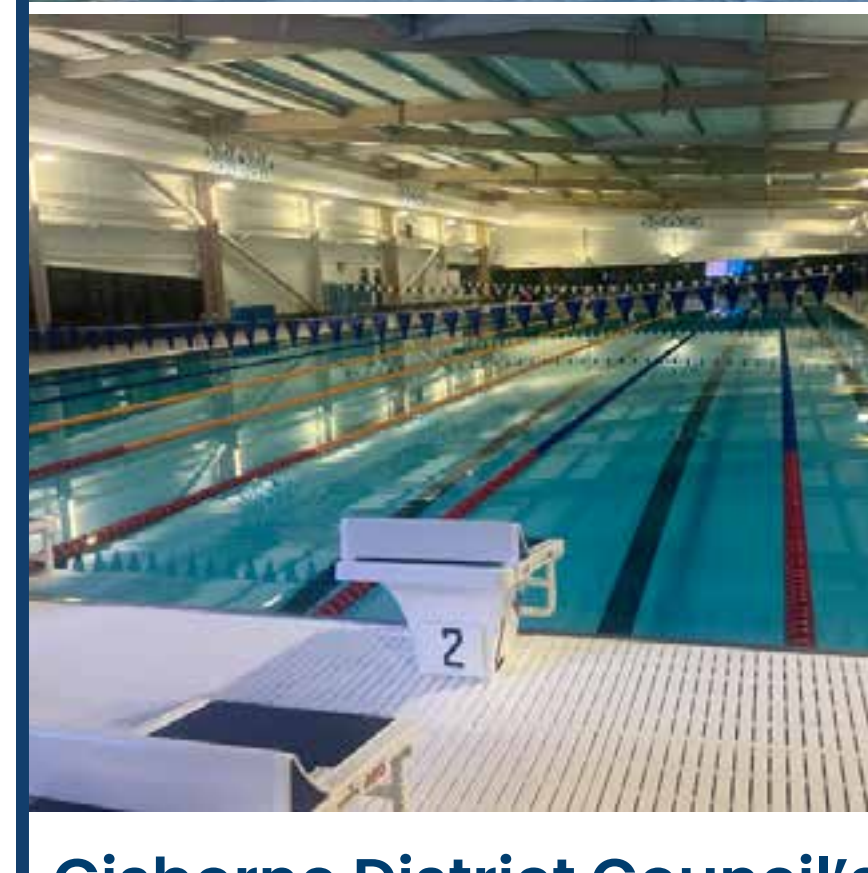
If you consider yourself a snowbird, there are fewer places better than Tairāwhiti Gisborne to dodge winter. With a summertime state of mind, plenty of sunshine, and sea and sand in endless supply, Gizzy is perfect for a pseudo-summer sojourn.

Even if the water is cold, there are plenty of ways to spend time on the sea. Charter a boat for fishing, hop on a tour to meet all sorts of sea creatures, or shimmy into a wetsuit for a day of scuba diving or surfing. If you'd prefer not to get your feet wet, simply take a stroll along the beach or boardwalk – the seaside is pretty no matter the weather.

If rain keeps you indoors, there are plenty of places to visit. Aside from museums and galleries, all of which are world-class and perfect for keeping tamariki engaged during school holidays, there are also an endless number of eateries serving fresh, local farm-to-table dishes and drinks. The kaimoana is fresher than fresh, the produce is picked nearby, and the wine harvest season has just finished, meaning the sipping will be even sweeter!

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Heaps of history



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Situated where the Waioeka and Otara Rivers meet the sea, Ōpōtiki's human history stretches back as far as the known history of Aotearoa.

When the fleet migration left Hawaiki, they landed on the East Coast. The land was rich and fertile, bountiful and beautiful. Of the many waka that passed through, some navigators chose to stay, and Ōpōtiki, or what was then known as Pakowhai, became a bustling settlement. In fact, it grew into one of the biggest in the region.

As Captain Cook sailed by, he commented on the dense population, and it wasn't long until European settlers began to make the town their home too. However, in 1865, missionary Carl Sylvius Völkner was killed, marking the beginning of a long period of strife. When fighting ceased, Ōpōtiki became a military settlement. The town developed rapidly thanks to the fertile land surrounding it. Business flourished and so did the people – everyone from farmers to brewers called it home.

Today, original buildings can still be found along the main street, and many descendants of the original Māori and European settlers still call the town home. Uncover their stories on your next Ōpōtiki sojourn.

Small but mighty



Ōpōtiki may be small, but as the epitome of a small Kiwi town, chocka with charm and overflowing with history, it's a wonderful place to spend a spell.

Thought to be one of the first locations settled by Māori when they arrived in Aotearoa roughly 800 years ago, Ōpōtiki is a historical hotspot. Visit the local museum to step back in time and learn all about the Indigenous and settler stories that made it what it is today.

Despite being inhabited for so long, the surrounding wilderness is vastly untouched. In fact, it most likely looks quite similar to how it did back when it was first found by iwi. Explore the ancient rivers and the silvery sea by jet boat, kayak, and charter – the surrounding waters are famous for fishing, while the bush is renowned for hunting.

There are plenty of walking tracks and biking trails in the vicinity too, including the Motu Trail network that skips past everything the landscape is known for. Meanwhile, the Marawaiwai Track is an easy 30-minute stroll through kahikatea forest that's for all ages and abilities.

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Papatūānuku's veins



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New Zealand's beating heart, Rotorua is a special corner of our country where human and natural history collide. The land surges with geothermal activity as boiling water courses through Papatūānuku's veins and steam flows from her pores. Meanwhile, on the surface, people have harnessed the power of the Earth for centuries, creating a unique cultural narrative to complement it.

In Rotorua, the land comes alive through geysers, steaming lakes, bubbling mud volcanoes, hot waterfalls, and landscapes akin to the Moon. This region is in constant turbulence, yet, for us humans, it's a place to relax, unwind, and connect with the Earth. After exploring these natural wonders, choose one of the many private or public, luxury or homegrown hot pools to rejuvenate in healing mineral water.

While in Rotorua, take time to connect with the iwi who whakapapa to this region. There are many Māori-owned businesses, bespoke eateries, marae, and cultural experiences where you can learn about the stories and people who make Rotorua come alive.

For those with a spirit as restless as the land itself, there are all kinds of adrenaline-inducing adventures to embark on in Rotorua.

A new frontier



Step into a world of magic and illusion at Rotorua's 3D Trick Art Gallery. Enhancing your holiday with unparalleled thrills and excitement, this immersive experience is designed to captivate visitors of all ages.

Nestled within the picturesque grounds of Rotorua Heritage Farm, the 3D Trick Art Gallery stands as the sole establishment of its kind in New Zealand. Boasting over 50 larger-than-life, hyper-realistic 2D paintings, this gallery transcends conventional art forms, transforming static images into dynamic, three-dimensional masterpieces through the lens of your camera.

Jump in and become part of the illusions. Evade the clutches of a colossal crocodile, outmaneuver a great white shark, or navigate the tentacles of a goliath octopus. Traverse towering mountains, plunge beneath thundering waterfalls, or embark on a lunar expedition. From the serene canals of Venice to the icy expanses of a glacier, the possibilities for adventure are endless.

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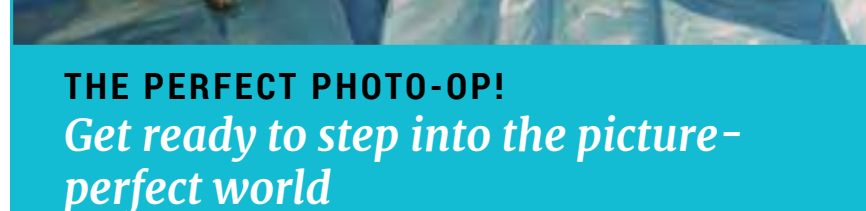


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A taste of Kiwi heritage



Much of New Zealand's history is tied to farming and agriculture. These industries were instrumental in the early years of our nation and remain a huge part of Kiwi life to this day. If you'd like to experience life on the farm, see what many Kiwis do on a day-to-day basis, and learn about where our food comes from, hop on The Farm Tour in Rotorua.

Rotorua Heritage Farm is located just outside the town centre alongside the famous 3D Trick Art Gallery. The working farm first started hosting tours in the 1930s to show visitors what life in Aotearoa was like and has recently started them up again, using the iconic red covered trailer towed by a tractor to guide people all the way around the farm.

During the one-hour guided experience, visitors will hear stories about life on the farm and be introduced to all kinds of farm animals, including sheep, cattle, deer, ostrich, and alpaca. Not only will you be allowed to get up close to all the creatures, but you'll get to pat and feed them too!

As a working farm, Rotorua Heritage Farm is open regardless of weather – so pull on your gumboots and roll up your sleeves to get stuck in on The Farm Tour.

Cool down



The coolest thing you do this winter may be Run The Forest – a running event with three distances, fun party vibes, and incredible routes through the unique landscapes of Rotorua.

On the 8th of August, folks from across the motu are invited to run, skip, walk, or dance their way across a finish line of their choice. The three courses each snake through a different part of the geothermal wonderland, so regardless of which option you choose, you're guaranteed to see remarkable sites, including geysers, mudpools, and towering redwoods.

The Starship 21km Pohutu Geyser Trail begins at the foot of the largest geyser in the Southern Hemisphere. Along the Rotorua Canopy Tours 10km Geothermal Traverse, participants will enjoy the steaming pools of the Whakarewarewa Living Māori Village and mānuka-lined trails. Take in the towering trees and the steam vents, bubbling mud pools, and hot springs of the sulphur flats along the 7km Redwoods Traverse.

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Fun is guaranteed



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Adventure Playground transforms old forest tracks that date back to the 1930s into grounds for fun and frivolity. Weave through totara, rewarewa, and tawa trees as you captain your own 4x4 self-drive buggy on an off-road tour. Jump aboard one of their new Yamaha 4WD buggies and learn some of the history of Mount Ngongotahā. Take in spectacular views of Lake Rotorua and the city below from the side of the mountain on a horse trek. Challenge your eye with a clay bird shooting experience. Whatever you choose, there's an adventure for everyone.

The team at Adventure Playground pride themselves on putting safety first always. Many of their activities are family friendly, all safety equipment is provided, and their guides are knowledgeable and cautious. Priority number two is fun, and the team here are experts on that too!

Heart-racing fun



New Zealand is known for its adrenaline-inducing activities, with adventure seekers coming to our shores from across the globe. At Velocity Valley in Rotorua, you can sample six different experiences in one spot.

Offering world-exclusive rides that you won't find anywhere else, Velocity Valley is the result of real Kiwi innovation.

When you give Vertigo a go, you'll experience the longest four seconds of your life. From a platform raised 43 metres above the ground, you'll be dropped into a safety net below. Sloop is a giant swing where you'll be strapped into a body bag to swoop headfirst from zero to 130kmph in one second.

The Shweeb Racer is a pedal-powered monorail, while in the Agrojet you'll hit 100 kilometres an hour, feel the same G-force as in a Ferrari, and twist through high-speed 360-degree turns on wild waters.

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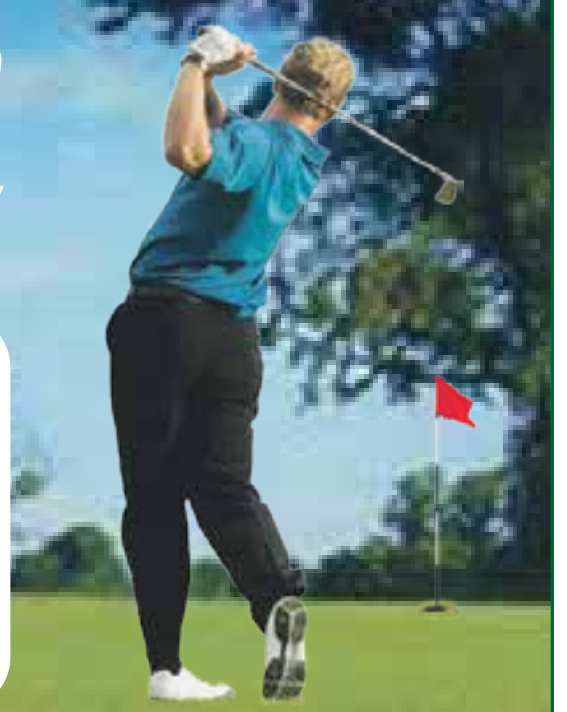
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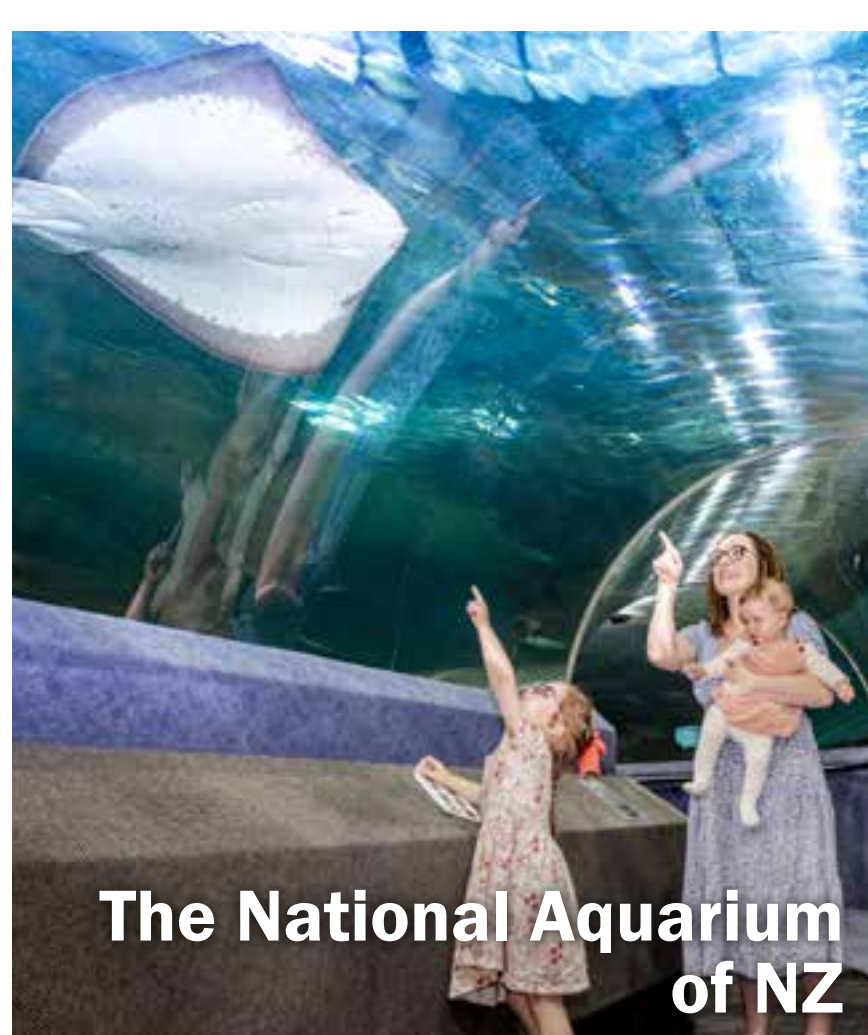
MTG Hawke's Bay

