



Baillie Lodges gives Longitude 131° a new orientation



Australia's iconic basecamp, Longitude 131°, joined the Baillie Lodges portfolio of luxury lodges in November 2013, and work has quickly begun to refresh the property in every sense, offering guests a new, personal experience of Uluru-Kata Tjuta.

The 15 luxury tented pavilions and guest lounging areas have been given the Baillie Lodges touch - from impeccable interior design and furnishings, to newly sophisticated cuisine with outback flavours, a range of new signature and bespoke guided experiences of the outback destination and the 'welcome home' feeling of first name service. Work is underway with the indigenous artists from nearby communities such as Maruku and Ernabella to introduce beautiful dot paintings, ceramics and wood carvings to the lodge and to share the artists' stories.



Plans are afoot for further redesigns with architect Max Pritchard, including two new premium tented suites with private plunge pools and views to Uluru. Watch this space! Baillie Lodges guests can now experience some of Australia's most iconic destinations in style - the red-dusted outback at Longitude 131°, dramatic coastal wilderness and wildlife at Southern Ocean Lodge on Kangaroo Island and the calm, kaleidoscopic beauty of the world's southernmost coral reef at Capella Lodge, Lord Howe Island.

New Video for Capella Lodge



A new four minute video offering a guest-insider's view of a stay at Capella Lodge is now ready to watch online. The evocative vision includes a walk-through of the luxurious, beach house style guest suites as well as the openly relaxed lounge and dining areas with those knee-melting views of the mountains and turquoise lagoon. The video offers a taste of the wining and dining at Capella, from delicious breakfasts and degustation dinners in the restaurant to sunset drinks and canapes on Gowers Terrace. It explores the many things to do on World Heritage-listed Lord Howe Island, including snorkelling, bike riding, walking and feeding the fish at Ned's Beach. Ideal whether you're considering a stay at Capella, or if you just want to escape for five minutes(!) the film offers a great virtual experience of Capella Lodge. Be transported - **View Now!**

New bikes and mountain bike track – active, experience focus

A fleet of new mountain bikes is now on offer for guests at Southern

Ocean Lodge, perfect for taking for a spin off the beaten track and exploring the wilderness of Kangaroo Island. A medium grade mountain bike trail loops from Southern Ocean Lodge through the bush and along the coast. It's a fun way to spend time with family and friends and to get out for fitness in the fresh air. There's a good chance of meeting wildlife along the way - koalas, kangaroos, Tamar wallabies and echidnas all call the bush home and might hop out to see the spectacle! Bikes are free for guest use at any time of day and helmets are provided. Check out the trail map [here](#) and to learn more about the lodge range of adventures, see the [Experiences Fact Sheet](#).



Meet the Manager | Adrian Levy, Longitude 131°



Longitude 131° Lodge Manager Adrian Levy has been at the helm of the luxury outback camp since plans were first at hand to include the iconic property in the Baillie Lodges portfolio.

Now after almost a year managing onsite at **Longitude 131°**, the plans continue! Adrian is highly regarded as having both boundless energy and determination to see plans actualised, which is evident in the transformation of the property and guest experience in such a short time.

In the remote location of Australia's outback, Adrian has successfully created and sustained a terrific team, which is friendly, dedicated and skilled at multi-tasking.

With a background in starting in entertainment on cruise ships and moving to luxury hotel management, Adrian knows how to run a show!

A taste of Capella at home



Chef Peter Smit has brought a new, very local flavour to the menus at Capella Lodge with produce plucked fresh from the kitchen gardens or foraged from the island's previously undiscovered natural treasure troves. Spring is an idyllic time on Lord Howe, when the migrating seabirds arrive to nest and the island offers produce that is fresh and flavourful. Plenty of leafy greens have been harvested from the kitchen garden this week, cauliflower, cabbage, carrots, herbs and rocket plus new crops of beetroot and radish, salsify and parsley root have been planted. Pete has been causing a stir among the nesting terns which swoop him trying to protect their chicks while he searches for island delicacies! Still, he's collected wood sorrel, oxalis, wild peas, sea parsley and pigs face. Whilst it's always preferable to have Pete create all one's meals whilst staying at Capella Lodge, here he has put together a **Spring Recipe** for a taste of Lord Howe at home. **Kingfish Sashimi - delish!**

Google Gives 360° View of Southern Ocean Lodge

Southern Ocean Lodge has become the first luxury lodge in South Australia to be featured in internet giant Google's new Business View program, which allows a full 360° virtual experience of the lodge from a preferred device – be it a desktop computer, laptop, tablet or mobile phone. New technology allows virtual visitors to navigate their own way around the lodge, being careful not to bump into any real guests! Google Business View was first launched in Australia in 2012 and the Lodge is now the largest virtual hotel tour in Australia with 160 panoramic immersive 360 degree images composed by 1920 images. The technology allows future guests to determine which suite best suits, or in exactly which lounge chair they might spend the afternoon with a book and a glass of wine, taking in the view of the wild Southern Ocean. **Take the tour here.**



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