

New Zealand's Lodges

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

FOR THE INDEPENDENT TRAVELER



Sheep being mustered



The main house, Wharekauhau



The cozy cottage fireplace



The Owners Cottage at Huka Lodge



Huka Lodge, Guest Suite



Huka Lodge, Lodge Room bathroom

HUKA LODGE

Rustic charm and understated elegance harmonize to create an enchanting ambience that is as rich as the beautiful environment surrounding Huka Lodge. Rated as one of the top lodges in the world, Huka Lodge offers a tranquil haven amid a backdrop of stunning mountains, vast pine forests and crystal-clear waters.

Awaken to the gentle rushing of the Waikato River as you relax in one of 20 lodge rooms that hug the riverbank. The recently refurbished Owners Cottage also offers additional accommodation with four luxurious rooms. Package includes a country-style breakfast, pre-dinner cocktail hour and a delicious 5-course set dinner menu highlighting the best of New Zealand produce.

The rooms, located on the banks of the river, offer every comfort from fully stocked mini-bar to walk-in dressing room, and are light, spacious and very peaceful with slatted wooden outdoor terraces. The en-suite bathrooms have heated timber floors, a sunken bath, separate shower and double hand basins. The area is noted for its wonderful trout fishing on Lake Taupo. Enjoy a day of heli-fishing in some of

the world's best trout fishing territory. A day in Rotorua is a great way to experience Maori culture and heritage. Or simply relax at Huka Lodge in the peaceful solitude of this beautiful sanctuary.



Huka Lodge on the Waikato River near Taupo

WHAREKAUHAU COUNTRY ESTATE

Set between the Rimutaka Mountains and the rugged beauty of Palliser Bay, Wharekauhau Country Estate, two hours from Wellington, overlooks 16 miles of stunning coastal scenery, black volcanic sand beaches, rich green pastures and cloud-covered peaks. As part of a 5,000-acre working sheep station, Wharekauhau recaptures the gracious lifestyle of a bygone era.

Guest accommodation is provided in charming cottages located throughout the grounds, all within

easy walking distance of the main house. Each cottage takes advantage of the magnificent ocean views and features a super king-sized canopied bed; open fireplace; under-floor heating; and plush sofas and chairs. A four-course dinner is served at the main house in a dinner party atmosphere with guests seated communally at tables of eight to ten. For those who wish to enjoy a more secluded setting, a variety of private dining rooms are available. Your package includes full breakfast, cocktail hour and superb gourmet dinners.



Wharekauhau's main lodge at dusk



Your cottage bedroom has stunning views



Your private cottage

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

Nights at Destination:
Auckland (1), Huka Lodge (3),
Wharekauhau Country Estate (3)

DEPARTURES

Daily

DAY 1: WELCOME TO NEW ZEALAND

Take a private car from the airport to Auckland city and Hyatt Residence Auckland, offering unsurpassed harbor and city views, 274 rooms, a new Residence Tower with 120 suites, and Auckland's only full-service day spa – Spa at the Hyatt. *Overnight: Hyatt Residence Auckland, 1 Bedroom Suite for 1 night*

DAY 2: TRAVEL TO HUKA LODGE

Travel via private car to Auckland Airport for your short flight to Taupo and Huka Lodge (flight not included). Spend the evening in this world-class resort where rustic charm meets luxurious service. Enjoy drinks and dinner in the main lodge. *Overnight: Huka Lodge, Lodge Room for 3 nights (B,D)*

DAY 3: ROTORUA WANDERER

Enjoy an amazing guided journey through the volcanic wonders and natural history of

Rotorua. Head to Waiotapu, the thermal wonderland of geysers, mud pools and colorful hot springs, before viewing the largest hot spring in the world, The Lady Knox Geyser. Driving through Waimangu Volcanic Valley, board your vessel for an unbelievable cruise on Lake Rotomahana, witnessing a myriad of wildlife and awe-inspiring geothermal steam bursts. (B,D)

DAY 4: RELAX AT HUKA LODGE

Spend the day enjoying the serene landscape of Huka Lodge. Set amid a rich forest and the Huka Falls, the lodge offers an array of outdoor pursuits from swimming, horse trekking, sailing, golfing, or walking the grounds. If you want to hook one of the largest Rainbow trout in New Zealand, have a private guide take you fishing (optional extra). Enjoy a gourmet dinner in the company of fellow guests or in private on the riverside terrace. (B,D)

DAY 5: WHAREKAUHAU COUNTRY ESTATE

Leave Taupo and fly onward to Wellington (flight not included), then travel by private car to Wharekauhau Country Estate (optional helicopter transfer is available). Enjoy magnificent ocean views while relaxing in front of your private fireplace in this deluxe accommodation. *Overnight: Wharekauhau Country Estate, Cottage Suite for 3 nights (B,D)*

DAY 6: EXPLORE WHAREKAUHAU

Spend the day exploring some of the 5,000 acres of private land on the Wharekauhau property including ancient forests, beautiful coastline and rolling pasture lands. Hike, four-wheel drive or horse trek along Palliser Bay. Or perhaps visit the nearby seal colony. Return to the main house in the evening for a gourmet dinner. (B,D)

DAY 7: MARTINBOROUGH AT LEISURE

An option today is to explore the nearby Martinborough wine region, an area of world-renowned vineyards. Visit the Wine Center to have your wines shipped directly to the U.S. (B,D)

DAY 8: DEPART WHAREKAUHAU COUNTRY ESTATE - VIA HELICOPTER

Return to Wellington with a thrilling helicopter ride to the airport for your onward flight home (helicopter flight included, luggage restrictions apply). (B)

MANY OPTIONAL TOURS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE!
JUST ASK US FOR DETAILS.

INCLUDES

- 7 nights of accommodation
- 7 breakfasts, 6 dinners
- Private car transfers
- Helicopter transfer Wharekauhau Country Estate to Wellington
- Deluxe private Rotorua touring

Priced from \$4497 p/p, double occupancy

Note: International and domestic airfare not included.

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