There is always something new and exciting to discover at the MTG Hawke's Bay. This award-winning museum is made up of three distinct buildings – an art deco masterpiece, a modernist gem, and a light-filled gallery that looks out across the Pacific Ocean. The museum's collections tell historic stories of the region and beyond, including the 1931 earthquake that devastated the region and the legacy of art deco architecture that is still celebrated today. Their fabulous shop also sells a range of beautiful cards, gifts, books, and mementos.



Faraday Museum of Technology

Ignite your imagination at the Faraday Museum of Technology, where hands-on adventures await visitors of all ages! Discover interactive exhibits where you can touch, play, and explore the wonders of science, technology, and history in exciting ways. From historic appliances and engines to energy sources and games, there's so much to see and uncover. A magical place where history comes to life anew, the Faraday Museum of Technology offers an experience you won't forget that's perfect for families and anyone with a curious mind!



The National Aquarium of NZ

Photo by Molly Rose Nilsson.

The National Aquarium of New Zealand is home to saltwater, freshwater, and land animal exhibits from New Zealand and around the world. The 1.5-million-litre Oceanarium, which you can experience with a walk through an underwater viewing tunnel, showcases the variety of aquatic species that exist in Hawke's Bay, including stingrays, kingfish, hāpuku, snapper, and more. Watch the famous little penguins feed and play in the Penguin Cove, and connect with native wildlife like tuatara and kiwi.



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Kennedy Park

Located near the heart of Napier, Kennedy Park is an accommodation option that's fun for the whole whānau. There is so much to do onsite that you'll be tempted to spend entire days on the premises. Kids and adults will love the heated swimming complex, basketball half court, and giant outdoor chess board. Stroll the gardens or relax at the café while the tamariki let loose at the adventure playground and on the colourful jumping pillow. Spend time in the games room playing pool, table-top games, or air hockey together as a family.



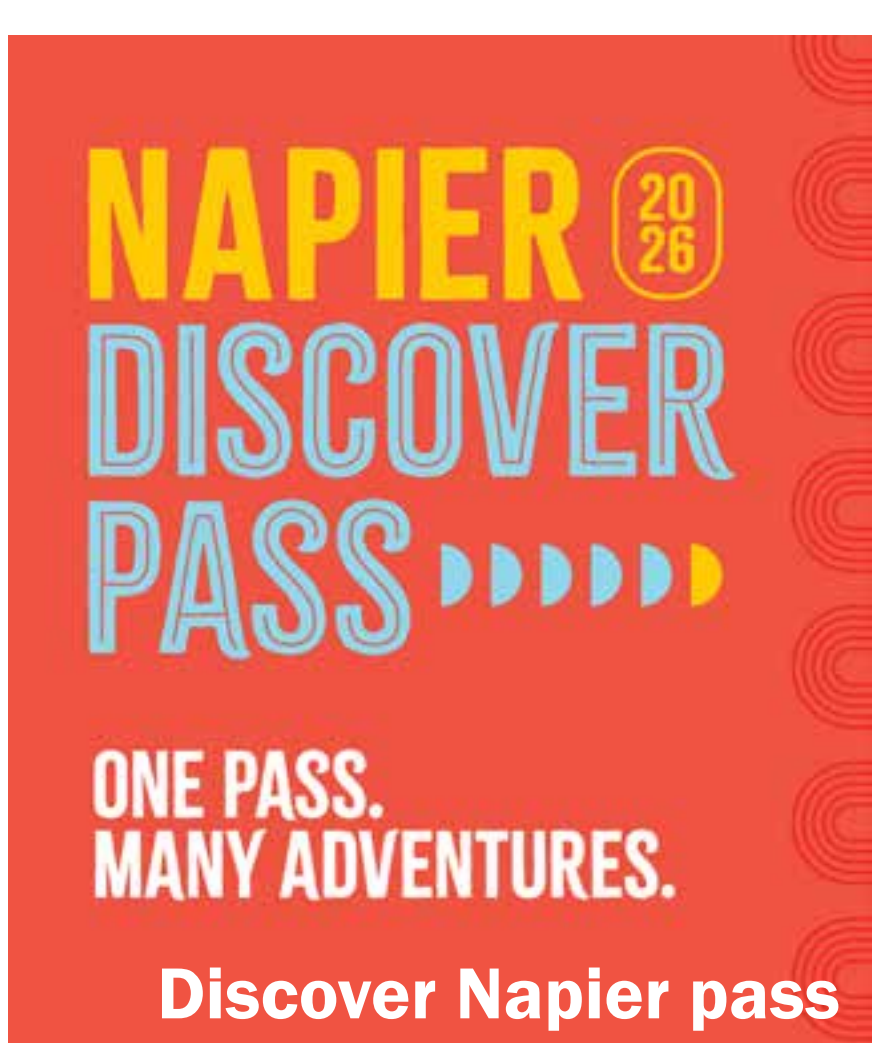
Napier Aquatic Centre

You don't have to wait for hot summer days to enjoy a day in the water. Napier Aquatic Centre is open year-round for water-based exercise and fun. Three pools means everyone can jump in – choose from the five-lane 25-metre lap pool for walking and lane swimming, the disability-friendly six-lane Ivan Wilson Pool, or the learners' pool complete with toddler pool and mini waterfall. The complex also features waterslides, a spray park open from October to March, a beautiful outdoor area, and relaxing spas. Jump in and have fun!



Ocean Spa

Ocean Spa is Napier's premier heated pool and fitness complex located on Marine Parade. Boasting open-air, heated, and chlorinated pools and spas with panoramic ocean views, visitors can enjoy a range of options from the toddler pool to therapeutic pools with water fountains and pool jets. Visitors can unwind in spacious outdoor spa pools and refuel with a coffee or bite to eat at Bach Café. Centrally located, Ocean Spa is the perfect spot to relax and re-energise, rain or shine.



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Experience Arapata Estate

Stop and smell the rosé

by Madelaine Empson



Pulling into the tree-lined driveway of Arapata Estate in Havelock North, I audibly gasped. Verdant lime green as far as the eye could see, with dappled sunlight casting a golden glow all the way to our boutique accommodation. Dad and I had driven up from Wellington so I could write about our stay and he could take all the gorgeous photos you see on these pages. A father-daughter travel spread? What can I say, it runs in the family!

We'd be spending two nights at Arapata Lodge, so of course our first port of call was to squabble over the bedrooms. With three kings available, he called shotgun on the master suite. Hardly fair, but I conceded due to his *seniority*. Wink. Now faced with two equally beautiful options and the crippling indecision that is my natural MO, I bounced around both beds (not literally) before choosing a room cloaked in forest green outside both windows. Tranquil, moody, and ambient. Perfect for the kind of nap where you wake up unsure of the time, day, or even what your name is. In other words, perfect for true rest.

Once we had settled in, it was time to explore our accommodation. With ample furniture for relaxing in the sun with a wine (which I cracked open immediately), the front deck overlooks manicured lawns and pétanque terrain (more on that later). Walk inside and you're greeted with an open-plan, fully equipped kitchen, living, and dining room: a carefully curated space for socialising, cooking, and cosying up with the people you love. Through the glass doors you'll find the back deck, where loungers invite a travel journalist named Maddi to enjoy another wine. Light and sun flow through Arapata Lodge, adorned with striking artworks, chic décor, and thoughtful touches in every nook and cranny.

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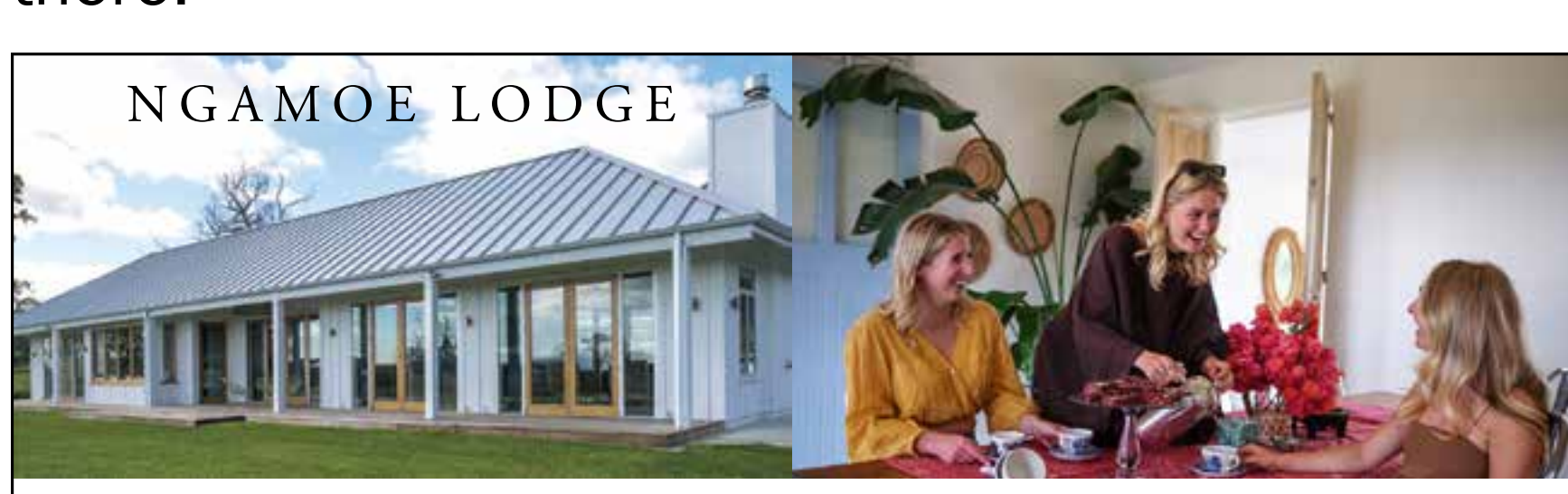
It was then time to meet our hosts, Ben and Rae, who immediately offered me a glass of Hawke's Bay rosé. Oh, go on then. We were welcomed into their home with such hospitality, and sat together on their porch under the blooming jacaranda tree while Molly the (very good) dog nosed about expectantly for treats. Wine in hand (you may be sensing a theme here), Ben talked us through the history of Arapata Estate, originally a sheep and cattle farm bought by his parents Dick and Ann in 1970. What was once a one-bedroom gardener's cottage with double garage is now Arapata Lodge, and in 2018, Ben realised a long-time dream: the completion of Ngamoe Lodge, named after his mother's childhood home.

It is very difficult to describe the grandeur of Ngamoe. We were lucky enough to get a tour on our first night and spent much of the next day there taking photos of Ben and Rae's lovely family and friends in the space – but not before Ben taught me how to play pétanque. Sure, he'll say he let me win the game... wink.

Where was I? Stepping into Ngamoe is, quite literally, breathtaking. The high ceilings afford a vast airiness, while the furniture, fittings, and fixtures are a sight to behold. Slick, shiny concrete meets the amber glow of wood in this contemporary yet warm, spacious yet intimate lodge. Fully equipped with rural vistas and four king bedrooms, one of which has a walk-in wardrobe I'd give an Armani and a leg for, I agree with Ben when he says it's got the kind of style you can only understand and experience when you arrive.

So, arrive! Both self-contained lodges are available to book, separately or together, and offer everything I've written about and then some. They're also fabulously located just a three-minute drive from the centre of Havelock North village. Here, you'll find cute shops, boutiques and bars, and a number of excellent eateries, including Alessandro's, an Italian restaurant I dragged Dad to *twice* so I could inhale the pasta.

We loved our time with Ben and Rae at Arapata Estate and hope to be back some day. Race you there!



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There is room for campervans and tents on both powered and unpowered campsites. Cabins and self-contained units are also available – simply choose how many beds and what facilities you’d like. Enjoy views of the Tararua Ranges and early-morning birdsong throughout.

