

Waipoua Lodge

It's Mum's turn to go camping with the kids...Dads Optional!
Luxury Lodge Announces Family Nature Camp

Waipoua Forest, Northland (July 2007).

Waipoua Lodge, offering 5-Star accommodations amid Northland's majestic native Waipoua forest, announced a new resource dedicated to Mums and their kids looking for a fun, educational, yet a relaxing experience in time for the September school holidays. The KIWI SCHOOL HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE offers family activities such as cultural and nature tours, cooking and artist classes, and other activities that encourage learning and family interaction.

And as a treat for Mums, spa treatments are lined up in this 5-day package while the Lodge staff continues with the kid's educational retreat. Nutritious and wholesome meals for the children and gourmet for the parents are prepared by an acclaimed in-house chef. Waipoua Lodge boasts an impressive wine cellar.

"The KIWI SCHOOL HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE is a unique opportunity for Mums to spend quality time with the kids, enjoy the outdoors and learn new skills. At the same time, Mums enjoy a rejuvenating and relaxing break in this tranquil setting set amid 9,600 hectares of Waipoua native forests," said Nicole Donahoe, owner & host of Waipoua Lodge.

The 5-day KIWI SCHOOL HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE offering includes:

- o Luxury accommodations for one parent and one child
- o Myths and Legends tour of Tane Mahuta the mighty Waipoua Forest Kauri Tree, with world famous local Maori Guide
- o Wilderness exploration for the elusive Kiwi bird in the wild on a night tour of the forest
- o Cooking classes, Maori flax weaving with a local Kuia
- o Circus Kumarani artists workshop classes; juggling, diabolo, human towers – *Mums can learn too!*
- o A tour of the local Kauri Museum, with special kids work book
- o Astronomy Adventures and galaxy tour in the skydrome
- o Kayaking adventures, Hiking, and picnics by waterfalls
- o A relaxing Massage for Mum
- o Gourmet meals prepared by the Lodge's acclaimed chefs

Package price is at \$3680 for Mum and Child for the week. Options to have Dad join the experience or additional children are optional, but available.

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Editors Notes:

- o Situated on the Kauri Coast on the northernmost boundary of the Waipoua Forest, **Waipoua Lodge** offers luxury accommodation in a historic setting. Built in the 1920s from kauri timber, the sensitively restored lodge is owned and hosted by New Zealanders, and is surrounded by four acres of landscaped gardens and the majestic Waipoua Forest as far as the eye can see. The beauty of the property's location is its proximity to the local, natural wonders. Just two kilometers from the lodge is one of the highlights of the Kauri Coast - the Waipoua Forest.
- o Waipoua Lodge's 5-day KIWI SCHOOL HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE Package price is at \$3680 for 1 child and 1 adult. Additional child and adult is at \$750 and \$1700 respectively.

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