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Skip Across the Ditch for a Long Weekend of Golf at New Zealand's Huka Lodge

Timed to align with the much-anticipated opening of international travel borders in mid-April, New Zealand's Huka Lodge has announced a special long weekend dedicated to championship golf, a perfect excuse to line up a shot for a skip across the ditch.

The three-night long weekend tees off on Friday May 27 and includes 18 holes each at the renowned Kinloch Signature and Wairakei International golf courses hosted by the nation's premier golf tournament champions, New Zealand Open Chairman and former All Blacks coach John Hart and Tournament Director Michael Glading.

The inclusive package features all the generous luxuries of a stay at New Zealand's most revered luxury lodge, plus special events including a reception and cocktails in the Alan Pye Cottage, dining by Chef Paul Froggatt showcasing the freshest local and regional ingredients and matched wines and Sunday afternoon celebratory drinks to announce the weekend's award winners.

On Saturday, players set off for the world-class championship course at Kinloch designed by Jack Nicklaus. The picturesque 18-hole course rambles across a dramatic landscape, with contoured fairways specially conditioned for challenging ground play. Day two includes 18 holes at Wairakei International golf course, set in a 180-hectare wildlife sanctuary where birdsong, meandering streams and waterfalls offer surround sound.

Huka Lodge General Manager Kerry Molloy said the team at Huka Lodge was thrilled to see their counterparts from across the ditch and further afield have the chance to return to New Zealand.

"We've spent a long while in our own company here in New Zealand and we're very pleased to welcome our overseas friends to our shores. What better excuse than a chance to tee off on our world-famous championship golf courses with some excellent company?" Mr Molloy said.

"Plus, there's some fabulous dining to enjoy, our world-class wine cellar to explore, the rolling lawns leading to the thundering Waikato River to draw the eye and reinvigorate the spirit, and all the great adventures in the wider Taupo region to take on."

Huka Lodge's golf weekend package includes a three-night stay over the dates May 27-30, 2022, with rates from NZ\$7,900 per couple staying in a Junior Lodge Suite. Also included is all dining, greens fees, cart hire and tournament accessory kit.

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