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Slice of heaven



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Beyond the hustle and bustle of the capital at the foothills of the Remutaka Range exists a slice of paradise where the best parts of Aotearoa converge. In Wairarapa, the beach and the bush, the country and the city, the luxurious and the low-cost, the adventurous and the artistic collide.

In this beautiful and bountiful region, visitors of all ages and interests can craft a tailor-made itinerary that will tick every box. Townships appear as if by magic between tracts of manicured farmland and forest belts. Each one is chocka with character, yet has its own personality, style, and atmosphere – whether you want wine, events, architecture, eateries, or something else entirely, you’ll find it tucked away in a quaint corner of Wairarapa.

As for the natural landscape, miles of rugged coastline and long sandy beaches are flanked by stretches of wild bush in which visitors can find cascading waterfalls, coursing rivers, towering cliffs, and ancient forests. With so much scenery, you’ll be swivel-necking like crazy, but don’t forget to turn your gaze upwards too. Wairarapa is an accredited International Dark Sky Reserve, and on a crisp winter’s eve it’ll feel like heaven on Earth.




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Taking place on the 15th of August, Wairarapa Garden Fiesta will be a world of fun for everyone – whether you're an amateur anthophile or a gigantic greenthumb. The Wairarapa A&P Society and Garden Barn Masterton will present an event that's bigger and better than ever before, with stalls both inside and outside of the stadium at Wairarapa A&P Society's Clareville Showgrounds, plus sessions from expert speakers and demonstrations throughout the day.

An avid gardener looking to prepare for the upcoming season? Check out the stalls selling pots and plants, flowers and ferns. Maybe you're just getting into gardening – if so, you can find all the tools and equipment you'll need, even sheds! Need to restock the basics or perhaps you want some natives in your garden? Looking to add that unique touch to your outdoor space? There will be a whole range of garden art on display!

After all the seeking and searching for treasures and trees, you're bound to work up an appetite. From coffee to cakes, Wairarapa Garden Fiesta has food stalls galore to keep you going the whole day through.

Enchanting winter experiences



Cobblestones lights up winter nights from the 3rd to the 12th of July with the spectacular Illuminations Night Walk – a highlight of the 2026 New Zealand Festival of Christmas in Greytown.

After a sell-out in 2025, this magical evening experience returns bigger than ever, and extended over more nights to meet overwhelming demand. Families can explore an enchanting interactive light experience set amongst Cobblestones' iconic Heritage Village grounds.

A traditional Victorian Country Christmas Winter Market brings the Heritage Village alive with artisan stalls, children's activities, performances, music, and wonderful food for people of all ages to enjoy on Saturday the 18th of July from 10am to 2:30pm.

Both events are during the school holidays and guaranteed to keep the children and grandchildren spellbound and engaged. No matter whether young, or young at heart, treasured memories will be made to keep forever.

As these events are during the winter, it's best to follow us on the Cobblestones Facebook Page or website for the latest news. Rug up and soak in the atmosphere – it's the perfect midwinter outing for all.

 <p>COBBLESTONES WAIRARAPA'S HERITAGE VILLAGE</p>  <p>Cobblestones is Wairarapa's Heritage Village named after its beautifully preserved original Stable and cobblestone courtyard. Step back in time and explore six authentic heritage buildings.</p> <p>Getting Here</p> <p>Cobblestones is at 169 Main Street, Greytown.</p> <p>Drive We're just over an hour from Wellington on SH2, and 20 minutes south of Masterton on SH2.</p> <p>Train Take the Wairarapa train from Wellington station to Woodside station. Buses run between Woodside and Greytown. We recommend checking with Metlink for current train and bus schedule information to ensure services are running.</p>	<p>Venue Hire</p> <p>The charming, village atmosphere of Cobblestones and its picturesque grounds is a versatile Wairarapa venue – ideal for weddings, conferences, fetes, meetings, clubs, filming, photography, fundraisers and other celebrations and events.</p>  <p>Tour Groups</p> <p>Large groups are warmly welcomed at Cobblestones village. Bus tours, social clubs, special interest groups – we're geared up to work with you for the best possible experience. Guided tours led by one of our knowledgeable volunteers are in hot demand. Get in touch to book one for your group.</p> 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artisan and Christmas gift stalls • Heritage village setting with authentic Victorian charm • Live entertainment and performances • Traditional children's games and activities • Delicious seasonal food and beverages <p>Don't miss this chance to celebrate a traditional Victorian Christmas Fair. Enter through 169 Main St gate by cash or eftpos payment.</p> <p>Note: If Mother Nature is unkind our alternative rain day for the Fair will be Sunday 19th. Follow our website and Facebook for any notices closer to the time. Only registered Service Dogs are permitted on site. The site is wheelchair accessible with ramps, fine gravel paths and grass.</p>
<p>Come and Visit! Open hours: 10am to 4.00pm – September to May (last admission – 3.30pm) 10am to 3.00pm – June to August (last admission 2.30pm) cobblestonesmuseum.org.nz</p>		

Wairarapa

Starry-eyed in Wairarapa



On a Friday after work, I shot over to Wairarapa from Wellington to take the Star Trek tour at Stonehenge Aotearoa. Built on ancient principles of stone circles and specifically adapted for the Wairarapa countryside, this unique open-air observatory combines modern scientific knowledge with ancient Egyptian, Babylonian, Celtic, Polynesian, and Māori starlore. I'd been during the day before and loved exploring the unique monument, which can be used to track solstices, equinoxes, maramataka (the Māori lunar calendar), and much more, but this was my first time visiting under the cloak of a night blanketed in stars.

To say I was excited is an understatement: Stonehenge is considered the hub of astronomy in Wairarapa, which was deemed an official Dark Sky Reserve in 2023. This means the stargazing here is second to none.

I arrived to be met by Richard and Kay, who first took me inside for a fantastic presentation on the night sky. I don't want to spoil all Richard's secrets, but I'll treat you to a few minutes of the half-hour chat, because what I learned was mind-blowing. If you were driving at 100 kilometres an hour, it would take you 17 days to get around the Earth, and five months to get to the Moon. The Sun? "Well, I'm afraid you'd die of old age first", Richard quipped. "It would take you 171 years."

If you fancy feeling even more tiny, to get to Alpha Centauri, the brightest of the two stars that point to the Southern Cross, it would take you 46 million years in your little car.

The talk covered everything from galaxies to light speed to space travel, but I'll leave you with this last life-altering fact: there are more stars in the known universe than there are grains of sand on all the beaches in the world. Richard is a powerhouse of astronomical knowledge and insight who puts it all into accessible terms that really hit home the scale of our universe.

With a head full of stars, I went outside to see them first-hand for the next segment of the Star Trek: a laser tour of the heavens, where Richard helped me hunt the night sky for all the stars I'd learned about inside. Bathed in the glow of the full moon, this was a star trek in every sense, and a breathtakingly beautiful experience.

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At the heart of Feilding, you'll find a welcoming hub of activity where connection, relaxation, and discovery come together in one vibrant precinct. Side by side, Makino Aquatic Centre and the Manawatū Community Hub Libraries and Information Centre at Te Āhuru Mōwai offer the perfect place to spend time – whether you're looking to unwind, keep active, or explore what's happening locally.

Make a splash at Makino Aquatic Centre, where there's something for everyone. Enjoy free weekend inflatables included with entry, take part in weekend aqua classes, or relax knowing the facility is thoughtfully designed with accessibility in mind – including a hoist, ramp access, and accessible changing spaces so everyone can enjoy the water with confidence.

Just steps away, discover Te Āhuru Mōwai – a place to pause, connect, and explore. Pick up maps, find local attractions and events, or book your tickets. Stay a while and enjoy the No Knead to Book Café, Makerspace, books, games, public computers, and welcoming children's spaces, including an outdoor playground.

From poolside activity to quiet moments of discovery, it's all here – a place to relax, explore, and enjoy.

Over hill and dale



Manawatū Turitea pā. Courtesy of Manawatu.NZ.

From its placid lakes to rolling rivers, majestic mountains to bucolic countryside, Manawatū is a vast and varied district perfect for all kinds of travellers – whether you're seeking an action-packed outing or a laid-back meander.

Nature abounds in this district, making an outdoor itinerary easy to plan. Whatever your inclinations – from hiking and horseback riding to biking and boating – you'll find it tucked away in a beautiful corner of Manawatū wilderness.

In between the long stretches of green bush and farmland are quaint towns, each one with its own personality. Feilding is a vibrant village filled with museums, antique stores, and opportunities to learn about settler culture and heritage, plus it has a famous farmers' market that's great for picking up picnic supplies. Kimbolton and Sanson are small but mighty, the former a sculpture hub and the latter great for eats and treats. Palmerston North is the biggest of the bunch. It pulses with creativity and offers so much to see and do thanks to theatres, galleries, museums, parks aplenty, and an ever-popping events calendar.

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Authentic Aotearoa



Town meets country at Feilding Rural Day – a baa-rilient family-focused event chocka with fun, food, and farming on the 9th of October.

Taking place on the last day of the spring school holidays, Feilding Rural Day celebrates Manawatū's rural heritage from the heart of its most beautiful town. Manchester Square will be packed with farm animals to pet and cuddle, non-stop entertainment, rides, tractors, displays, and all kinds of fun rural activities and competitions. Plus, Feilding's iconic farmers' market will be in full swing, with stalls selling local fruits and veggies, freshly made products, and treats galore. Perfect for a Sunday picnic or to keep the energy going all day long.

The friendly Feilding cafés, eateries, and retailers will be open too, and as always, the town will come to a standstill at midday for the running of the Gumboot Race Relays – a fast and furious rural obstacle challenge. It's as Kiwiana as it comes!

Experience the lifestyle of New Zealand's heartland in a most intimate and memorable way at Feilding Rural Day. Check out the programme at www.feilding.co.nz to plan your next mooove.

Bee happy



Whether you're travelling up the country to explore the wild heart of Te Ika-a-Māui or you're making the trek south to Wellington or across the Cook Strait to Te Waipounamu, odds are you'll be driving through Sanson and past Himatangi Beach. Not to mention swathes of bush, stretches of rolling hills, and over hill and dale.

Along the way is Waireka Honey, a bright yellow bungalow dedicated to all things bee. The shop stocks a huge range of native New Zealand honey products, including skincare, sweets, wellness supplies, novelty items, beekeeping equipment, and, of course, honey.

Waireka Honey also has a massive selection of meads, an alcoholic beverage made from fermented honey. Whether you want to sample it yourself or give it as a gift, the unique flavour is delicate and syrupy. Be sure to check out the range of liquors and fruit wines available as well.

Tamariki will love peering into the live observation hive. Chocka with busy bees, it's easy to become transfixed by the goings on within the hive – especially if you have one of the legendary honey or fruit-based ice creams in hand!

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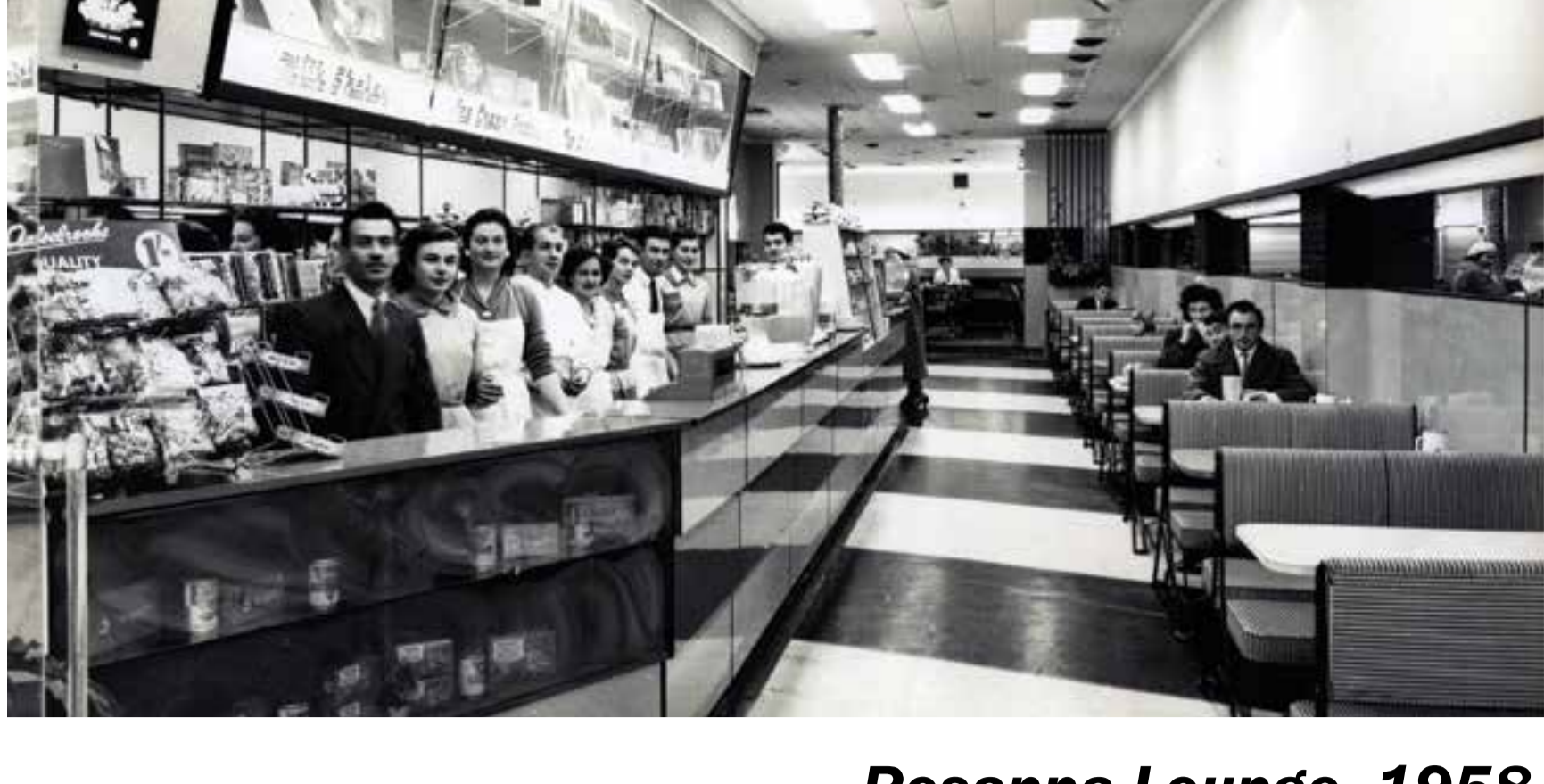
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100 Years of Wellington
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Rosanna Lounge, 1958.

