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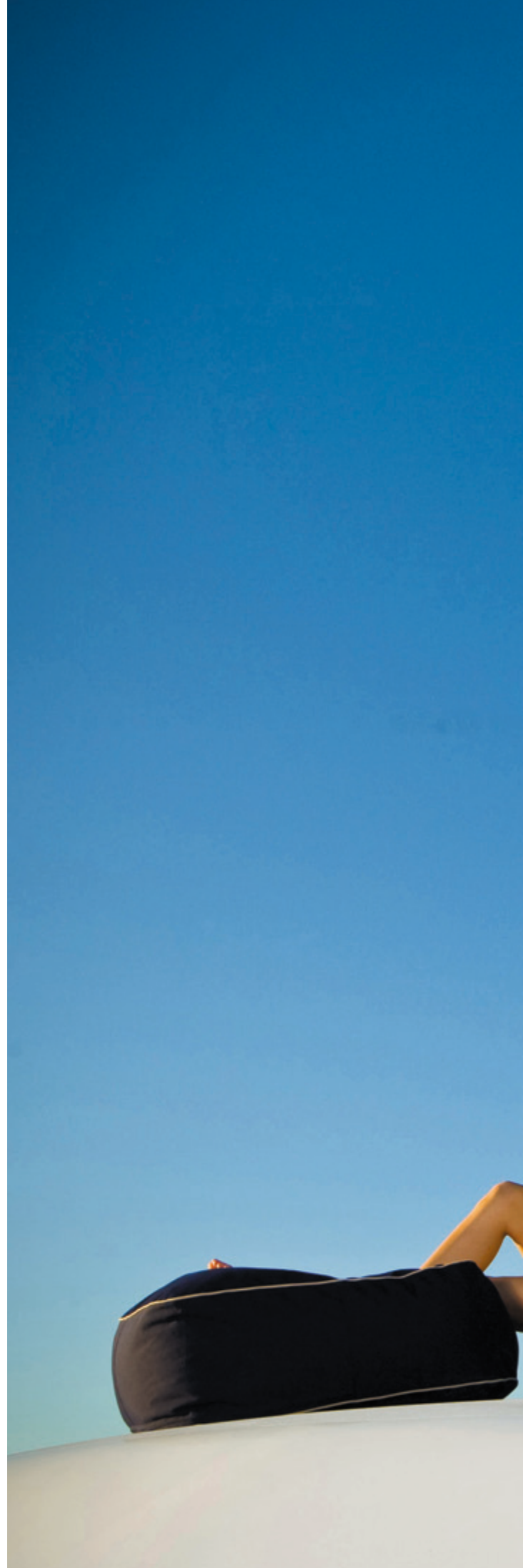
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New Zealand is renowned for its cultural wealth, that results from the seamless integration of traditional Maori culture with Western civilisation, whilst the two retain their core identities. Local artefacts are a testimony to such balance, with nature as a source of inspiration – exemplified by the artefact featured above – Frangipani Woven Waka by Peter Collis.



New Zealand

Less chartered waters

Leave the beaten track behind and head
further afield to experience fair winds and fine
living down under

