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The Tatler guide to New Zealand

The first things you'll notice when you arrive in New Zealand are the soft call of the Tui bird and the heady aromas of the forest: it's a memorable welcome and is emblematic of this green and pleasant country that lies basking in the South Pacific sun. Indeed, the great outdoors are one of its biggest assets (after all, this is the birthplace of extreme sports) and we're sure to see the Duke and Duchess of Sussex donning their walking boots at some point during their royal tour here.

Huka Lodge, Taupo

With lodges breeding at quite an alarming rate all over New Zealand Huka does what it knows best: impeccable service, luxurious guest rooms and a plethora of dining options (there are over 20 restaurants on site). If they stay here, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex will be following in the footsteps of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, the Duchess of Kent and most recently Prince Edward and the Duchess of Wessex, who have all stayed in this elegant fortress of southern style. Like them, they can explore the 18 acres of manicured grounds, laze away in their room or the library or, having come this far, do something unusual such as a heli-hike or go on a two night Kai Waho Korero package where you forage for ingredients with local iwi (tribal) land custodians and then have Huka's chef transform the ingredients into a fine dining occasion.