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Welcome to a new trend in boutique accommodation led by Ohtel in Wellington's Oriental Bay – the eco-friendly hotel. With 10 luxury rooms, and a mere 10 minute drive from the city, owner Alan Blundell has created a homely retreat, with iconic Kiwi art featuring alongside retro European pieces in a stylish, modern setting.

The hotel's water supply is heated by solar power and each room is kitted out with recycling rubbish bins and reduced-flow showerheads. These 'green' touches are not at the expense of comfort and convenience – as well as king-size beds and waterfront views, we were particularly impressed by the flat-screen TVs with MP3 technology, and the soundproofing of each room. It is, however, in the bathrooms that Ohtel really shines, with double baths and oversized showers, expansive mirrors, and soft lighting, which adds to the overwhelmingly sumptuous finish. Ohtel, 66 Oriental Parade, Wellington, (04) 803 0600. www.ohtel.com