TAUPŌ – NEW ZEALAND



Lodge Guide

HUKA LODGE

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At a Glance

Location

The ever-changing Waikato River and broader Lake Taupō region provide a magnificent natural setting for Huka Lodge. Taupō is found on the central plateau of New Zealand's North Island, distinguished by its vast lake and endowed with a gentle climate, a leisurely pace and spectacular landscape. Formed from an ancient volcanic caldera, Lake Taupō's vast waters spill into the thundering Huka Falls. Snow-capped mountain peaks, rolling pastures of golden grasses, lush green wilderness and the clear waters of lakes, rivers and streams offer a calming and rewarding vista from every turn.



Getting There

Huka Lodge is located in Taupō, in the central North Island of New Zealand. Auckland is the gateway for international travellers, with flights arriving into Auckland several times a day.

The Auckland Airport domestic terminal is a short 10-minute walk from the international terminal and Air New Zealand offers two daily scheduled flights to Taupō. Huka Lodge provides complimentary return transfers to and from Taupō Airport, a leisurely 15-minute drive. More details »



Climate

New Zealand's North Island seasons are distinct, offering a new set of experiences in each season with a marked maritime influence. During the summer months, average daytime temperatures range from 14°C-32°C. In autumn, golden landscapes welcome temperatures from 8-15°C during the day. Winter in Taupō brings temperatures during daylight hours between 6-12°C, perfect for skiing followed by cosy nights warmed by an open fire. The crisp, blue-skied days of spring bring daytime temperatures of 10-15°C.

Season	Average daytime temp	Average overnight temp
Summer (December–February)	14-32°C (57-90°F)	9-11°C (48-53°F)
Autumn (March–May)	8-15°C (46-59°F)	5-9°C (41-48°F)
Winter (June–August)	6-12°C (42-53°F)	3-4°C (37-39°F)
Spring (September–November)	10-15°C (50-59°F)	4-9°C (39-48°F)

What to Bring

Reflecting the country retreat style of the lodge, dress is smart casual at Huka Lodge. Evening attire is elegant, however, ties, jackets and dinner suits are not required. Solid walking shoes, comfortable casual clothes, layers of warmer clothes and an outdoor jacket if travelling in the cooler months are all recommended. Also consider packing golf shoes, a swimsuit and other recreational clothing for active pursuits. A hat, sunglasses and sunscreen are summer essentials.





Stay

Accommodation

Sixteen Lodge Suites and four Premium Lodge Suites, along with the exclusive Alan Pye Cottage and Alex van Heeren Cottage, are nestled along the banks of the Waikato River. Interiors by acclaimed New Zealand designer Virginia Fisher reflect the ease of the surrounding landscape, evoking the feeling of arriving home. Signature touches include custom furnishings, fine linens, a generous ensuite with rain shower and deep soaking bath, and a walk-in dressing room. Other features include a complimentary in-suite bar, climate control, heated floors, wireless internet, safe and telephone. Bathrobes, slippers, hairdryer and backpacks are provided along with daily housekeeping and evening turndown service.

Check-In / Check-Out
Check-in time is 2pm and check-out time is 11am. Where possible, flexibility with early check-in and late check-out will be provided, however, these are unable to be guaranteed.

Children
Huka Lodge welcomes children ten years and over.

Lodge Suite

Designed to flow harmoniously with the riverscape beyond, the Lodge Suite is a true retreat in every sense. King or twin beds, dressed in fine linens with a custom wool throw and plump feather pillows, sit beneath a gauze-draped canopy. Generous lounge chairs and a writing desk offer a quiet place to take in garden and river views through floor-to-ceiling French doors. A light-filled bathroom features a deep bath, separate shower, heated floors and twin vanities, while an adjoining dressing room enhances the sense of space and ease.



Nº of Suites
16

Size
From 60m²

Capacity
2 guests

Other options: *Available on request, two alternative floorplans offer flexibility for extended families and friends travelling together. Please inquire for more information.*

Lodge Suite with Fireplace

Opening to verdant gardens with glimpses of the deep turquoise Waikato River, the Lodge Suite with Fireplace is defined by high raked ceilings and a cozy open fire with chaise longue – perfectly positioned for relaxed viewing through French doors to a deep verandah and rolling lawns. King or twin beds, dressed in premium linens and a custom wool throw, sit beneath a wrought iron canopy draped in fine gauze, with adjacent lounge seating and a writing desk. A dressing room leads to a spacious bathroom with rain shower, heated floors, twin vanities and bath set before a private, garden-fringed bay window.



