



Zen  garden 



House of Zen



Our premier accommodation option, House of Zen was designed and constructed according to the simple, sturdy style of a Shogunate (government) house built in Kyoto during the Japanese Muromachi period (1336 - 1573 AD). The open, high-ceiling architecture creates a spacious and free environment; solid timbers and featured granite provide a clean natural feel; continuous glass sliding doors with cedar and rimu frames seamlessly connect the interior with the surrounding landscapes. This stunning borderless design makes the most of one of Auckland's best elevated panoramic vistas. From the lodge, views extend uninterrupted to include the city centre, Sky Tower, Rangitoto Island, Musick Point and Eastern Beach, Clifton Peninsula and Waikopua Estuary, Waiheke Island and Beachlands. Guests staying in this lodge have exclusive use of the 15-foot heated swim-spa, a private sauna and a movie theatre.

Normal capacity: 2 adults + 2 youths

Key Features

- Panoramic view of city and country coast
- Architect-designed Kyoto house
- Movie theatre room
- 15-foot heated swim spa
- Cedar sauna room
- Outdoor tennis court
- Petanque court
- Featured fireplace
- Granite kitchen
- Open showers and classic bath tub
- Weber baby grand piano
- Wireless internet
- IPod and IPod speaker
- LCD TV
- Hair dryer
- In-room safe
- Iron/Ironboard
- Mini bar
- Environmentally friendly bathroom amenities
- Reflector telescope upon request



Your own 'haven away from home', amidst the green tranquillity of Zen Garden.

Dotted along the ridgeline at the edge of our ancient forest, accommodation at Zen Garden is designed to harmonise with the beautiful natural environment, serene garden areas and dramatic views. Luxurious and relaxing, the rooms are each quite unique. Some share a traditional Japanese heritage while others are in a world of their own.



Season Suites

Positioned to face the sun light on the edge of a sacred ancient forest, the Guest Wing offers spectacular views to Rangitoto Island and the Waikopua Estuary. The light and simple architecture, inspired by designs from the Japanese Tokugawa Period (1603 - 1868 AD), creates living spaces that are refreshing and rejuvenating.

Normal capacity: 8 adults/youths



Winter Suite

Winter Suite features a stylish open kitchen, magnificent stone fireplace and beautiful bamboo floor. Books in the reading corner offer inspirational relaxation, while the ancient trees extend their protective arms above the roof. Outside the bedroom, a natural stream cascades over alpine rocks to create a soothing water lullaby.

Key Features

- View of Rangitoto Island and Waikopua estuary
- Alpine cascade
- Featured fireplace
- Granite kitchen
- Open shower with skyline windows
- Wireless internet
- iPod and iPod speaker
- LCD TV
- Walk-in Closet
- Hair dryer
- In-room safe
- Iron/Ironboard
- Mini bar
- Environmentally friendly bathroom amenities



Summer and Autumn Suite



Summer and Autumn are adjacent suites surrounded by beautiful Japanese gardens and pathways. Continuous full-height windows connect the rooms with the outdoors and provide uninterrupted views of Rangitoto Island, Zen Garden and the ancient native forest.

Key Features

- View of Rangitoto Island and Waikopua estuary
- Open shower with skyline window
- Wireless internet
- iPod and iPod speaker
- LCD TV
- Hair dryer
- In-room safe
- Iron/Ironboard
- Mini bar
- Environmentally friendly bathroom amenities



Spring Suite



Newly refurbished, Spring Suite has a warm natural feel. The interior and furnishings are made from a wide range of ancient exotic timbers, such as ironwood, elmwood, and hollow-wood. The living area extends outside onto a spacious sundeck with extensive views of the Zen Garden.

Key Features

- Extensive garden view
- Glazed shower with skyline window
- Private sun deck
- Hardwood furniture
- Wireless internet
- iPod and iPod speaker
- LCD TV
- Hair dryer
- In-room safe
- Iron/Ironboard
- Mini bar
- Environmentally friendly bathroom amenities



Hunting Cabin



This rustic cabin was built in 1977 as a potting shed. The house is supported by two old jarrah power poles. The interior was completely refurbished in 2012 to create a small trophy and antique museum. A queen sized bed on the mezzanine floor can easily convert part of the house into another single or double sleepout. Equipped with a kitchen and a shower-room with toilet, it also has a handy separate sauna room built in a similar rustic style.

Normal capacity: 2 adults

Key Features

- Extensive garden view
- Rustic sauna room
- Macrocarpa wood kitchen
- Outdoor barbeque facilities
- Wireless internet
- iPod and iPod speaker
- LCD TV
- Hair dryer
- Iron/Ironboard
- Mini bar
- Environmentally friendly bathroom amenities

Cuisine

At Zen Garden, our dining experience is an extension of the resort's harmony with the natural world. The fresh flavours of New Zealand's finest ingredients are subtly brought to the fore in a range of delicious local dishes. We also offer the option to request a purely Asian or organic menu. Or you may prefer an informal barbecue, with the freedom to cook for yourself or have our chef cook for you.

You can choose from a wide range of dining locations. Beneath a cluster of tall majestic kauri trees, in a gazebo beside a tranquil pond, in the ancient native forest, in a secluded private dining room or overlooking the magnificent view from the main lodge. We lay the tablecloth wherever you want.

Activities

Your time at Zen Garden can be as relaxing or invigorating as you choose. Activities can be based within our 75-acre estate, or you can make the most of the nearby countryside, coastal, marine and city environments. Whether you're looking for a personal challenge or a luxurious reward, our staff can work with you to recommend and organise activities for you.

Activities at Zen Garden

- Relax walk in the garden
- Swim spa
- Sauna Indulgence
- Healing massage
- Game of tennis
- Petanque challenge
- Theatre movies
- Board games

Activities in Region

- Helicopter scenic tour
- Coastal kayaking
- Golfing
- Scenic and wine tour
- Sail navigation
- Boat fishing
- 4WD water crossing
- Day tramping
- Swim at beach
- Farm market
- Night hunting

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