

Situated high above the Pacific, Raimona takes private villa holidaying to a stellar level

A lofty Perch



Offering private villa accommodation of the very highest order, Raihimona is the latest addition to New Zealand's luxurious cluster of headland hideaways, Eagles Nest



The living area in the master suite of the Sacred Space villa



FIRST LIGHT TEMPLE Hidden away amongst the trees, this elegantly simple one-bedroom villa is a favourite with honeymoon couples or those looking for a romantic break



THE EYRIE With its expansive outdoor living areas The Eyrie is well-suited to families and groups of friends. From its hilltop location, there are sweeping views across the Bay of Islands



SACRED SPACE Four spacious bedrooms make this one of the biggest of the Eagles Nest villas. Enjoy the sunset from the infinity pool on the spacious outdoor decking or relax in the sauna

When a building evokes comparisons to the work of Frank Lloyd Wright, it must be something special. And with 320° views of the seascapes of New Zealand's Bay of Islands, Rahimoana is a private retreat like no other.

Rahimoana – the name means “Sun God over the Ocean” – is the premium villa at Eagles Nest, a collection of five luxury residences on 30 bush-clad hectares high above the Pacific. Seclusion is guaranteed at each of the villas, but at Rahimoana privacy is taken to a stellar level.

Crowning a cliff top promontory, the building effortlessly achieves unity with its marine domain. Owners Daniel and Sandra Biskind joke that despite the villa's apparent simplicity, Rahimoana's four-year genesis presented renowned architect Simon Carnachan with a few design challenges.

Sandra's design edict that the villa's halo of glass doors “had to open both ways” was achieved, and combined with an expansive floor made of granite, means Rahimoana seamlessly blurs the line between inside and outside. Decor of a defiantly neutral palette invites the always changing drama of the surrounding ocean and bush inside, and despite a few touches like 1000-year-old Asian antiques and colourful versions of Mies van der Rohe's iconic Barcelona chairs, Rahimoana is a stunning blank canvas for a very private and exclusive international guest list.

Rahimoana's luxurious simplicity is partnered with a dedicated team including a personal butler. A driver for the villa's pair of Porsches is available if the appeal of staying in to enjoy the 25m heated pool or the private beach wanes. Meals are prepared by a personal chef, and a wine cellar approaching 10,000 bottles offers the likes of Stoneyridge Larose and Penfolds Grange. An association with Kemp Rare Wine Merchants in Auckland also provides a backup for fussier wine buffs.

At NZD37,000 per night, the four-bedroom Rahimoana is both an unparalleled luxury experience and a stunning example of

architecture that will soon be regarded as a New Zealand icon. After all, it's not every clifftop villa that's been known to elicit enthusiastic nods of approval from visiting architects.

The four other villas secreted around Eagles Nest are also architecturally inspired. The best views are enjoyed from Eagle Spirit and The Eyrie. Both have three double bedrooms with ensuite bathrooms, while calming, neutral decor and expansive windows again lure the sub-tropical Bay of Islands climate inside.

Perfect privacy is guaranteed, but a personal chef is also available to prepare gourmet barbecues with fresh New Zealand produce. The ocean's bounty is purchased directly from local fishermen each morning; fresh herbs and vegetables are sourced from Eagles Nest's own gardens; and venison and beef come from the lush pastures of New Zealand's Esk Valley. If absolute privacy is mandated, each villa is also equipped with a gourmet kitchen.

Like Rahimoana, the design encourages a relaxed transition from the calming interiors to the natural beauty outside. Eagle Spirit and The Eyrie are undeniably luxurious, but still infused with the spirit of the iconic New Zealand beach house. Welcome to the perfect location for a significant family birthday, or a “Where did the years go?” catch-up for close friends. Infinity pools, premium audio and video gear, and private spa pools all come as standard, but don't be surprised if you barely graduate from blissful hours spent on the spacious decks.

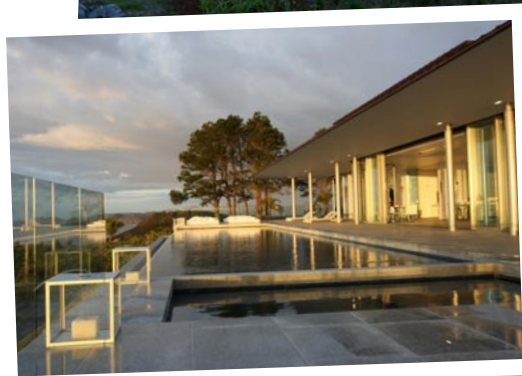
Contrasting the outward focus of Eagle Spirit and The Eyrie, Eagles Nest's other two villas promote a reflective mindset. Hidden away amidst trees, First Light Temple and Sacred Space feature natural timber, earth tones, and spacious glass roofed living areas. Asian antiques promote an inward focus in the four-bedroomed Sacred Space, and the smaller First Light Temple is a romantic favourite with honeymoon couples.

Amid Eagles Nest's relaxed perfection, Daniel and Sandra Biskind hear just one familiar refrain: most guests wish they could stay forever.

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Rahimoana: Eagles nest's premium villa



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