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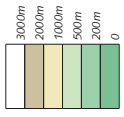
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Regional Map Contents



LEGEND

-  Primary Road
-  Secondary Road
-  Tertiary Road

**ELEVATION**

40°S

42°S



TE ANAU TO MILFORD SOUND (p344)

Go to the top of the world – to see the most beautiful lakes, forests and mountains – without the campervans and coaches

BANKS PENINSULA (p336)

Discover the South Islands with stunning vistas to explore hidden bays and coves

AORAKI/MT COOK (p360)

Grab a glimpse of New Zealand's highest peak from impossibly blue Lake Tekapo, then tackle rewarding walking tracks closer up

QUEENSTOWN (p301)

Experience the exhilaration of wild thrills and quiet contemplation against a jaw-dropping, scenic backdrop

OTAGO HARBOUR (p283)

Peer at penguins, seals and sea lions on both sides of this picturesque harbour

THE CATLINS (p360)

Get off the trail and explore winding rural roads, coastal cliffs, beachside caves, waterfalls and forest trails

STEWART ISLAND (p366)

Slow down and spend quality time with shy kiwi and abundant bird life on NZ's wild southern outpost



44°S

46°S

166°E

168°E

172°E

174°E

**SOUTH
PACIFIC
OCEAN**

To Bountury Islands;
Auckland Islands

To Snakes Islands;
Auckland Islands

To Campbell Island

