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NORTH AND SOUTH

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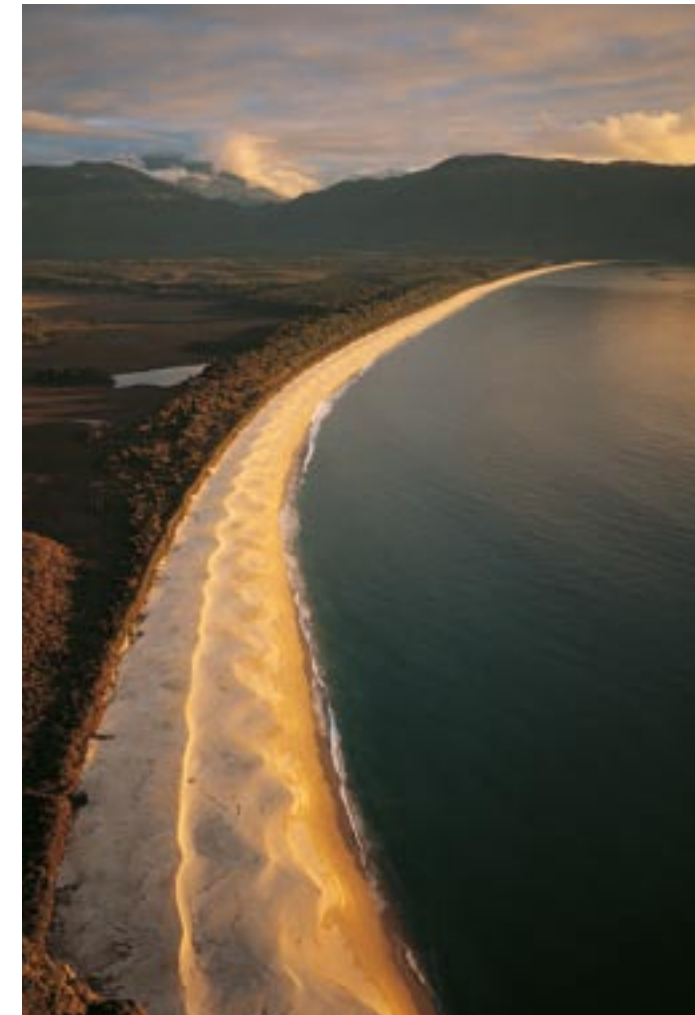
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Left: Lake Gault, lying atop a glacial moraine in Westland/Tai Poutini National Park against the backdrop of the Southern Alps.

Above: Ohinemaka Beach, a wonderful sweep of South Westland coastline flanked by ancient dunes and wetlands.



Left: Morning mist lifts at Lake Mapourika, South Westland. *Above:* Juvenile nikau palms dominate this coastal forest in Paparoa National Park. *Overleaf:* Little Arch, Oparara Valley, Kahurangi National Park.





Above: Winter snow lies on the névés, ridges and summits of Westland/Tai Poutini National Park, seen in this aerial view taken at dusk. The broad névé to the right is the snowfield feeding the Franz Josef Glacier, while the prominent peak above the névé is Elie de Beaumont. *Right:* Three-thousand-metre peaks above Fox Glacier, from left, Mt Haast, Lendenfeld Peak, Mt Tasman and Torres Peak – each presenting considerable challenges to mountaineers.





Above: Franz Josef Glacier, Ka Roimata o Hine Hukatere, is one of the fastest moving glaciers in the world, averaging two to three metres a day. Since 1865, the glacier's terminal has retreated more than three kilometres and is continuing to retreat despite the occasional surge after a heavy winter. *Right:* A dramatic aerial view of the Fox Glacier as it plunges to the lowlands from its tributary snowfields below Mt Tasman.





Left: The icy summits of Mt Tasman (pictured left) and Aoraki/Mt Cook rise dramatically above farmland near Fox Glacier village. At the base of the foothills is the boundary of two of the earth's continental plates – the Indo-Australasian and the Pacific. This fault – the Alpine Fault – is responsible for lifting the Southern Alps to their present height. *Above:* A remote homestead at Inangahua, in North Westland. *Overleaf:* Sunset at Lake Matheson near Fox Glacier.