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Southern Ocean Lodge Voted Australia's Best in Travel + Leisure Top 100 Hotels List

Baillie Lodges' flagship property Southern Ocean Lodge on Kangaroo Island has been voted the best hotel in Australia in the prestigious <u>Travel + Leisure magazine Top 100 Hotels List 2019</u>. The celebrated luxury lodge is also the only Australian property to rank on this year's world-renowned list.

Southern Ocean Lodge retained its leading position as best Australian hotel from the 2018 list, with a score of 97.43 out of a possible 100, placing it at twenty-first place.

Regarded as a perennial favourite, Southern Ocean Lodge's placement in the 2019 Top 100 Hotels marks the hotel's seventh year running on the list. In addition, Southern Ocean Lodge was nominated best Australian hotel in the <u>Top 5 Australian and New Zealand Hotels</u> list.

The 2019 Top 100 Hotels list is the result of an international Travel + Leisure reader survey. It is one of the world's most esteemed hotel collections and representative of the world's most incredible travel experiences.

Baillie Lodges Chairman and CEO James Baillie said it was a great honour to have Southern Ocean Lodge rated among the world's best properties as it enters its second decade of operating excellence since opening in 2008.

"We're very proud to be the best – and only - Australian hotel in the World's Top 100 Hotels List, and to be placed again as the best Australian hotel in the Top 5 Australian New Zealand resorts category," Mr Baillie said.

"We value this recognition particularly as it's a reader-driven list, so it's a real testimony to the property's timeless design, exceptional service, locally-sourced food and wine and wildly beautiful location, which all contribute to its enduring appeal for visitors from Australia and overseas.

"We're very grateful to the outstanding team at Southern Ocean Lodge who are to be congratulated for this world-class accolade."

The full list of Travel + Leisure's world's best hotels can be viewed here: <u>Top 100 Hotels</u> and are published in the August issue of Travel + Leisure magazine. The top resort hotels in Australia and New Zealand can be viewed here: <u>Top AU & NZ</u>.

For information and bookings on Southern Ocean Lodge contact Baillie Lodges on 02 9918 4355 or reserve@baillielodges.com.au, See also www.southernoceanlodge.com.au

Baillie Lodges is an intimate portfolio of luxury lodges setting new benchmarks for premium experiential travel in Australian style. Set in exclusive locations of unique natural or cultural significance, the boutique properties appeal to the discerning global traveller seeking a remarkable experience. Baillie Lodges was founded in 2003 by life and business partners James and Hayley Baillie, who together bring a wealth of high-end tourism experience to this dynamic venture. In 2018, KSL Capital Partners entered into a joint venture partnership with James and Hayley, with the aim to further expand Australia's most unique collection of luxury lodges. For more information, please visit www.baillielodges.com.au. The Baillie Lodges properties are honoured as members of Luxury Lodges of Australia.

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