
Pīhopa Retreat
LUXURY ACCOMMODATION
NELSON, NEW ZEALAND


RECOGNISED FOR EXCELLENCE
tripadvisor
Top 1% Globally
"Best of the Best"
UK
CONDÉ
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TRAVELLER
Ranked #1 in
New Zealand
Readers' Choice Award
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USA
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Ranked #2 in
New Zealand
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QUALMARK
Gold-Rating

Six luxury suites set in 5.5 acres of park-like setting provide a very comfortable home away from home. Large spacious villas each contain a bedroom, kitchenette, lounge area and outdoor seating on the balcony. Each suite has large luxurious bathrooms with his & her sinks, rain showers and bath tubs.

OUR SUITES











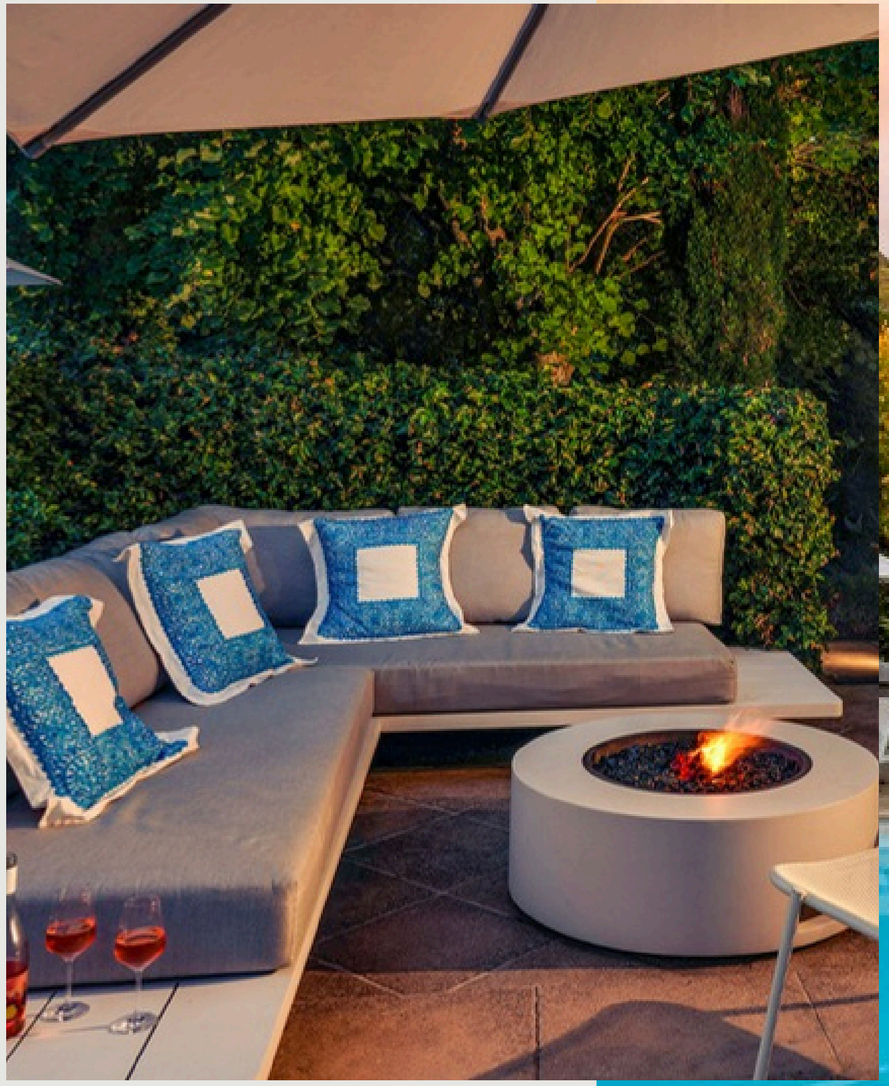



NZ HOUSE
SPRING

OUR POOL



After a day exploring the Nelson region, there's no better place to unwind than Pīhopa's heated saltwater swimming pool. Open to guests at any time, the outdoor pool is set within the retreat's five acres of beautifully landscaped gardens, offering a serene escape surrounded by nature.







