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Luxury Lodge offers Seal Pup Winter Fun in New Zealand Abel Tasman

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Edenhouse, Nelson and Abel Tasman's most awarded luxury lodge, offers a new and most enjoyable experience this southern hemisphere autumn, winter, and early spring with exclusive private charters to view the playful and curious New Zealand seal pups in their own natural environment, the world renowned Abel Tasman National Park.

This world-class experience is only available in the milder months of April to September each year prior to the pups leaving the protected waters of the Abel Tasman's lagoons to make their way in the world. At any one time, up to 20 pups can be viewed from the 11-metre catamaran 'Taranui', which is captained by the local and highly regarded Rod Stuart of Abel Tasman Charters. The day excursion, a private charter, passes dozens of stunning coves and golden sand beaches on the way to view the seal pups, once nearly hunted to extinction by early settlers. The pups are now a protected species and native to New Zealand waters.

Private Seal Pup charters from Edenhouse are NZ\$1650 incl GST and include transfers to and from the lodge to day trip departure, lunch, and are fully commissionable for up to six passengers. Edenhouse is one of only three New Zealand properties; Huka Lodge, Mollies and Edenhouse to be voted in 2010 Tatler '101 Best Hotels in the World'. Rates at Edenhouse start from NZ\$800 incl GST per couple per night and include full breakfast, pre-dinner drinks and canapés, use of all facilities in the house and grounds. NZ\$1,040 incl GST per room per night provides all of the above plus a 3-course evening meal, including fine wine, in the formal dining room or one of the outdoor eating areas.

For more information visit Edenhouse on www.edenhouse.co.nz or contact Peter Martin on + +64 3 526 8174 or email info@edenhouse.co.nz.

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Editors Notes:

- Set on 48-acres in an area of outstanding natural beauty in the beautiful Orinoco Valley of the Nelson/Abel Tasman region, this 3-year old 'boutique luxury lodge' designed in the style of an elegant English-style country house. Only 30-minutes away from Abel Tasman National Park – one of New Zealand's most spectacular natural wonders offering golden beaches, aquamarine waters, and idyllic bush walks, making it a magnet for outdoor enthusiasts.
- In addition to the Seal Pup Charter, Edenhouse offers the 'Abel Tasman and West Coast Wilderness by Sea and Air' an exclusive experience that makes this 'boutique luxury lodge' a magnet for outdoor enthusiasts. Guests will enter the world-renowned Abel Tasman by boat to experience golden beaches, turquoise waters, native bush and pristine marine reserves. After lunch they take off from Awaroa Beach by fixed-winged aircraft or helicopter and then fly for up to two hours. Share unforgettable bird's-eye views of Abel Tasman National Park, flying over Golden Bay to Farewell Spit, the longest natural sandbar in the world. The air-expedition flies on down the West Coast following the route where it meets the crashing Tasman Sea, seeing coastal forests and New Zealand's unique Nikau palms. Land at Karamea, probably New Zealand's most isolated town, and enjoy a drink with the West Coasters at the Karamea Village Hotel, perhaps trying a fritter of local whitebait, one of the world's rarest gourmet treats before returning by air to Edenhouse.
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