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# Head for the hills

The verdant setting of this luxury lodge will make city life a far-off memory.

## ROTORUA TREETOPS LODGE & ESTATE

MILES OF CRUNCHY gravel roads through quiet farmland narrow down to bush-lined dirt tracks that deliver you to Treetops Lodge & Estate feeling like you've really gone bush, though it's a mere 20-minute drive from Tourist Central in Rotorua. Once you step over the footbridge (the lodge is built practically in a stream), through the oversized doors and into the vast, sumptuous, trophy-lined guest lounge, it becomes clear that this is going bush on a grand scale.

Treetops is set in 2500 acres of untamed native bush and game reserve and boasts several trout streams, four lakes and 70km of walking, mountain-biking and horse-riding trails – from easy picturesque strolls among waterfalls and birdsong to more challenging endurance tramps. While there's plenty of

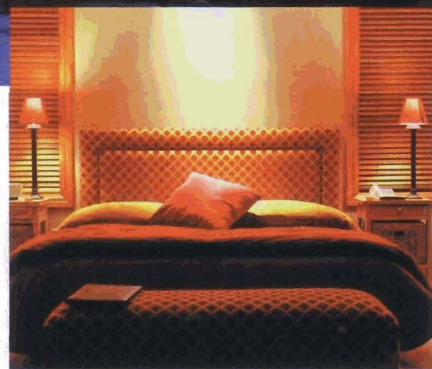
hunting, shooting, fishing and all manner of energetic outdoorsy activities available – from kayaking to a photographic safari to an indigenous wild food trail – we were there to take time out, relax and wallow in luxury.

Our room, a short golf-cart ride away from the lodge, had a stunning bush and mountain outlook. Indeed there isn't a room that doesn't boast a gorgeous wild, green vista.

Meals are a convivial affair in the lodge dining room with the other guests (and an exceptional wine-cellar), though couples can enjoy a romantic fireside dinner for two.

Treetops is a lovely, no-expense-spared experience, but the real star here is the very beautiful New Zealand wilderness.

Treetops Lodge & Estate. Ph (07) 333 2066. Visit [www.treetops.co.nz](http://www.treetops.co.nz)



From top: Nature is on your doorstep but comfortable rest is the lodge's priority. Wander off to one of the beautiful waterfalls on the estate or simply marvel at the lush greenery from the breakfast room (left).



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