



SOLITAIRE LODGE
LAKE TAWAERA • ROTORUA • NEW ZEALAND

LODGE LOUNGING

After proceeding along the private driveway, the shade sails and vintage beams beckon you through and your adventure begins. The main lounge opens to spectacular views from the Lodge's extraordinary location. Easy lake access allows exploration of surrounding waters directly from Solitaire's private grounds and jetty.



Expansive Views from
all Suites and Lounge.



LUXURIOUS SUITES

Solitaire Lodge has nine newly refurbished luxurious suites, all featuring panoramic views over Lake Tarawera's still deep waters and magnificent volcano. Freestanding baths allow views over the lake while soaking. The Lodges full board tariff includes pre dinner drinks & canapés, five course dinner, full country breakfast, light lunch, complimentary mini bar (alcoholic & non alcoholic beverages & snacks) and use of the Lodge dinghies and kayaks. Please contact the Lodge hosts for details on cost and availability for all our experiences and excursions.

Luxurious
accommodation
overlooking natural
New Zealand scenery.





Quality ingredients,
fine chefs,
dramatic setting.



DINING AT SOLITAIRE

Solitaire Lodge's talented chefs create daily changing fare to tantalize guests' culinary desires. The Menu features contemporary New Zealand cuisine prepared with fresh local ingredients, complemented by a variety of superb wines from selected regional vineyards.



Premium activities in a
natural New Zealand
lake setting.



LAKESIDE ADVENTURES

Moments from your door you will discover the essence of unspoiled Lake Tarawera with secluded private bays. Alternatively, take a hike with picnic lunch to a 200 feet high waterfall or visit natural hot springs in which to soak and unwind. Embark on an adventurous scenic helicopter flight over the surrounding volcanic landscape and land on an active volcano. Catch a good sized rainbow trout for your dinner, or explore tranquil waters in a kayak or motorized dinghy. Please contact the Lodge hosts for details on cost and availability for all our experiences and excursions.





INDULGENT THERMAL SOAK

TARAWERA THERMAL SPRINGS

(Approximately 75 min round trip)

Take a 15-minute private launch excursion to the natural hot springs of Lake Tarawera. Best accessed prior to breakfast. Enjoy soaking in the thermal waters rising gently through the lake bed as the morning sun filters through native bush.



Immerse in the
Geothermal wonders
of Lake Tarawera.



VOLCANIC EXPLORATION

HELICOPTER TO WHAKAARI (WHITE) ISLAND AND MOUNT TARAWERA

(3.5 hours - includes professional tour guide)

Experience an unforgettable trip to New Zealand's most contrasting volcanoes, witness the constant eruptions from the steaming crater floor of White Island to the wide vistas available from the exposed summit of Mount Tarawera. Departing from the Lodge helipad, this private tour flies for 30 minutes before landing and embarking on a guided tour of Whakaari (White Island). White Island is an active volcanic crater alive with constant rumblings and the lush sulfurous beds on the yellow crater floor give a moon like appearance. Another 15-minute flight and mountain top landing on Mount Tarawera boasts spectacular views over surrounding lakes as well as the vast 8km long crater of this now dormant, triple cone volcano. The 1886 volcanic eruption and Maori legends are described while you absorb its enormity and the spectacular views of the geothermal surroundings.

Other trip highlights include viewing Tarawera Falls, sighting marine life on the way, passing the steaming Donne Cliffs at Lake Rotomahana and flying over Lake Tarawera's natural thermal springs.



Helicopter landings on
active and dormant
Volcanoes.





Stunning scenery at every
turn, discover unique
native bush and wildlife.

STEP INTO THE LANDSCAPE

TARAWERA FALLS HIKING TRAIL

(3 hours easy hike)

This invigorating half day experience starts with a short speedboat transfer to the trout laden Tarawera outlet stream, - the starting point for the scenic hike to the Tarawera Falls. The stream is the outlet for several lakes and eventually heads underground to emerge later as a spectacular 200-foot-high waterfall. Walk through native bush of Pohutukawa and Rata trees with native bird sounds of Tuis, Fantails and Kereru. Rest and bathe in river swimming holes along the way and indulge in a picnic lunch to the rhythmic background of cascading waters.

Return transfers included.





Rainbow Trout to catch
and eat from pure
Lake Tarawera waters.