Nº of Suites
4

Size
From 60m²

Capacity
2 guests

Alan Pye Cottage

Set above rolling green lawns on the banks of the Waikato River, the Alan Pye Cottage is a private retreat designed for slow, spacious living. A generous lounge layered with contemporary and antique furnishings centers around a wood-burning fireplace and dining space for gathering. Floor-to-ceiling doors open to a river-facing terrace with infinity pool, while a secluded courtyard garden features a heated spa pool and outdoor pavilion. Two king bedrooms - one configurable as twins - each include a fireplace, dressing room and ensuite with a deep soaking bath overlooking the river.



Nº of Suites
1

Size
325m²

Capacity
4 guests

Alex van Heeren Cottage

Set atop a sunlit bluff overlooking the Waikato River, the ultra-exclusive Alex van Heeren Cottage is a private retreat with sweeping views downstream to the thundering Huka Falls. At its heart, a generous living space with vaulted ceilings, open fireplace and dining area opens through floor-to-ceiling glass doors to expansive river and garden vistas. Outdoors, a secluded courtyard with fireplace invites quiet moments, while the river-facing terrace features a heated infinity-style plunge pool and spa. Four king bedrooms - two configurable as twins - each include a fireplace, dressing room and opulent ensuite, creating an exceptional residence for families and friends travelling together.

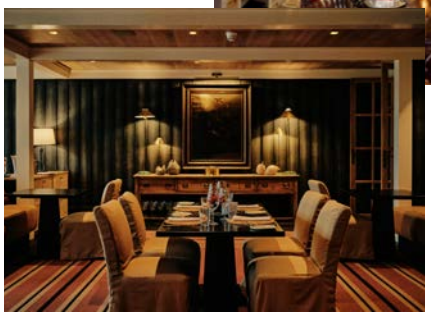


Nº of Suites
1

Size
364m²

Capacity
8 guests





Lodge

The Dining Room

Dining at Huka Lodge is at the heart of the tradition of generous hospitality for which the lodge is world-renowned. Showcasing New Zealand's finest, often sustainably produced ingredients, the menus at Huka Lodge are daily changing and reflect the seasons and the environment outdoors. The **Dining Room** features high ceilings and windows welcoming in delightful views of the river and gardens positioned a step down along the slope of the lawns. Upstairs, private areas include **The Loft** and **Piper Room**, suitable for dinners, special celebrations or an intimate meeting.

Signature Dining

Huka Lodge offers guests the opportunity to dine in myriad intimate venues. Locations include the open-air **River Deck** overlooking the Waikato River; the wood paneled **Library** housing an eclectic book collection warmed by an open fireplace; the **Piper Room** named in memory of Don Ryder, the lodge's resident bagpiper over 25 years; the **Green Room** where diners are ensconced among living green walls of cypress; the **Orchard** set among a grove of heirloom fruit trees and in the splendor of the underground **Wine Cellar**.

The River Room

Designed to make the most of the lodge's riverside setting, the **River Room** features a double-sided fireplace and traditional luxury furnishings creating a warm space for guests to lounge and meet for convivial drinks and conversations on the hearth of the riverfront. The feel-at-home bar is stocked with all the premium essentials, perfect for a range of cocktails and mixed drinks.

The Terrace

The expansive north facing terrace stylishly transitions between the indoors and out. A feature outdoor fireplace and contemporary glass roofed pergolas create a sumptuous outdoor lounging space for guests and a seamless connection with the chequered green lawns which run to the banks of the Waikato River.

Wellness Grounds & Huka Spa

Inspired by the traditional Kiwi bach or holiday shack, a gathering of rustically cool and contemporary huts houses a gymnasium along with a sauna, contrast ice shower and a steaming hot pool tucked into an intimate forest locale. It's also home to the Huka Spa, a tranquil sanctuary offering luxurious treatments featuring the New Zealand-made verité skincare range.

Services

Guest services include the reception and boutique, wireless internet, daily laundry and dry cleaning service (charges apply). All major credit cards are accepted at Huka Lodge.

What's Included

- Full country breakfast
- Pre dinner drinks and canapés
- Gourmet 4-course dinner matched with premium wines
- In-suite bar replenished daily

Please Note

Cottage guests are offered access to signature dining locations every night of their stay, while Lodge Suite guests may reserve the signature dining experience on one night of their stay, subject to availability (additional nights considered based on availability of venues).





Experience

A stay at Huka Lodge in Taupō places guests at the doorstep to a host of wonderful experiences of the destination, from the traditional fly-fishing on the banks of the Waikato River to hiking, luxury cruising, golfing and more. Of course, the luxurious setting at Huka Lodge invites leisurely pursuits onsite including tennis and croquet, while the option to read a book by the pool or enjoy a drink on the terrace are equally appealing.

