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Luxe Latest

- **Capella May Escape 09** - Plan a week away on Lord Howe during the gentle month of May and enjoy a night's stay with our compliments. More at [May Escape](#)
- Mat Daniel returns to Sydney as Baillie Lodges' General Manager, and is expecting his first baby in June with partner Carly. Well done all round, Mat!

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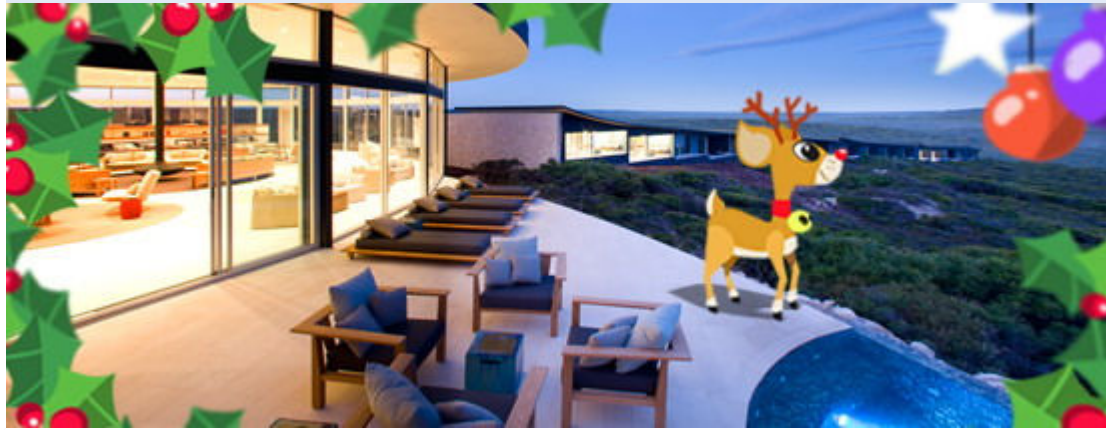
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Our very Best Christmas Wishes to you!

The Baillie Lodges team wish you a Very Merry Christmas and good fortune for the New Year.

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Hotel of the Year, 2009!

Southern Ocean Lodge wins Tatler Travel's 'Hotel of the Year' Award for 2009.

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Enhancements for Capella Lodge

Exciting times ahead for Capella as enhancements are planned for mid- 2009.

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A Remarkable Lodge

Plans approved for building a Remarkable Lodge, Tasmania.

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Cheers from Baillie Lodges

2008 has been a busy year and a memorable one for many! For Baillie Lodges, it has been marked by the opening of our flagship property, Southern Ocean Lodge and the culmination of nearly six years' sweat tears and laughter.

A very young Finn Baillie was an early but unknowing witness to his parents' dream for the remarkable stretch of land on Kangaroo Island now home to the Lodge. Finn celebrates his 6th birthday in December as the Lodge celebrates six months of operating success. It's a great representation of just how far we've come!

Baillie Lodges would like to thank you for another great working year; we thank guests who have visited the much-loved Capella and those who have ventured to the luxe wilderness experience of Southern Ocean Lodge; we'd like to thank the teams at both properties, who work seemingly effortlessly to make every guest's stay a memorable one.

We thank all who have contributed to the success of Southern Ocean Lodge; the construction team which raised the Lodge from plans to completion and our valued local suppliers as a working property; we thank those in the media for their interest and generous support for the project and all in the travel industry who encourage guests to travel to these remote destinations of amazing natural significance!

We wish you and your loved ones a Very Merry Christmas and a fun & festive New Year, and we look forward to catching up in 09!



Enhancements for Capella Lodge

Baillie Lodges owners James and Hayley Baillie have been fortunate to catch up recently with architect Justin Long, with whom they had worked so closely during Capella's original transformation after they purchased the property in 2004. Justin has completed plans for some selected enhancements

Tatler Travel Guide 2009

Southern Ocean Lodge is the winner of the highest accolade in the esteemed **Tatler Travel Awards 2009** – the "Hotel of the Year" Award.

The event, well recognised as the 'night of nights' in the travel and tourism industry was held at the glamorous grand-daddy of luxury accommodation, the Ritz Hotel in London. On hand to accept the award was a delighted Project Manager Matthew Giltrap, who oversaw the development of the Lodge from conception to the finished product which now consistently wows all who experience it.

