



***A dream of Australia's first true luxury wilderness lodge...***

Dream a dream of wild open spaces, a showcase of nature's most spectacular scenery, of abundant wildlife untouched and revelling in pristine environs... imagine a lodge designed to float on the landscape, where every consideration has been given to navigating the fine balance between nature, comfort and contemporary style. A dream where nature and luxury meld into one...

Set on the ruggedly beautiful Kangaroo Island in South Australia and moulded in the traditions of New Zealand's acclaimed Huka Lodge and the breathtaking Amanresorts of South East Asia, Southern Ocean Lodge is Australia's first true luxury lodge, promoting exciting new standards in Australian experiential travel.

Southern Ocean Lodge is the flagship of the Baillie Lodges portfolio which includes Capella Lodge on the World Heritage listed Lord Howe Island. Baillie Lodges has views to a new era of luxe contemporary accommodations in areas of natural significance that appeal to the discerning experiential traveller.

Created by the life and business partnership of James and Hayley Baillie, the company is founded on principals designed to deliver an exceptional product that both exceeds premium market expectations and which strives to continually achieve ground-breaking environmental practices.

***A dream of exploration and adventure, tempered with organic luxe...***

Kangaroo Island is Australia's 3<sup>rd</sup> largest island, 155km long by 55km wide and offers the visitor a sense of detachment from everyday concerns. Home to an abundance of native wildlife, it is widely regarded as Australia's Galapagos.

Located on the Island's south west coast, the Lodge site adjoins both the Flinders Chase and Kelly Hill National Parks and is at the heart of the Island's major attractions such as Seal Bay, Kelly Hill Caves, Admirals Arch and Remarkable Rocks.

Sensitively designed to sustain this pristine environment, the Lodge allows visitors to experience the unique coastal wilderness and plentiful wildlife for which Kangaroo Island is renowned in impeccable style.

***A dream of design distinctly Kangaroo Island ...***

Ever sensitive to the precious landscape on which it balances, Southern Ocean Lodge is an architectural attraction in its own right. Local South Australian Max Pritchard is the celebrated architectural mastermind behind the Lodge.

Max's vision has ensured both minimal impact to the delicate coastline and a maximisation of each guest's environmental experience via the clever use of boardwalks linking the Lodge to the remote Southern Spa, stargazing platform and the nearby 'private' bay for swimming or beachcombing. Like all great art, perceptions of the Lodge design are personal and open to debate – does the Lodge appear to float above the coastal landscape from the Ocean, or is its form reminiscent of the perpetual waves on the shore?

Max has created a uniquely dramatic Lodge entrance appreciated best in hindsight – the drive to the Lodge through the fauna-rich bushland deliberately disguises the view of the Southern Ocean for which the Lodge is named. The first vision of the great Ocean and white sanded beaches stretching ad infinitum is on entrance to the main Lodge via grand rusted steel doors; the guest is then invited to take in the Lodge lounge and restaurant with this awe-inspiring, ever-changing backdrop.

Max has used organic materials to encourage a real sense of place – recycled timbers, white limestone floors and the chalk-white local limestone wall which snakes through the Lodge, linking and highlighting its features in the most remarkable manner.

Owners James and Hayley Baillie have a joint passion for contemporary design and have contributed a very personal touch for the Lodge guaranteeing a “Baillie” feel with a very South Australian focus.

The Baillies’ have commissioned such design luminaries as local Khai Liew for his artisan timber furnishings, likewise dynamic Melbourne duo Pierre & Charlotte Julian; Julie Patterson of Cloth has designed the ‘kanga’ fabric especially for the Lodge which features in soft furnishings, floor coverings and artwork. Designer Jodie Fried’s rugs and cushions reflect the local landscape, and the iconic Australian artist Florence Broadhurst is honoured in the wall and soft furnishings throughout the Lodge and Spa.

In a fitting link to the much-loved Capella Lodge, Mambo artist Bruce Gould has designed the graphics and some signature prints for the Lodge, drawing on the local flora and fauna and adding a touch of the low key larrikin humour for which Australians are so famous. James and Hayley have also chosen artworks for the Lodge interiors from both Kangaroo Island and South Australian artists, which deliver a new perspective of the Island landscape, further enhancing the guest experience.

### ***A dream of gastronomic indulgence...***

Headed by Chef Matthew Upson, former chef at Capella, The Lodge Restaurant showcases the freshest Island and local seasonal produce, affording guests a very South Australian culinary adventure. South Australia is fast developing an international reputation as a fine food and wine destination, and Kangaroo Island is an island extension of this, bringing with it a purity of production and a small business ethic as part of its remoteness from the mainland.

