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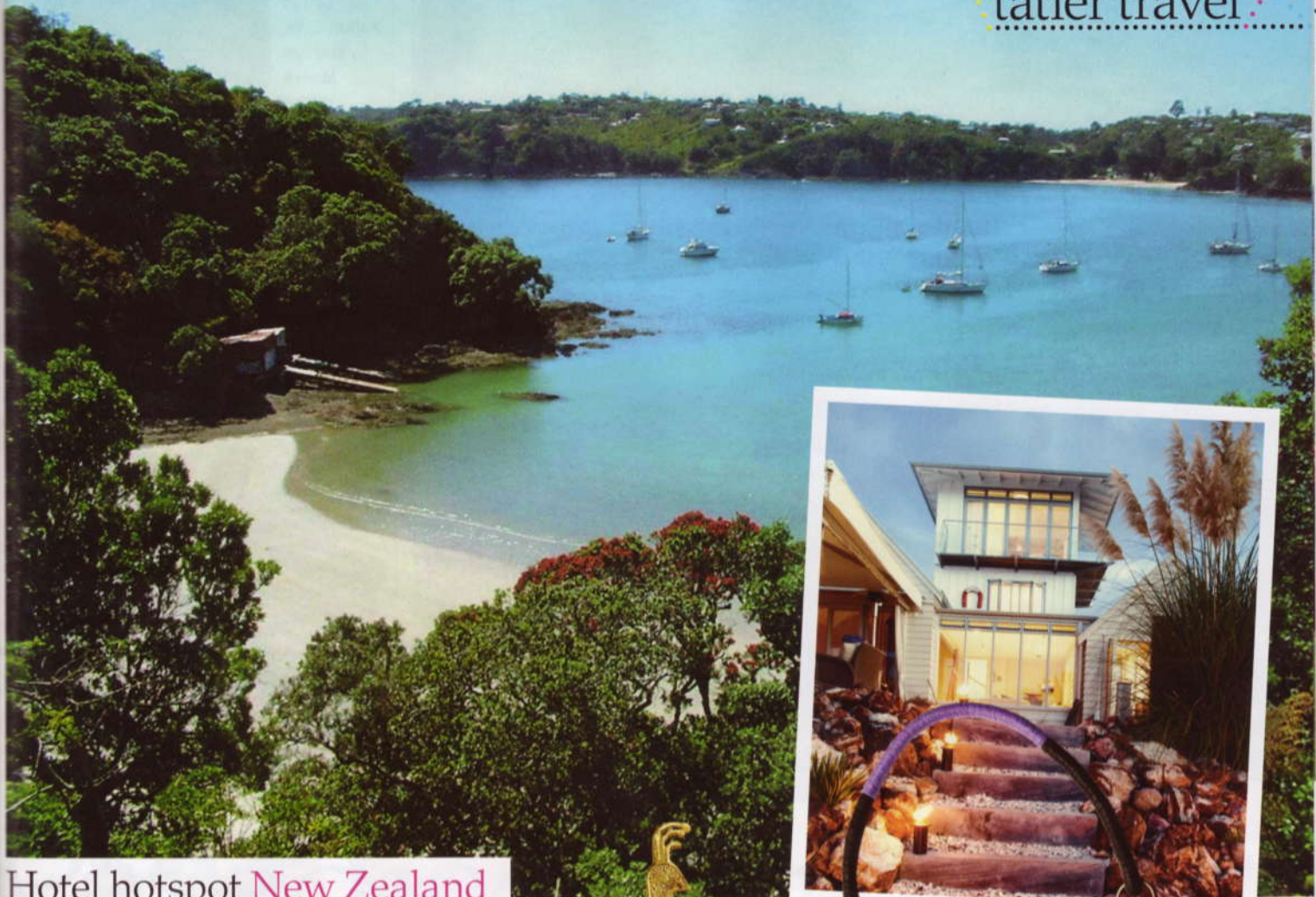
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Hotel hotspot **New Zealand**



The Boatshed, Waiheke Island, Auckland

During the day scoot about the island – 35 minutes by ferry from Auckland – in cheeky Mini Mokes called Togs, call into smart wineries, discover hidden coves with spindly jetties and consider the randomly placed art installations. The joke is that in the Thirties you could have picked up a free block of land here just by buying a couple of armchairs from an Auckland furniture store – now nothing is less than a million. So stay at the Boatshed, reminiscent of the beach houses from childhood: bright, sunny rooms with shutters; mint-fresh marine air swirling up through purple grasses; and wicker chairs where you can read or just chew the ends of your sunglasses. It is this nautical bent that gives the place a touch of happy whimsy. Telescopes aim out over the shimmering Hauraki Gulf, and there are ships' lanterns, old maps and charts everywhere. Even the five clapboard boatsheds where you sleep have a sense of salty theatre with their own slipways onto pebbly beach courtyards. Grab the three-storey Lighthouse because it has height and sea views from a cosy bedroom where you'll feel safe from anything the elements can throw at you. Service is polished and the food is as good as anywhere – it gets serious in the evening with the palest, pinkest, tenderest Canterbury lamb. Dawn on the terrace watching a speedboat laying a curve of foam around the bay is absolutely worth the early rise, especially with the magic combination of freshly ground coffee, eggs Benedict and the sea breeze. Even the local dog, Captain Rupert, has a briny charm. **Ralph Bestic** Double, from £240, including breakfast. Book through Carrier (tel: 0161 491 7630; carrier.co.uk).

Bird of paradise



Yellow-gold pin with multicoloured sapphires and pearls, £2,125, by **Coleman Douglas Pearls**

Beaded cotton bag, £135, by **Antik Batik**



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...the villas that are upping the ante in the **Maldives** – the ultimate hub of hotel one-upmanship. At the Banyan Tree-owned **Angsana Velavaru**, the 34 new water villas opening in July aren't connected to the main island at all but float about, true shipwreck-style, in the bobbing watery wonderland. Those who like their toes webbed and their fingers prune-like should ring 00800 300 200 00 or visit angsana.com.