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Whether planning a big family holiday or a romantic getaway for two, consulting a travel outfitter can make all the difference.

HERE, THE TOP OPERATORS TO CALL FOR ADVENTURES OF A LIFETIME.

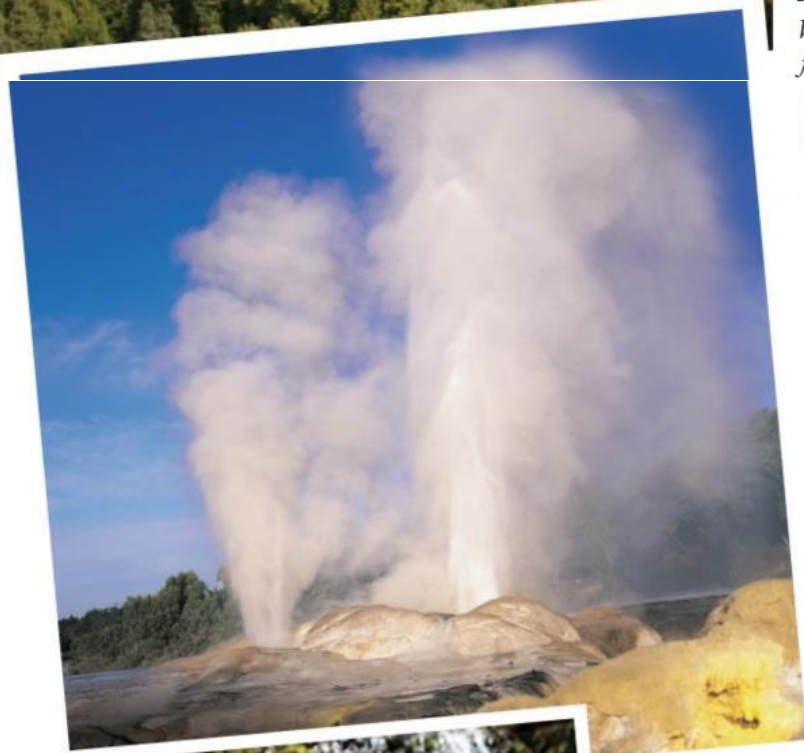
Below: Tom McElroy; Above: Cookies and Jackson; Midpoint: Bing Can

From top: Aerial view of Treetops Lodge & Estate; a thermal geyser; the wild food experience at Treetops. *Opposite:* Traveling Sri Lanka and going on a leopard safari.



NEW ZEALAND

Wild streams for fly-fishing, natural springs to bask in, and farm-to-table safaris to take.



Located in the North Island's Bay of Plenty, Rotorua is the heartland of New Zealand's indigenous Maori people. "There are many descendants living in this region and their rich stories explain why the Kiwis are who they are today, with their warrior mentality and strong sense of family," says Suzy Mercien-Ferol, co-founder of **Touring Treasures** (touringtreasures.com), a luxury travel service that specializes in planning boutique itineraries throughout the South Pacific. "Rotorua is essential on any New Zealand itinerary. Among geysers, hot springs, and volcanoes, it truly is a magical place to visit."

After a few telephone consultations, Touring Treasures' personal concierge will present custom itineraries to clients. Every detail, from white-gloved car service at the airport to the five-star accommodations throughout the trip, is customized to your preferences and finely tuned. "We are bespoke, niche, and full of creativity," says Mercien-Ferol. "We consider ourselves luxury travel artists and designers, and love to push boundaries and create special and unique opportunities."

Despite its relatively modest size, New Zealand offers an incredibly diverse array of travel experiences up and down the North and South Islands. In Rotorua, Touring Treasures recommends Treetops Lodge & Estate (from \$1,910; treetops.co.nz). The award-winning estate hidden within a 25,000-acre native forest has immediate access to the country's best fly-fishing. The recently refurbished lodge has a handsome, ecologically inspired design that brings in the surrounding forest. Treetops takes "eating local" to new extremes with its Estate-to-Plate 4WD Safari across the lodge's all-organic, pesticide-free kitchen gardens accompanied by wild food chefs. After gathering indigenous and seasonal veggies, the chef will give a private cooking lesson in the forest, preparing signature New Zealand dishes such as freshly caught trout and crayfish.

—Robert Cocuzzo