Photography Jeff Brown

Models Kelly and Gene / 62 Models



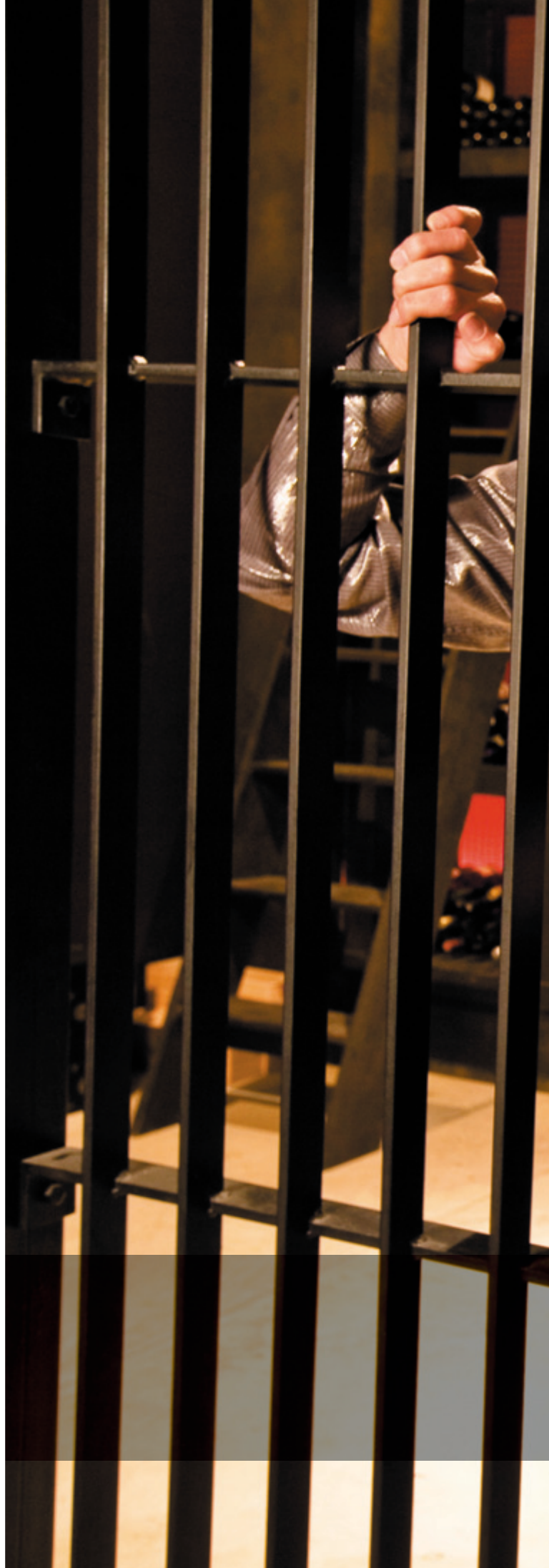


Spanning some 15,000 kilometres (9,300 miles) the coastlines of both North and South Island are a wonderful canvas of bays and beaches, offering perfect conditions for cruising. Famous for its outdoor lifestyle, not only does its unmatched landscape of rainforests, glaciers, rivers, lakes, alpine mountains and spectacular coastlines lend itself to adrenalin-pumping activities, it also has something for the more traditional sportsman as New Zealand is home to more than 400 golf courses.





Fresh and vibrant, New Zealand's cuisine has excellent reputation. Clooney (pictured) is a thriving restaurant located in a former industrial building that exemplifies New Zealand's gastronomic scene. Following several years travelling around some of the worlds best restaurants, the owner created a unique place that would not be misplaced in New York's bustling Manhattan, or the chic city centres of London and Paris, but remains subtly local in its charm and decor. The cuisine is superb, a feast of flavours of various origins prepared and presented in the most creative style. Leather sofas designed specifically for the restaurant and unique see-through curtains give the place a discrete yet warm atmosphere, where focus is on culinary experience, with a wine list that would make many French restaurateurs envious. For further information visit www.clooney.co.nz.





New Zealand wines have become increasingly recognised over the last few decades, and the country exports 80% of its production around the world, with great success in the UK and US markets. Whilst the Marlborough region further south is already famous for its great Sauvignon Blanc – among other excellent wines – Waiheke Island, only 45 minutes away by boat from Auckland, is fast becoming another wine hotspot. A tiny island the size of Singapore, Waiheke focuses on high quality, bespoke production of white wines, as well as interesting attempts at the development of original red wines. The Cable Bay restaurant and winery (**this page and opposite page, top left**) is a prime spot on the wine scene and offers a vineyard tour, with lunch amidst the vines, accompanied by samples of the local vintages. An all-encompassing experience, the restaurant lies in a stunning location amidst vines and olive trees overlooking the city of Auckland in the distance. Cable Bay also features exhibitions of famed local artists. The local entrepreneurs are passionate about their local produce and delight in sharing this with visitors. One such couple can be found at the nearby Destiny Bay winery. Having visited New Zealand's Waiheke Island, they fell in love with the country and people and relocated from the US West Coast to set up the Destiny Bay winery.

Kiwi connection

Rolling pastures, snow capped mountains, ancient forests and dramatic coastlines - the tranquil beauty of New Zealand inspires all those who cruise its stunning shores

For an unparalleled multi-centre cruising destination, the two islands of New Zealand are utterly enchanting. Home to some of the world's greatest sailing, New Zealand's North Island plays host to Auckland, renowned as the 'city of sails'. Cultured and calm, the city is abounding with fine restaurants and shops.