Fly Fishing

Fly fishing for trout in Taupō's rivers is steeped in local tradition and was the original calling for travellers who came to stay at Huka Lodge a century ago. Today, the banks around Taupō remain rich in Brown and Rainbow trout reaching peak numbers during winter, luring anglers from around the world to cast their lines and try for a bite.

Lake Cruising

Taupō is distinguished by its vast, namesake lake, which at 616-square kilometres is roughly the same size as Singapore. Bordered by forest and pumice sand beaches, Lake Taupō is a natural wonder rich with history and beauty and invites on-water recreation year-round.

Heli experiences

An aerial tour of the North Island's spectacular heartland makes a stay at Huka Lodge truly unforgettable. Experience half or full-day heli adventures taking in the wonders of the region.

Active Pursuits

From a round of golf with a spectacular view, or an unforgettable hiking or mountain biking expedition to a peaceful paddle on the lake, there's plenty of options to get the heart-racing in Taupō.

Thrillseeking Adventures

Taupō is heaven on earth for guests looking for a high adrenaline rush! Experience exhilarating jet boating or white water rafting, leap into the turquoise depths on a bungy or swing, or take to the skies on a tandem sky dive or gliding experience.

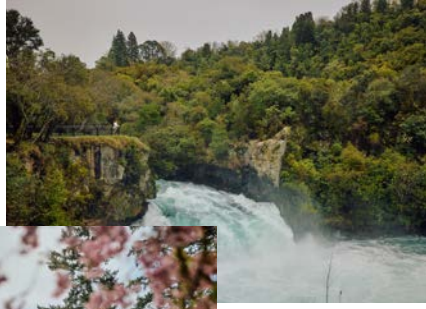
Lodge & Local

The magnificent park-like surrounds of Huka Lodge invite leisurely pursuits onsite, including tennis and classic lawn games, while the option to cast a fishing line into the river, read a book by the pool or explore on two wheels or are equally appealing.

Additional Charges Apply
Regional experiences are provided by specialist local operators and additional charges apply. View more details on our website.

Please Note
Most lodge and local activities are included. Additional charges apply for private yoga and tennis tuition.

Getting Here





Access

Taupō is located roughly in the centre of New Zealand's North Island, around 3.5 hours' drive from Auckland. The nearest airport for domestic and international air transfers is Auckland Airport, while the regional Rotorua and Taupō Airports offer optional connections for shorter onward drives. A variety of transfers are available for guests arriving at Huka Lodge, from helicopters to private transfers from a range of departure ports.

Airport Transfers

The lodge operates complimentary airport transfers connecting with scheduled flights to and from Taupō Airport shared with fellow guests. Upon arrival, meet the Huka Lodge representative in the Arrivals Hall..

Private Transfers

Private transfers may be arranged subject to availability for an additional charge.

Helicopter Transfers

For those seeking a spectacular arrival experience, consider a helicopter transfer from Auckland Airport touching down on the lawn at Huka Lodge. Enjoy bird's-eye views of the countryside during the 70-minute flight while following New Zealand's largest river taking in vistas of the hydro-electric dams, forestry and lush farmland along the route. Reservations in advance are essential and additional charges apply.

Self Drive

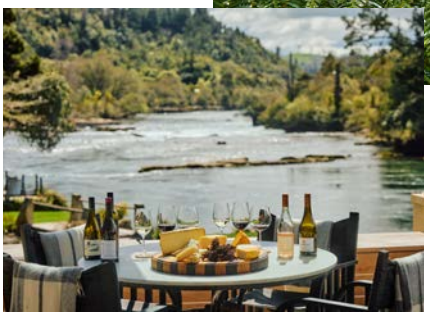
Guests who are self-driving or hiring a car can expect a 3.5 hour road trip from Auckland, a five hour drive from Wellington or a one hour drive from Rotorua.

What's Included
The lodge operates complimentary airport transfers connecting with scheduled flights to and from Taupō Airport shared with fellow guests.

Additional Charges Apply
Private transfers can be arranged for an additional tariff.

Additional Charges Apply
Helicopter transfers require reservations in advance and incur additional charges.





Packages

A stay at Huka Lodge invites a step into another world, layered with refined luxury and calm, where palatial suites and two exclusive owners' residences offer sumptuous, secluded retreat. Discover our range of specially tailored packages each with generous inclusions.

Included With Every Stay
- Country breakfast, pre-dinner drinks and canapés and dinner matched with wines daily
- In-suite bar replenished daily
- Return Taupō Airport transfers
- Use of lodge facilities



Classic Huka

Stay longer and save on the nightly rate.
Experience the beauty of Taupō over three nights with generous standard inclusions plus more. The Classic Huka package combines generous savings on the nightly rate with a complimentary lunch in the lodge restaurant on one day of your stay.