THE PERFECT CATCH

RAINBOW TROUT FISHING

(3 hours - tailored to the needs of beginners and skilled fishermen)

The Hamill family have been professional guides in the Rotorua region for many years. Departing from Solitaire Lodge's Jetty, John Hamill's generous Catamaran takes you on a private lake excursion jigging and trolling to proven fishing grounds. Lake Tarawera boasts the largest water volume in the Lakes District, at an average of 200ft deep, and is the ideal spawning ground for Rainbow Trout. Catching 4 to 5-pound trout is a regular occurrence, the excitement of which is only matched by the lure of the chase, and the enjoyment of fresh trout prepared for you by our Chef.

Another option is to combine an early morning bathe in Lake Tarawera's natural hot springs, breakfast on board followed by fishing for Rainbow Trout, - all in half a day.





CYCLING + ADVENTURE

THERMAL BY BIKE

(74km trail – leisurely 5 hours)

From a nearby junction, take the lush forestry trail past Rotokakahi (Green) Lake, Tikitapu (Blue) Lake and untouched forests to meet the geo-thermal cycle trail. Highlights along the route include a natural hot stream for soaking, Rainbow Mountain (a smoldering mountain of coloured earth and unique plant species), as well as the Waimangu and Wai O Tapu valleys with steaming and multi colored lakes. There is also a local bar and cafe to refuel. Thermal bathing is available at Waikite pools where you will be collected for return to the Lodge.



Bush trails and
thermal attractions.





VOLCANIC 4WD ADVENTURE

4WDRIVE AND HIKE TO THE SUMMIT OF MOUNT TARAWERA

(3 hour tour with professional tour guide)

Your guide from the indigenous Ngati Rangitahi tribe, the Kaitiaki or 'Guardians of the Mountain', will drive you by private vehicle to the foot of the magnificent Mount Tarawera. There you will ascend part of the Maunga by 4WDrive, before beginning a hike to the 1111m Summit. Along the way your guide will delight you with stories of the 1886 volcanic eruption and the area's colourful Maori legends including the tale of the mysterious Phantom Canoe. Enjoy lunch on the peak followed by the descent into the crater before returning to the vehicle for return to the Lodge.



Shingle slides
into the vast crater.



LOCAL ACTIVITIES

A visit to Rotorua helps
link the country, its
history, natural wonders
and people.

Rotorua is located in the heart of the Central Volcanic Plateau and uniquely built on top of an active geo thermal field. It is also the cultural home of the indigenous Maori people. Twelve major lakes surround the city, with the historic Lake Tarawera lapping at the base of the now dormant volcano, Mount Tarawera. In this region you can view twenty-meter high geyser eruptions, vividly coloured lakes, hot springs and boiling mud pools as well as experience Maori customs and cultural displays. Rotorua is a major visitor destination and offers many natural as well as adrenalin adventures to enjoy.



OUR SUGGESTED ITINERARIES

Solitaire Lodge is just twenty minutes' drive from the city of Rotorua or International Airport. From this central North Island base, car hire is highly recommended and allows the freedom to explore neighboring destinations and attractions at your leisure. Rotorua is an easy three-hour drive from the gateway city of Auckland, and a five to six-hour drive from New Zealand's capital city of Wellington. Chauffeured and helicopter transfers are available on request.

5 DAYS LUXURY HIGHLIGHTS NORTH AND SOUTH ISLAND

Arrive in Auckland - take a day or two to explore the City of Sails (1 night Hotel Debrett). Fly or drive to Rotorua - the geothermal city and indigenous Maori homeland, soak in natural hot springs of Lake Tarawera, hike 65 meter waterfalls or take an adventurous scenic helicopter flight (2 nights Solitaire Lodge). Fly to Queenstown - ski city and South Island alpine adventure capital, visit the soaring vistas of the Remarkables mountain range, stroll through the botanical gardens or mountain bike through tussock countryside (2 nights Matakauri Lodge).

5 DAYS LUXURY TOP OF THE NORTH ISLAND

Arrive in Auckland - transfer to the Bay of Islands for an abundance of sailing, swimming and fishing options, on land explore sandy, golden beaches, native forests and historical attractions (2 nights Eagles Nest). Drive or fly to Auckland – take a half-day wine tour to Kumeu Auckland's oldest wine region, awaken the soul with Ra Karakia, a unique Maori dawn ceremony (2 nights Hotel Debrett). Fly or drive to Rotorua – sitting within the Pacific Rim of Fire, the region has one of the world's most active geothermal fields, discover the Waimangu Volcanic Valley and other thermal delights of Rotorua. (2 nights Solitaire Lodge).



