

Open again: Otahuna Lodge, outside Christchurch.



Third time lucky

Otahuna, the heritage-listed mansion turned luxury lodge 30 minutes from Christchurch, reopens this month. The beautiful homestead, New Zealand's largest private residence when built by a politician in 1895, was forced to close last September when the first Christchurch earthquake struck. It had only been open again for two weeks when February's devastating quake hit. But you can't keep a good thing down, and the lodge has rallied from the minor cosmetic damage sustained during the aftershocks of last month to welcome guests again from July 11. Otahuna's seven suites, historic gardens, whimsical turrets and countless stained-glass windows are all back in glowing good form. So with Christchurch's damaged areas limited to the CBD, consider a visit: it's time to love thy neighbours again. +64 3 329 6333; www.otahuna.co.nz.

Travel NEWS

Renewed, refreshed and ready to roll.
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Pure and simple: Kahina Giving Beauty travel kit.

ETHICAL ADD TO CARRY-ON

The last thing you need when travelling is complicated beauty regimens or chemically laden products. Enter Kahina Giving Beauty organic skincare, which pares your routine down to essentials while also giving back. Kahina's fragrance- and paraben-free argan oil is sourced from women's cooperatives in Morocco, which receive 25 per cent of the profits for education and advocacy programs. Good for you while also doing good? Sounds like a very good idea. Kahina Giving Beauty travel basics kit, \$101, from www.beautyworkswest.com.au.

Thoughtful travel at Amanjiwo, Indonesia.



SPIRITUAL QUEST

Need to restore and renew? The Inward Journey meditation retreat at Amanjiwo in Central Java could be just the ticket. The Aman resort, overlooking the World Heritage-listed Buddhist sanctuary of Borobudur, is the perfect setting for the September retreat. Themed morning meditation sessions (Calmness, Depth and Joy in Everyday Circumstance, for instance), yoga and chanting with the monks should have you primed to tackle the silly season in a Zen-like state. Amanjiwo Inward Journey, September 23 to 26/29, 2011, www.amanresorts.com/amanjiwo/home.aspx.



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