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TRAVEL

The Glasshouse, New Zealand: a luxurious retreat for two



The Glasshouse's bathroom offers ocean views out across the grounds.

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without leaving dry land, The Glasshouse affords stunning coastal views from a little peninsula jutting into the Pacific Ocean. Hidden away, two hours north of Auckland (30 minutes in a helicopter if you're time-poor), the architecturally designed, one-bedroom house sits atop a rugged cliff, sheltered by venerable pohutukawa trees.

Owned by a New Zealand expat returned from London who's updated the interiors and tweaked the technology (think an iPad-controlled sound system that delivers tunes wherever you may be lounging), this elegant retreat provides the perfect indoor-outdoor hideaway.



The Glasshouse is a perfect indoor outdoor retreat.

Glass walls and a large deck with outdoor fireplace frame long ocean views and a total immersion in Kauri Mountain Point's lush scenery. Even the bathroom can be opened onto the bush for an alfresco shower.

Hosts are on call to organise fishing, diving or golf, or simply hang in a hammock or explore the peninsula's walking tracks and secret coves.

If you fancy cooking, there's a slick kitchen (stocked with the basics including a coffee machine) but an on-call chef is also available and there are plenty of cafes in the area. From \$NZ950 (\$859) a night (two-night minimum).

■ theglasshousenz.com

Also try Kangaroo Beach Lodges, Kangaroo Island, SA; Rick's Place, Bannisters Hotels, Mollymook, NSW.



The Adina Apartment Hotel, Brisbane.

HOTEL BUZZ

■ Sanctuary Retreats is opening a new tented camp in Tanzania next month that will pack up and move across the Serengeti providing a front-row seat for the great migration; think portable campaign-style furniture and bucket showers, but with all the five-star trimmings.

■ Special opening rates are available this month at the new FV by Peppers, part of the \$600 million FV development in Brisbane's Fortitude Valley; the one and two-bedroom apartments include kitchens and private balconies.

■ And next February the new Adina Apartment Hotel Brisbane (pictured) will open in a restored heritage building at 171 George Street with 220 apartments, restaurant, bar and lobby celebrating the building's art deco provenance.

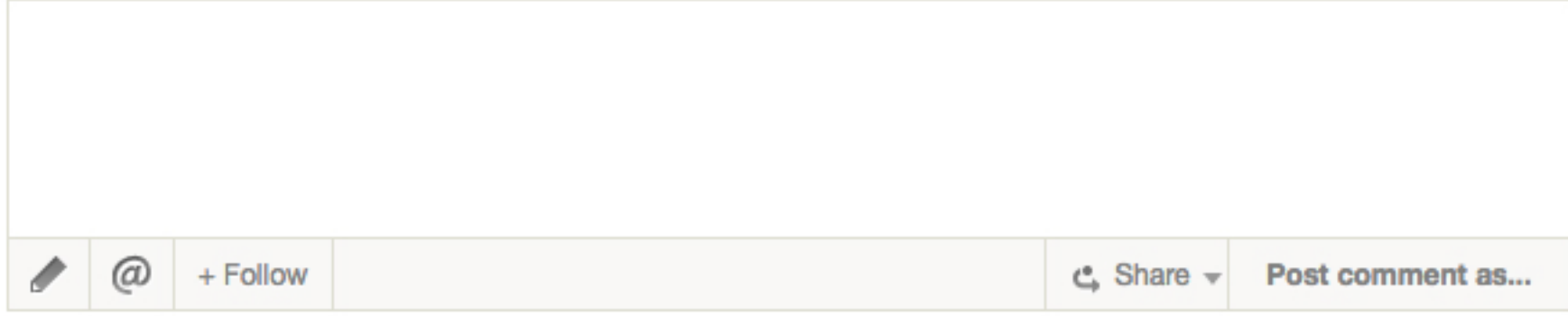
■ Gold Coast airport is getting a new 192-room hotel complete with rooftop bar and views over Kirra Beach; the \$50 million Rydges Gold Coast Airport Hotel will open in 2019.





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
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