

# 101 HOTELS EXPLORE



## HUKA LODGE

### TAUPO, NEW ZEALAND

Your helicopter flutters over the mountain-framed waters of Lake Taupo and raging Huka Falls, then drops down to gently kiss the emerald lawns of Huka Lodge. The GM is waiting there to welcome you into a delicious bubble of plush country-house comforts and impeccable service. Dotted along the leafy banks of the trout-rich Waikato River are 25 suites and cottages in restful creamy hues, with wooden decking. And, of course, the Queen has stayed at this totally spoiling hideaway – several times, in fact – along with countless other famous names since it opened in 1924. Back then, fly-fishing was the chief lure, but now there's an exhilarating choice of outdoor adventures from hiking and biking to jetboats and white-water rafting. Once suitably thrilled and knackered, your reward is an elegant dinner of langoustine, turbot, clay-baked pork and those intense Kiwi wines... You'll sleep royally here. *Double, from £915, half board, including transfers* ([hukalodge.com](http://hukalodge.com); 00 64 7 378 5791).

**AND ANOTHER THING** For the ultimate high, do a tandem sky-dive over Lake Taupo – from 15,000ft.