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Edenhouse

Orinoco Valley, New Zealand

In New Zealand's outrageously green and gorgeous Orinoco Valley is this spot, so deliciously pretty you want to take a big slow bite out of it. It's a place to fish for trout and scoop up local vineyard fruitiness. The owners arrived from London in 2002 and in the tiny three-room hotel they've built (make sure you nab the separate garden cottage) you'll find a bit of West Sussex here, a touch of Knightsbridge there. But the old-world charm, alongside striking Cuban dining tables and some deceptively racy artworks, is mixed in with Kiwi common sense. It's an instant word-of-mouth winner. For the energetic, there is whisking off into the National Park for a day of hiking; for the lazybones there are the peaceful gardens and lying on the lawn, interrupted only by cups of tea and cake. **Website** edenhouse.co.nz. **UK reservations** ITC Classics (tel: 01244 355550). **Rates** Double, from £425, including breakfast. ▷

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