

# Tongariro Guided Walks

## National Park, Central Plateau

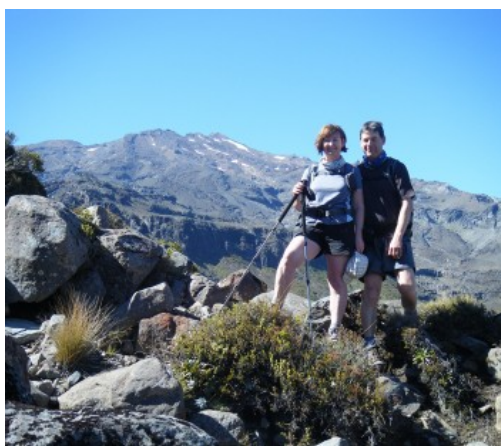
### Tongariro Crossing Guided Walks



The Tongariro Crossing is regularly listed as one of the world's best walks. It is a long day walk crossing high over a volcanic plateau in the North Island's most dramatic national park - the Tongariro National Park. You pass close by active volcanoes, extraordinarily turquoise sulphur lakes and across landscapes that bear the marks of past eruptions. Walking Places is the Central North Island's leading hiking outfitter, offering guided walks on tracks in and around the Tongariro National Park.

There are many reasons to choose a guided walking experience. Some people seek the safety and reassurance they have local knowledge on weather and track conditions, while others are looking for the story behind the landscape. Many use the opportunity to spend a day with "one of the locals", or maybe you just want someone to make the most of your time by finding you the most scenic spots, and take care of all of the bother about how to get there and back, and what to take along. Whatever your reason, contact Walking Places, who will be happy to help make your time in this fantastic area the best it can be.

Tongariro Guided Walks was started in 2004 out of a desire to provide the best possible guided walking experience in and around the Tongariro National Park. The staff have diverse backgrounds from within the Adventure Tourism and Outdoor Education industries, and genuinely enjoy sharing their passion for this amazing area.



## Tongariro Crossing Guided Hike

Join us to find out why this is often referred to as the best one day walk in New Zealand, (if not the world), with a guide who will reveal some of the secrets of this stunning area. Enjoy an unhurried experience over Tongariro, as we avoid the crowds, because we are walking at your pace, and not to a bus timetable. Take in the varied colours and textures and the landscape changes dramatically throughout the day.

This challenging one day alpine trek covers a little over 19km (12 miles) and encounters a varied range of landforms and views, with areas of geological importance, and of great cultural significance, as it heads up and over Mt Tongariro. The direction that we walk this track makes good sense, climbing some 776m (or 2528ft), but descending a total of 1126m (or 3716ft)!

Fully catered and guided. Our groups are small (generally 2-6) so you get to enjoy this stunning landscape at an unhurried pace. Private and solo guided options available also.

Departs 9am | Duration 8 hours

## Guided Walks - Half Day

Many of the best features of the Tongariro Alpine Crossing are available in the trip we call the Tongariro Alpine Experience. Join us for a walk through the Mangatepopo Valley, at the foot of the majestic Mt Tongariro, and enjoy the chance to take in the majesty of this active volcanic massif.

This quality guided walking experience up to the awesome Mt Tongariro suits those people who are not sure that they have either the time, or maybe the fitness to take on a full day hike on this iconic track, but are still looking to experience this now iconic area.

Learn of past eruptions, its significance to the local Maori, and the history of the first National Park in New Zealand from our friendly and knowledgeable guides, and enjoy a hot drink and snack along the way.

This half day experience covers the first 5km to 6km of the Tongariro Alpine Crossing, and encounters a varied range of landforms and views, with areas of geological importance, and of great cultural significance, as it heads up to the base of Mt Tongariro.

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Departs 9am, 1pm | Duration 4 hours

#### Additional Information

New Zealand's weather is unique and can present a challenge to all outdoor users, including walkers. There are occasions when the weather is unsuitable to undertake particular walks. Walking Places will endeavour to find a suitable replacement walk so that the clients are still able to enjoy the environment.



#### Directions

Free pick up from accommodation in the Turangi, National Park Village and Whakapapa Village area. Other locations by arrangement.

#### Terms

**CHILD POLICY** Children under 12 only accepted on exclusive hikes

**CANCELLATION** 24 hours 100% | cancellation due to weather, if we cannot find an alternative hike, Full Refund

**SEASON** Open year round

#### Accommodation in this area

- [Tongariro Suites @ The Rocks & Night Sky Cottage](#)