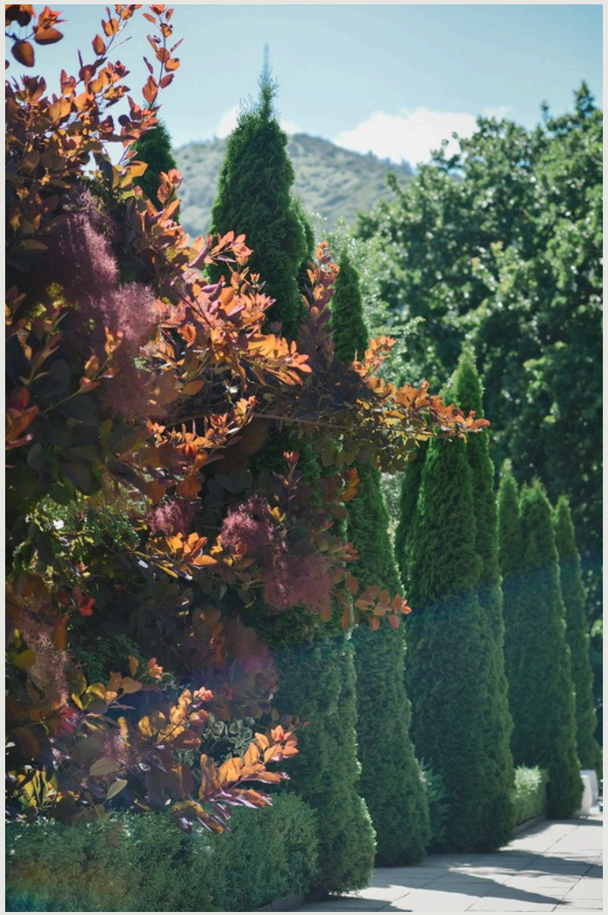


Pīhopa's 5.5 acres of established gardens are as much a destination as the retreat itself. Wander meandering pathways, find a quiet corner to read, or simply breathe in the surroundings. For those who want more, a curated selection of outdoor activities and local experiences brings the very best of the Nelson region right to your doorstep.

