

## SKYCITY Grand Hotel

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The grander, if that's not already blindingly obvious, of the brace of hotels within SkyCity, this 316-room property opened in 2005 and added a further touch of class to the city's best-known, most extensive fun n' games locale.

The latest technology is all too evident in the rooms and suites,




and the lap pool, gym and sauna all make a similar statement about modern art. The East Day Spa is the country's largest such facility, and often booked out some time in advance. The therapists specialise in Eastern-style holistic treatments to deliver total wellness and restore the balance of mind, body and soul.

Naturally, access to all the multifarious entertainments in Sky City is a breeze from the Grand, however it remains the smarter place to stay (the private Club Lounge is a haven within a haven), not simply in the immediate environs but in the city as a whole.

Rates from: \$\$\$\$

Star rating: ★★★★★

Overall rating:  1/2

Ambience :	9.03	Cleanliness:	9.42
Value:	8.30	Facilities:	9.01
Staff:	9.03	Restaurants:	9.03
Location:	9.39	Families:	8.28



## Spencer on Byron Hotel

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Auckland's North Shore was once a weekend retreat of quaint beach houses; it's now a city in its own right but has pleasingly retained some relaxed seaside attitude.

Spencer On Byron's 23 floors of business class accommodation have dominated the suburb of Takapuna's skyline since 2001.

The 70 studio rooms and 177 suites aren't huge, but a sense of space comes from fantastic views - Auckland's cityscape to the south, pretty Lake Pupuke to the north and, to the east, the ocean.


Comfortable facilities are complemented by a tennis court on the roof, and the bright and inviting

lobby houses the Library Bar, where you can select a book along with your wine. The local high street offers both good restaurants and raucous booze barns. If not working or holidaying immediately nearby, travelling the mere 10 kilometres to Auckland's CBD may be a small price for a walk on the beach at the end of the day.



Rates from: \$\$

Star rating: ★★★★★ 1/2

Overall rating:  1/2

Ambience :	8.61	Cleanliness:	9.58
Value:	9.08	Facilities:	8.93
Staff:	9.20	Restaurants:	9.04
Location:	9.09	Families:	8.93

