

Media Release

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Tongariro Lodge – One of the Worlds Best Fishing Lodges

Tongariro National Park, New Zealand (May 2010)

Navigate Oceania are proud to announce that Tongariro Lodge, a year-round centre of outdoor and extraordinary fly-fishing, has become the newest addition to their award winning New Zealand collection.

Tongariro Lodge is a world-class, year-round centre of outdoor adventure and extraordinary fly-fishing. For 28 years legendary angler and guide Tony Hayes has welcomed a Who's Who, including President Jimmy Carter, Liam Neeson, Timothy Dalton and Malcolm Fraser.

Perfectly set on the banks of the Tongariro River, close to magnificent Lake Taupo, the Lodge edges Tongariro National Park, home of three magnificent volcanoes and premier winter ski resorts. A smorgasbord of family adventures ranges from wilderness horse trekking to quad biking; water sports from jet boating to white-water rafting.

For walkers the Tongariro Alpine Crossing is a mind-expanding day long hike seeing alpine meadows, active volcanoes, mountain springs, lava flows, emerald lakes and volcanic deserts.

Tongariro Lodge's generous hospitality and cuisine, based on New Zealand specialties and game, is equally renowned. Hearty breakfasts and lunches set you up for anything and their famed hamper lunches turn everyday into an uninterrupted adventure.

At night, four-course dinners with wine provide the perfect setting to recount your adventures. And then there's another day...

Must See:

- Tongariro, Ngauruhoe and Ruapehu, magnificent snow-capped volcanoes by scenic flight World Heritage site
- Lake Taupo, New Zealand's biggest inland water playground
- Lord of the Rings' Mt Doom (Ngauruhoe)
- Spectacular fly-fishing scenery on the shores of three natural lakes
- Premier winter ski resorts, including seven glaciers
- Rich tribal Maori history of the Ngati Tuwharetoa people"

Must Do:

- Fly-fishing up to 30 wilderness rivers: Tongariro is one of the best in the world and offers New Zealand's most fruitful trout fishing
- Pro-fishing lessons at every level from amateur to veterans
- Beach picnic in paradise at Rotopounamu (Greenstone Lake)
- Rod-fishing from a cruiser on Lake Taupo

- Hike the world-famed Tongariro Alpine Crossing, 18.5 breathtaking kms of active volcanoes, mountain springs, lava flows and emerald lakes in the Tongariro National Park
- Mountain biking, whitewater rafting, horse trekking & jet boating

Must Buy:

- A fly-fishing license from the Lodge – and then get outdoors!
- Massage by on-site therapists
- Merino wool garments from 'The Woolshed', best in New Zealand
- Adventure clothing from 'Outdoor Attitude'
- Fashion boutiques, cafes, bars and indigenous arts and crafts in Taupo
- Famed wines and artisan cheeses for your own adventure

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