GARDEN ESCAPE

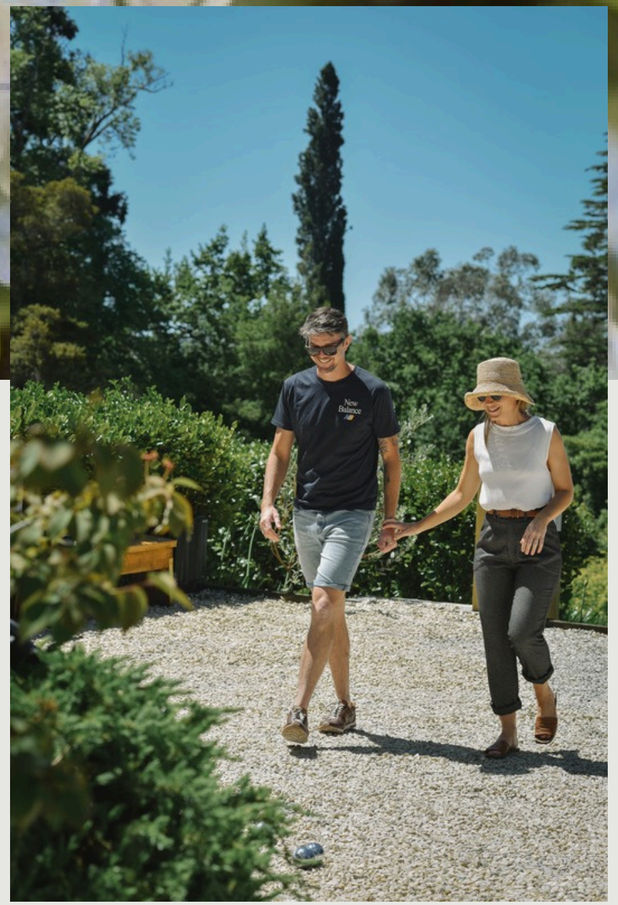












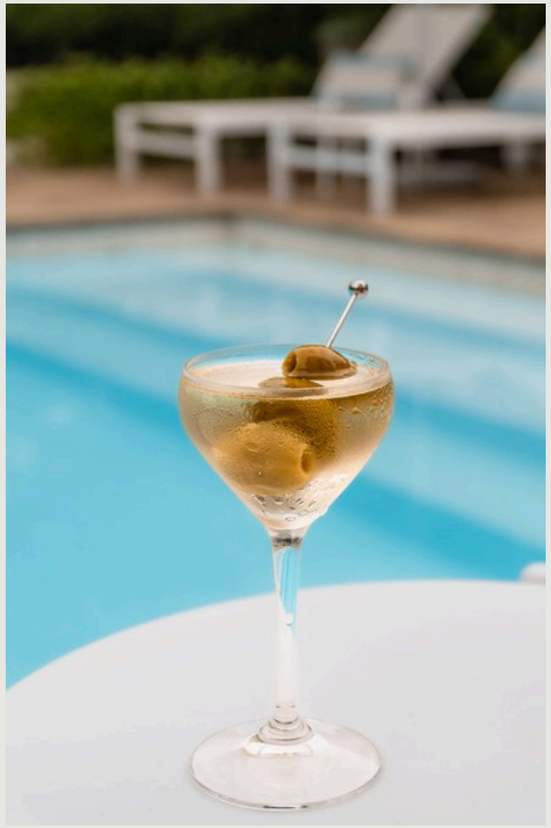


EXPERIENCE

Food at Pīhopa is very much part of the retreat itself. Guests are welcomed each evening with freshly prepared canapés and drinks, the perfect way to gather, unwind and savour the last of the Nelson sunshine. Mornings begin with a chef-prepared breakfast crafted from the finest local and regional produce & Pīhopa's own kitchen garden. Food & beverages celebrate the incredible flavours Nelson & New Zealand have to offer.







