

## HOME AND AWAY



THERE'S no danger of going hungry during a stay at New Zealand's Huka Lodge on the banks of Taupo's Waikato River. Pre-dinner drinks and canapes, gourmet five-course meals and full country-style breakfasts are included in a stay at this tranquil North Island property. Twenty-five-room Huka Lodge, sister to Fiji's Dolphin Island and the elegant Grande Provence in South Africa, is well known for its excellent trout-fishing opportunities, and fish caught by guests can be whipped up by the expert kitchen team. The truly committed gastronome, however, will be keen to take advantage of a new culinary experience available to those staying in the exclusive Alan Pye Cottage (pictured), a secluded retreat in the lodge's 7ha grounds. Michelin-trained executive chef Michel Louws will provide a private, two-hour cooking lesson at no additional cost when four people book the two-bedroom cottage for a minimum of two nights between April 1 and September 30. All meals, prepared where possible from locally sourced produce, are included, plus return Taupo Airport transfers and use of all lodge facilities; \$NZ8970 (\$7025) for two nights for two couples. More: [hukalodge.co.nz](http://hukalodge.co.nz).

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