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New exhibition *Capital of Kai* is on now at Te Waka Huia Wellington Museum until the 6th of September. Spanning 100 years of Wellington tastemakers, this exhibition explores how the capital became a culinary paradise with treasures of hospo history on display from The Green Parrot's griddle to Hiakai's backlit signage.

Situated on the waterfront, the award-winning museum has four floors of local taonga (treasures) and stories. Get up close to the main ship wheel of *TEV Wahine*, the ship at the centre of the 1968 disaster. Watch Māori legends come to life, compare your shoe size with Steven Adams' basketball boots, and listen to local UFO reports.

Make the most of your visit with a museum tour. For international visitors, guided tours are just a little extra with museum admission. See even more of the city with the Wellington Walking Tour, which takes you from Wellington Museum to Cable Car Museum and Space Place.

Wellington Museum is open daily from 10am to 5pm, with free entry for New Zealand residents. Learn more or book a tour at wellingtonmuseum.nz

Explore the stars



The stars are closer than you think at Space Place, Wellington's space science museum. The multimedia exhibits are a fantastic introduction to mātauranga Māori, the indigenous knowledge and worldview. Discover how stars were used to navigate oceans, the significance of Matariki, and the Māori creation story.

There's plenty for tamariki to see and do too, including the new tellurion model of our Sun, Earth, and Moon. Curious minds can play with the rocket launch simulator, touch a moon rock, and help Māui slow down te Rā (the Sun).

Your visit to Space Place includes the planetarium, an immersive dome-shaped theatre. Choose from a range of educational films or book ahead for their Sci-Fi Sunday screenings. Your show might also include a live star talk, featuring stories and star maps of our southern skies.

Exit through the gift shop featuring a range of space oddities like tamariki science experiments, puzzles, and dad-joke t-shirts. You can even adopt a star for the ones who brighten your life.

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These species have been reintroduced as part of Zealandia's 500-year vision to restore the valley. Some species have even begun spreading out into Wellington, creating one of the only cities in the world where bird biodiversity is increasing. The award-winning sanctuary provides the opportunity to get up close with these rare and endangered species living wild just two kilometres from downtown Wellington.

The 8.6km fence surrounding the sanctuary creates a feeling of stepping back in time as you enter through the protective gates. The innovative design prevents all kinds of non-native species entering and stops any climbing, digging, and jumping animals from getting inside.

The safe sanctuary inside the fence is full of treasures to discover. Curious kākā fill the air with their whistling sounds, takahē roam the valley hills, and rare hihi/stitchbird flit among tree branches with a flash of yellow. A day tour with our experienced guides is the best way to take in the sights and sounds of this regenerating native forest. They'll teach you how to spot even the rarest of species so you can share your discoveries with others next time you visit.

At night, get close to the iconic species of Aotearoa. Kiwi are heard and seen rustling through the undergrowth, ancient tuatara venture out of their burrows, and glowworms put on a majestic light display. Explore the sanctuary by torchlight on a night tour to see these creatures that only come out at night.

If you'd rather explore at your own pace, you can roam freely along the winding trails. Whether you're exploring with friends or family, Zealandia is a magical experience for all ages and abilities.

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Between us, we've sampled most – if not all – of the menu!

Le Saigon has a couple of signature dishes you simply must try, like their happy pancake (banh xeo) and char-grilled pork sirloin (suon cha). But first, I'd recommend you start with the Saigon rolls combination, which includes summer rolls and a beef pho noodle roll with stir-fried beef and pho noodles. These are unique and will whet your appetite well for the Southern Vietnamese pho!

To finish, you can't go past the Vietnamese cr me caramel (banh flan), a steamed cr me flan with crunchy caramel drizzle on top. It's knock-your-socks-off sweet and will serve as the perfect cap to a lunch or dinner filled with attentive service, great vibes, and, of course, exceptional food.

If I had to choose one cuisine to eat for the rest of my life, it'd have to be Vietnamese. I think you'd be hard-pressed to find anyone who does it better than Le Saigon.

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In 2026, Kapiti audiences can get swept up in the craze anew or afresh as the *Beatlemania On Tour* tribute concert follows *The Long and Winding Road* across Aotearoa to Paraparaumu's Southward Theatre on the 22nd of October.

The Australian-based production has been building a loyal following for 17 years, performing across the globe since their last New Zealand tour 10 years ago. Their two-hour audio-visual spectacular features over 40 of The Beatles' greatest hits performed live and in their original key, with meticulous attention to detail, replica costumes, period instruments, and theatrical lighting.

Capturing the energy and spirit of the world's most influential band, *Beatlemania* celebrates the band crowned the best artists of all time by *Rolling Stone* in 2004 with inimitable authenticity. Catch all their number ones of *Yesterday*, plus more *Across the Universe*.

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Kiwiana connection



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Kapiti will catapult visitors into a Kiwiana dreamscape. Here, heritage baches flank the sea and locals greet each other in the streets; eating fish 'n' chips on the sand is a weekly tradition and weekends are spent outdoors enjoying the bush and beaches Aotearoa is known for. A weekend away in one of the beautiful towns is like a serum for the soul and a taste of home.

Paekākāriki, Raumati, Waikanae, Paraparaumu, and Ōtaki are dotted along the seaside like a string of pearls, while Kapiti Island sits like a jewel in the shimmering Pacific. Despite being just a short drive from the capital, the winter weather is nothing to fear as the coast is often warmer and sunnier!

On the water fun is never far, with kayaks, paddleboards, jet skis, and boats easily hireable from anywhere, but there is plenty for landlubbers to do too. In town, check out museums, galleries, and eateries of all flavours, or head for the hills for an endless network of tracks and trails perfect for biking, hiking, and horse trekking.

With a popping events calendar to boot, Kapiti serves up a kaleidoscope of Kiwiana.

A tasty tribute



At the heart of Foxton's vibrant cultural hub is De Molen, a working replica of a traditional 17th-century Dutch flour mill. Built in 2003 by Dutch immigrants Cor Slobbe and Jan Langen, the windmill has been grinding away ever since, with a café filled with fresh Dutch treats waiting to be gobbled up.

The mill is a celebration of New Zealand's Dutch heritage and serves as a piece of living history for current and future generations. Stop by for a guided or self-guided tour and you'll feel like you've been transported straight to the Netherlands!

Venture inside to see the inner workings of De Molen, which produces maize, rye, organic wheat, wholemeal, buckwheat, and spelt flours – all of which are available to purchase so you can make your own goodies at home!

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Kapiti

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Whether you want to explore locally or you’re a local wanting to travel far and wide with the wind in your hair, Rent Me Rentals on the Kapiti Coast is a family-owned car, truck, and trailer hire service inspiring Kiwis to discover their own backyard since the 90s. It doesn’t matter how long or how far you’d like to go, the friendly team can get you on the road in a vehicle that’s safe, sizable, and super.

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Magic isle



Photo by Capture Studios.

Stretched out along the horizon, Kapiti Island glistens like an emerald paradise in the indigo sea. Within the thick forests lies an ancient world bursting with new life and a touch of magic.

One of the earliest official nature reserves in the world, Kapiti Island has been protected since 1897, when Prime Minister Richard Seddon introduced a bill to Parliament to “conserve the flora and fauna of the island”. Over 120 years on and the effects can be seen and felt from the moment visitors step off the ferry and onto the rocky shores of the predator-free island.

Here, native species like kākā, kererū, takahē, hihi, weka, and kākāriki populations have thrived thanks to the lack of predators. Whether visiting just for the day or staying overnight, visitors will spot the locals fluttering, singing, snacking, and checking out their fans along the many tracks criss-crossing the island. Guides are happy to share the natural and human history too.

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South Taranaki

Ōpunakē: where coastal beauty meets a vibrant creative spirit



Nestled along the iconic Surf Highway 45, Ōpunakē is a beloved seaside destination and a true gem for anyone exploring New Zealand's North Island. This small coastal town is renowned for its surf beach, framed by rugged cliffs, sweeping ocean views, and the majestic Taranaki Maunga. Whether you're into surfing, swimming, fishing, or simply enjoying a walk along the sand, its location between New Plymouth and Hāwera makes it an ideal coastal stop.

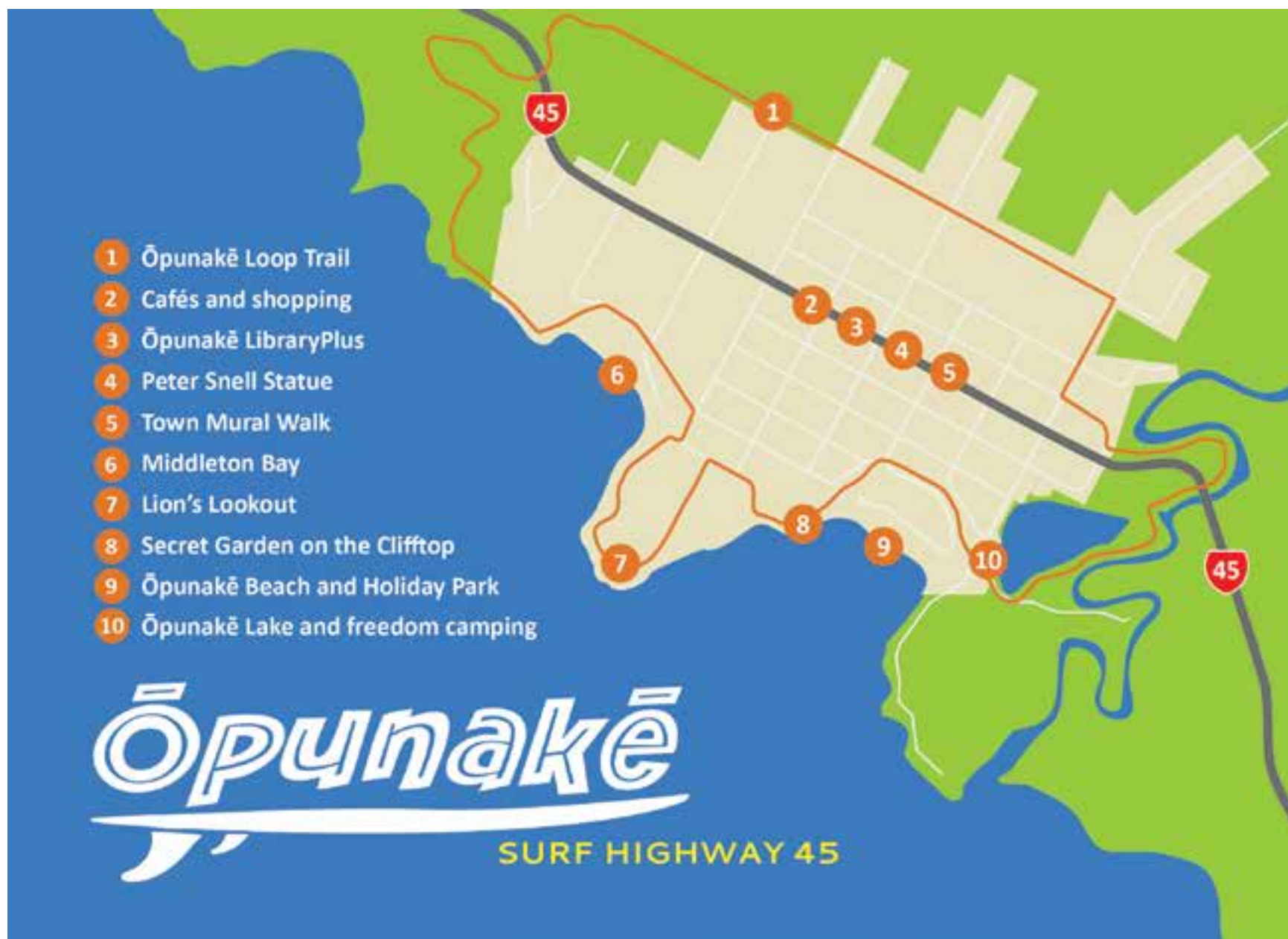
The Ōpunakē Loop Trail is a scenic seven-kilometre walk or cycle route that circles the town, offering stunning coastal vistas, peaceful lakeside spots, and plenty of vantage points to admire the mountain. Along the way, visitors can discover sites of cultural and historical significance that share stories of the region's past.

The town's creative spirit is on display through the Ōpunakē Mural Trail, which features more than 20 vibrant murals reflecting local stories, from Māori history to the area's dairying heritage and energy industry. Art enthusiasts can also explore open studios and galleries along the coast, where local artists work in a range of disciplines including painting, photography, and sculpture, often welcoming visitors throughout the year. This creative energy extends to local producers who blend artistry and craftsmanship to create distinctive smallbatch goods inspired by the region.