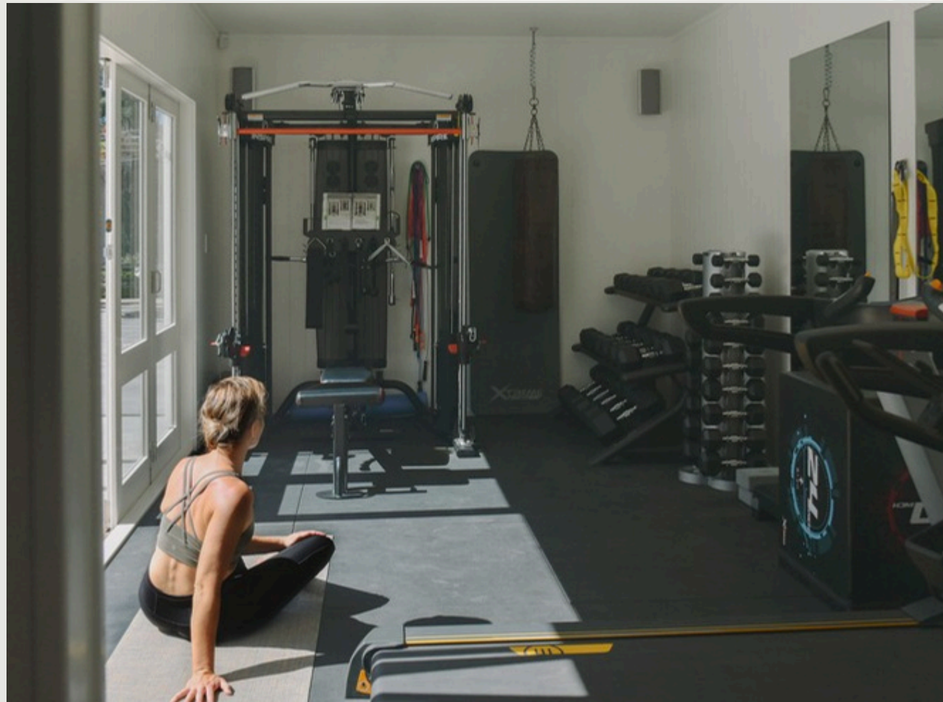


REST & PLAY

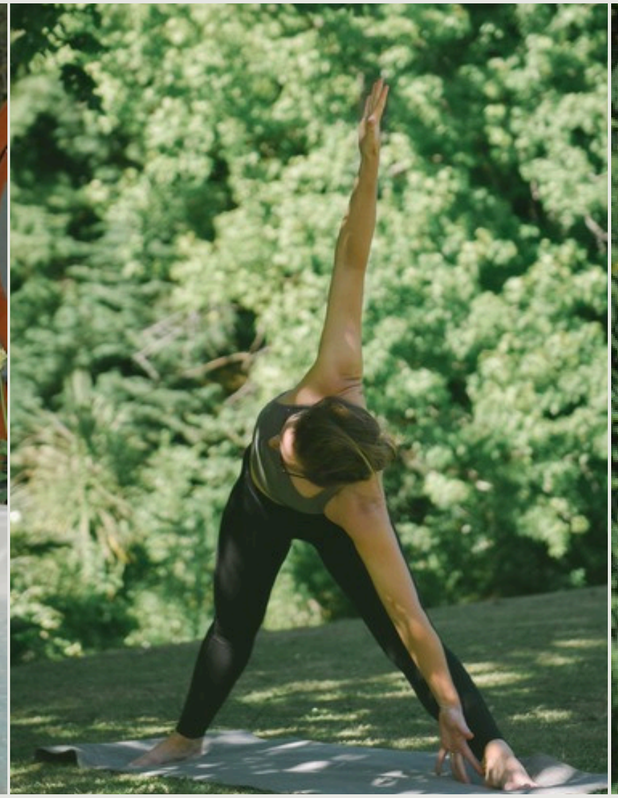
At Pīhopa, relaxation comes in many forms. Spend a restorative hour in the spa, sauna or ice bath, ease into a morning yoga or reformer pilate session or enjoy a massage or quiet workout in the private gym. Head outside and challenge fellow guests to a game of pétanque, croquet or giant chess. Stroll the grounds, stop to pick fruit and immerse yourself in the heritage woodland.