The Island is famous for its cheeses, sheeps milk and yoghurts, free range chickens and eggs. The world’s only pure Ligurian honey, famous for its flavour and medicinal properties is produced on Kangaroo Island, with strict quarantines in place protecting these gentle bees from their mainland counterparts. Seafood is abundant on the Island – with daily catches of prawns, crayfish, abalone and whiting bringing the fresh riches of the ocean to the table.

A sense of real ownership and pride of hand-crafted food production is evident in the fine quality flavoursome produce, offering a taste of the unique characteristics of the island. Chef Matthew Upson cleverly uses this bounty of produce to create a very special dining experience, unique to the Island, and to Southern Ocean Lodge.

An excellent range of diverse Kangaroo Island and South Australian wines and beers has been carefully selected to comprise the beverage menu at Southern Ocean Lodge. South Australia is already internationally renowned for its fine wine production, and Kangaroo Island also now has 18 labels, many of which are experiencing excellent reviews in local and overseas markets. In choosing to exclusively feature the State’s premium wines, guests are ensured a journey of viticultural discovery.

The Restaurant at Southern Ocean Lodge features a convivial bar and walk in cellar for guest enjoyment.

With aims as a culinary landmark, the Lodge’s underlying epicurean passion invigorates local growers and vintners and this dynamic food and wine culture will be the foundation of every indulgent menu.

### ***A dream of suite sanctuary amidst the solitude of nature...***

Floating along the limestone cliffs overlooking breathtaking coastline, twenty-one contemporary suites provide warmth and intimacy and majestic Southern Ocean views.

Featuring generous sleeping areas, stylish sunken lounges, glass walled bathrooms and outdoor terraces, the incredible views star with signature interiors of local limestone and recycled timber blending seamlessly with the landscape. A range of suite styles are available, the premium Osprey Pavilion offering panoramic views and a private terrace with plunge spa extending over the coastal scrub to the crashing waves below.

Perched remotely on a secluded cliff, the Southern Spa Retreat is an intimate and private oasis of calm set amongst coastal drama. A signature spa menu offers a range of traditional treatments; the Southern Spa uses the excellent Dreamtime-inspired Li’tya range of spa treatment products and Aboriginal massage techniques. For a uniquely Kangaroo Island spa experience, these are

complemented by Island-produced natural beauty ingredients: Bay of Shoals Mineral Salts, Australian pink clay, eucalyptus, lavender and Ligurian honey. A steam room to begin, and pure Island rainwater shower to finish guarantees an experience at once relaxing and rejuvenating. Combined with the cleanest air from Antarctica highly oxygenated from the pounding surf, the Southern Spa provides a pure natural environment in which to chill out.

Personal guest amenities in each suite presented as the Southern Spa range exclusive to Southern Ocean Lodge have similarly been selected from both locally produced ingredients and from the Li'tya spa range.

***A dream of unforgettable adventure and nature experiences...***

With exceptional guided experiences and adventures included in the nightly tariff, Southern Ocean Lodge delivers a complete Kangaroo Island experience. Guests can be as active as they please with a personalised experiential itinerary tailored on arrival. A range of signature activities offered daily allows guests to encounter a rich and varied wildlife: a sea-lion encounter at sunrise, an excursion to explore the vast labyrinth of nearby Kelly Hill Caves, the discovery of the magic of the Southern Sky from the comfort of the stargazing platform.

Private charters are available with renowned local operator Exceptional Kangaroo Island: indulge in world-class food and wine and discover the Island's unique natural attractions, often with exclusive access and always with a special touch of luxe.

***A dream of ecological harmony...***

Southern Ocean Lodge is one of Australia's leading examples of sustainable tourism accommodation and was approved under the Australian Government's Environmental Protection & Biodiversity Conservation Act, as well as the South Australian Government's Development Act; National Parks & Wildlife Act; Native Vegetation Act and Natural Resources Management Act.

Baillie Lodges has created the Southern Ocean Lodge "Environment Fund" in partnership with the South Australian Government, with aims to raise between \$20,000 and \$50,000 annually, with voluntary guest contributions making up part of the funds which will be used for local environmental projects.

Only one hectare of land was cleared for the property, or approximately 1% of the total 102 hectares with the remaining 99% placed under a Heritage Agreement to protect against future development. Its design has been intended to utilise natural weather patterns, including flow-through ventilation and glazing to capture sunlight and store natural heat.

An Australian owned and invented "Biolytix Filter System" converts organic waste, wastewater and sewage to clean irrigation water used to irrigate native plantings via a subsurface system and ensures wildlife are not attracted by food wastes.

With an aim of having the property rainwater self sufficient every four out of five years, water is harvested from all roof surfaces and stored in tanks with a total capacity in excess of 1.5 million litres.

Rates commence from AUD\$900 per person per night (twin share), including all dining, all beverages (select cellarmasters list additional) exceptional guided adventures and experiences, airport transfers.

***A dream realised... Southern Ocean Lodge welcomed its first guests in March 2008.***

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