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## HUKA LODGE

Established as a rustic fishing retreat on the edge of the translucent, emerald-green Waikato River just outside Taupo, Huka Lodge went on to become New Zealand's best-known luxury retreat. Set on clipped lawns and beautiful gardens, it's a tranquil hideaway of paddling swans and gurgling water. Gliding waiters in long white aprons circulate with pre-dinner nibbles and wine for well-coiffed guests, including the occasional celebrity and royal. Multi-course tasting dinners are included. Suites are large and lavish, or you can settle into one of two cottages. Staff can organise just about anything, from Maori encounters to heli-fishing. See [hukalodge.co.nz](http://hukalodge.co.nz)