alpine
saunas













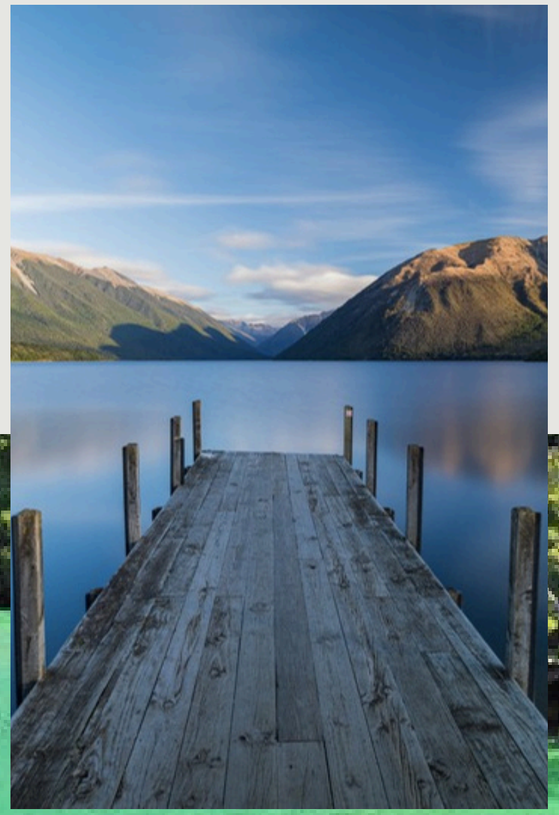




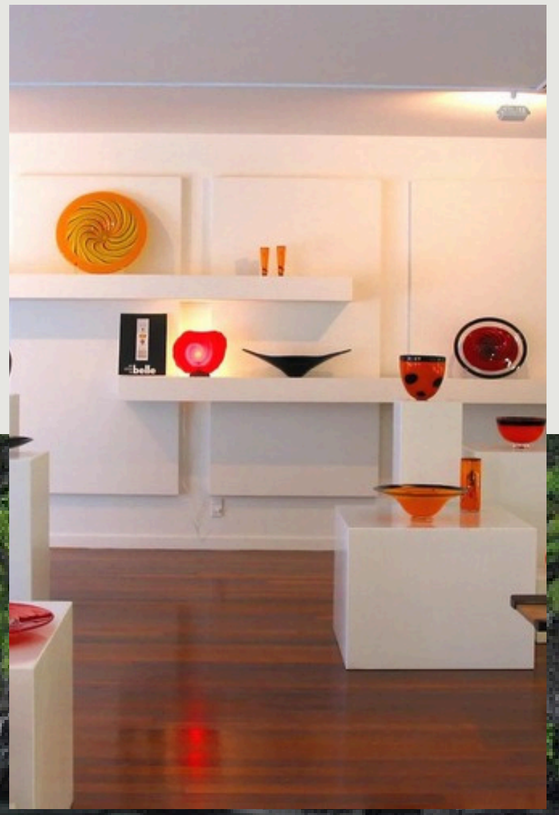
EXPLORE

At the top of the South Island, you'll discover a place that has something for everyone. Whether you are here for adventure, culture or exploring the stunning natural landscapes – it's all on offer. Relax on the best beaches in New Zealand, or discover the creative and arts scene for which the region is famous. Soak up the best food and wine – Nelson has it all, within a stone's throw from our doorstep.











OUR HERITAGE

Pīhopa Retreat carries a rich sense of history. At its heart stands a beautifully preserved heritage chapel, a treasured piece of New Zealand's past and a place that continues to invite quiet reflection. Guests dine for breakfast inside the chapel.

