

PARADISE AT THE END OF THE EARTH NEW ZEALAND

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Are you lured by the idea of a lush green paradise far away from your daily routine? Would you like to indulge in an experience that offers intrigue and majesty, intriguing and majestic? Looking for a destination as rich in its scenery as is in its experience? We have found that place. The land of the Long White Cloud, Aotearoa, New Zealand.

We approached the owner of New Zealand's premier luxury concierge service Tania Stoyanof of Black Label Experiences to handpick a few of her favorites for our trip. She works with you to co-create bespoke itineraries; styled to preferences, budgets, timings and encompassing New Zealand at its very essence. She includes access to yachts, helicopters and chauffeurs. The only limit is - our imagination.



EXPLORE

Discover lazy days, vineyards, olive groves and beautiful beaches – all just a 40-minute ferry ride away from Auckland. Waiheke is home to a number of wineries and vineyards nestled into the landscape. The island has a thriving art scene, from local galleries and studios to an inspiring sculpture park, as well as regular art events.



ARRIVAL

St Marys Residence is the perfect haven after a long flight. Located in one of Auckland's trendiest heritage neighborhoods with views overlooking the harbor and its many Islands, St Marys is described as an "urban luxury lodge". Accommodating up to 8 guest, it is only available as a single party reservation regardless of the number of suites booked – ensuring complete privacy. Your hosts Michael & Manjit will be on hand to take care of your every desire.



EXPERIENCE

Destiny Bay Wines is where the soul of the wine resides in the passion of its team. Meet the owner Michael Spratt, who personally takes you on a tour of the stunning property while sharing the inspiration behind Destiny Bay Wines. Closing your tour with a wine tasting that makes it easy to understand how this wine achieved its cult-like status.



EAT

Once you're there, your driver can take you to the Tantalus Estate restaurant to enjoy its rustic tranquility and gourmet delights. It's an expansive, light-filled venue with calming views of vineyards featuring intricate chandeliers created from old vines on the property. Chef Paul Jobin created a tasting menu fit for royalty. His fresh, uncomplicated, contemporary food respects the seasons and the environment.





TOUR

A private charter jet takes you south to Mahana, formerly known as Woollaston Estates, an organic vineyard and winery located in the Nelson region. With their modern Cellar Door restaurant and luxury Villa Accommodation, Mahana is now one of New Zealand's premier winery destinations. They fuse the cultural themes of wine, cuisine, art, and literature into one immersive experience.



ACTION

Just a 30 minute helicopter ride away from Auckland, surrounded by expansive coastal views overlooking the Hauraki Gulf, is our next stop, Kauri Bay, Clevedon. Time to get your adventure on Kiwi (that's what you call a New Zealander) style.

Kauri Bay Boomrock bills itself 'the ultimate experience venue' with a whole host of thrills and challenges to choose from. Fancy some 4WD Off Roading, Claybird Shooting, Archery, Knife throwing, Flying a Chopper and Extreme Golf? This is the tip of the iceberg of what Kauri Bay has to offer along with lodging, outstanding New Zealand wine and cuisine.



FORAGE

The Marlborough Sounds are an extensive network of sea-drowned valleys at the north end of the South Island of New Zealand. This is the area Tania choose for guided food foraging tour with local experts. Learn how to shuck Tio Point oysters, stop at King Salmon farm, tour a salt farm, go crayfish hunting and bring it all back to be prepared at a secret location by your private chef.



ADVENTURE

Nestled in the Southern Alps – backing on to Mt Aspiring National Park and accessible only by helicopter is Minaret Station, explore the wilderness of the South Island with the friendly and experienced Minaret Station team through one of many Heli-Adventure options. Alternatively you may want to try your hand at guided fishing, guided hunting or heli-skiing excursion.



When you combine all these possibilities with breathing in air so clean it's almost sweet, and down to earth, warm and friendly people – how could you not try a little bit of this paradise?



CRUISE

Flying north of Auckland in just 55 minutes, you can find yourself in the spectacular Bay of Islands where you will board your private boat, Ata Rangi, to cruise, fish and dive. In the evening you anchor at Robertson Island best known for its two stunningly beautiful lagoons at Twin Lagoons Bay, which is said to be the most photographed natural beauty spot in the entire Bay of Islands. Your private chef will prepare freshly caught fish and seafood for dinner. Enjoy being lulled to sleep onboard the magnificent luxury boat.