For a taste of the best the city has to offer, stroll down the streets of Parnell or Ponsonby, located on one of the hills neighbouring the city centre, where designer shops and art galleries line up in boutiques whose architecture is reminiscent of the older days when the Auckland region was merely a group of small villages. Overlooked by the Sky Tower, Viaduct Harbour bustles with life in the evening and over the weekends, when people take on the pedestrian walkways

all around to enjoy a glass of wine or fine food in the numerous bars and restaurants that opened in the early 2000's, at the time when the America's Cup made its way to Auckland. Among these, make your way down to Soul Bar and Bistro (www.soulbar.co.nz), a lively contemporary restaurant with excellent fusion cuisine and New Zealand flavour, great wines and excellent service. Other places worth a culinary visit include the French Café (www.thefrenchcafé.co.nz), Iguacu (www.iguacu.co.nz), and the aforementioned Clooney (www.clooney.co.nz) located near the quaint Victoria Park, where you will also find the renowned Victoria Park Market. Located in a former factory, the market is where you will find local arts and crafts including Maori designs. For those looking for more serious pieces the Moko Artspace

Below left: the diversity of landscapes in New Zealand has no equivalent the world over
Below right: The Chuan Spa at the Langham Hotel offers fabulous facilities



(www.moko.co.nz) located at Hot Water Beach about three hours drive away from Auckland is a must visit gallery.

The combination of excellent cuisine and quality outdoor lifestyle have become the motto of Auckland, and the city boasts a plethora of well-being centres. Some of the best include the Chuan Spa, located at the Langham Hotel (www.chuanspa.co.nz); Mollies (www.mollies.co.nz); the Isis spa (www.isisspa.co.nz) and the Tamara spa (www.tamaraspa.co.nz), all of which provide an excellent range of treatments and pampering facilities.

Auckland is also the gateway to the 144 islands and secluded bays of the Bay of Islands. The archipelago has attracted sailors from around the world for hundreds of years with their sheltered anchorages and temperate climate. Cruise around the sleepy bays and protected inlets of the Coromandel Peninsula dominated by the National Forest Park with its spectacular hills and rain forest, or head north from North Shore Point, to reach the region of Whangaparaoa, along the Hibiscus Coast up to Cape Leigh, where the magnificent and lush green hills drop down to long sweeping stretches of golden sandy beaches. The Highway of the Two Oceans can then take you across to the Tasman Sea, where black sand beaches such as Waitakere – as featured in the award winning Jane Campion film *The Piano* – are abounding.

And then there is the capital of North Island, Wellington. Located in the south of the island, the city is a cultural hot spot with numerous galleries, opera and ballet. Alternatively, South Island has a character all of its own. Home to Queenstown, the country's adventure capital, and the Marlborough Sounds, it promises idyllic cruising surrounded by glorious mountain landscapes.

The country of “the long white cloud”, as New Zealand is often referred to, may seem to be located at the end of the world, but as the latter keeps shrinking, it is also a country to watch out for when it comes to the future of yachting. Redevelopment plans are under way in Auckland to revamp the marina – which is already the largest in the southern Hemisphere – in order to cater better to the needs of superyachts. In a few years' time, the entire piece of land from Auckland's own Harbour Bridge down to Viaduct Harbour will be given a new look, with more berths for superyachts, an improved refit and maintenance area combined with a complex of luxury housing, hotels and facilities to offer additional support services to yachts coming to the region. ■

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The following are just a selection of yachts that are either based in New Zealand or cruising through the Southern Ocean as part of a round-the-world tour.



