

# OTAHUNA LODGE

*Christchurch, New Zealand*

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64-3/329-6333; otahuna.co.nz; doubles from \$\$\$\$\$,  
including breakfast and dinner.*





SET ON 30 ACRES of soft, sheep-speckled hills that call to mind an episode of *Masterpiece Theatre*, this homestead was once the largest private residence in New Zealand, and is still one of the finest examples of Queen Anne architecture in Australasia. Interiors celebrate the Arts and Crafts movement, from the embossed William Morris wallpaper in the dining room to the gingerbread woodwork in guest rooms. The romantic patchwork of woodland, lawns, ponds, bridges, and arbors was designed by a landscaper who trained at Kew Gardens in London. And although the amenities (rain showers, a gym) are more modern, the entire lodge—including the service—conjures up an era of garden parties attended by ladies with 22-inch waists.



The formal dining room at Otahuna Lodge. Opposite: The exterior at dusk.