10 DAYS LUXURY NORTH ISLAND BY ROAD

Arrive in Auckland – explore the Hauraki Gulf, dive with Dolphins, Stingrays & Hammerhead sharks (2 nights Hotel Debrett). Experience the real Middle-Earth with a visit to the Hobbiton Movie set, then drive on to Rotorua. Catch 4 to 5 pound rainbow trout fishing on Lake Tarawera, brave the 7m Tutea Falls with some white water rafting adventure or take a relaxing scenic lake walk to meet the local wildlife (3 nights Solitaire Lodge). Drive to Napier – experience one of the best golf courses in New Zealand with a day on the Cape Kidnappers golf course (1 night Cape Kidnappers). Drive to the South Coast, the Lodge's 5,500-acre grounds include a mix of forests, rivers, rolling pasture and striking coastline (2 nights Wharekauhau Lodge). Drive to Wellington New Zealand's capital city renowned for its arts, heritage and culture, wonderfully walkable head to Cuba Street for a bite to eat, visit Te Papa the national museum, head to the top of Mount Victoria for sensational views (2 nights Bolton Hotel).

15 DAYS NORTH & SOUTH ISLAND LUXURY FLY/DRIVE

Arrive in Auckland – take a day trip to Waiheke Island home to historic sites, wildlife and diverse habitats (2 nights Hotel DeBrett). Drive to Waitomo Caves, known for its population of glowworms found only in New Zealand, then continue on to Rotorua. Get off the beaten track on the geothermal cycle trail, thermal bathe along the way in Kerosene Creek or spend a day exploring Lake Tarawera by kayak and find a private spot to picnic (3 nights Solitaire Lodge). Drive to Hawkes Bay wine country and choose from over 30 cellar doors (1 night Breckenridge Lodge). Drive to the South Coast to stay on a historic 5500-acre sheep station, perched on cliffs overlooking the Pacific Ocean, a luxury 4WD of the property is a must (2 nights Wharekauhau Lodge). Drive to Wellington New Zealand's capital city, enjoy a couple of days at leisure to explore the abundance of cafes, galleries and parks (2 nights Bolton Hotel). Catch the Interisland Ferry to Marlborough Sounds, drive to Kaikoura for whale watching and enjoy lunch with a flat white. Drive on to Christchurch, spend the afternoon punting on the Avon and visit the creative pop-up shopping and dining precinct, stay amidst 30 acres of beautiful botanic gardens (2 nights Otahuna Lodge). Fly to Queenstown - embark on a private gourmet wine tour including New Zealand's largest underground wine cave, take to the skies aboard a scenic flight to Milford Sounds and enjoy a delicious picnic in the remote alpine wilderness (2 nights Matakauri Lodge).

ACCOMMODATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Solitaire Lodge and Hotel Debrett are sister properties with the same warm, friendly New Zealand management – they feature in the itinerary programs above, along with a selection of hand picked properties from our Luxury Lodges of New Zealand association. If you are contemplating a journey to New Zealand that could include a stay at both Solitaire Lodge and Hotel Debrett, please contact us to see how we can enhance your stay at both.



Introducing our sister property hotel**de**brett Auckland

A vibrant boutique hotel experience in the heart of Auckland City's fashion and business precincts; the Hotel DeBrett experience is like no other in New Zealand. Hotel DeBrett's point of difference is its emphasis on funky design, a warm and welcoming environment with careful attention to detail and personal service.

All of the 25 rooms and suites are individually designed, have their own distinctive style and personality and are complemented with eclectic furniture. The décor is a celebration of contemporary New Zealand art and design, with hints of the hotel's art deco past. Luxurious beds feature hand screen printed throws, 100% cotton bed linen and goose down mattress comfort layer; probably the most comfortable beds in Auckland!

Bathrooms feature stand alone showers with both rainhead and slide shower heads, most including divinely deep baths. Enjoy salon quality dryers, underfloor heating, magnifying mirrors, mirror demisters and both velvet and toweling robes.

The central glass-roofed atrium provides stunning public space with highly-acclaimed 'DeBrett's Kitchen', courtyard and the famous 'Housebar'. Hotel DeBrett is a short walk from the restaurants and bars of Viaduct Harbour, the Sky Tower, and the Ferry Building. It is surrounded by art galleries, theatres and the Auckland Art Gallery and is within easy reach of the Auckland Museum and the shopping and restaurants of Parnell and Ponsonby.

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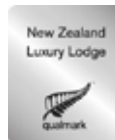
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Solitaire Lodge is privately owned and operated by Kiwi hosts. They will ensure that your every need is met and that your stay reflects a truly authentic New Zealand lodge experience.

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