SALPERTON IV

45m/147'6, Fitzroy Yachts, 2009

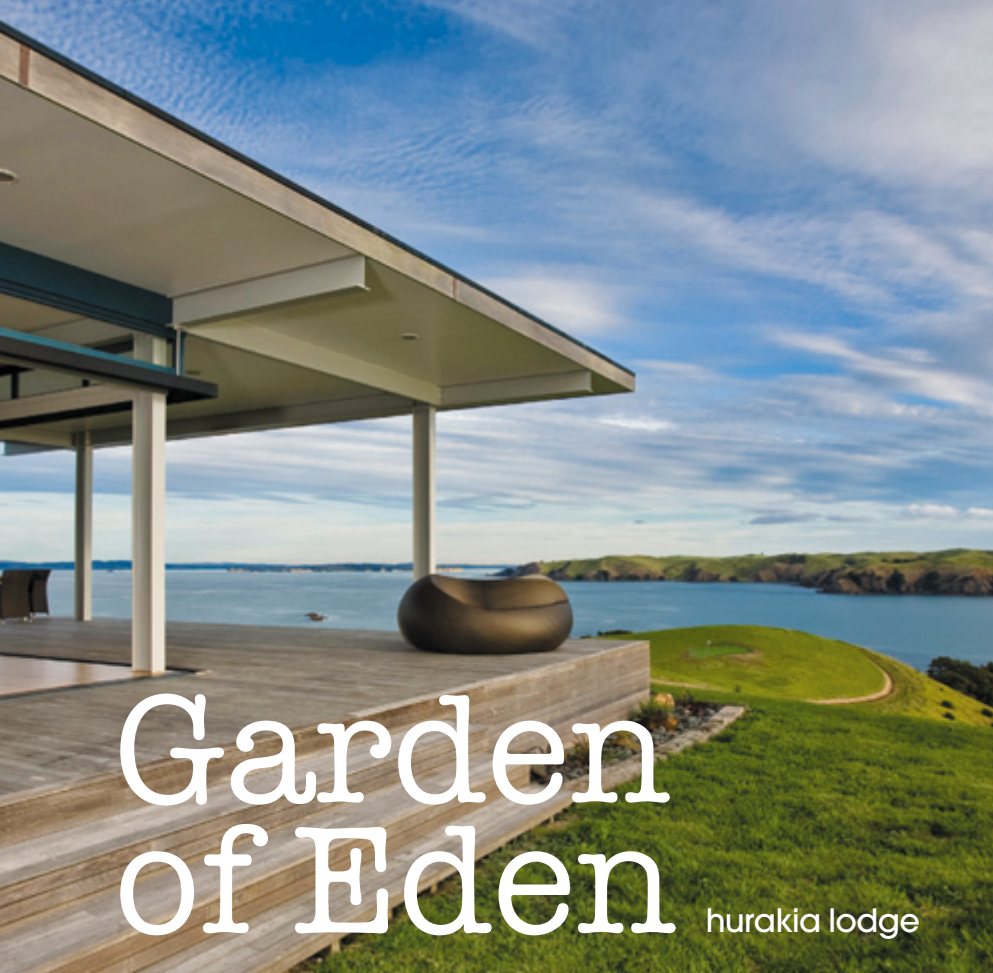
A fast cruising sloop, Salperton IV is a low profile, fast, sleek sailing yacht. Built in New Zealand by Fitzroy Yachts, and designed by Dubois Naval Architects, with an interior by Adam Lay Studios, she boasts a distinctive pedigree. She has been built for fast sailing, but without compromising the ultimate comforts. She boasts ample deck space for lounging and a spacious interior with accommodations for eight guests in an owner's suite and three generous guest cabins, one of which converts to a gym.



MYSTERY

34.3m/112'5, Nautor Swan, 2000

Powerful, bold performance combines with elegance and classic styling aboard Mystery. Designed for blue water cruising and racing in ultimate safety and comfort, her graceful lines and sleek elegance are a testament to centuries of shipbuilding tradition in Finland. Mystery is the ideal choice for spectacular cruising under sail. Sleeping eight guests in four cabins, she has a magnificent interior offering superb facilities for stylish entertaining, complimented by a world-class crew.



Garden of Eden

hurakia lodge



Boutique retreats are abound in New Zealand, but there is one very special place in the Gulf of Hurakia that stands out from the crowd. Set high on a hill on a private island, only minutes away from downtown Auckland, Hurakia Lodge is a small piece of paradise that can be only be accessed by private yacht or helicopter

Huraki Lodge is located on the privately owned Rakino Island – a rugged and hilly island in the Hauraki Gulf just a stones throw from the bustling city of Auckland to one side and Waiheke Island to the other. Only six minutes from Auckland by helicopter and 35 minutes by boat, the privately owned Hurakia Lodge is set amongst 20 acres with spectacular 360 degree views over the surrounding island and Gulf. With its own private access to a sheltered jetty, the Lodge is the perfect base for exploring the surrounding aforementioned vineyards of Cable Bay and Destina Bay, or simply staying on the island with its many activities including kayaking, fishing and mountain biking, amongst others. Built to the highest architectural standards, the Lodge is 100% self sufficient with its own integrated rainwater collection system and solar panelling. The design is a testimony to open contemporary architecture that seamlessly blends into nature while offering the quality facilities of the most luxurious resorts. Natural colours, a variety of local materials, including several different woods, ensures that the prop-

erty blends seamlessly with its surroundings. The Lodge accommodates 10 guests five double bedrooms with ensuite bathrooms, spacious indoor and outdoor living areas including pool, sauna and spa, and a personal chef and host.

For more information visit www.hurakia.com



