

Hide and Seek

new zealand

Exquisite private lodges house adventure seekers down under.

THE SHEEP MAY OUTNUMBER PEOPLE FOUR-TO-ONE, but New Zealand remains an alchemy of dramatic scenery and rich culture. Rolling green hills lure nature lovers, active explorers, foodies, and oenophiles who have the opportunity to stay at some of the coolest hideaway lodges in the world. This beautiful country delivers postcard views at every turn—from the jagged coastlines, serene lakes, and never-ending pastoral farmland in the North Island, to the majestic glaciers, active volcanoes, and sleepy towns in the South Island. New Zealand's charms are limitless, and its people are kind, generous, and with good humor.

You can relax in healing thermal springs, explore mysterious geysers, forage and cook with Maori chefs, hike the 33-mile Milford Track in Fiordland National Park, pass through extraordinary forests, lakes, and river valleys, visit private ranches, jet by snow-capped mountains on Dart River's ever-changing braided waters, and re-imagine *The Lord of the Rings* in a private helicopter. Wherever your passions may lead you, it's good to come home to these lodges high on the lists of the world's most discriminating travelers who come to these havens to immerse themselves in New Zealand's culinary adventures and active pursuits.



Eagles Nest

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Outside New Zealand's first capital, Russell, is the North Island's chic Eagles Nest. Catering to celebrities and industry captains, these exceptional villas, perched on a peninsula overlooking the Bay of Islands, are a poem to modernity. Glass walls offer a nearly 360-degree view of the bay, while your villa's heated outdoor 80-foot infinity lap pool and hot tub beckon. Winding wood walkways lead to the private beach below. For an extravagant stay, consider the Rahimoana Villa, a four bedroom paradise with an infrared sauna, gym, display of regional art, home theater, and private chef who prepares meals with local roots and a global reach. Your Porsche Cayenne and driver stand at the ready to whisk you away to whatever land, air, or sea adventure your personal butler has arranged.

