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DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY'RE GOING." PAUL THÉROUX

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HUKA LODGE

TAUPO, NEW ZEALAND

The granddaddy and pioneer of New Zealand's world-renowned super lodges, Huka is probably the most chic backwoods residence you'll have the chance to call home for a night. Perched on the banks of the Waikato River, this sprawling property comprises multiple lodge suites, a couple of private 'cottages' (though, don't go expecting a humble log cabin) and 20 different private dining rooms - should you call for a change of scenery. All open fireplaces, taxidermy, whitewashed timber and rolling lawns.

BEST BIT More than enough on offer for the outdoorsy types. For everyone else, we suggest a good book and glass of pinot noir.

HOW MUCH? Rates are seasonal, but during spring they hover around \$820 per guest per night - all inclusive of meals, activities and lodge amenities. hukalodge.co.nz

MASHPI LODGE

MASHPI, ECUADOR

If you want to dip your toes in to ecotourism without, you know, actually staying in a tent, Mashpi Lodge is hard to beat. A marriage between sustainability and luxury, Mashpi sits at the heart of Ecuador's Chocó Forest - a so-called 'diversity hotspot' that was at risk of deforestation before Mashpi arrived. Not only did the hotel save the land, but it also employed local loggers as staff. And it's a beautiful space. With clean lines, floor-to-ceiling windows and natural light, it's easy to forget you're neck-deep in jungle. That is, until you look outside.

BEST BIT The hotel has its own research centre and resident biologist, who takes guests on guided tours of the surrounds.

HOW MUCH? Double rooms start at around \$1800 per night, which includes meals, guided tours, transfers and even a pair of waterproof gumboots. mashpilodge.com

