

Six of the Best



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HUKA LODGE, TAUPO

The highly atmospheric stalwart of New Zealand's lodge scene was opened in 1920, and takes full advantage of its position on the Waikato River next to the thundering Huka Falls. Lavish five-course dinners are par for the course, but can be served in romantic private dining locations such as the intimate, arch-vaulted wine cellar. Tennis, petanque and croquet courts are in keeping with the old-world elegance, and the gardens are so impressive they have National Significance status. The truly cashed-up can arrive in style, landing at the property's helipad.

Doubles cost from \$1700.

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