



Baillie Lodges

Baillie Lodges is an intimate collection of Australian luxury lodges in exclusive locations of natural significance. **Capella Lodge** on World Heritage listed **Lord Howe Island** was the first property in this exciting premium accommodation portfolio. The globally celebrated and multi-award winning **Southern Ocean Lodge** on **Kangaroo Island** opened in 2008 as Australia's first true luxury wilderness lodge. The boutique properties appeal to the discerning global traveller seeking a remarkable Australian experience.

Why Lord Howe Island?

- Unique World Heritage listed subtropical island less than 2 hours flight from Sydney or Brisbane.
- The world's southern most coral reef, crystal lagoon teeming with life.
- Incredible national park walks, stunning vistas and white beaches.
- World class sport fishing.
- Small country town vernacularon an island!
- Visitor numbers limited to 400.
- No summer monsoon season – unlike Queensland Islands.
- Excellent island option for: - shorter itineraries, return visitors and those focusing on natural southern experience eg Kangaroo Island and Tasmania.
- Excellent romantic / honeymoon destination
- Active island destination not a "Flop and Drop"
- Unspoilt, unhurried, uncrowded

Location

Situated in the South Pacific Ocean, 700km north-east of Sydney, Australia, Lord Howe Island is a small, breathtakingly beautiful island, just 11km long and 2.8km at its widest point. Included on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1982, the island is bordered by a reef-fringed lagoon, rolling surf, and the world's southern most coral reef.

Access

QantasLink offers year-round scheduled services to Lord Howe Island. Flight time is under two hours, with flights departing Sydney on most days and Brisbane on weekends. There are convenient international connections through the major passenger terminals of Sydney and Brisbane. *Lord Howe Island (LDH) sectors are applicable to the Qantas International air pass as an "add on" sector.*

Lord Howe Experiences

To Do: Snorkelling, scuba diving, reef-walking, beachcombing, hand feeding of fish, board and body surfing, tennis, golf, bowling, canoeing and kayaking, yachting, boating, walking, cycling, scenic flights, bird watching, wind surfing, fine dining, swimming, climbing, fishing.

To See: Coral reef, kentia palms, crystal lagoon, plunging cliffs, rock pools, sandy beaches, exotic marine life, banyan forest, volcanic peaks, rare wood hens, sea and land birds, ship wrecks, museum.

Why Capella Lodge

- Private southerly location – only 20 guests.
- Only lodge with spectacular ocean and mountain views.
- Reputation as the islands icon dining destination showcasing contemporary Australian cuisine.
- Personal service and intimate surroundings combine to deliver a unique and exclusive Lord Howe experience.
- Capella is favoured by discerning guests seeking a more civilised, stylish and sophisticated escape.

Did You Know?

- Lord Howe Island was created 7 million years ago when a large shield volcano erupted from the floor of the Tasman Sea.
- The Island was originally 40 times larger than its 11km length and 2km width of today
- It is the world's most southerly coral reef.
- Two thirds of the island is covered in natural forest.
- The Island is home to over 500 species of fish, 57 species of ferns, 241 plant species, 7 native bird species, 90 species of coral and 50 species of snails!
- It is 600 km from the Australian mainland.
- Has 11,000 visitors per year with a cap of only 400 at any one time it is home to the Kentia palm which has been the world's most popular indoor palm for more than 120 years.
- There is a 25km speed limit for all vehicles on the Island.
- There are 350 permanent residents.
- Bikes are the most popular form of transport, followed closely by feet.
- There is no mobile phone reception here and that is a good thing.
- Was given World Heritage listing in 1982.
- Has a mixture of tropical and temperate marine life.
- Only known home of Woodhens – a flightless bird saved from extinction , White Gallinules – bird species sadly eaten to extinction by sailors in early settlement and Phasmids – stick insect thought to be extinct after the accidental introduction of rats.
- The tallest rock in the world – Ball's Pyramid – is 16km to the south.
- There are regular sightings of whales and dolphins.
- The Island is half an hour ahead of Australian Eastern Standard Time.
- To set foot on the Island is to escape to a pristine, unhurried and uncrowded environment.

Sample Itineraries

3 Nights – Lord Howe Discovery

Day 1

- Arrive in sub tropical paradise after a short 2 hour flight from Sydney or Brisbane
- Experience a personal island orientation with Capella Lodge managers and handfeed the awesome Kingfish at Ned's Beach
- Take it all in with a short stroll or bike ride from the lodge; Little Island, Lovers Bay and Blinky Beach
- Succumb to the comforts & indulgence of Capella before a dramatic sunset and superb contemporary pacific cuisine.

Day 2

- Immerse in the wonder of the World's southern most coral reef; dive, snorkel or glass bottom boat.
- Hike or stroll one of the many wonderful World Heritage walks or wanders. Capella's picnic lunches are legendary.

Day 3

- Cruise the lagoon to spectacular North Bay – snorkel, climb, beach or explore – and indulge in a gourmet BBQ Robinson Crusoe style.
- Rejuvenate with a treatment in the petite Capella Spa.
- Mingle & share adventures with like minded guests over a drink.

Day 4

- Relax at the lodge or energise with an array of activities.
- Lunch on the deck before the short transfer to the airport.

Additional Nights?

Remember our average stay is 6 nights!!!

- Board a round Island cruise.
- Summit Mt Gower one of Australia's best day walks.
- Set sail on an expedition to Ball's Pyramid – an awesome rock pinnacle the plunges vertically from the ocean floor.
- For those serious about their fishing – this island is heaven – there are a range of options from a few hours to full days.
- Tee off on the spectacular golf course just next to the lodge.
- Enlighten your mind on a private guided adventure with renowned naturalist Ian Hutton.

Luxury Lodges of Australia

Capella Lodge is honoured as a founding member of [Luxury Lodges of Australia](#), celebrating a new era of Australian experiential luxury accommodation and adventure.

Luxury Lodges of Australia is a collection of independent luxury lodges and camps offering unforgettable experiences in Australia's most inspiring and extraordinary locations. The Baillie Lodges properties are honoured amongst the 'first 15' founding lodge members of this prestigious collection designed to celebrate a new era of Australian luxury accommodation and adventure.