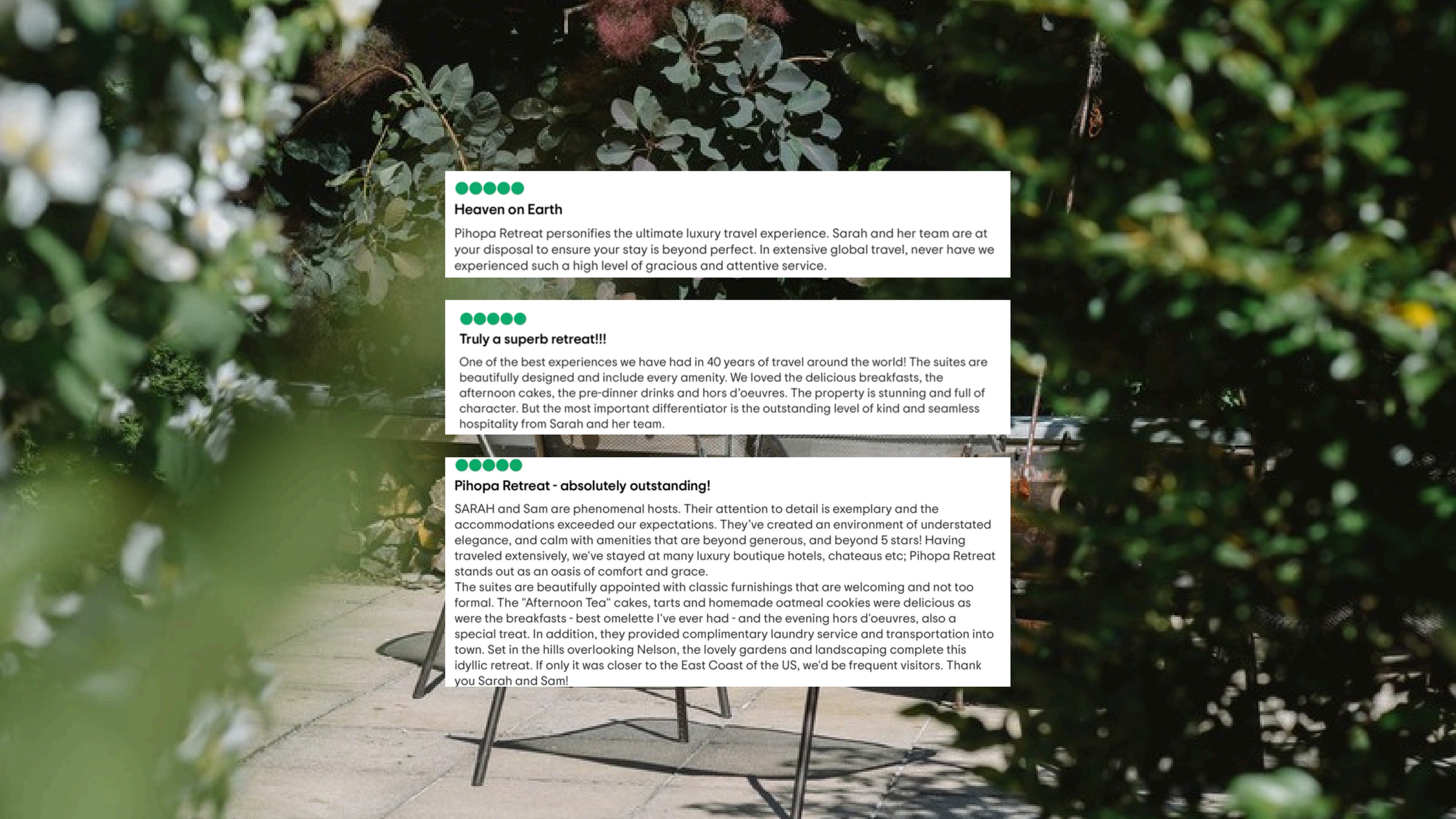









LOVED BY OUR GUESTS



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Heaven on Earth

Pihopa Retreat personifies the ultimate luxury travel experience. Sarah and her team are at your disposal to ensure your stay is beyond perfect. In extensive global travel, never have we experienced such a high level of gracious and attentive service.

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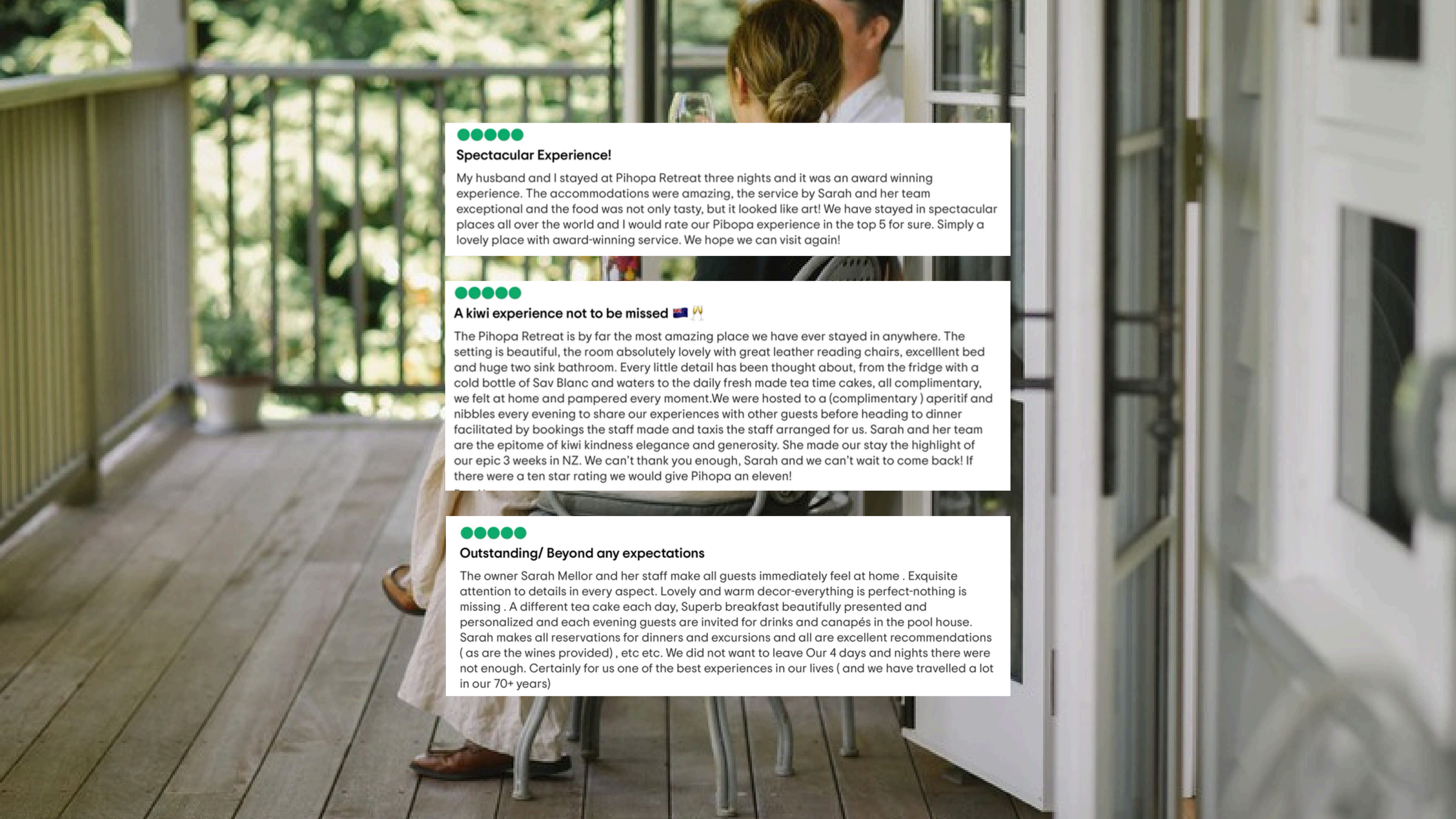
Truly a superb retreat!!!