Enjoy Standard Inclusions Plus
- Significant savings
- One complimentary lunch in the lodge restaurant

Classic Huka package terms
Minimum three night stay. All rates quoted in New Zealand Dollars and inclusive of 15% GST. Rates apply per suite, per night for a maximum of two guests in a Lodge Suite. Extra Person rates available. Not combinable with other packages. Classic Huka package not available 18 December to 16 January inclusive.



Beckons Escape

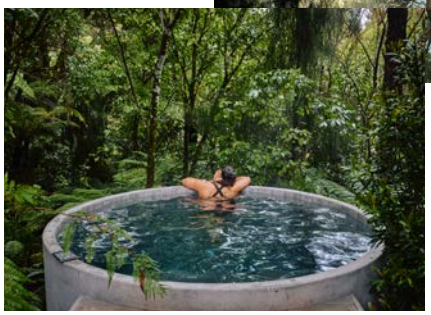
Unwind in style with Beckons.
Only have time for a quick break? Retreat to the river to experience the best of Taupō and enjoy gourmet breakfast and dinner in the lodge restaurant daily plus more.

Enjoy Standard Inclusions
- Country breakfast, pre-dinner drinks and canapés and 4-course dinner matched with premium wines daily
- In-suite bar replenished daily
- Return Taupō Airport transfers

Beckons Escape package terms
Minimum two night stay. All rates quoted in New Zealand Dollars and inclusive of 15% GST. Rates apply per suite, per night for a maximum of two guests. Extra Person rates available. Not combinable with other packages.

Package Enhancements





Celebrating a special occasion or just want to make your stay at Huka Lodge one to remember? The following enhancements can be added to your chosen package during the booking process. All rates are quoted in New Zealand Dollars and inclusive of 15% GST.



Honeymoon at Huka

Enjoy the essentials: beautiful flowers and an indulgent spa treatment for NZ$1,065 per couple. Enjoy a truly romantic celebration in the elegant style of Huka Lodge, be it for a honeymoon, wedding anniversary or babymoon with treats on arrival and a relaxing spa treatment.

Includes
- A 90-minute spa treatment; either a relaxing Hikoi massage or Rohi Essence facial
- A bouquet of flowers with French Champagne and chocolates waiting on arrival
- Late check-out, subject to availability



Taupo Discovery

Choose your own adventure on land or sea from NZ$1,850 for two guests. Experience the essence of New Zealand's first luxury lodge along with French Champagne on arrival, a private Lake Taupō cruise and late checkout.

Includes
- French Champagne on arrival
- A 2.5 hour cruise on Lake Taupō with opportunity for trout fishing
- A take-home gift
- Late check-out, subject to availability



Fly Fishing

Try your hand at the traditional sport, guided by an expert. From NZ$1,715 for two, it's a catch. Explore beautiful Lake Taupō with a private fly-casting session and half-day fly fishing adventure hosted by an expert guide.

Includes
- Private fly-casting tuition with an expert guide followed by a half-day fly fishing adventure
- A packed lunch for two for sustenance
- Use of all fishing gear and licences
- A keepsake handcrafted rimu timber fly box





Policies

Payment & Cancellation Policy

Full prepayment is required one month prior to arrival. We accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express or direct deposit. Payment by Visa, MasterCard or American Express attracts a 1.6% surcharge (surcharge subject to change). Additional conditions apply to groups of five or more suites; package rates may not apply. As a small boutique property our business depends on maximising occupancy, cancellations often result in empty rooms due to booking lead times and limited air capacity. For cancellations within one month of arrival all monies will be forfeited. No refund can be given in the event of non-arrival, any unused services or unused nights due to flight or weather disruption. We recommend that you protect yourself with travel insurance. Rates are subject to change without notice.

Peak Season Policy

All bookings over the Holiday Season, 18 December to 16 January inclusive, require a minimum three night stay and must be secured with a non-refundable deposit of one night's accommodation within 14 days of reservation.

Child Policy

Huka Lodge welcomes children ten years and over.

Sustainability Policy

Huka Lodge is committed to a dedicated path of initiatives and procedures to ensure the very best practice for the environment, the local community and the planet. Essential to the vision are initiatives designed to preserve pristine waters and the broader environment, conserve energy via recycling and support the community of Taupō. View our sustainability initiatives.

Contact Us

To speak with a Reservations Consultant, please call +64 7 378 5791 during business operation hours: Monday–Sunday 9am–5pm.

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