

Luxury escapes

*The 'owner's cottages' of New Zealand's Robertson
Lodges take luxury lodging to a new height*



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When the Silicon Valley super rich started piling in to New Zealand real estate a few years back, building opulent bunkers in preparation for Armageddon, US hedge fund billionaire Julian Robertson must have been amused.

The legendary founder of financial behemoth Tiger Management had put his stake in the ground two decades earlier and now operates a triumvirate of luxury lodges under the Robertson Lodges banner – Kauri Cliffs, Cape Kidnappers and Matakauri Lodge.

Located in disparate corners of New Zealand’s other-worldly wilderness, they are flanked by kauri forests, waterfalls, alpine glaciers and secret pink-sand beaches. Then there’s the all-inclusive private club style of hospitality with formal fine dining (gentleman must wear jackets), world-class wine cellars and some of the best golf on the planet.

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working farms - that offer the extreme in high-end travel.

The ‘owner’s cottages’ have hosted everyone from Hollywood royalty to actual blue bloods and are beautifully designed, multi-suite villas with infinity pools, staff quarters and show-stopping views.

But it’s the personal touches – Robertson’s private libraries, freshly baked cookies that magically appear and the odd Picasso – that make staying in the lap of luxury still feel like home. 📍



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FROM THE
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Gibbs Farm is an open-air sculpture park located in Kaipara Harbour, 75 minutes drive north of Auckland. It contains the largest collection of large-scale outdoor sculptures in New Zealand, commissioned from some of the world’s most significant artists. It is open to artists, educational institutions, charities and the public. By prior appointment only.

New Zealand’s quaint South Island ski-town, Queenstown, is a gourmet heaven. Hot tables include Michelin-starred chef Josh Emmett’s Rata Dining and Matakauri Lodge’s private dining room with views across Lake Wakatipu to The Remarkables ski fields.

Kauri Cliffs is a par 72 PGA championship golf course ranked in the world top 100. The course, designed and built by David Harman, has sweeping ocean views of the Bay of Islands from 15 holes and is part of the privately owned Robertson Lodges collection.