

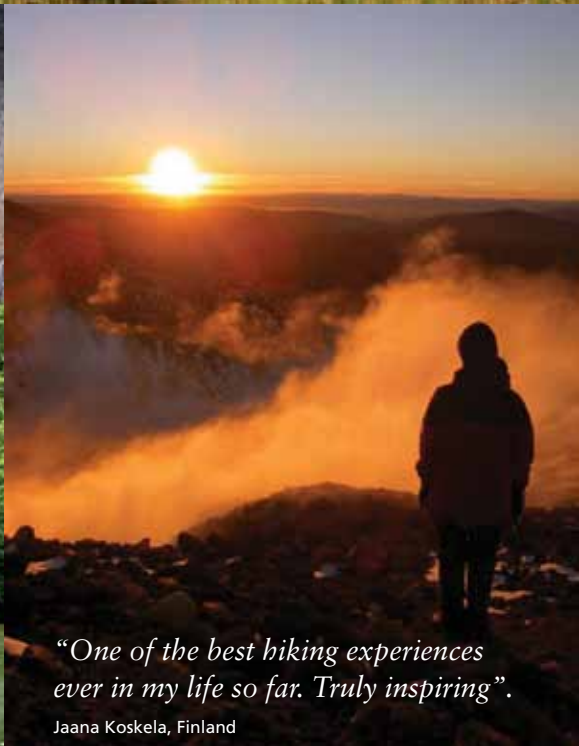
# Volcanoes and Rainforests

Be awed by the extent of wilderness that is hidden in the North Island. Hike through Jurassic-like rainforest and among active volcanoes, kayak an ancient crater lake, marvel at glowworms, and camp on an untamed beach.



*"It was exactly what it said it was: a great bunch of people lead by an excellent guide into remote areas".*

Rob, UK



*"One of the best hiking experiences ever in my life so far. Truly inspiring".*

Jaana Koskela, Finland

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Get up close to New Zealand's most famous volcanoes, hike through ancient rainforest and river gorges during three multi-day hikes. Capture the true essence of geo-thermal activity in hot rivers, explore beautiful lakes, alpine grasslands and glow-worm caves. Soak up Maori culture and history as you kayak across a volcanic crater and enjoy a hangi feast.

This trip visits an incredible number of hard-to-get-to or little-known places. We explore the volcanic areas of the North Island, climb on the volcanoes, and soak in hot pools, and also visit New Zealand's best example of mature Jurassic rainforest. Many people are surprised at the extent of wilderness that is hidden in the North Island. On the first day, we drive via Rotorua so we can pick you up from there late morning. This means you can easily spend time there prior to joining us.

- *Hiking the Jurassic-like rainforests and river gorges of Whirinaki and Urewera National Park*
- *Kayaking across Lake Tarawera's ancient caldera crater to a hot, bush-fringed stream*
- *Three days of trekking among Tongariro National Park's active volcanoes*
- *Waitomo glowworm caves*
- *Remote camping and relaxing on Taranaki's wild west coast beaches*
- *Climbing high on Mt Egmont/Taranaki for stunning views*



<b>DURATION</b>	9 nights, 10 days itinerary
<b>MEALS</b>	NZ\$30/day kitty (food and accommodation)
<b>PRICES</b>	Trip price NZ\$1550 Extras optional - Sea kayaking (NZ\$89), thermal parks (NZ\$6-30)
<b>START</b>	Auckland, SkyTower Visitors Centre, corner Federal and Victoria Streets, 7am
<b>FINISH</b>	Wellington at approx 7pm
<b>2010 DATES</b>	
January	6 - 16
January	20 - 30
February	3 - 13
February	17 - 27
March	3 - 13
March	17 - 27
March	30 - Apr 8
April	14 - 24
April	28 - May 7

