

The New Zealand Luxury Lodge Gourmet Trail



The New Zealand Luxury Lodge Gourmet Trail was created to satisfy those travelers who enjoy exceptional cuisine prepared by their personal chef whilst staying in gorgeous boutique accommodations. Each of these four luxury lodges is chef-owned and operated to ensure each guest receives individual attention. Our owner-chefs are dedicated to showcasing the best New Zealand has to offer. Explore these lodges' unique areas by day, and unwind each evening to a newly created menu prepared especially for you. This trail is a must for anyone who appreciates fine wine and the art of the table.

Bushland Park Lodge & Retreat – Coromandel



Chef René at Bushland Park Lodge & Retreat was trained by a German Michelin-starred Chef in 1997 and 1998. His philosophy of cooking is rooted in traditional French cuisine, where ingredients are combined to harmonise flavours and appeal to the eye as well as to the palate. This ensures that the diner will enjoy a symphony of flavour components in each mouthful. To satisfy the eye, Chef René serves these meals on glass-art dishes that he creates himself at his on-site glass art studio. And of course, a comprehensive selection of local wines complements the offering.



Visiting The Coromandel will always be one of your trip's highlights: whether you enjoy hiking and exploring the pristine native rainforests, strolling along white sandy beaches, immersing yourself in water-based activities, playing golf on one of the 12 nearby golf courses, visiting the onsite glass-fusing art studio or relaxing in the double slipper claw-foot bath after dinner after your private glow-worm tour on Bushland Park's property.

Breckenridge Lodge - Napier



Chef Malcolm Redmond purpose-built Breckenridge Lodge in the heart of Hawke's Bay wine country. Malcolm's passion for food and wine make dining at Breckenridge an unforgettable experience. His extensive experience includes positions as executive chef in some of New Zealand's finest kitchens, personal chef of the New Zealand Governor General, and collaborations with several Michelin-starred chefs internationally. Chef Malcolm believes the finest meals begin with the finest ingredients. To ensure the freshest and highest quality food available, he has established his own organic kitchen garden and orchard, and he personally selects each cut of meat and fish from the market on a daily basis. If you choose to partake in Malcolm's wine pairing with dinner, you will be treated to his personal selection of mostly New Zealand wines from one of the largest individual collections, 30 years in the making.



Each of the five ensuite guest rooms at Breckenridge Lodge has a stunning vineyard view. The acres of Breckenridge Gardens make for a perfectly relaxing place to unwind, enjoy the view, or explore and experience a variety of native birdlife. This area's warm climate is known for producing award-winning Chardonnay, Syrah, and Bordeaux blend reds. Tours can be arranged to visit some of the area's 30 cellar doors by vehicle, bike, horseback, or helicopter. Other activities in the area are numerous including world ranking golf courses, Maori culture tours, Gannet safaris, and tours of the world's Art Deco Capital, Napier just a 15 minute drive away.

Greenmantle Estate Lodge – Wellington



Chef Letizia Columbano personally leads the delivery of the lodge's signature hospitality – through epicurean passion. Along with her co-host Ralph Green, they engage with guests through a commitment to fine dining, curiosity, science and what makes New Zealand special. Letizia focuses on the culture of the table consistent with her membership of the French culinary guild the Chaîne des Rôtisseurs, balancing authentic, restrained recipes with respect for each element, letting them provide their own taste experience, health, freshness and local sourcing. Many of the elements come from the neighbourhood and, where possible, are prepared from scratch in the lodge kitchen. Meanwhile, Ralph takes responsibility for beverage matching, proudly presenting local limited-release wines to ensure value and the pleasure of boutique specialities. This also extends to some highlighting options for matches even with teas.



Greenmantle Estate is the capital city's luxury lodge located a convenient 45 minutes from Wellington's central business district in a special coastal garden zone overlooking the calm beauty of the Kapiti Coast with its temperate climate. The lodge's award-winning design features five guest suites offering discreet comfort and relaxation. This distinct lodge is set amongst three hectares of gardens and centuries-old Nikau palm forest. As you arrive on your Gourmet Trail, the Green gates open to an ambience of timeless New Zealand hospitality with quietly assured international style. "Your" country estate offers graciousness and simple civility that make this a place that feels right.

Pen-y-bryn Lodge – Oamaru



Pen-y-bryn Lodge is the last stop on your gourmet trail, in the gourmet town of Oamaru. Chef James Glucksman and his partner James Boussy (known to all as “the Jameses”) have turned this 1889 historic mansion—the largest single-storey wooden dwelling in Australasia—into a culinary Mecca for discerning guests who seek to enjoy this stunning corner of New Zealand in elegant Victorian surroundings. Chef James grows most of the produce used at the

lodge in his extensive potager garden, and sources all other inputs for his meals from local farms, so your meals here exemplify the farm-to-table and locavore spirit that the prestigious Chaîne des Rôtisseurs (of which James is a long-term member) champions.



Pen-y-bryn’s five guest suites showcase the unique architectural heritage of the lodge and the rich history of Oamaru. During your stay here, you can enjoy a wealth of activities, whether your interests include visiting the town’s colonies of two different species of penguin, exploring the distinctive landscapes and wineries of the Waitaki Valley, or photographing some of the country’s most diverse landscapes, from the mysterious Moeraki Boulders on the Pacific Coast, to the evocative Elephant Rocks of the Duntroon countryside. And Oamaru’s historic town centre—the most intact Victorian streetscape in the world—is a fifteen-minute walk or short drive away from the lodge.