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ESCAPE TO KIWI COUNTRY

For intrepid couples with intense wanderlust, New Zealand is Shangri-La. Sitting pretty in the Southwest Pacific—literally, on the other side of the world—the island nation is as far-flung as they come. The Southern Hemisphere’s reverse seasonal calendar—with steamy sunshine in January and skiing weather in July—heightens the exotic, magical experience. Plus, there’s a wondrous landscape, abundant wineries, a wide range of adrenaline-producing activities and gracious hospitality. For a trip this major, where you stay is as important as how you spend your time. With that in mind, we introduce you to three Relais & Châteaux sister resort properties: The Farm at Cape Kidnappers and The Lodge at Kauri Cliffs—both on North Island—and Matakauri Lodge on the South Island. Each spectacular setting is a bona fide double threat—perfect for saying “I do,” as well declaring, “I wish this honeymoon would never, ever end!”

By Beth Weitzman



ABOVE AND BEYOND From top: Eight hundred feet above the ocean is a memorable spot for nuptials at The Farm at Cape Kidnappers; the front lawn at The Farm boasts expansive greenery and breathtaking views of the Pacific Ocean—the perfect place to say “I do!”

THE FARM AT CAPE KIDNAPPERS, HAWKE’S BAY

Why We Love It With its inviting rustic yet modern decor, sweeping panoramas of the Pacific Ocean and impeccable service, it’s hard not to fall head over heels for this luxe five-star locale. Situated on a peninsula atop 6,000 rolling acres of jaw-dropping farmland that plunges 800 feet into the sea, The Farm at Cape Kidnappers is a mere 60-minute flight from Auckland (a direct shot from most major U.S. cities). Buyout of the property, which can accommodate up to 56 guests, includes 22 elegant suites with private balconies and a four-bedroom Owner’s Cottage, all with spectacular views of the grounds, golf course and ocean. The main lodge boasts myriad lounges, indoor and outdoor dining spaces, and cozy fireplaces, plus a fully equipped fitness center and a wine cellar complete with tasting room. Head Chef James Honore and his culinary team source the freshest seasonal

produce, including vegetables from The Farm’s own garden. Rates include a fully stocked minibar, breakfast, pre-dinner drinks with hors d’oeuvres, and a three-course a la carte dinner. The list of on-site activities available to guests is extensive, from unwinding at the pool or spa to hiking, quad biking, fly-fishing or taking in the beauty of the lavender fields or chef’s garden. The world’s largest garnet colony is a short jaunt from the farm, as is Cape Sanctuary, a wildlife preserve dedicated to repopulating the kiwi, New Zealand’s nearly extinct national bird and one of the world’s rarest—if you’re lucky you just might see one!

Where to Wed Idyllic settings for both the ceremony and reception abound, whether you’re planning a wedding for five guests or 100. Couples seeking a spiritual connection to the New Zealand land and heritage can wed on an ancient Pā site or the Great Lawn, perched cliff-high with lush landscaping and spectacular ocean vistas. Other outdoor settings

include a clearing of pine trees with a view of Cape Kidnappers Peninsula and the gorgeous Pacific; and a site on the lawn with panoramas of Mount Ruapehu and the Mahia Peninsula. Indoors, couples can exchange vows in the loggia, which offers uninterrupted vistas of the property and ocean, or around a roaring fireplace in the main lodge. Finally, the Owner’s Cottage, complete with a veranda as well as a sitting room with a fireplace is an excellent option for intimate celebrations. Prices vary.

Honeymoon Package

From \$1,110 per couple, per night. Reservation includes an upgrade to the best available suite type, a welcome bottle of New Zealand sparkling wine, a spa credit of \$70 per person, a night of private dining and a romantic turndown on the final night of your stay.

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Say "I do" with sweeping 180-degree views of the Pacific Ocean, Cape Brett and the offshore Cavalli Islands as your backdrop at five-star luxury lodge Kauri Cliffs.

