



8Day Road Tour Rotorua to Auckland

Route: Rotorua – Taupo – Tongariro – Piopio – Waitomo – Auckland.

Day 1 Rotorua – Arrival Day

We meet at our Hotel at 5.00 pm There will be an introductory meeting, rental bikes fitted and tried, or your own unpacked. We will then have dinner at one of the many excellent restaurants in town.

Meals: D

Cycling: Short warm up ride

Day 2 Rotorua to Taupo

We take a quiet back road through Waikite Valley and Waitapu thermal areas on our way to Taupo. The thundering Huka Falls provide a noisy and spectacular entrance to the town of Taupo. Lake Taupo is New Zealand's largest lake at 606 sq km. On a good day there will be superb views across the lake to Tongariro National Park and its three distinctive mountains.

The area is famous for trout fishing in the many streams that flow into the lake.

Meals: B/L/D

Cycling:

Easy: Rotorua to Waitapu 39 km

Moderate: Rotorua to Reporoa 50 km

Challenging: Rotorua to Taupo 105 km

Day 3 Taupo to Tongariro National Park

A varied, spectacular ride along Lake Taupo leads to the still active volcanoes in Tongariro National Park, the night being spent at the side of Mt Ruapehu. The mountain is permanently snowcapped and the North Island's highest at 2,797 m. On leaving the lakeside there is a substantial climb up to the plateau with a view of the entire lake. As we gain altitude there will be a distinct change in the vegetation, pine forests giving way to tussock grasslands.

Meals: B/L/D

Cycling:

Easy: Taupo to Turangi 51 km

Moderate: Turangi to Tongariro National Park 47 km

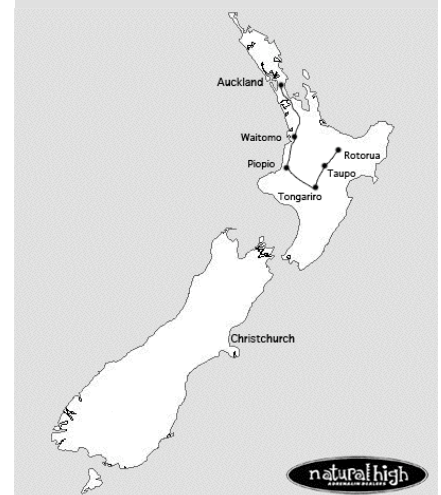
Challenging: Taupo to Tongariro National Park 98 km

Tour includes:

- 6 nights accommodation in 3 – 4 Star hotels, motels or chalets.
- 1 nights accommodation at farm stays.
- 7 Breakfasts (B)
- 4 Lunches (L)
- 6 Dinners (D)
- Tour guide
- Support vehicle & Luggage transfer

Grade:

2 Moderate



Day 4 Tongariro National Park

There are many excellent walks in the park, short and long, including the spectacular Tongariro Crossing. The Visitors Centre is well worth a visit. Alternatively, The Grand Chateau is excellent for spending a relaxing day.

Meals: B

Cycling: No cycling today

Day 5 Tongariro National Park to Piopio

After an exhilarating downhill ride we travel through ever changing scenery to King Country, a sparsely populated district known for sheep farms and limestone formations

Meals: B/D

Cycling:

Easy: Tongariro to Taumaranui 58 km (mostly all downhill)

Moderate: Tongariro to café 100 km

Challenging: Tongariro to Piopio 142 km

Day 6 Piopio to Waitomo

In the morning your hosts will show you the workings of a typical New Zealand sheep farm. After the day's ride, relax and soak up the old charm of Waitomo Hotel. A visit to the world famous caves (included) is a must, with the option of black water (cave) rafting for the more daring.

Meals: B/L/D

Cycling: Piopio to Waitomo 50 km

Day 7 Waitomo to Auckland

Today we follow delightful quiet back roads around Mt Pirongia to Te Awamutu and Pirongia where we take the minibus back to Auckland.

Meals B/L/D

Cycling: Waitomo to Pirongia 54 km . Short option Waitomo to Te Awamutu 42 km

Day 8 Auckland – Departure Day

After breakfast we must say farewell, a safe journey home and hope to see you again.

Meals: B

Cycling: No cycling today