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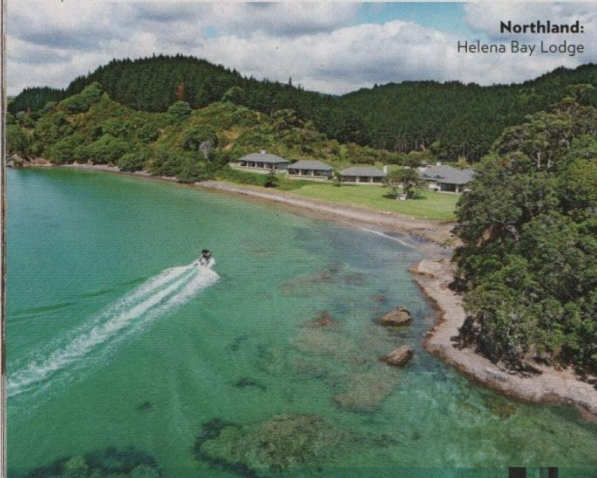
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## NEW ZEALAND Northland + Queenstown

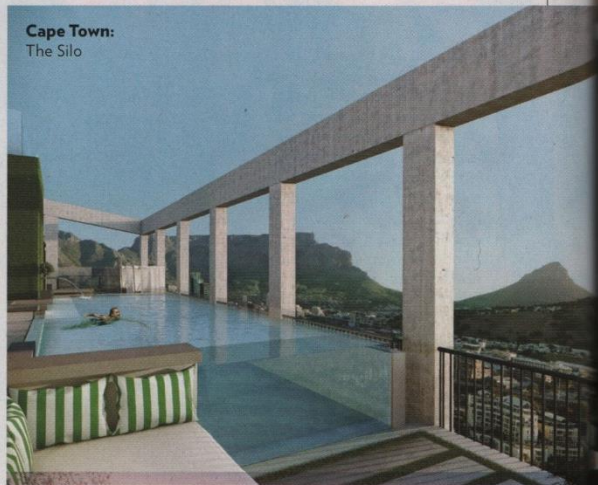
**B**Y VIRTUE OF ITS LOCATION (an 18-hour flight from New York), New Zealand already has off-the-grid appeal. The new **Helena Bay Lodge** (from \$1,750, including meals), on the green Northland coast, takes that notion one step further: There are only five villa suites, each outfitted with fireplaces and handmade linens. Rooms come with binoculars so you can spot dolphins and whales from your terrace. Hike or bike the many trails on the 800-acre estate, where you might have to swerve around wandering alpacas. Or you could beach-hop, as the property has four private shores to choose from. The not so faint at heart can arrange an excursion with **Dive! Tutukaka** to the **Poor Knights Islands**, remarkable 11-million-year-old volcanic isles with the world's largest sea cave. ✂ **When you're ready for a scene change**, take the three-hour flight to Queenstown. Check into one of the five lakefront suites at **Eichardt's Private Hotel** (from \$1,555). If you visit in the southern hemisphere's winter (June to September), ski Queenstown's three premiere slopes; come summer, you could raft the local rapids or try the world's biggest canyon swing. The Queenstown area is also the planet's southernmost wine region, so you can hop among the wineries dotting the Central Otago. Try one of the two restaurants (**Madam Woo** or **Rata**) by Gordon Ramsay's protégé Josh Emett, a fan of local Bluff oysters and Wakanui sirloin. Or try the offerings from the kitchen garden at **Amisfield Winery & Bistro** from Noma alum Vaughan Mabee.



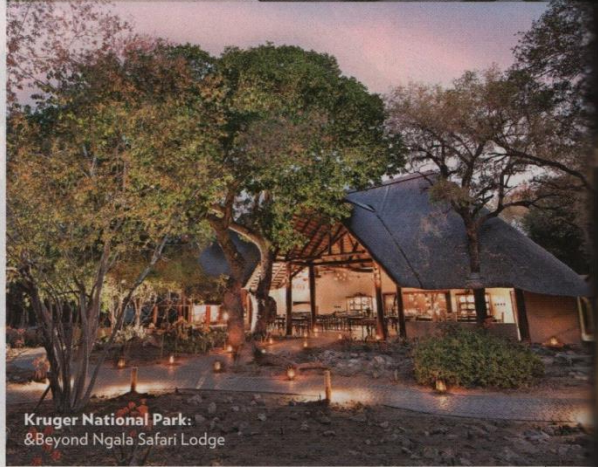
Northland:  
Helena Bay Lodge



Queenstown:  
Eichardt's Private Hotel



Cape Town:  
The Silo



Kruger National Park:  
&Beyond Ngala Safari Lodge

## SOUTH AFRICA Cape Town + Kruger National Park

**I**N CASE YOU NEEDED one more reason to finally make the trek to South Africa, here it is: the opening of the **Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa** in Cape Town this September. Housed in a restored 100,000-square-foot grain silo along the waterfront, it will be the largest museum to open on the continent in more than a century. Stay close by, literally; **The Silo** (from \$897) will offer 28 modern suites and a rooftop pool above the museum's floors. You can hike or take a cable car up nearby Table Mountain. Visit the candy-colored houses of **Bo-Kaap** and follow the local foodies for a meal at **Manna Epicure**, **Hemelhuys**, and **The Shortmarket Club**, the latest opening from chef Luke Dale-Roberts.

✂ **Then it's time** to transfer to South Africa's northeastern corner (one daily flight on South African Airways has you there in under four hours) to search for the "big five" in **Kruger National Park**. Reopened last year after an extensive renovation is **&Beyond Ngala Safari Lodge** (from \$547 per person); the 20 thatched-roof-cottage rooms now have outdoor showers and private verandas, and the new infinity pool looks out on a watering hole for animals. The **Sabi Sabi Private Game Reserve** (from \$890 per person) has also overhauled the six luxury suites at **Little Bush Camp**. They're decked out with warm African textiles and have outdoor baths overlooking the Msuthlu River.

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