

the best day-walks in TOP-NOTCH TAUPO AND TUMULTUOUS TONGARIRO HIGHLIGHTS

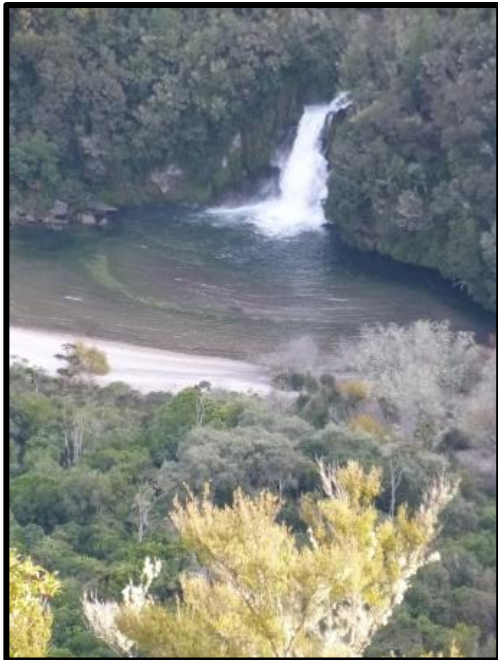
- NZ's largest lake, created by the biggest volcanic eruption on the planet (Taupo)
- Millions of litres plunging through a narrow gorge like a washing machine (Huka Falls)
- The 3 magnificent volcanoes in our first national park, a World Heritage Area (Tongariro)
- NZ's worst railway disaster and carrot capital (Tangiwai/Ohakune)
- New Zealand's most famous and popular one-day walk (Tongariro Crossing)
- One of New Zealand's most spectacular examples of railway engineering (Raurimu)
- New Zealand's largest totara tree (Pouakani)
- The area where they catch a trout and shoot a deer in the same morning (Rangipo)
- Forest giants and melodious birdsong in a forest saved from the axe (Pureora)
- Walkways, waterfalls and rapids along our longest waterway (Waikato River)

DATES		4-10 December 2022 / 1-7 December 2024	
DATE REGISTRATIONS CLOSE		4 October 2022 / 1 October 2024	
STARTING POINT		Taupo	8.00 a.m.
FINISHING POINT		Taupo	8.00 p.m.
COST		6pax\$1000,5pax\$1100,4pax\$1200,3pax\$1300	
DAY	MORNING	AFTERNOON	OVERNIGHT
<p>Walks that are highly recommended are printed in red.</p> <p>All times given are for a return (out and back) walk, a loop walk, or a linear walk with transport to/from each end.</p>			
Day 1	<p>Meet and greet. Initial briefing.</p> <p>Huka Highlights Spa Park to Huka Falls (1h) Huka Falls to Aratiatia Rapids (2h) Craters of the Moon (1h, entry own expense) Wairakei Steamfields</p>	<p>Craters and Graves <i>Walks selected from:</i> Mt. Tauhara (2h30m-3h) Opepe Graves Historic Reserve (30m-1h) Taupo nui a Tia/Great Lake Walkway (Lion's Walk) (up to 3h)</p>	Taupo
Day 2	<p>Tongariro Treasures <i>Walks selected from:</i> Waihohonu Hut and Historic Waihohonu Hut (3-4h) (or part thereof) Lake Rotopounamu (45m to lake shore and return, 2h circuit) Tongariro Trout Centre Walk (30m), Tongariro River Walkway (1h30m), Tokaanu Thermal Walk (30m), Tree Trunk Gorge (1h30m), Pillars of Hercules (15m).</p>		Tokaanu
Day 3	<p>Tongariro National Park <i>Longer Options:</i> Rotokawa Tarns, Waitonga Falls, Blyth Hut (5-6h) Old Coach Road Walkway (4h) Lake Surprise (5h)</p>		Ohakune

	<p>Mangaturuturu Hut (4-5h) Old Blyth Track (4-5h) <i>Shorter Options:</i> Waitonga Falls (2h45m), Rimu Walk (15m), Mangawhero Forest Walk (1h), Mangawhero Falls Walk (15m), Lake Rotokura (30-45m).</p>	
Day 4	<p>Tongariro National Park <i>Longer Options:</i> Mount Ruapehu Crater (7h) Tama Lakes (5-6h) Whakapapa Valley (4-5h) <i>Shorter Options:</i> Whakapapa Nature Walk (15m), Mounds Walk (20m), Tawai Falls (20m), Ridge Walking Track (30-40m), Taranaki Falls Loop (2h), Whakapapanui Walking Track (2h), Silica Springs (2h30m).</p>	Whakapapa or National Park
Day 5	<p>Tongariro National Park <i>Longer Options:</i> Tongariro Alpine Crossing (6-8h) Mount Tongariro Summit and return (5-6h) Mount Ngauruhoe (6h) Ketetahi Springs and return (4-5h) <i>Shorter Options:</i> Soda Springs (2h), Te Porere Redoubt (45m), Mount Pukeonake (1h), Mangatepopo-Whakapapa Village (3h).</p>	Whakapapa or National Park
Day 6	<p>Pureora Forest Park <i>Longer Options:</i> Mount Pureora (via Link and Toitoto Tracks) (3-4h) Mount Pureora (from Link Rd and return) (3h) Mount Titiraupenga (4h) <i>Shorter Options:</i> Waipapa Loop (30m), Totara Walk (30m), Link Road to Centre of North Is (1h30m), Centre of North Island (15m), Forest Tower (20m), Pouakani Totara (40m).</p>	Pureora or Mangakino
Day 7	<p>Lakeside Loping <i>Longer Options:</i> Orakau-Kawakawa Bay-Kinloch (5h) Kinloch to Kawakawa Bay and return (4h) Whakaipo Bay to Kinloch (4h30m) <i>Shorter Options:</i> Waihaha Valley/Tieke Falls (2-3h) Rangitira Point (1h30m), Rangitira and Whakamoenga Tracks (2h30m), Tahunatarata Point (1h30m), Mapara Walkway (20m).</p> <p>Return to Taupo. Farewell Dinner. Trip ends.</p>	



Tongariro Crossing



Tieke Falls, Waihaha



Mount Pureora