



## **The Escapegoat New Zealand Jaunt**

**\$1750 includes 9 days/8 nights accommodation, Breakfast and lunch, and 6 days riding in some of the best spots in New Zealand.**

### **The Trip.**

We are now able to release details for our trip to the North Island of New Zealand, to visit the amazing riding in Rotorua, Taupo and the surrounding areas. The trip will run for 9 days, with 8 nights of accommodation, and riding on upto 7 days on offer.

### **Highlights!**

- Ride some of the best trails in the Southern Hemisphere, with a qualified and experienced guide
  - Relax in comfortable accommodation in Rotorua- feel free to explore the area
- With the trip limited to 10 people, you will get a personalised service and small group experience, both on and off the mountain
  - Getting the chance to ride with and get to know other like-minded Aussie riders



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## The riding

Let's deal with the most important things first! The riding is FANTASTIC!

We will be based in the world famous MTB mecca of Rotorua, on the North Island. Rotorua has built a fantastic reputation for awesome singletrack, and has 100's of KM of trails to explore. The most famous is the Whakarewarewa forest area with trails such as 'Split Enz' and 'Little Red Riding Huck' to explore , but there are also plenty of other areas nearby to explore.

We will have 5 full days to ride, plus 2 half days. Other rides planned will include the W2K trail in Taupo, Craters of the Moon, and the Moerangi Track in Whirinaki Forest, a stunning 36KM singletrack adventure into the Whirinaki Forest.

We may even get a chance to have a day of DH shuttles!



The riding we will plan is best described as 'Fun XC' riding, and you will need to do a fair bit of climbing to get the most out of the area, but it is worth it for the descents.

In terms of ability, we recommend this trip only for reasonably competent riders. This is NOT the place for beginners or those who don't like to be challenged every so often. But don't let that put you off- any reasonably competent XC rider with a reasonable level of fitness should be fine.

We will make sure the riding each day is appropriate for everyone, and may split up if people have different wants and needs. With 2 guides we have the flexibility of being able to make sure everyone has an enjoyable trip.

For a better idea of what the riding is like, check out the Australian Mountain Bike magazine's video of their trip, which can be found on our website at

## Itinerary:-

The following is a rough plan, however may change due to weather and other conditions.

- **Saturday 17/3/11**- Fly into Auckland, nights accomodation in Auckland
- **Sunday 18/3/11**- Drive to Rotorua, afternoon ride at Whakarewarewa
  - **Monday 19/3/11**- More riding at Whakarewarewa
  - **Tuesday 20/3/11** – Craters Of the Moon, Taupo
- **Wednesday 21/3/11** – Riders choice, day off to explore Rotorua, or at your leisure
  - **Thursday 22/3/11**- Moerangi Trail, Whirinaki Forest
  - **Friday 23/3/11**- The W2K trail and more, Taupo
- **Saturday 24/3/11** – Morning ride in Rotorua, afternoon drive to Auckland, stay the night in Auckland
  - **Sunday 25/3/11**- Fly home

Of course you are free to skip a day of riding if you desire, and explore Rotorua, or try some of the other activities on offer instead.

For flights in, the most obvious choice is a direct flight with Air New Zealand from Adelaide to Auckland on the Saturday, and back on the Sunday. Currently these flights are available for \$296 each way.



## Accomodation and food

In Auckland we will arrange comfortable motel/hotel style accommodation for our overnight stops.

For the remainder of the trip, we will be staying in comfortable holiday houses, as a group. We find these are a much better option than a hotel or motel as they give you far more space and flexibility, and are more far more comfortable than a cabin in a camp site.

Room allocation will depend on the group, and if you are travelling alone you will most likely be required to share a room with another person of the same sex. Couples will be given their own room. Single rooms cannot be promised.

Breakfast supplies of cereals, toast and juices will be provided daily, and lunch supplies (sandwiches, museli bars, fruit etc) will be available too to allow you to prepare your own lunches.

Evening meals are NOT included- you are welcome to do your own thing, and cook your own meal if you want. We will most likely go out for meals at local pubs and restaurants on some nights, and also organise a group meal or two at the house on other nights. You are free to join in or do your own thing each evening.



### **Other stuff**

The whole area is a adventure paradise. By all means feel free to skip a day or two of riding and do something else if that suits. We also will have a 'rest day' during the trip to allow you to explore the area, or carry on riding if you want. Other local activities include:-

- Rafting
- Skydiving
- Jetboating
- Zorbing
- Exploring the Geothermal springs, mudpools and geyzers of the area.....

And the list just goes on!

## What's included?

Included in the price are:

- 8 nights accommodation in comfortable holiday homes and motels/hotels.
- Breakfast supplies daily
- Provisions to prepare a packed lunch on all 'riding' days.
- Courtesy minibus/trailer transport to get you and your bike on guided rides.
- At least 6 days of guided mountain biking with a qualified SMBLA guide- Skills training may also be possible if it fits in with our itinerary.
- Staff on hand to make your trip fantastic including Ian (Bike Guide), and a further MTB assistant Guide.

## What's not?

- Your flights to Auckland (although we can give help and suggestions)
- Evening meals
- Any extra drinks and food.
- Any supplementary food to your packed lunch to get you through your days riding (ie powerbars, sports drinks)
- Any extra trips or excursions.
- Travel insurance costs
- Bike hire

## Booking

To reserve your spot, just email us and we will send you a booking form. There are a maximum of 10 places (minimum of 6). We also will need a deposit of \$500 AUD to reserve your spot. (see terms and conditions)

All other details are on the booking form.

If you have any questions feel free to call us or email us at [info@escapegoat.com.au](mailto:info@escapegoat.com.au) and we will do our best to help!

