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+ AHURU LODGE, NZ CONE FISHING

Any retreat that offers guests the chance to assuage their carbon-footprint anxiety by planting a tree is all right with us, and at Ahuru Lodge, you can do just that.

Guilt or no – the journey will be worth it. Ahuru, which opened in May, is the latest in a line of accommodation that New Zealand seems to have cornered – luxurious private lodgings set among impossibly beautiful surroundings. The five-suite property, hugged by two hectares of native gardens, is situated slap bang in the middle of the North Island, on the doorstep of the magnificent Mt Ruapehu ski-fields and World Heritage-listed Tongariro National Park.

Each suite looks over Tokiahuru Stream, which, happily for the anglers among us, is teeming with trout.

While they're attempting to tickle the evening's dinner, co-owner Lynn Fiebig (formerly of the eponymous restaurant in Wellington) will be rustling up appropriately simple, rustic food, much of it grown in the organic kitchen garden or sourced from local producers.

For those not of a piscatorial bent, there are forest walks, golf, clay pigeon shooting and cycling. But frankly, the mineral spa with river and mountain views, and luxurious 1000-thread count bed linen are what clinched the deal for us. **Details, ahurulodge.com.**



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