Ōpunakē is known for its relaxed, welcoming atmosphere, and its cafés play a central role in community life. Visitors can enjoy quality coffee, cabinet food, and homemade treats while soaking up the town's friendly coastal vibe. Local shops offer everything from surf gear and fashion to handcrafted goods, homewares, gifts, and vintage finds, making it easy to shop local and take home something unique.

Ōpunakē Beach provides consistent waves for surfers of all levels and is also a popular spot for swimming and family outings. Fishing is another favourite pastime, with a variety of species commonly caught along this stretch of coast. For a taste of local heritage, a beautifully restored historic cinema continues to host films, performances, and community events, adding to the town's character and charm.

With its striking coastline, creative energy, and strong sense of community, Ōpunakē offers a memorable experience for travellers exploring New Zealand. Whether drawn by the waves, the views, or the laid-back lifestyle, visitors often find it's a place that leaves a lasting impression.



South Taranaki

From the Womb to the Tomb



Hawera Hospital, 1977.

Life and death are shaped by the people at the centre of care: the individual and the medical professionals supporting them. *From the Womb to the Tomb: a medical history* is about the ever-changing industry of medicine and health, running at Aotea Utanganui Museum of South Taranaki from August 2026 to July 2027.

The exhibition explores the holistic nature of Māori health before the arrival of Pākehā, the devastation of war and disease in the region over the last century, and the technological advances of today. At the centre of every story are the doctors, nurses, and midwives who dispensed cures and hope for patients in towns and the isolated backblocks of South Taranaki.

Discover the stories of courageous men and women who ventured into the unforgiving terrain of the district to administer medicine to early settlers and Māori. Valiant figures include Anne Evans, who nursed a known fugitive back to health deep within Ngā Ruahine lands; Calamity Kate, the intrepid matron at the Patea Hospital; and Dr Harvey, immortalised in his daughter's book *Harvey, Come Quick!*

Hospitals and maternity wards, doctors and nurses, life and death: come see our newest exhibition.

The spirit of South Taranaki



Photo by Richard Wotton.

Aotea Utanganui Museum of South Taranaki embodies the spirit and energy of the region. Located on Egmont Street in Pātea, the purpose-built museum is a welcoming and inspirational space where visitors can get up close and personal with the stories that weave the tapestry of South Taranaki's identity, culture, history, and heritage.

Inside, you'll find permanent collections as well as a key revolving exhibition that spotlights the people and places of the district – and even the skies above. On until July this year is *Puanga Kai Rau – Puanga Hao Tangata*, which provides an in-depth explanation of Matariki and the Māori celebrations that take place over different seasons of the year. The hero of the story is Puanga, the star also known as Rigel, who marks the New Year for South Taranaki iwi.

In August 2026, a new exhibition will light up the museum until July 2027. *From the Womb to the Tomb: a medical history* is about birth, life, and death, exploring the ever-changing industry that is health and medicine.

For memories of the past, tales of the present, and glimpses of the future, call into Aotea Utanganui Museum of South Taranaki.

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Taranaki Springtime celebration



Photo by Anne Clough.

For over two decades, the Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival has shared some of the most beautiful gardens in the region with locals and visitors. This year, over 40 gardens and places of interest will take part in the springtime celebration.

Stretching from the coast to the base of Mount Taranaki, the bustling city centre to quaint countryside towns, and everywhere in between, the Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival will be as vast and varied as the region itself. The gardens along the 2026 map will span everything from picture-perfect to practical and achievable, ensuring guests leave brimming with inspiration and knowledge to apply to their own gardens.

With the festival kaupapa rooted in keeping things personal and accessible, the gold coin cost of entry hasn't changed in the last 22 years. This enables people from all walks of life to take part in the 10-day adventure that runs from Friday the 30th of October to Sunday the 8th of November, encouraging them to discover, share, and enjoy real gardens by real people.

Greet the gardeners and take a stroll through some of the most beautiful outdoor spaces in Taranaki and Aotearoa while they're in full bloom.

A place to enjoy



From boutique browsing to brunching, a shopping spree to excellent eating, New Plymouth is a cool, cosmopolitan centre on the wonderful west coast of the North Island. It was voted New Zealand's Most Beautiful Small City in 2023 and just keeps getting better.

In the heart of its bustling downtown, Centre City has served the community for over 35 years. As the region's only indoor shopping centre and with abundant parking available, Centre City has been a popular destination with locals and tourists since it opened in 1988. Inside are New Zealand stores like Farmers, Max, and Acquisitions and international brands such as Glassons, Hallenstein Brothers, Just Jeans, Laser Clinics, Platypus, Smiggle, and Chemist Warehouse.

Centre City prioritises inclusiveness and manaakitanga (hospitality). The welcoming atmosphere and thoughtful décor, as well as the diverse kai court, encourages shoppers of all kinds to relax, unwind, and enjoy the space.

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Whanganui

Experience creativity unbound



Whether you are an artist, collector, glass enthusiast, or simply intrigued about an artform that isn't often accessible to the public, New Zealand Glassworks – Te Whare Tūhua O Te Ao (NZG) lets visitors experience the magic of glass from New Zealand's UNESCO City of Design. As the national centre for glass in Aotearoa and an incredibly important part of the artistic community in Whanganui, NZG is a vital part of the local and national artistic community, providing a space for collaboration, creativity, and development of new techniques in the field.

Located in one of New Zealand's most historic and culturally significant regions, NZG is a dynamic and innovative hub and the only open-access glass studio in the country, providing professional artists with access to state-of-the-art equipment needed to create new and innovative glass pieces. NZG offers a unique opportunity to see professional artists at work, fostering an environment to learn about the techniques, precision, and craftsmanship involved in creating pieces from glass. The facility offers regular workshops, demonstrations, and exhibitions, inviting visitors to learn about the history of glass and how to create their own pieces.

Through these programmes, NZG has become a hub for creativity and collaboration, bringing together artists from different disciplines and levels of experience. The facility offers a unique space for artists to share ideas, techniques, and knowledge, and to learn from each other, resulting in a vibrant and dynamic glass community.

It is an exciting and dynamic facility that invites people of all ages and backgrounds to learn about and experience the beauty and artistry of glassmaking. With its commitment to sustainability, innovation, and collaboration, NZG is set to continue playing a vital role in the growth and development of the art of glassmaking in New Zealand for many years to come.

Within the NZG gallery, visitors can also peruse the catalogue of creations made in the world-class facilities by visiting and resident artists. From jewellery to homewares, sculptures to wall art, there are styles and techniques that reflect all manner of preferences.

NZG is open seven days a week from 10am to 4:30pm, only closed on public holidays, and looks forward to welcoming visitors of all ages and abilities, backgrounds and interests. For more information and to check out the online events calendar, visit www.nzglassworks.com

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A local's guide to a winter weekend in **WHANGANUI**

Crisp mornings, quiet corners
and time to explore.

SATURDAY

Early morning | Whanganui River Markets

Start where the locals do. Saturday River Markets bring colour, conversation and great smells, with the river right beside you. Grab a coffee, winter fruit, baked treats or something warm to eat.

For a sit down café stop, Mud Ducks, Article and The Burrow are all an easy walk from the market end of town.



Late morning | Te Whare o Rehua Sarjeant Gallery

Make time for big ideas at the Sarjeant Gallery, a place to slow down and wander the exhibitions at your own pace. Afterwards, enjoy lunch at the Sarjeant Gallery Café, then browse Paige's Book Gallery and At Home With Rose on Guyton Street.

Spend the rest of the day exploring nearby galleries along Aotearoa's Coastal Arts Trail, showcasing local makers, artists and designers, before finishing with the boutique shops along lower Victoria Avenue.

Late afternoon | Check in and recharge

Head back to your base. Whether that's a central hotel, a comfortable motel, or a character-filled Airbnb. Winter afternoons are made for putting your feet up before heading out again.

Dinner | High-Kut Bistro or La Quattro

Evenings in Whanganui are about good food without fuss. Choose High-Kut Bistro for bold flavours, or La Quattro for relaxed Mexican comfort.



After dark | Teal Lounge, The Distillery or Porridge Watson

Finish the day with a cocktail at Teal Lounge or The Distillery or keep it classic with a drink at Porridge Watson.

SUNDAY

Early morning | Bridge loop stroll

Start early with a walk over the Dublin Street and Town bridges. Stop at Ngaporo Café at the Riverboat Museum along the way for a coffee.



Late morning | Durie Hill Tunnel and Elevator

Step underground at the Durie Hill Tunnel and take the historic elevator up through the hillside to one of Whanganui's most iconic spots. Built in 1919, it's a unique part of the city's story. At the top, a short walk reveals a lookout with sweeping views across the river, city and coastline.

Lunch option | Little Curious

Back in town, Little Curious is worth the five-minute drive for a late lunch, think decadent bagels, a relaxed pace, and plenty of warmth on a winter's day.



Afternoon | Choose your nature fix

Round out the weekend with time outdoors, take your pick from:

- Bushy Park, native forest, quiet tracks, and birdsong.
- Paloma Gardens, sculpture, gardens and space to roam.

Either way, winter makes these spots especially easy to enjoy at your own pace.

Plan your visit at discoverwhanganui.nz

Canterbury



Mt Hutt Ski Field. Photo by Graeme Murray.



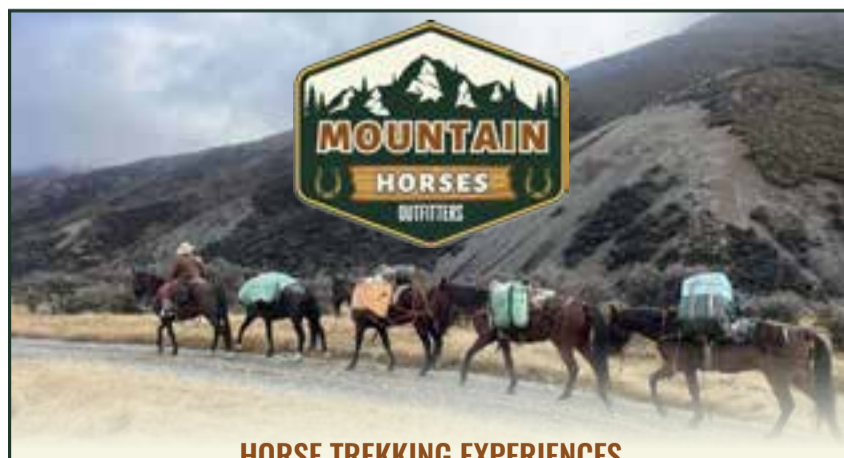
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Lavender skies



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During the day, wander the grounds and browse the shop's lavender and craft products, and stroll through the garden with a homemade lavender-themed ice cream in hand.

Come evening, settle into Dylan's Country Cottages. The two unique chalet-style cottages offer rustic self-contained accommodation that includes a superb continental breakfast featuring famous homemade breads, preserves, muesli, and yogurt.

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Canterbury

Everything and more



**New Regent Street.
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The hardest part about visiting Canterbury is not what to do but where to start. From wineries to walking tracks, marine explorations to mountain voyages, scenic drives to stargazing, hot pools to history tours, there is something for every kind of traveller in this region. Whether you're here for a weekend or a while, you will never be at a loss for something to see.

Christchurch is the largest centre, with humming nightlife, an excellent gastronomic scene, beautiful parks and architecture, plenty of art, and heritage to boot. Kaikōura is known as the kaimoana capital of New Zealand and the best place to sample fresh seafood and meet marine mammals. Hanmer Springs is the place to go for natural hot pools and picturesque vistas.

Alongside vibrant cities and towns, you'll also find New Zealand's largest expanse of plains, rugged mountains, coastal wonders, and geothermal hotspots. Diverse and dramatic, it's ideal for sightseeing, sports, leisure, cultural capers, and everything in between. Not to mention that Canterbury is home to Aoraki/Mount Cook and Lake Tekapo – some of our country's most famous calling cards that by visiting off season you may have all to yourself.

Orana Wildlife Park



Kākāriki karaka/orange-fronted parakeet.

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Orana provides unique opportunities for people to connect with awe-inspiring native and exotic wildlife. Visitors can meet New Zealand's only gorillas, eyeball mighty rhino, hand-feed majestic giraffe, observe curious kiwi and mischievous kea. Daily presentations offer the chance to gain a deeper understanding of the animals and the people who care for them.

Explore the park by shuttle, with our walkabout guides, or wander at your own pace. There's room to rest, roam, and play, from the popular 50 metre flying fox to relaxing picnic spots, or pause at the café and watch the wild go by. Explorers of all ages will love the gift shop, filled with wildlife-themed treasures.

