



PORONU  
NEW ZEALAND



ACCOMMODATION

ONE OF THE  
WORLD'S FINEST LUXURY  
RETREATS



# THE MAGIC OF PORONU I

Nestled in the secluded Taharua Valley on New Zealand's spectacular North Island is Poronui, the luxury wilderness retreat preferred by the world's most discerning outdoor enthusiasts. Some come to fly fish for superb trout in our pristine waters. Some come to hunt majestic deer in our hauntingly beautiful landscape. Others come to explore our 16,000 acres of timeless wilderness. All come to embrace the magic of Poronui – the breathtaking location, our genuine Kiwi warmth, and the camaraderie shared with fellow adventurers. Choose from three authentic, world-class accommodation options: the legendary Lodge, the rustic-luxe Safari Camp or the stately Blake House. Come and experience the legend and the magic of Poronui.

# THE LODGE

**The heart of Poronui** | This once rustic fishing camp has evolved into one of the world's premier sporting lodges. Retaining the authenticity of their origins, Lodge facilities now complement the inspirational location and the caliber of the sporting experience. Comprising a very comfortable communal amenity, surrounded by seven free-standing guest cabins, the Lodge is the spiritual center of Poronui. From its balcony overlooking the river you can begin savouring the spectacle and the spirit of this special place.

The Lodge at Poronui is where you'll meet guests from all over the world around the breakfast table to talk of challenges ahead and trophies to be won. Or relax with a good book, coffee and freshly baked muffins in front of an open fire.

It's where you'll share outstanding local game expertly prepared in the Lodge kitchen, and enjoy the genuine hospitality of Poronui staff – whom you'll come to view as family and friends. And it's where you'll share stories and tall tales over dinner and sensational wine drawn from our 10,000-bottle cellar. On your return visits to Poronui, you'll come to experience and appreciate the many and varied treasures of this outstanding wine collection.

At day's eventual end, you'll retire to your luxury cabin, to the sound of the passing Taharua River, dream of doing it all over again.



## THE RED HUT

*For generations, visitors to Poronui would stay at this humble outpost. On cold winter nights, they'd carve their initials in the kauri timber – a practice we discourage in your contemporary Poronui lodgings.*



# BLAKE HOUSE

**Where the legend extends** | Blake House is an elegant acknowledgement that Poronui's appeal isn't limited to anglers and hunters. Situated on an imperious plateau overlooking the Taharua River, this magnificent residence has been graced by corporate leaders, celebrities and royalty.

Designed by prominent New Zealand architect, John Blair, Blake House honours the region's architectural traditions, while offering a considerable step up in scale and quality. Built from ancient hardwood beams and smooth river rocks, Blake House features four ensuite double bedrooms and an eight-bed bunk room, making it ideal for both family vacations or corporate retreats.

Around its communal dining table, you can enjoy superb meals of local game prepared by Poronui's expert chefs, or show off your own culinary talents by self-catering in its state-of-the-art kitchen. After dinner, you can match wits over an antique chessboard in the generous lounge area, brush up on your classics in the library or share tall tales over a nightcap in the cigar room.

If you're seeking five-star accommodation in an utterly unique location, with whisper-quiet seclusion, luxury and the world's finest food and wine, then search no more. Your ultimate wilderness retreat - and Poronui's crowning glory - is Blake House.



## ACCESSIBLE ISOLATION

*Pristine yet secluded Poronui is only a 30 minute drive from Taupo (pop: 22,000) in the heart of the North Island. Our private airstrip can further cut commute times, and a helicopter service helps you reach especially remote fishing locations.*



# SAFARI CAMP

**Where the legend began** | Our luxury Safari Camp offers an authentic outdoor experience with modern day pleasures and comforts. The original Poronui anglers trekked through 20km of almost impenetrable country, to camp beside the Mohaka River and match their wits against the wily trout. While our Safari Camp is far more accessible and luxurious, it offers an experience reminiscent of those Poronui pioneers.

You'll still enjoy the same fly-fishing challenge, the same sparkling Mohaka waters at your tent door, and the same earthy pleasures of a hearty meal eaten around a campfire – all without forsaking civilization.

The camp includes two accommodation tents and a separate amenities tent, and while your tent's roof is canvas, the walls and floor are timber, providing stout protection from the elements whatever the season. You can prepare meals fit for a king – quite literally – on gas-powered hotplates and enjoy a rejuvenating shower under steaming hot water. And at the end of an invigorating day, you can rest your weary bones between crisp cotton sheets in a Queen size bed and soak up the essence of Poronui.

Guests who reside at the Lodge or Blake House will often want to complete their experience – and acknowledge their debt to those Poronui pathfinders – by spending an evening under the stars down at Safari Camp.



## THE EEL CATCHER

*Maori mythology is rich with references to eel gods and they have more than 150 names for eels. The waters of Poronui also harbour eels and you'll witness the local Maori practising their time-honoured skills to catch this enigmatic serpentine fish.*



# THE STABLES

**Rounding out the legend** | The Stables open the door to an array of luxe activities. To begin with, it's home to our renowned dining room in the midst of a 10,000-bottle wine cellar. One of Poronui's iconic experiences is descending into this legendary cellar and, over a sumptuous feast and the finest wine, sharing stories with your fellow guests and Poronui guides.

The outdoor barbecue and dining table offer a very different but equally memorable experience. Under the Southern Cross, you'll enjoy prime New Zealand lamb cooked over glowing coals.

Such is the grandeur, many couples have celebrated their wedding reception in this spectacular location.

The sporting challenges at Poronui aren't limited to fish and game. At the Stables, you can test your mettle on our full-size snooker table. Or sharpen your aim on the archery field or Olympic-standard sporting clays range. To go further afield, hike or mountain bike the main trails and explore the outer reaches of your Poronui dream. You can also work out in our gym, relax in our sauna or unwind on our massage table.

And let's not forget the horses. The mounts stabled at Poronui are suitable for both experienced and first-time riders. With 16,000 acres to explore and expert guides, treks can be designed to suit all competence levels.



## MEET YOUR BROTHER

*You'll come to love your Poronui guide. Not just because they're on first name basis with the best trout. But because over the time you spend together, and the stories you'll share, he'll become like family. Another reason to come back to Poronui.*





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