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Train Trip to National Park - 2 day New Zealand Tour



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Fancy a nice short break, then join our 2 day trip riding the Northern Explorer train from Hamilton to National Park for an overnight stay at one of New Zealand's iconic hotels - The Chateau Tongariro.

Enjoy dinner together in the elegant Ruapehu Room, the hotel's signature restaurant. After a full breakfast the next day we travel up the mountain to ride the Sky Waka Gondola 1.8kms up to the Knoll Ridge Chalet, for a lunch of choice (your cost) 2020m above sea level. We then return to board our train north to Hamilton and the coach back to Tauranga. Also suitable for Auckland & Hamilton residents.

4th & 5th March

\$795pp

DAY 1 After picking you up at your door (Tauranga clients only) we enjoy a leisurely drive to Hamilton where we will board the Northern Explorer Train. Our route south will pass through the lush farmland of the King Country and then through the dramatic scenery of National Park.

The train is fitted with panoramic windows and spacious comfortable seating to make the trip extra special and there is also a buffet service for any food or beverage you may want. Our journey on the train lasts 3 hours so plenty of time to sit back and enjoy the views.

The train's 'piece de resistance' for many is the section skirting the Tongariro National Park. Here you can admire views of the 3 active volcanic cones of Tongariro, Ngauruhoe and Ruapehu, as well as the clear streams and dense forest that warranted Tongariro to become the world's 6th national park and a UNESCO World Heritage area.

A coach will be waiting at the National Park station for a short drive to the hotel, arriving in good time to explore this iconic building and the grounds. Plenty of options here, you could take a swim in the indoor pool, play a game or two of billiards or just relax with a book.

A short walk from the hotel is the Tongariro National Park Visitors Centre. This Department of Conservation facility offers exhibits of the volcanoes, Māori mythology, flora and fauna, a 3D model of the national park, audio-visual displays and quality merchandise and gifts.

Dinner this evening will be in the elegant Ruapehu Room, where style is combined with great service and of course, excellent food.

DAY 2 Today we have no need to rush, so after a leisurely breakfast we will board the coach mid morning for a ride up the Bruce Road - this is a very scenic ride so keep your camera ready. Arriving at the top car park we then ride the Sky Waka Gondola up the mountain. The enclosed gondola cabins provide a great view of the mountain and ski fields. After travelling 1.8km we end at the Knoll Ridge Chalet, located 2020m above sea level. Lets hope for a clear blue sky when our views will extend as far as Mount Taranaki.

Time here for you to take a walk and explore a little, there may even be some snow still! The chalet restaurant (New Zealand's highest) offers a range of food and beverage options (your cost) for lunch before we ride the gondola back down to the car park to join the coach for the short transfer to the National Park station, in good time for the 1.15pm departure of the train back to Hamilton (or Auckland if you started your trip there).

Whats Included:

- 2 days of touring
- 1 night at the Chateau Tongariro Hotel
- Door to door service (in Tauranga)
- Quality air-conditioned vehicle
- Full commentary by your guide
- Dinner and full cooked breakfast
- Northern Explorer return train trip
- Transfers to and from hotel
- Ride on the Sky Waka Gondola

You will see:

- Stunning scenery throughout
- Tongariro National Park

Not included:

- Lunch at Mount Ruapehu
- Any alcoholic beverages with meals
- Home pickup and drop off for Hamilton or Auckland clients

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