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Capella Lodge is offering a tempting invite to escape the winter chills and warm up with its annual Fly Free - Stay 7 Pay 6* package. Take off with free flights and a bonus night in luxury at Capella in August and September and settle into the natural wonder of Lord Howe Island. It's a perfect season to explore the island's many walks through subtropical splendour, get back on the bike (literally!) or play a round at Lord Howe's picturesque 18 hole golf course. Experience nature's incredible theatre from dress circle position at Capella as the weather swirls around Mounts Gower and Ligdbird and the sun sets over turquoise waters beyond the tranquil Lover's Bay. The Fly Free - Stay 7 Pay 6* is on sale now, available for stays August 1 - September 30 2015. It's a small window, we say fly through it! *Subject to availability, conditions apply.

Jack Ingram at the Pass

Chef Jack Ingram has taken the apron-reins in the kitchen at Southern Ocean Lodge, replacing Tim Bourke as the acclaimed lodge's executive chef. Alongside career highlights including Michelinstarred Le Petit Canard in his home country the United Kingdom, as well as Victoria's own multi-award winning Vue du Monde, Jack has an impressive working history at Southern Ocean Lodge, his first 'home' on landing in Australia in 2009. Jack quickly fell for the range of pure, fresh produce available from small-scale producers on Kangaroo Island, and for the Baillie Lodges' culinary philosophy, which includes sourcing local ingredients to create a real sense of place, a taste of the destination. Jack relishes using the whole of each ingredient in sophisticated and creative ways, making each day's new menu both challenge and a joy! Read more about Jack on the blog.



A Salve for the Senses at Longitude 131°



Longitude 131° has revealed its new spa amenity range, designed with the healing essences and aromas of native Australian botanicals including Kakadu plum, Australian lemon myrtle and fragonia to offer guests a luxurious, invigorating relief from the outback's desert surrounds. Created exclusively for Longitude 131° by premium South Australia-based Nya Skincare and using only natural, plant-derived ingredients, Longitude's spa amenities are on offer in every guest tent. The range includes such treats for the senses a Shampoo with Australian sandalwood, lemon myrtle and Ligurian honey, Conditioner with lemon verbena, quandong and rosemary and a pocket-sized Lip Elixir with rose, shea butter and ylang ylang, perfect to take along on Longitude's outback adventures. For a fragrant memory of Uluru Kata Tjuta, guests can take home a Room Mist to recreate an aromatic essence of the outback.

Head South this Season and Save

Southern Ocean Lodge is pleased to be offering the Stay 4 Pay 3 Remarkable Retreat - a perennial favourite - again this season. The cool season is prime time to head south, with energising walks on offer and sealions and fur seals frolicking in the arctic Southern Ocean followed by the promise of restoration with fine Kangaroo Island cuisine in the lodge restaurant. The call of the open fire, a glass of South Australian red and the comfort of a 'ghost chair' in the Great Room is irresistible as the ocean roars outside; it's ideal for the heat and bubble of the terrace spa or for relaxing in the luxury of a salted bath. Savings and bonuses abound on the Stay 4 Pay 3 Remarkable Retreat package, on sale now, for stays until September 30, 2015. And – it's a remarkable retreat for solo travellers who pay only the twin share rate!



Lord Howe Island Leading the Charge on Renewable Energy



Lord Howe Island has powered up its plan to become 80% solar and wind-powered by 2019, with the introduction of a hybrid system of solar panels and two wind turbines to replace the current diesel power system which requires fortnightly freighting of fuel from the mainland. Grants from the Federal and NSW's Governments will aid the island's transformation to a renewable energy leader, with a sustainable operating system that sits well with its World Heritage List status and pristine environment of white-sanded beaches and rich subtropical rainforest, home and sanctuary to a wide range of migratory seabirds. The first privately-owned electric buggy has already arrived on the island, used by multi-generation islanders Rhonda Wilson and Ed Gower to take their recycling to the lagoon-side depot each week. Learn more about the sustainable initiatives in place at Capella Lodge, here.

Longitude 131° Makes Way for Ernabella Indigenous Arts

The Ernabella community of Indigenous Artists in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands (APY Lands) in remote South Australia was established in 1948 from its origins as a mission craft room, and has evolved to become a thriving art community that has ensured the preservation of Indigenous art heritage and culture.

Today, the community supports artists by making beneficial commercial connections and seeking opportunities for its artists to make certain the life and business of Indigenous art is sustained.

For instance, two ceramic artists, Tjimpuna Williams and Derek Jungarrayi Thompson, travelled to the birthplace of porcelain, Jingdezhen in China earlier this year to create large scale pots during a ceramic residency. The project was designed to bring together the two ancient cultures to create contemporary artworks. **Generating much excitement is the imminent arrival of one of these works for installation at Longitude 131°.**

Since Baillie Lodges assumed management of Longitude 131° in November 2013, Hayley Baillie has worked direct with Ernabella to commission works for guest tents and main lounge areas at the lodge, and stocked the smaller ceramic pieces - which have proved to be a popular keepsake from guests' experience of the Australian outback - in the boutique.

A new bespoke experience available at Longitude 131° has opened up another avenue for Ernabella's artists to teach their heritage and share their artworks, as the normally closed community has agreed to offer personalised visits exclusively to guests in a full day tour offering a private experience that promises to be rich, colourful and unforgettable. To learn more about this and the many other optional experiences on offer at Longitude 131°, visit the lodge website or contact our friendly team.



New LI'TYA Dihlbi Facial Launches at Southern Ocean Lodge



Premium skincare range LI'TYA, meaning 'of the earth' and which incorporates Australian botanicals with Indigenous massage techniques, has launched its newest spa treatment, the Dihlbi Facial, at Southern Ocean Lodge on Kangaroo Island. LI'TYA's skincare range and spa therapies have been essential to the Baillie Lodges spa experience for more than 10 years. Guests at Southern Ocean Lodge were the first to benefit from the 90 minute Dihlbi Bio Active Facial which combines the latest cellular renewal technology with Indigenous beauty botanicals including Banksia flower, Kakadu Plum and native fragonia in a luxurious two-phase treatment designed to restore hydration and reduce signs of aging. The Dihlbi Facial is available now for guests at Southern Ocean Lodge – find it on the menu at the Southern Spa.

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