One of the best experiences we have had in 40 years of travel around the world! The suites are beautifully designed and include every amenity. We loved the delicious breakfasts, the afternoon cakes, the pre-dinner drinks and hors d'oeuvres. The property is stunning and full of character. But the most important differentiator is the outstanding level of kind and seamless hospitality from Sarah and her team.

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Pihopa Retreat - absolutely outstanding!

SARAH and Sam are phenomenal hosts. Their attention to detail is exemplary and the accommodations exceeded our expectations. They've created an environment of understated elegance, and calm with amenities that are beyond generous, and beyond 5 stars! Having traveled extensively, we've stayed at many luxury boutique hotels, chateaus etc; Pihopa Retreat stands out as an oasis of comfort and grace.
The suites are beautifully appointed with classic furnishings that are welcoming and not too formal. The "Afternoon Tea" cakes, tarts and homemade oatmeal cookies were delicious as were the breakfasts - best omelette I've ever had - and the evening hors d'oeuvres, also a special treat. In addition, they provided complimentary laundry service and transportation into town. Set in the hills overlooking Nelson, the lovely gardens and landscaping complete this idyllic retreat. If only it was closer to the East Coast of the US, we'd be frequent visitors. Thank you Sarah and Sam!



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Spectacular Experience!

My husband and I stayed at Pihopa Retreat three nights and it was an award winning experience. The accommodations were amazing, the service by Sarah and her team exceptional and the food was not only tasty, but it looked like art! We have stayed in spectacular places all over the world and I would rate our Pibopa experience in the top 5 for sure. Simply a lovely place with award-winning service. We hope we can visit again!

