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Home Away From Home: **Wellington's Ohtel**

Feeling torn between an epic journey through lush landscapes and a rejuvenating stay in a clean, modern space? You might be able to have both. Wellington, New Zealand, is both a famous film-shooting location (Lord of the Rings and Avatar were both filmed there) and the nation's capital with a bustling downtown. And now it's also known for housing the new 10-room boutique hotel Ohtel.

From the outside, Ohtel is an unassuming, four-story concrete building smack in the middle of Wellington's Oriental Bay neighborhood, overlooking the marina and harbor. But once inside, prepare to be blown away by the hotel's hip, comfortable atmosphere. Although every room shares a clean-lined but cozy midcentury modern aesthetic, each one features its own unique color palette, furnishings - by designers ranging from Arne Jacobsen to Charles and Ray Eames- and ceramics. The hotel also boasts solar water heaters, an infrared sauna, an on-site restaurant and bar, and an inviting open gas fire in the lobby. For more details and to take a tour of the retro space, keep reading.

If you're really digging the vibe by the end of your stay, you can take a piece of the experience home with you (without having to smuggle it out in your suitcase): Ohtel offers the throw pillows and bed runners featured in its rooms for sale, among other things. And if you want an even better sense of what you're in for, check out one of several videos on the hotel's website, demonstrating the, um, wide variety of things its rooms can be used for.