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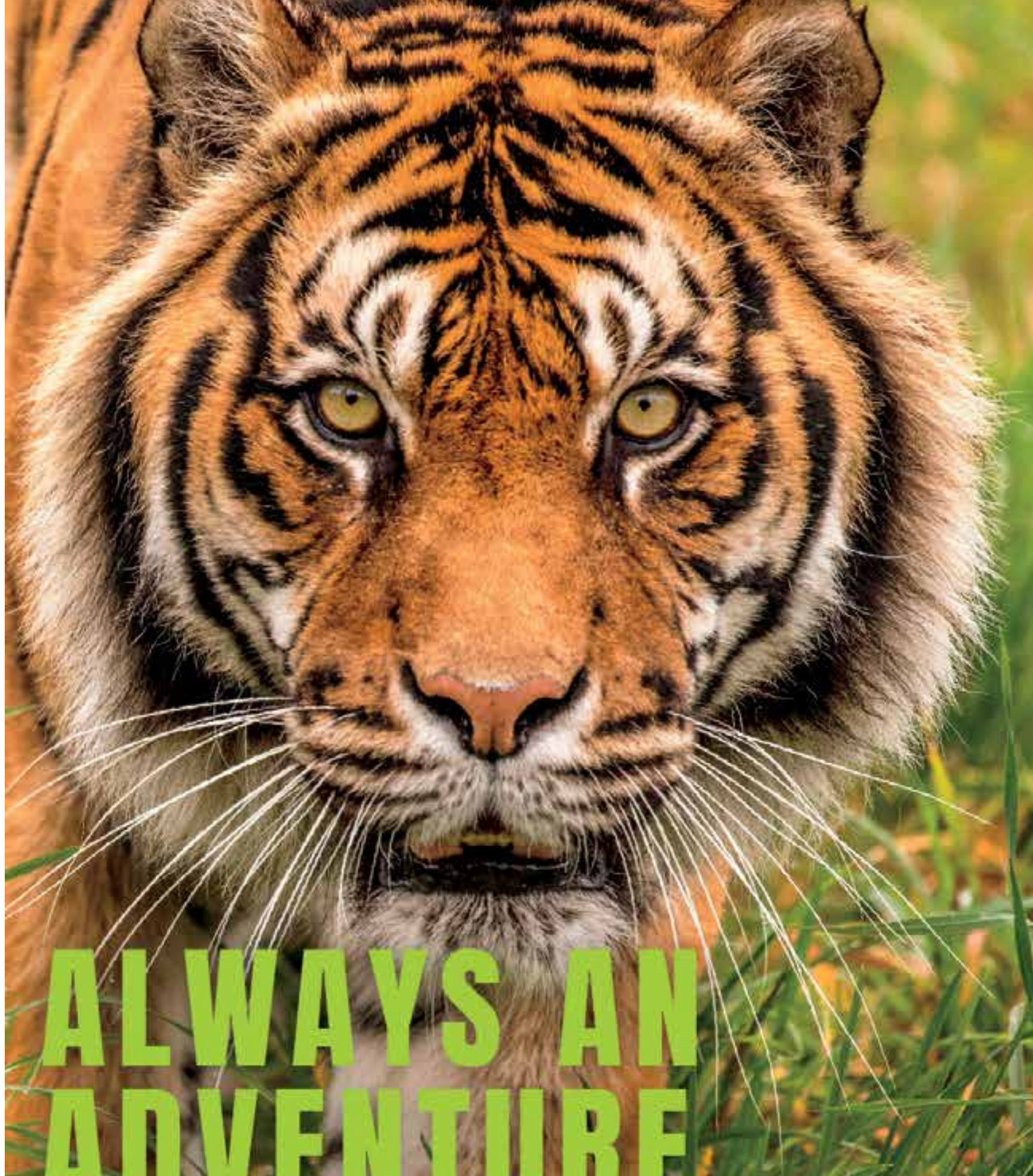
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Canterbury

Adventure awaits



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The zipline experiences at Christchurch Adventure Park are special. Offering spectacular views over the garden city, the full tour takes two and a half hours and features four ziplines. The first zip line is 490 metres long and has the best view, while the second sits at 430m and prepares you for the next step up. The second half of the tour is where you get into record-breaking territory. Number three is the highest zipline in New Zealand at a staggering 150m above ground. Number four, dubbed The Long Ride, is the longest in Aotearoa at a whopping 1.1 kilometres! Once you feel the wind in your hair and see the beautiful plateau below, you'll be hooked on the feeling that washes over you when you're whizzing through the air.

If you're short on time, you can opt to just try out The Long Ride with an experience lasting one and a half hours. If you're a flying fox veteran and keen for something a bit different or are always up for unique activities, book in for the nighttime zipline experience. Race through the forest in the dark and catch glowing panoramas of the city skyline on a tour lasting two and a half hours and featuring all four flying foxes.

Christchurch Adventure Park is rated awesome by people of all ages. As long as you fit the height, weight, and health requirements and can walk the short distance between the zip stations, you're good to go.

Christchurch Adventure Park is the perfect place to indulge your adventurous spirit. And nothing warms you up on a cold winter's day like getting your blood pumping on an adrenaline-inducing activity. Whether you want to chase the thrill and add something new to your bucket list, or you're simply seeking to step out of your own comfort zone, Christchurch Adventure Park is safe, supportive, and so much fun. Come rain or shine, book in for an experience that's guaranteed to leave you smiling from ear to ear.

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Buckle up



Get your engines revving at Nelson Classic Car Museum. Located on the site of the former Nelson Motor Vehicle Assembly Plant, this revolving and ever-expanding collection features more than 150 cars spanning more than 120 years of motoring.

From a 1903 Cadillac to a 2024 Chevrolet Corvette C8, 1950s classics to the world's fastest Mini, Nelson Classic Car Museum is a paradise for petrolheads, plus anyone else who appreciates detailed craftsmanship, history, and a dose of nostalgia. The treasure trove of vehicles was even dubbed 'New Zealand's coolest car collection' by Classic American Magazine – and it's easy to see why with such a large assortment of makes, models, and years!

Visitors can refuel at the Little Engine Eatery. Located on-site, the café serves up wholesome, tasty, made-on-the-premises munchable goodness for brunch, lunch, and general all-day snacks. Don't forget to grab a cuppa of L'affare coffee and peruse the giftshop.

Capturing over 120 years of history, Nelson Classic Car Museum is a perfect place to stroll down memory lane or make new ones! Find out more at www.nelsonclassiccarmuseum.nz

Buckle up



Farewell Spit Lighthouse.
Courtesy of NelsonTasman.nz.

If you're looking for a postcard or Instagram-worthy vacation, Collingwood is the spot. The nearby Wharariki Beach has been the background on Windows computers for years, and it's definitely not the only picture-perfect spot in town.

Tucked into the top of the South Island, Collingwood is kitted out with a selection of beautiful boutiques and eateries, a handful of galleries and museums, and several thoughtfully decorated and uber-personalised accommodation options to make your stay feel tailored to you. There is plenty of fun to be had in town, which is chocka with history and charm.

Collingwood is a great launchpad for exploring everything the top of the south has to offer. There are beaches and biking and hiking tracks around every bend – including the Heaphy Track – plus Kahurangi National Park is on its doorstep. Collingwood's calling card, however, is Farewell Spit. The longest sand spit in New Zealand, this narrow stretch of land has been a protected avian sanctuary since the 1930s and now has over 90 species of birds calling it home. Explore it by four-wheel drive safari, bus, and even on horseback.

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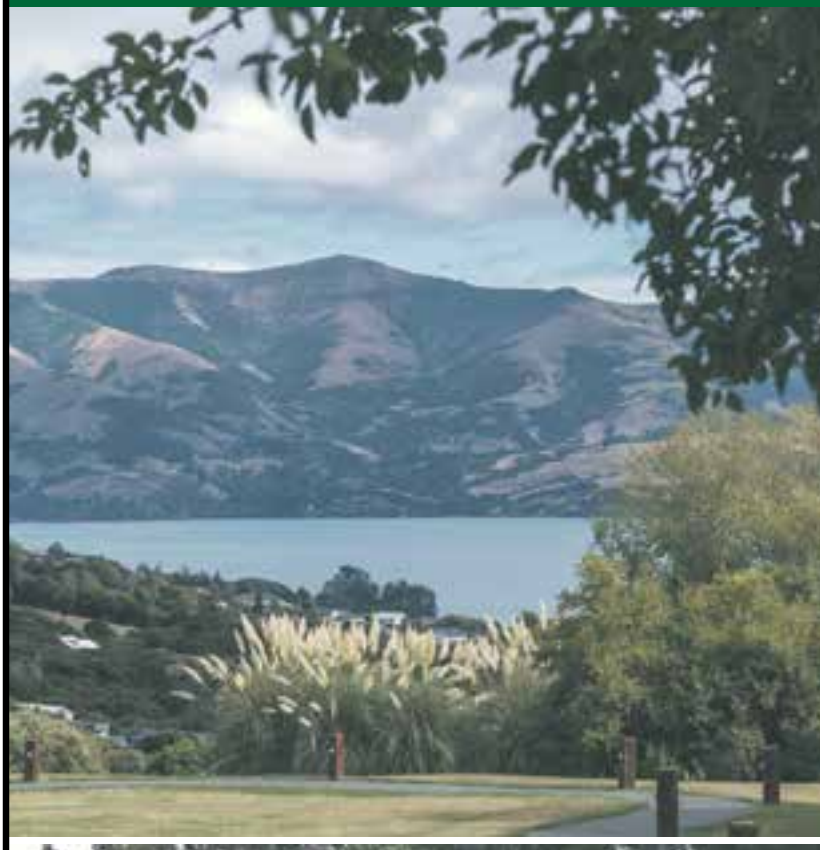
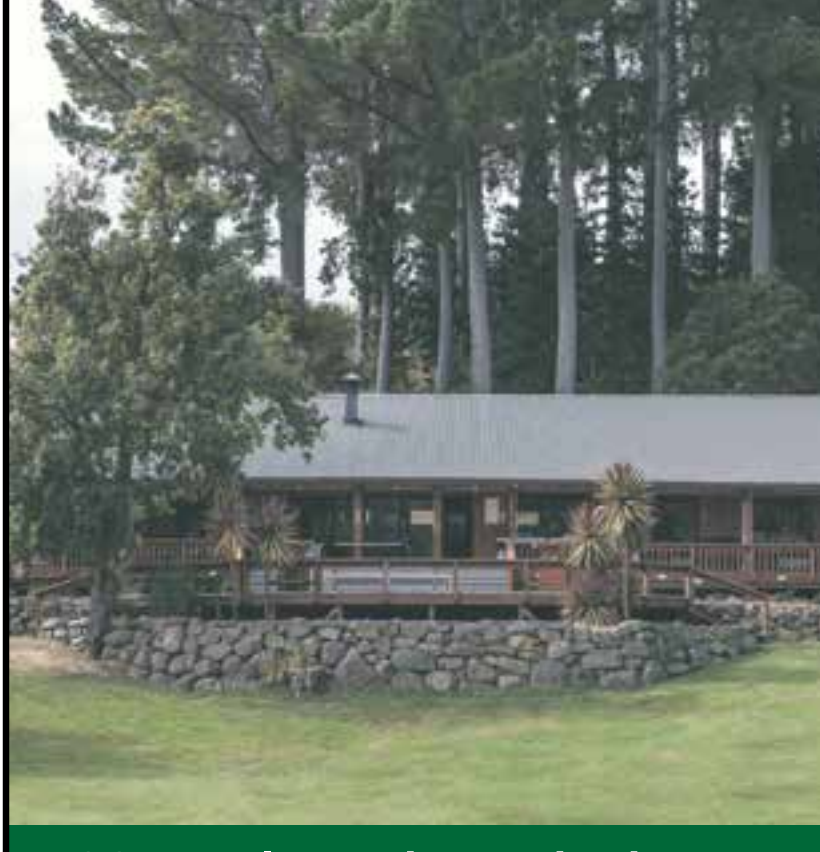
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Built with what looks like slabs of dark chocolate and decked in what appears to be flouncy frosting, Dunedin Railway Station is the grandest gingerbread house you'll ever see. It's no wonder that the building is thought to be one of the most photographed in New Zealand.

The Flemish Renaissance Revival style station built in 1906 earned its architect the name of 'Gingerbread' George Troup but is actually constructed from white Ōamaru limestone facings on black basalt rock. A dramatic combination that is equal parts wonderful and whimsical. The inside is no less extravagant, with a mosaic tile floor made of almost 750,000 tiles of Royal Doulton porcelain. The stained-glass windows filter in multicoloured sunlight and depict railway motifs and locomotives, and every detail adds to the sheer decadence of its appearance.

The landmark, which was once the city's main point of entry, still stands tall in the centre as a railway station, but is now also the home of Otago Art Society's gallery, the New Zealand Sports Hall of Fame, and Cobb & Co restaurant – plus the Otago Farmers Market sets up on its doorstep. Take a bite next time you're down in Dunedin.

Winter fairytale



Photo by Reed & Co Photography.

Once the sun retires and dusk begins wrapping around street corners and settling onto rooftops and doorsteps, Cromwell will be set aglow on the 1st of August to keep the winter night at bay.

Light Up Winter celebrates its 10th anniversary in 2026 with an event that will shine brighter than ever before yet is still rooted in the original kaupapa: to bring joy to the Cromwell community during the darkest and coldest months. The festival will transform the fairytale town into a real-life dreamscape, with the Anderson Park Rose Garden glittering in lights, streets lined in sparkling stars, performers roving through the crowd, music floating through the crisp air, and food carts serving up eats and treats to satisfy all those late-night snack cravings.

Festivalgoers of all ages are treated to activities galore, including craft sessions, workshops, and space to make your very own creation for the Light Up Your Hat competition. Don't forget to grab a cuppa of mulled wine or hot cocoa from the Crystal Pavilion!

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Just picture it



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Claiming cultural epicentres and natural wonders, Otago is a vast and varied region that stretches from the mountains to the sea. Visitors will find endless opportunities for adventure and leisure in the hotspots and hidden gems nestled within the dramatic, postcard-worthy landscape.