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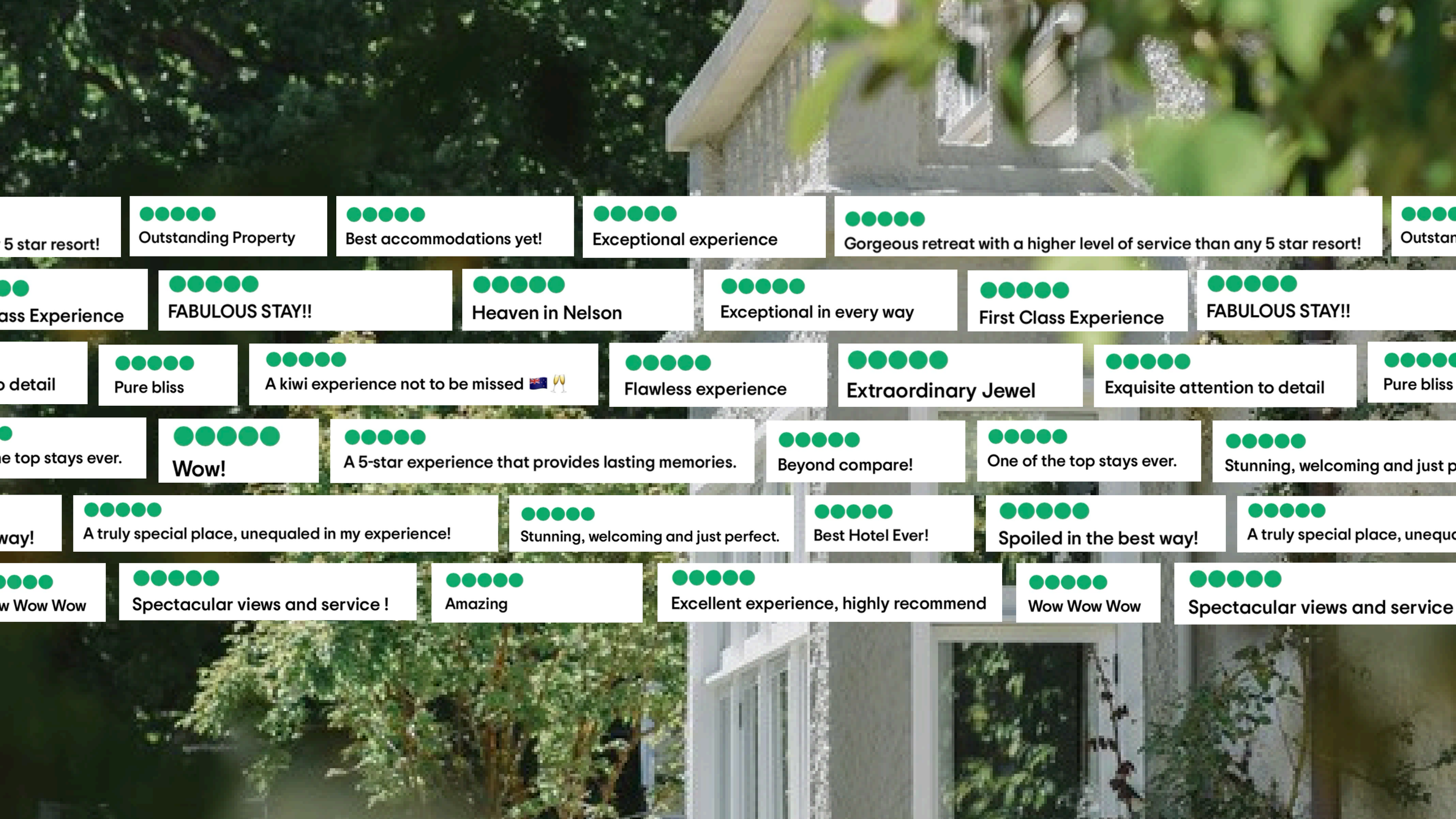
A kiwi experience not to be missed 🇳🇿🥂

The Pihopa Retreat is by far the most amazing place we have ever stayed in anywhere. The setting is beautiful, the room absolutely lovely with great leather reading chairs, excelllent bed and huge two sink bathroom. Every little detail has been thought about, from the fridge with a cold bottle of Sav Blanc and waters to the daily fresh made tea time cakes, all complimentary, we felt at home and pampered every moment.We were hosted to a (complimentary) aperitif and nibbles every evening to share our experiences with other guests before heading to dinner facilitated by bookings the staff made and taxis the staff arranged for us. Sarah and her team are the epitome of kiwi kindness elegance and generosity. She made our stay the highlight of our epic 3 weeks in NZ. We can't thank you enough, Sarah and we can't wait to come back! If there were a ten star rating we would give Pihopa an eleven!

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Outstanding/ Beyond any expectations

The owner Sarah Mellor and her staff make all guests immediately feel at home . Exquisite attention to details in every aspect. Lovely and warm decor-everything is perfect-nothing is missing . A different tea cake each day, Superb breakfast beautifully presented and personalized and each evening guests are invited for drinks and canapés in the pool house. Sarah makes all reservations for dinners and excursions and all are excellent recommendations (as are the wines provided) , etc etc. We did not want to leave Our 4 days and nights there were not enough. Certainly for us one of the best experiences in our lives (and we have travelled a lot in our 70+ years)


5 star resort!
Outstanding Property
Best accommodations yet!
Exceptional experience
Gorgeous retreat with a higher level of service than any 5 star resort!
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Heaven in Nelson
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Thank you and we look forward to hosting your clients in the future

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