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Capella Lodge Named Best Australian Lodge in Condé Nast Readers' Choice Awards 2020

Baillie Lodges' luxury Lord Howe Island accommodation Capella Lodge has been voted the best resort in Australia in the [Condé Nast Traveler 2020 Readers' Choice Awards](#) Australia Pacific category announced today.

The esteemed recognition comes just days before Capella Lodge is due to reopen on October 10, following a seven-month hiatus due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

A short two-hour flight from Australia's east coast and home to the world's southernmost coral reef, the tiny World Heritage-listed Lord Howe Island boasts awe-inspiring natural assets making it a 'best-kept secret' destination for snorkelling and diving, as well as hiking along mountain and beach tracks.

Regular limits allow just 400 visitors to the island at any one time, making Lord Howe even more appealing as travellers increasingly seek out natural destinations with plenty of space and fresh air.

This year, more than 715,000 Condé Nast Traveler readers submitted a record number of responses rating their travel experiences from across the globe.

Baillie Lodges Founders James and Hayley Baillie who own Capella Lodge said the recognition in the 2020 Condé Nast Readers' Choice awards was especially significant in a year when travellers have had time to plan their next adventures to off-grid locations where nature was the main attraction.

"Capella was the first property in the Baillie Lodges portfolio and we're so thrilled to see this endorsement from some of the world's most discerning travellers," Mr and Mrs Baillie said.

"Lord Howe has been a favourite family holiday destination for us over generations and we consider the awards a reflection of a new era of conscious travel, where the chance to make a positive impact on the environment and communities in which we holiday will play a greater role.

"Travellers visiting Lord Howe for the first time or the thirtieth are in for a real treat. A holiday here is a chance to get out and have an adventure while coming face-to-face with incredible wildlife, from Masked Boobys and Muttonbirds to Green Sea turtles and Lord Howe's own anemone fish."

With views of Lord Howe's dramatic twin mountains and the world's most southerly coral reef, Capella Lodge is among Australia's most celebrated lodges with its own brand of barefoot luxury. Located 600km off Australia's east coast, Lord Howe Island is listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage site of unique natural significance and remains one of the most extraordinary sub-tropical islands on earth.

About:

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 baillielodges.com.au

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