



The Singita Sasakwa pool in Singita Grumeti Reserves, Tanzania
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EXPLORE & RESTORE: 11 GREAT OUTDOOR ESCAPES

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Fly-fishing on a river teeming with trout. A safari adventure in the Serengeti. Meditating at a lakeside retreat. Enjoying the “**great outdoors**” means different things to different people. Here are 11 of our favorite hideaways, where nature takes center stage and guests can choose to actively explore it or soak it all in and let the beauty unfold around them.

Huka Lodge ⁹⁷

Taupo, New Zealand

Huka Lodge is a European-style country house hotel set along the willow-draped banks of the Waikato River near the dramatic Huka Falls and Lake Taupo, an hour south of Rotorua. (Accommodations: 21 peaked-roof dwellings)



Huka Lodge on the Waikato River in Taupo, New Zealand

Patrick Reynolds

What our editors say: “There are so many things to like: the riverfront setting; the lavish duplex accommodations; and the superb cuisine. It is one of the finest hideaways of its type in the world.”

Putting the “great” in the “great outdoors”: Besides world-class trout fishing and heli-fishing, guests can enjoy horseback riding, sailing, jet boating, hiking, kayaking, whitewater rafting, bungee jumping, sky-diving, biking and the Jack Nicklaus-designed Kinloch Golf Club just a 20-minute drive away.

Andrew Harper member benefits: One two-course lunch for two; welcome bottle of French Champagne

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