

# How to spend it

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Wander woman **Sophy Roberts** fast-tracks international intelligence on where to be and what to see

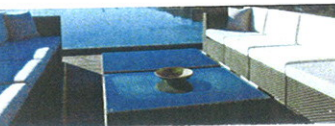
Kokohuia Lodge, overlooking Hokianga Harbour, New Zealand, the terrace at The Great Barn, in Branscombe, Devon

the trend is in one-room, high-end B&Bs. **Kokohuia Lodge** ([www.kokohuilodge.co.nz](http://www.kokohuilodge.co.nz)) an hour's drive from the Bay of Islands, at nz; from about £637 including dinner) close guests of this single suite have on-call guide disposal for hiking, biking, fishing or kayaking the Queen Charlotte Sound (in view of the while a private chef serves three-course dinner with the best New Zealand wines.

High spirits go hand-in-hand with great adventures, and at seaside Branscombe in DEVON, Johnny Jeffrey has launched a country extension to the Disappearing Dining Club concept (pop-up restaurants in private homes and unusual venues). On set weekends, Johnny and partner Alan open up their

home, **The Great Barn** ([www.disappearingdiningclub.co.uk/thegreatbarn](http://www.disappearingdiningclub.co.uk/thegreatbarn)), to paying foodies. Costing £1,500 for three couples (with not all rooms en suite, best if a group of friends), the two-night weekend revolves around Johnny's spectacular cooking and mixologist skills, the conversation flowing fast by virtue of **Black Cow Vodka** ([blackcowvodka.wordpress.com](http://blackcowvodka.wordpress.com)) – a smooth-as-cream tippie made locally from pure fresh milk (the drink, launched in May, has already found its way on to Mark Hix menus in London).

That said, Black Cow alone doesn't make the party. These days, one needs one's own private nightclub – the USP of the latest luxury chalet opening in COURCHEVEL 1850. **Chalet Edelweiss**, agent by new specialist Summit Retreats ([www.summitretreats.com](http://www.summitretreats.com)), has its own pool, library, gym, spa and nightclub – with a capacity for more than 100. The slope-side chalet, sleeping 16, costs from a soaring €100,000 a week.



the deck at The Sounds Retreat overlooking Queen Charlotte Sound in Marlborough, South Island, New Zealand

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most of the Caribbean with its Unesco-protected Piton mountains. Nestled between them, surrounded by rainforest and white beach, is The Jalousie Plantation, which is reopening this winter as **Sugar Beach**, a Viceroy Resort ([www.viceroyhotelsandresorts.com/sugarbeach](http://www.viceroyhotelsandresorts.com/sugarbeach); from \$300)

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