Dunedin, Queenstown, Ōamaru, and Wānaka are nestled snugly into Otago. Whether you're keen on nightlife and adrenaline-inducing activities, historical and leisurely wanderings, or culinary and cultural pursuits, there is much to see and do in these cosmopolitan cities and towns – especially in the winter when the nights are long and the days are cold. Pop into world-class eateries, embark on local history tours, ski down famous slopes, wander the winding heritage streets, adventure through art galleries, and bask in the incredible views.

As for the natural landscape, Otago is second to none. In fact, it's a picturesque wonderland filled with weathered ancient mountains, alpine herb fields, fast-flowing rivers, swaths of native bush, and quaint towns with tales to tell. Biking is the best way to explore the seemingly endless network of tracks and trails, though on foot or horseback offer a slower, more intentional approach.

Pedal through paradise



The beautiful trails, sweeping landscapes, and picturesque vistas of Central Otago are best explored by bicycle. Bike It Now! provides bike and e-bike retail, hire, workshop services, and self-guided tours in the region, so you can get pedalling on the adventure of a lifetime.

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West Coast

The grit and the ghosts



Over 150 years ago, as settlers began expanding across Te Waipounamu, the wild West Coast became a rough-and-tumble place where folks of all stripes set out to build a life for themselves. Some opted to follow the straight and narrow, establishing businesses that would support them in this new land. Others chased a dream prospecting for gold to get rich quickly... if it paid off. More still saw the gold rush as an opportunity not to find the shiny mineral, but to profit off those searching for it. Whoever settled in this region, there was one thing they had in common: a relentless and indomitable spirit.

Along State Highway 6 between Hokitika and Greymouth is a crack in history, an intriguing wrinkle in time to this world of yore. Shantytown Heritage Park is a world-renowned time capsule that sets the stage for a journey into the past. Revealing the real story of environmental destruction, adaptation, and regeneration that has defined life on the West Coast since people first fought their way through the bush. Visitors of all ages can fully understand the rugged lives of the pioneers.

The recreated 19th-century town is made of original heritage buildings and historically inspired new ones, each one chock-full of trinkets and memorabilia. The open-air museum holds a collection of roughly 10,000 objects, 2000 photos, and 1000 archives, including those showcasing the barber, church, fire station, printing shop, bank, jeweller's, gaol, doctor's office, and more.

Follow in the footsteps of pioneers by riding on the heritage train up an old logging track through regenerating rainforests. Watch a sluice gun blasting away the mountainside. Go gold panning and learn the knack of separating glimmers of wealth from sand. Whatever you find, you get to keep as a tangible keepsake!

For a unique memento, dress up in old-timey garb and pose for a picture or head to the post shop to get your card emblazoned with an official Shantytown post-stamp. Along with an endless amount of history, there are plenty of activities for youngsters to enjoy. Whizzing along on the playground's flying fox, completing the treasure hunt, and munching on old-fashioned sweet treats.

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Firsts and forever



Lake Matheson Cafe. Photo by Rody NZ.

A wet and wild week on the West Coast could be exactly what you need this winter to revitalise your senses, refresh your spirit, and reinvigorate your soul. The long swath of territory that is Te Tai Poutini is perfect for a road trip that isn't rushed and for travellers who revel in the romance of rugged landscapes.

Start at the top in Westport, snaking your way down the coast to Greymouth and Hokitika, stopping along the way to run down windswept beaches. Each town is unique, with its own array of eateries often serving up locally harvested produce, self-caught seafood, and brews crafted nearby. Plus, they all have their own atmosphere, artists, and accommodations to enjoy.

An ancient land of still-untouched wilderness, there is a lot to see when it comes to nature. From Franz Josef and Fox Glaciers to the Hokitika Gorge and Haast Pass, Pancake Rocks to the Oparara Arches, the region is a world unto itself that's equal parts rough and radiant.

Whether you're hitting the hotspots or wandering off the beaten track, the West Coast is a place of firsts and forever when it comes to making memories.

Wind through wonderful



Discover the West Coast's rugged shorelines, lush landscapes, intrepid journeys, sordid stories, and hidden treasures along the West Coast Wilderness Trail – a 133-kilometre cycle route that stretches from Greymouth to Ross.

Most cyclists spend three to four days to complete the smooth and accessible Ngā Haerenga Great Ride, taking their time to explore all the hotspots and hidden gems along the way, but you can also pop in and out of the trail at your leisure.

If you're keen for the whole shebang, bike from Greymouth to Kumara along the coast on day one. Day two takes cyclists into the Southern Alps to Milltown. Wind up in Hokitika by the end of day three, passing Lake Kaniere along the way. The final stretch on day four has a little bit of everything from coast to creeks, wetlands to wild bush and even offers views of Aoraki/Mount Cook.

Wind through ancient rainforests, along glacial rivers, around moody lakes, and across impressive wetlands. Perfect for nature nuts, the trail is a history haven too. Traverse early bush tram lines and old water races passing former goldmining towns, historic bridges, and much more.



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Set ablaze



Set against the snowcapped mountains of the windswept southern coast, Mīharo Murihiku Polyfest will set Invercargill ablaze for five days and three nights this winter.

ITL Stadium will be smouldering with warmth and electricity as performers ranging from early childhood pēpi right through to nannies and pāpā take to the stage between the 24th and 28th of August. Each day, big energy and colour will burn bright, while every evening a new kind of magic will light up the city. The atmosphere is electric, the costumes bold, the music pulsing, and the energy buzzing.

The 2026 celebration will feature over 140 groups and close to 9000 performers – not to mention over 50,000 visitors – making it one of the largest cultural festivals in the South Island. Yet what makes Polyfest truly memorable isn't just the scale, it's the feeling. The festival wraps performers and guests in a sense of belonging thanks to a kaupapa that is rooted in creating a space where young performers can step forward with confidence, cultures are shared openly, and communities gather in celebration.

Get set for an celebration of culture, community, and connection at Mīharo Murihiku Polyfest.

Antarctic and atmospheric



Invercargill Night Food Market.

Photo by Great South.

Bundle up and wear your woollies for a trip to New Zealand's southernmost city – and one of the southernmost in the world – this winter. With an array of activities for all kinds of adventurers, Invercargill offers Antarctic atmosphere aplenty from right here in Aotearoa.

Waihōpai has a vibrant centre characterised by beautiful buildings filled with shops, galleries, museums, eateries, and cafés. As our classic motoring capital and the birthplace of motorcycle legend Burt Munro, it's all but mandatory for motorheads to visit museums, filming locations, and historic spots.

Green spaces, including the sprawling 80-hectare Queens Park, are peppered throughout Invercargill. Plus, it's surrounded by wetlands, long sandy beaches, and native bush that can be explored by bike, foot, or horseback. Highlights include the Estuary Walkway, and Thomsons Bush reserve.

Known as the city of water and light, Invercargill is famous for the Aurora Australis. The Southern Lights are at their peak between April and September and can often be glimpsed as bright pink and green slivers dancing in the inky cloak of the heavens above. Set up on Oreti Beach at night for a show of stars and something spectacular.

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Explore the eighth wonder of the world this winter.

The eighth wonder



Fjordland – often considered the eighth wonder of the world – is at its most mystical and magical in winter, when the clouds catch in the mountains, the waters turn deep indigo, and silence reigns supreme.

Tucked away in the bottom corner of Te Waipounamu, beyond the buzz of Queenstown, Fiordland offers a raw, authentic New Zealand experience. From the bustling hub of Te Anau, which is perched on the lake to which it owes its name, visitors can embark on epic adventures by foot, bike, horse, air, or water.

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Winter Deco Festival, Napier.



NZ Cider Festival, Nelson.

Auckland

23rd-26th Jul

Auckland Food Show:

Auckland Showgrounds, Auckland – 10am.

28th Jul

Miss Universe New Zealand 2026:

SkyCity Theatre, Auckland CBD – 7pm.

Fashion.

6th Sep

North Shore Marathon:

Milford Reserve, Milford – 6am.

22nd Sep-18th Oct

Cabaret:

ASB Waterfront Theatre, Auckland CBD – 7pm.

Theatre.

24th Oct

5 Seconds of Summer:

Spark Arena, Auckland CBD – 7:30pm.

Concert.

31st Oct

Raw Comedy Quest Grand Final:

The Classic Comedy Club, Auckland CBD – 7:30pm.

Comedy.

7th-8th Nov

Iron Maiden:

Spark Arena, Auckland CBD – 8pm.

Concert.

Gisborne

10th-19th Sep

Rock of Ages:

Lawsonfield Theatre, Gisborne – 7:30pm.

Musical.

29th Nov

Gisborne Art Mart:

Marina Park Reserve, Gisborne – 9:30am.

Rotorua

8th Aug

Run The Forest:

The Redwoods, Rotorua – 8am.

Running.

24th Oct

Whaka 100:

Whakarewarewa Forest, Rotorua – various times.

Mountain biking.

Hawke's Bay

11th Jul

Matariki Mahuika Beach Fires:

Marine Parade, Napier – 5pm.

Cultural festival.

17th-19th Jul

Winter Deco Weekend

Art Deco Centre, Napier – various times.

Vintage festival.

29th-30th Aug

Hawke's Bay Yoga Festival:

Napier Conference Centre, Napier – 8:30am.

26th Sep

Cape Kidnappers Trail Run:

Cape Kidnappers, Hastings – 7:30pm.

21st Nov

HARVEST Hawkes Bay Food & Wine Festival:

Tuki Tuki Valley, Hastings – 11am.

Wairarapa

27th Jun-25th Jul

Festival of Christmas:

Various locations and times in Greytown.

Midwinter festival.

1st-31st Aug

Pour & Explore:

Various locations and times in Martinborough.

Food and wine festival.

8th Aug

Saturday Laughs with Tom Sainsbury and

Brendon Green:

Copthorne Hotel & Resort Solway Park, Masterton

– 8pm.

Comedy.

15th Aug

Wairarapa Garden Fiesta:

Wairarapa A&P Society, Carterton – 8:30am.

13th Sep

Carterton Daffodil Festival:

Various locations and times in Carterton.

20th-27th Sep

Martinborough Music Festival:

Martinborough Town Hall, Texas Street – various

times.

31st Oct

Round The Vines:

Martinborough Square, Martinborough – 8am.

Running.

21st-22nd Nov

Pūkaha Wairarapa Garden Tour:

Various locations and times in Wairarapa.

Manawatū

11th-18th Jul

Pigs on the Run:

Centrepoint Theatre, Palmerston North – various

times.

Theatre.

11th Aug

Kirsty Webeck:

Globe Theatre, Palmerston North – 7pm.

Comedy.

9th Oct

Feilding Rural Day:

Manchester Square, Feilding – 10am.

Wellington

29th Jun-5th Jul

Pōneke Festival of Contemporary Dance:

Various locations and times in Wellington.

1st-31st Aug

Visa Wellington On A Plate:

Various locations and times in Wellington Region.

Food festival.

17th Sep-4th Oct

World of WearableArt™:

TSB Arena, Wellington – various times.

Fashion show.

23rd Sep-12th Oct

Matilda The Musical:

St James Theatre, Wellington – various times.

Musical theatre.

29th Oct-7th Nov

The Sleeping Beauty:

St James Theatre, Wellington – various times.

Ballet.

18th-28th Nov

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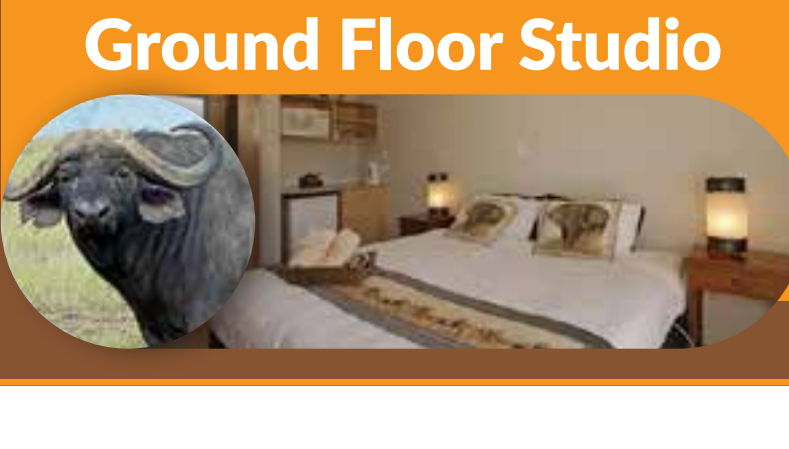
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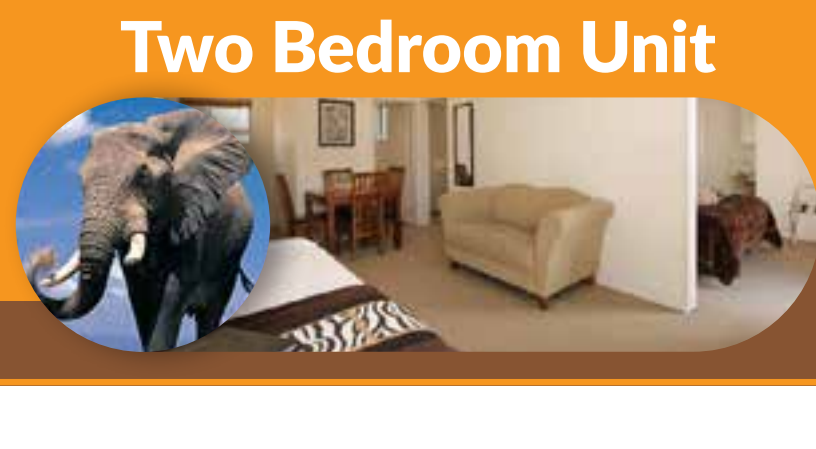
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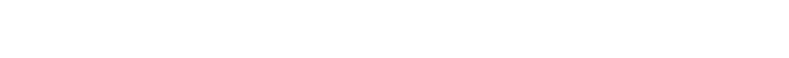
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What's on

Kapiti

22nd Oct

Beatlemania On Tour:

Southward Car Museum, Paraparaumu – 7:30pm.
Tribute concert.