LODGE AT KAURI CLIFFS, MATAURI BAY

Why We Love It With its prevailing sense of intimacy and its undeniably cool New England vibe, it's not surprising that this is the former private home of owner Julian Robertson, an American financier. Staking its claim as one of Northland's premier luxury resorts, the large property, just a 45-minute flight from Auckland, comprises 6,000 acres near Matauri Bay. Its sprawling back veranda overlooks the golf course, Pacific Ocean, Cape Brett and the offshore Cavalli Islands; and when evening rolls in on a clear night, the sky turns a truly surreal shade of blue. In other words, it's the kind of place where you just want to pull up a chair, sit back and take it all in. A buyout can accommodate 52 people and includes 22 suites with private porches, sitting rooms and open fireplaces, plus a two-bedroom Owner's Cottage that's nestled into a native forest overlook above the golf course and ocean. Options are a plenty for active guests, including helicopter tours, horseback riding, deep-sea fishing and water sports second to none. Golfers will make a beeline to the stunning David Harman-designed course; tennis lovers will appreciate the two AstroTurf courts; and swimmers can make use of the outdoor infinity pool, indoor lap pool and Jacuzzi, or three private beaches, including the famed Pink Beach. For pre-wedding pampering, look

no further than the spa, which is set in the tranquil Totara forest and features skincare products harvested from local herbs and botanicals. For dinner, guests can indulge in Executive Chef Barry Frith's scrumptious Pacific Rim fare in the lodge's main dining room, under a marquee outside on the lawn, or—this is paradise, after all—anywhere your hearts desire. Rates include a fully stocked minibar, breakfast, pre-dinner drinks with hors d'oeuvres, and a three-course a la carte dinner.

Where to Wed There are many benefits to staying at a place that boasts a stretch of sand as gorgeous as Pink Beach, including the option to wed there before celebrating with a luxurious oceanside barbecue. Other ceremony sites include a dramatic waterfall, the golf course, the infinity pool, perfectly manicured lawns and inside the lodge or the Owner's Cottage. Prices vary.

Honeymoon Package From \$1,110 per couple, per night. Reservation includes an upgrade to the best available suite type, a welcome bottle of New Zealand sparkling wine, a spa credit of \$70 per person, a night of private dining and a romantic turndown on the final night of your stay.

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MATAKAURI LODGE, QUEENSTOWN

Why We Love It Set along the shores of Lake Wakatipu and facing the rugged, snowcapped Cecil Peak and Walter Peak mountain ranges, Matakauri Lodge's commanding views are truly unsurpassed. The alpine lakeside retreat is just seven minutes from Queenstown and home to both exemplary service and superb cuisine. Completely renovated in 2010 by acclaimed New Zealand interior designer Virginia Fisher, the intimate five-star boutique property is comprised of four luxury suites, seven villas, one guest room and a four-bedroom Owner's Cottage; and a buyout can accommodate 32 people. Rates include a fully stocked minibar, breakfast, pre-dinner drinks with hors d'oeuvres, and a three-course a la carte dinner of modern New Zealand cuisine prepared by Head Chef Jonathan Rogers. The common space includes a bar, living room and library, plus an infinity pool and full-service spa in which to further luxuriate. Nearby, Queensland's abundant activities include shopping, dining and nightlife; and day trips to wineries and heli-sport outposts can be arranged. Hardcore adrenaline

junkies take note: This is the birthplace of bungee jumping. When in Rome, right?

Where to Wed Every celebration at Matakauri is a fully customized affair, which means the options are practically endless. Guests can venture to Queensland for a traditional church ceremony, then head back to the hotel for a no-holds-barred celebration for up to 80 guests, or remain on the property for both the wedding and reception. The grounds offer seemingly endless gorgeous settings, including a marquee on the terrace, multiple rooms inside the Main Lodge or, for a truly intimate affair, the Owner's Cottage and patio. All options feature breathtaking unobstructed views of the Remarkable Mountains and Lake Wakatipu. Prices vary.

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Your breath will be taken away when you're perched over the water with surreal views of the snowcapped Cecil Peak and Walter Peak mountain ranges at Matakauri Lodge.

