

DESTINATION *drive*

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVOURITE PLACES
TO DRIVE TO? WE SHARE SOME OF OUR
PICKS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY.



HMM ... VERY PUZZLING *WANAKA // OTAGO*

If you're heading to the Wanaka area over summer, maybe planning to go to Warbirds at Easter, then schedule a few hours to explore Puzzling World. This place is great fun for adults and children. As well as the Great Maze, which definitely counts for that day's exercise, the Hologram Hall will have you pondering for ages. Highlights include the very perplexing Ames Room and the Tilted House. Take your camera because the Roman Toilets are one lavatorium you'll want to feature in your photo album. Relax at the end with the other puzzled patrons over a coffee and a few bamboozling brain-teasers. www.puzzlingworld.co.nz

TOSSED BY THE WIND *TIRI TIRI MATANGI // HAURAKI GULF*

If you want to be wowed by a bevy of New Zealand birds in full cry, now's the time to head over to bird sanctuary Tiri Tiri Matangi, 30 minutes north of the Whangaparaoa Peninsula. Experts agree that during spring and summer while the birds have plenty to feed on, they're in full voice. And it's beautiful. The island gives a little taste of what our world used to be like. Tiri Tiri Matangi, which means "tossed by the wind", has been restored to allow our native plants and wildlife to co-exist in harmony. Nowhere else in New Zealand can you readily see and walk among so many rare species. Make a picnic lunch and catch the ferry out to the island from Auckland Central at 9am or from Gulf Harbour at 9.45 for a lovely back-to-nature experience. www.tiritirimatangi.org.nz



STONEHENGE AOTEAROA *CARTERTON // WAIRARAPA*

Similar in size and appearance to the stone circle in England, Stonehenge Aotearoa is no replica. It's a full-scale working adaptation that provides a window into the past where visitors can rediscover the knowledge of their ancestors. Its operators, the Phoenix Astronomic Society, were very specific about its location in the Wairarapa, 10 minutes from Carterton. We recommend you do the tour, which takes about an hour and brings this sculptural splendour to life. It's very interesting and really quite spectacular. Anyone visiting Martinborough vineyards could easily include this as part of their trip. www.astronomynz.org.nz

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