



# The Lantau Group Calendar 2017



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## The Karl Theodor Bridge

Heidelberg, Germany

Germany's reputation for engineering has deep roots. Among Heidelberg's claims to fame is *Homo heidelbergensis*, a possible ancestor to the Neanderthals. In addition to building hearths and making simple wooden spears, these hominids were also the first to build shelters.



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## The Left Mitten

Monument Valley, Navajo National  
Reservation, Utah and Arizona, USA

This butte isn't in a national park, it is rather in one of the six Navajo tribal parks. The Navajo called Monument Valley *Tsé Bii Ndzigaii*, ("Clearing Among the Rock"). The two Mittens are held to be the hands of a god.



# March 2017

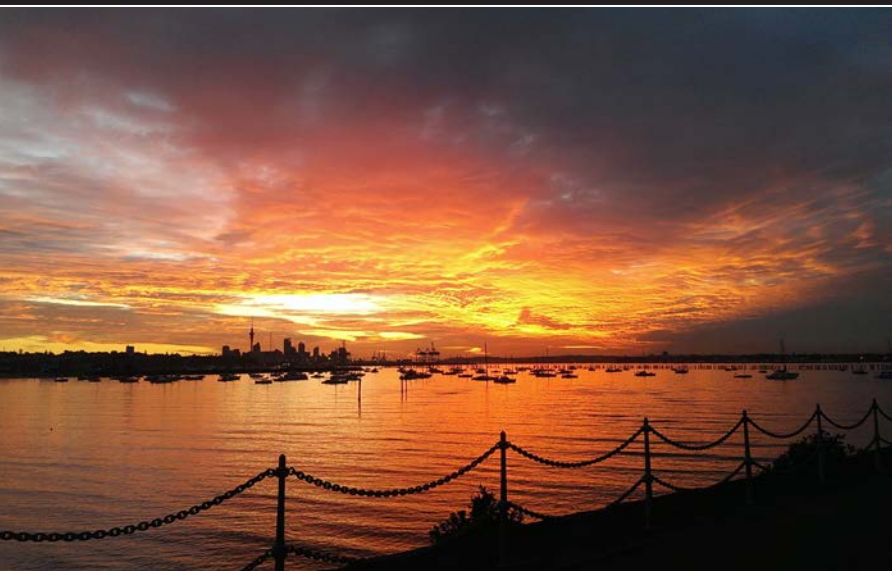
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## Eiffel Tower

Champ de Mars, Paris France

In 1898, Eiffel erected an antenna atop the tower to experiment with wireless telegraphy - this not only saved the Eiffel Tower from its planned dismantlement, but also contributed to the capture of the spy Mata Hari in 1917 after the tower's wireless station intercepted a coded message between Germany and Spain.



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## Sunset over Auckland

From Tamaki Drive, Auckland, New Zealand

Lurking under the calm of the harbour lies the Auckland Volcanic Field. Fifty dormant volcanos crowd the area and the most recent eruption was 600 years ago. Unfortunately, the underlying magma field is still active, meaning that the next eruption is only a matter of time.



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## Limu Pools Arch

### Niue

Niue hasn't always had the same bucolic sounding name (it translates roughly as "behold the coconut"). Captain Cook was the first European to visit the islands, but he was refused permission to land by locals leading him to name the place "Savage Island".



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## Lanterns

Marrakesh, Morocco

Lanterns like this, known as *fanous* in Arabic, have become global symbols of the Moslem holy month of Ramadan. Originally from Egypt in the tenth century, these traditional forms are facing fierce competition from Chinese versions that come in multiple shapes and even play tunes.



# July 2017

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## Dining Out

Close to T Petichaki Square,  
Rethimno, Crete Region, Greece

Today, Petichaki square is home to numerous little watering-holes, just like this one, but the tradition goes back a long way. Still providing water to the weary traveller through three stone lion heads is the square's Rimondi Fountain, commissioned by the town's then Venetian governor in 1626.



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## Japanese Garden

Hotel New Otani, Tokyo, Japan

While the hotel was built in preparation for Tokyo's 1964 Olympic Games, the gardens date back to the sixteenth century samurai Kato Kiyomasa, a man who took his fighting seriously. He is said to have urged those who would dance to commit suicide instead.



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## Lake Como

Lombardy Region, Italy

Lake Como has been a favourite with film-makers since at least a 1905 film directed by Filoteo Alberini. More recent films include *Star Wars Episode II* and both *Casino Royale* and *Quantum of Solace*.



# October 2017

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## Dye Pots

Fez, Morocco

Some of Fez's tanneries are a thousand years old, but the labour remains backbreaking and extremely hazardous to health. Skin complaints are common and some of the compounds used are carcinogens; sickness rates among workers can be double the general population.



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## Arawhata River

Westland, South Island, New Zealand

The West Coast of South Island is home to temperate rainforests. Rainforests are forests characterized by high rainfall, with annual rainfall between 250 and 450 centimetres. Westland can receive up to 18 metres of rain in a single year.



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## Pavilion of Absolute Perfection

Nan Lian Gardens, Hong Kong

Nan Lian Gardens opened to the public in 2006, but they are modelled on designs from the Tang dynasty, considered the first golden age of Chinese garden design. The tradition goes back even further: the earliest known Chinese gardens date from the Shang Dynasty (1600-1046 BC).



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## **Giant Panda**

Chengdu Panda Breeding Centre, China

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*Back Cover*

## **Dragon Boat Racing on Tuen Ng**

Aberdeen, Hong Kong

Photographed by Paul Buckland

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