



PEOPLE ARE  
TALKING  
ABOUT

TRAVEL

MY BLUE HEAVEN  
LAKE HAYES IN  
NEW ZEALAND'S  
SPECTACULAR  
SOUTH ISLAND.

NEW HORIZON

This summer, New Zealand's South Island—whose dramatic fjords and mountains provided settings for much of Peter Jackson's *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy—welcomes the luxurious **Matakauri Lodge**. A project of the Robertson family, known for creating the stellar Kauri Cliffs and the Farm at Cape Kidnappers in New Zealand's North Island, Matakauri is a lavish redo of an existing property set on eight acres alongside Lake Wakatipu, near Queenstown. Eleven sleekly rustic suites, designed by Auckland decorator Virginia Fisher,

boast fireplaces, picture windows, and large decks with knockout lake and mountain views. There is also an infinity pool, a spa, and trails for hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding. Nearby wineries such as Felton Road and Mount Edward welcome visitors for tours and tastings. Chef Dale Gartland will offer classic European dishes using organic local produce. Introductory rates at Matakauri start at \$595 per person per night, sharing a double suite, and cover most meals, aperitifs, and complimentary minibar; [matakauri.co.nz](http://matakauri.co.nz). —RICHARD ALLEMAN