Tatler Travel Editor Melinda Stevens explains:

"This is what's exciting about the direction that hotels are going in. It's become all about where they are. Go in early summer and you'll find here a mass of furry koalas, wallabies and kangaroos, you can eat muffins as sealions shimmy about on the beach. This lodge is clever and daring."

The Award is a remarkable achievement for all who have contributed to the Baillie Lodges' vision for Southern Ocean Lodge and recognition of a new benchmark for the Australian tourism experience.



A Remarkable Lodge

There has been much interest from our guests, the media and the travel industry as to where James and Hayley will look to next as a location for a luxe wilderness lodge. For all those eagerly awaiting news of the next Baillie Lodges property, the word is good!

Development plans have been approved this month for the Remarkable Lodge, overlooking the moody waters of Safety Cove on Tasmania's dramatic Tasman Peninsula.

to the Lodge in keeping with the existing contemporary architectural themes and relaxed Lord Howe Island style.

Mezzanine levels have been designed to maximise both space and views for the highly demanded Lidgbird Suite and also for the much loved Capella Suite (#9) which overlooks contented cows in the green grassed paddocks beneath Mounts Gower and Lidgbird.

Also attracting attention are the bathrooms in all suites, which will be updated to include a basalt clad walk-in shower and bespoke joinery.

Capella Lodge will close on June 1, 2009 for a scheduled new-look re-opening in late August.



The Baillie Lodges Junkie Syndrome!

Not a worry, this one - our guests are staying longer, and coming back for more! It's been a wonderful year for us to see our Capella friends embrace the 'big sister' status of the wilder Southern Ocean Lodge and explore a different style of island from the tiny tropical Lord Howe - the support has been fantastic.

As one of our first dual Lodge bookings, we welcomed our friends from Hawaii, Robin Clark & Mary MacKirnan back to Capella and down to Southern Ocean Lodge in a matter of days. This has emerged as a growing trend as Southern Ocean Lodge gains notoriety, many local and international guests now include both properties in their travel plans.

Whilst we have been fortunate to have a consistently very high return visit rate at Capella, we've been delighted to already receive a number of repeat bookings from our Southern Ocean Lodge guests keen to come back to see more of this vast wild island. These are our SOL mates! A return stay might include an epicurean tour to include the sheep's milk dairy, the marron farm and wineries, or to encounter leafy sea dragons on a dive safari.

With so much to do on KI we've realised the importance for guests just to sit and 'be' - to spend some real chill out time at the Lodge, taking in the ever-changing views and taking time with the one you love. This luxury of time is rare and priceless and we intend to honour it! Guests can enjoy staying a little longer and make the most of doing nothing or doing it all with our all inclusive four night **Southern Sojourn** package.

The area is well known for its National Parks walks with stunning routes through old growth forests for every grade of walker. Tasmania is Australia's best loved wilderness state, renowned for untouched wilderness, vistas and more recently as home to artisan producers of organic foods including apples, cheeses and fabulous farmed salmon.

In terms of architectural style, Remarkable Lodge will be similar to the 'small footprint', ecologically friendly design of Southern Ocean Lodge.

Booking requests are already lining up!



Credit to Capella

The more the world changes, the more Capella stays the same...

Guest feedback is always a great way for Baillie Lodges to gauge the performance of every aspect of a property, and we're so lucky to receive so many great comments from our Capella guests.

"Our third visit and definitely not the last. Hard to find fault in any quarter." - David Rothery

"Our second visit in five months, and already we are planning our next. God created the natural beauty of Lord Howe - Capella supplies everything else to make a perfect holiday." - Alice Hampson & Tony Morris

Many of our Capella friends are now on their third and fourth annual visit, and some are happy to come and feel at home more frequently; the Jackson Family came for a Capella fix three times in 2008, enjoying the difference in seasons, through autumn, winter and late spring.

A great part of this success is a credit to the outstanding dedication of the Capella team. We call this 'first name service', but it's so much more than that; many say that arriving at Capella is like coming home, with Lodge Managers Mark and Libby unfaltering as generous and gracious hosts.

They are in turn fortunate to have built and continue to maintain a fabulous, close knit team of staff across all areas of operation, from housekeeping to restaurant service, from kitchen to front desk.

Well done, Capella!



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