



The Lantau Group Calendar

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wellington

wellington, new zealand

a major earthquake in 1855 raised the lower north island by up to 3m meaning much of wellington's waterfront is built on reclaimed land, including the national museum (te papa) which sits on 150 shock absorbers to protect it from earthquake movement and has enough reinforcing steel to stretch from wellington to sydney



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avaiki cave

niue

“the rock of polynesia”, one of the world's largest uplifted coral atolls, is a porous combination of coral and limestone which acts like a giant sponge resulting in there being no watercourses on niue but instead it sits upon a lens of fresh water 60m below the rim of the central plateau



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vatican museum staircase rome, italy

this double helix staircase allows uninterrupted traffic in each direction - people ascending do not meet the people descending - and it is lit from above by a canopy which provides the necessary light to illuminate the stairs



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taj mahal

aggra, india

taj mahal is the tomb of shah jahan's wife who died giving birth to their 14th child - it is said that shah jahan wanted to build a matching black tomb on the opposite side of the river for himself, however his plan was foiled by his son who murdered three brothers and overthrew his father to acquire the throne



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mitre peak

milford sound, new zealand

a layer of fresh water darkened by tannins lies over top of the salt water in milford sound which greatly reduces the amount of sunlight filtering through, and in doing so allows many creatures to live in the fiords that would normally only survive in very deep black water



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coron island palawan, philippines

coron limestone was formed 260 million years ago as a coral reef along the length of southeast asia forming part of the china continental crust, uplifted and shifted 30 million years ago by tectonic movements, and then extensively eroded by waves and monsoon rains to create its present day formations



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gargoyle overlooking paris cathédrale notre-dame de paris, france

gargoyles extending far from the sides of the roof were originally designed as water spouts used to convey water from the roof away from the side of the building thus preventing rainwater running down masonry and eroding the mortar



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elephant nature park rescue and rehabilitation centre chiang mai, thailand

only an estimated 30,000 asian elephants remain in the world, making them an endangered species. an elephant requires 200-300kg of food and 100-200 litres of water a day to survive
<http://www.saveelephant.org/donate>

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alpine pass route

between the joch pass and meiringen
looking south-west towards the village of
schwartzental, switzerland

this idyllic long-distance hiking trail through the alps
in switzerland covers over 350 kilometres, crosses
16 mountain passes, and takes around 20 walking
days to complete



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hong kong skyline

hong kong

hong kong has more skyscrapers than any other city in the world, and is home to the world's largest permanent light and sound show comprising 44 buildings featuring coloured lights, laser beams and searchlights to depict 5 separate themes



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matapa chasm

niue

in this bathing spot formerly reserved for historical niuean kings, cool underground springs mix with warmer salt water rolling into the chasm from the sea - where the flows combine, the water resembles fractured glass, and viewed through a diving mask it is like swimming through a liquid ice cube



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wat rong khun (white temple) chiang rai, thailand

this buddhist temple which was extensively damaged in the 2014 earthquake, is painted white to symbolise the purity of buddha and covered in a mosaic of tiny mirrors to symbolise man observing his own mind, and to reflect kindness



front cover

golden temple in shangrila (zhongdian)

yunnan, china

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back cover

otaru canal

otaru city, japan

photograph by ian yao

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