



# Essential information



From that very first glimpse of the deep turquoise-green waters of the Waikato River when you arrive at Huka Lodge, there is a real sense of stepping away from the every day to a world of richly layered luxury and calm. Prepare for your stay with this quick-reference guide. We look forward to welcoming you soon.

*Kerry Malloy*  
Huka Lodge General Manager

## Feel at home

A stay at the lodge is generously inclusive of full country breakfast, pre-dinner drinks and canapés, gourmet five-course dinner with daily changing menu, use of the lodge facilities and return Taupō Airport transfers.

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. A hat, sunglasses and sunscreen are summer essentials.

## Taupō experiences

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. A visit to the dramatic Huka Falls located just downstream from Huka Lodge is a Taupō must-do!

## Aquatic adventures

Water is Taupō’s defining element, seen in the steam rising from geothermal vents and in the snow-capped mountain peaks. But the best way to experience it is by exploring the region’s namesake lake, pristine rivers and streams. From the traditional fly fishing and luxury cruising adventures to exhilarating jet boating and white water rafting, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

## Land expeditions

Nothing brings you closer to Taupō’s spectacular wilderness than walking through it, and Taupō has some of the best walking tracks in New Zealand. Golfers have a choice of two world-class courses – a favourite being Wairakei International Golf Course just five-minutes away. A cultural tour with a descendant of the local Māori tribe, Ngāti Tūwharetoa, is a rare and unforgettable privilege.

### 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.

### How to book

The team at Huka Lodge can assist with recommendations and bookings to tailor an ideal stay, whether around special interests, adventure or simply relaxing.

### Additional charges apply

Aquatic, land and heli tours are provided by specialist local operators and are subject to availability. Please visit our [website](#) for more details.



## Heli experiences

An aerial tour of the North Island's spectacular heartland makes a stay at Huka Lodge truly unforgettable. The lodge offers half or full-day heli adventures combined with a luxury cruise taking in Taupō's natural attractions from the dual perspectives of water and sky including the mighty Huka Falls and the magnificent Ngatoroirangi Mine Bay Māori rock carvings.

## Lodge activities

The magnificent park-like surrounds of Huka Lodge invite leisurely pursuits onsite, including tennis, pétanque and croquet, while the option to read a book on the riverbank, wander the garden paths or enjoy a drink on the terrace are equally appealing. A selection of beauty and relaxation treatments may also be arranged in the privacy of one's suite.

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### Please note

Lawn activities are included. Additional charges apply for spa treatments, private yoga and tennis tuition.

## Dietary requirements

It is essential to advise any special dietary needs at the time of reservation. We will do our best to tailor menus accordingly whilst providing opportunity to enjoy a diverse range of premium regional produce. Should notice not be provided in advance, our chefs will endeavour to prepare suitable meals with the ingredients available. We regret we are unable to prepare meals requiring strict religious observance in the preparation.

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### What's included

- Full gourmet breakfast
- 5-course dinner with daily changing menu
- Pre-dinner drinks and canapés

## 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.

## 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 at Auckland, from Australia, several times a day.

A short 10-minute walk is the simplest transfer to the Auckland Domestic Terminal. **Air New Zealand** offers a minimum of two daily scheduled flights to Taupō (flight time is 45 minutes). Self-drive is a popular option for many guests at Huka Lodge; Taupō is a 3.5 hour scenic drive from Auckland, a five hour drive from Wellington or a one hour drive from Rotorua.

## 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 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. Reservations in advance are essential; bookings are subject to availability and additional charges apply.

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### Travel arrangements

Whether travelling by air or undertaking a self-drive journey, it's essential to advise arrival and departure plans. Please advise details by email so as return transfers may be arranged if required..

## Explore New Zealand

For more information about travelling in Aotearoa (the Māori name for New Zealand), visit [Tourism New Zealand](#) and [Love Taupō](#).

## Ngā mihi - many thanks

Please don't hesitate to contact Huka Lodge Reservations with any queries or for more information prior to your stay.

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### Contact us

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