24th-26th Oct, 31st Oct-1st Nov

Kāpiti Coast Art Trail:

Various locations and times in Kapiti.

1st Nov

Kapiti Women's Expo:

Southward Car Museum, Paraparaumu – 10am.

21st Nov

Strawberry Festival:

Kapiti Primary School, Paraparaumu – 9:30am.

Taranaki

8th Jul

Original Beach Boy Al Jardine and The Pet

Sounds Band:

TSB Stadium, New Plymouth – 7pm.

Concert.

9th-18th Jul

The 100:

TSB Theatre, New Plymouth – various times.

Musical theatre.

12th Jul

Cape Egmont Half Marathon:

Taranaki Coastal School, New Plymouth – 8am.

25th Jul

Shapeshifter:

TSB Theatre, New Plymouth – 7pm.

Drum and bass concert.

20th Aug

Running in the Shadows of Fleetwood Mac:

TSB Theatre, New Plymouth – 8pm.

Tribute concert.

22nd Aug

Hāwera Havoc:

Hāwera & District War Memorial Community Hall,

Hāwera – 6pm.

Wrestling.

30th Oct-8th Nov

Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival:

Various locations and times in Taranaki.

14th-15th Nov

Coastal Five:

Puke Ariki, New Plymouth – various times.

Running.

28th-29th Nov

NZ Tattoo and Art Festival:

TSB Stadium, New Plymouth – 11am.

Whanganui

20th Jun

The Reckoning:

The Eulogy Lounge, Whanganui – 6pm.

Wrestling.

27th Jun

Whanganui Comedy Gala:

Royal Whanganui Opera House, Whanganui –

7:30pm.

30th Sep-10th Oct

Beauty and The Beast:

Whanganui Repertory Theatre, Whanganui –

various times.

Theatre.

Chatham Islands

10th-17th Aug

Chatham Islands Festival of Science:

Various locations and times.

Canterbury

20th Jun

Fire & Ice Hot Air Balloon Glow and Laser

Festival:

Methven A&P Showground, Methven – 3pm.

11th Jul

Geraldine Matariki Motor Muster:

Kennedy Park, Geraldine – 10am.

Motorsport.

22nd Aug

Go Live Festival:

Christchurch Town Hall, Christchurch – 7pm.

Music festival.

27th-29th August

The Big Sing Finale:

Christchurch Town Hall, Christchurch.

Choral festival.

5th Sep

Wonderland After Dark: Be. Here. Now:

A Rolling Stone, Christchurch – 8pm.

Cabaret.

19th-20th Sep

Christchurch Food Expo:

Wolfbrook Arena, Christchurch – 10am.

21st Oct

Greg Davies:

Christchurch Town Hall, Christchurch – 8pm.

Comedy.

23rd Oct

Meridian Twizel Hard Labour Weekend:

Morrison Terrace, Twizel – 8pm.

Multisport.

29th Oct-1st Nov

Hurunui Garden Festival:

Various locations in Hurunui – 9am.

5th Nov

Geraldine Summer Fete:

Stover Farm, Geraldine – 9:30am.

Nelson

15th Jun-12th Jul

Burger Nelson Tasman:

Various locations and times in Nelson Tasman.

Food festival.

24th-27th Jun

Little Shop of Horrors:

Theatre Royal, Nelson – 7pm.

Theatre.

17th-18th Jul

MD Outdoors Adventure Film Festival:

The Suter Theatre, Nelson – various times.

3rd-9th Oct

Nelson Clay Week:

Various locations and times in Nelson.

22nd Oct-1st Nov

Nelson Arts Festival:

Various locations and times in Nelson.

1st Nov

The Nelson Half:

Saxton Field Complex, Nelson – 7:30am.

Running.

14th Nov

NZ Cider Festival:

Founders Park, Nelson – 1pm.

Otago

12th-13th Jun

Dunedin Midwinter Carnival:

First Church of Otago, Dunedin – various times.

16th-19th Jul

Bowie:

Knox Church, Dunedin – 7:30pm.

Tribute concert.

1st Aug

Light Up Winter:

Anderson Park, Cromwell – 4pm.

Family festival.

28th Aug-9th Sep

Winter Pride:

Queenstown – various times.

Pride festival.

8th-13th Sep

Snow Machine Festival:

Remarkables Ski Field, Queenstown – 12pm.

Music festival.

25th-27th Sep

Alexandra Blossom Festival:

Centennial Drive, Alexandra – 5pm.

14th Nov

Queenstown Marathon:

Various locations and times in Queenstown.

West Coast

27th Jun

You, Me, Everybody:

Barrytown Hall, Greymouth – 8pm.

Folk concert.

Southland

8th-9th Jul

Kāhui Whetū:

Gore Gardens, Gore – 5pm.

Māori New Year celebration.

19th-27th Jul

Riversdale Arts Mixed Media Exhibition:

Riversdale Community Centre, Riversdale – 11am.

24th-28th Aug

Miharo Murihiku Polyfest:

ILT Stadium Southland, Invercargill – 9am.

Cultural festival.

3rd Oct

Rakiura Challenge Trail Run:

Rakiura National Park, Stewart Island.

10th-15th Nov

Sport Aerobics and Fitness World

Championships:

ILT Stadium Southland, Invercargill – various times.

28th Nov

Southland Santa Parade:

Gala Street Reserve, Invercargill – 2:30pm.

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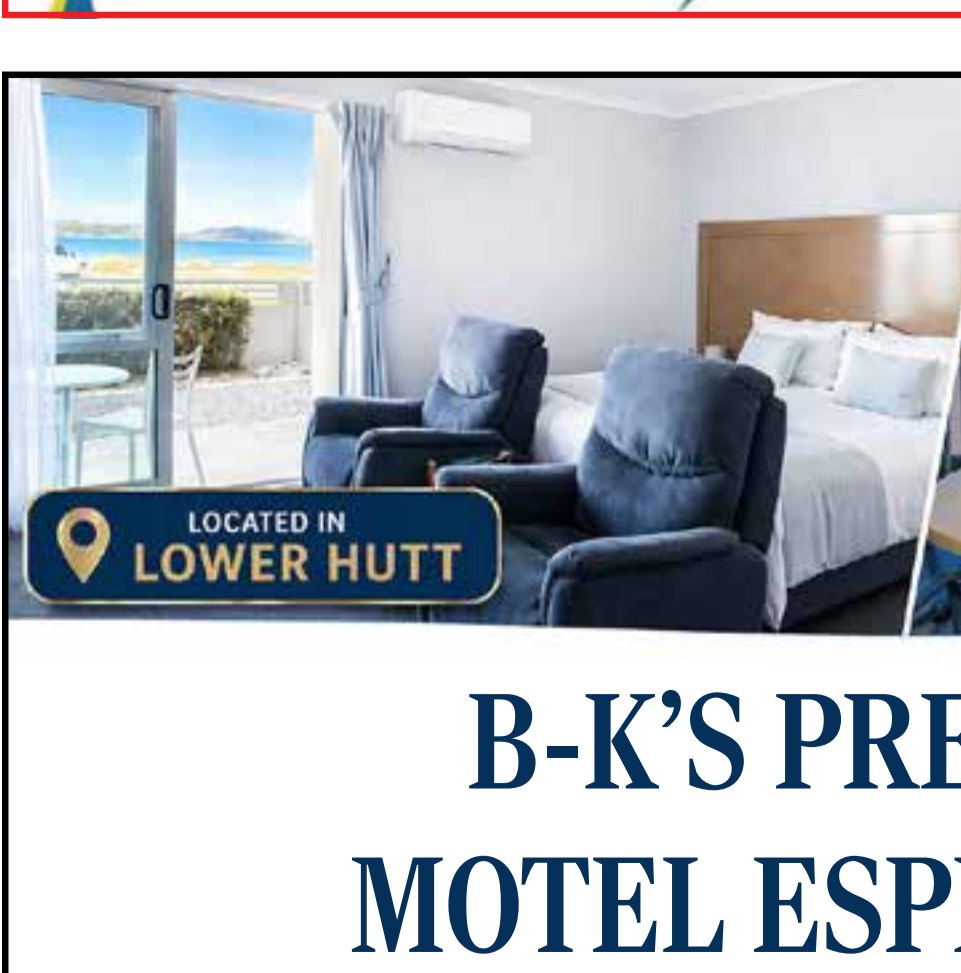
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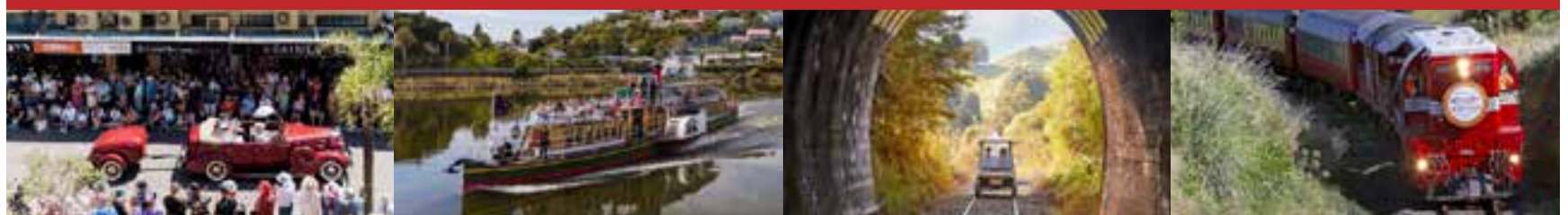
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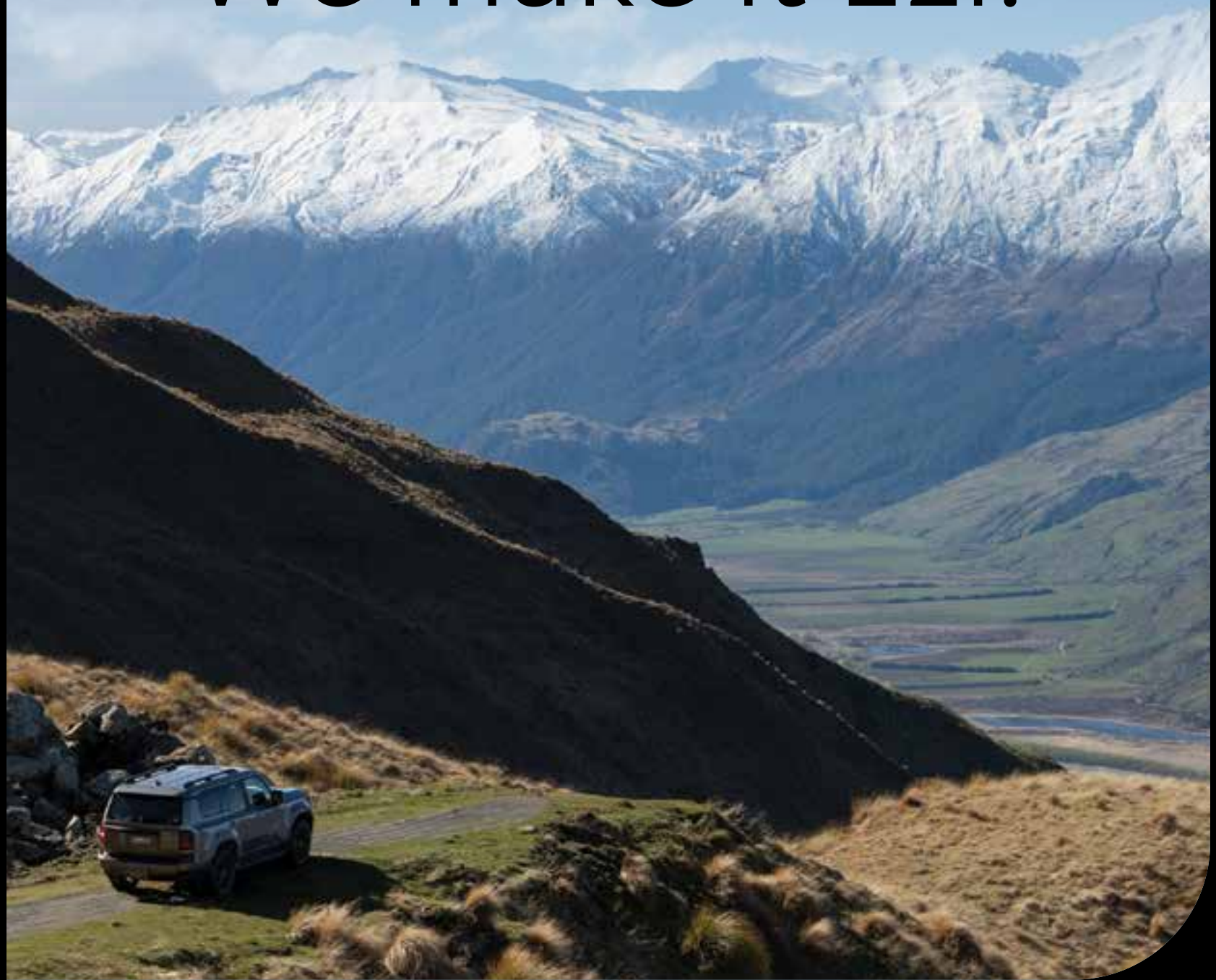
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