

Media Release



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New Zealand's Huka Lodge Named in 2021 T+L 500 List

Long regarded as the founder of the luxury lodge category, New Zealand's iconic Huka Lodge has continued its long tradition of receiving the world's most prestigious accolades, this time as one of Travel + Leisure's top hotels in the world with a place in the 2021 T+L 500 List.

The recognition comes just weeks after Huka Lodge joined the Australia-based Baillie Lodges collection of luxury lodges in a once-in-a-lifetime event for both parties.

The highly regarded T+L 500 franchise has been resurrected by Travel + Leisure after a short hiatus, reflecting a desire to recognise and reward the hard-working, high-achieving world's best 500 hotels at a time when the global climate has been especially challenging for the tourism industry.

Each year, the readers of Travel + Leisure vote for their favourite destinations, city hotels, resorts and experiences in the World's Best Awards survey. The properties are divided into eight geographic regions and the catalogue is a considered a 'keeper' as a trusted resource for millions of dedicated travellers.

Huka Lodge General Manager Kerry Molloy said the recognition in such a highly regarded global list was a boost for the lodge team which had continued to provide its exemplary personal service and high standards throughout the Coronavirus pandemic.

"It's been an unsettling time for all of us in the tourism industry, and we've been fortunate to have had the continued support of our loyal New Zealand guests as well as the opportunity to welcome a new generation of future return guests," Mr Molloy said.

"It's reassuring to know that overseas travellers will be making plans to visit Huka Lodge when it's safe to do so and international borders have reopened," he said.

"It's very special for us to hear that we remain top of mind for travellers planning their next getaways nearly a century after Huka Lodge was first opened in 1924."

The full list of Travel + Leisure's world's best 500 hotels can be viewed [here](#) and will be published in the March issue of Travel + Leisure magazine.

Editors' Notes: Baillie Lodges is an intimate portfolio of luxury lodges setting new benchmarks for premium experiential travel. Set in exclusive locations of unique natural or cultural significance, the boutique properties appeal to the discerning global traveller seeking a remarkable experience. The Australia-based collection was founded in 2003 by James and Hayley Baillie and includes Longitude 131° at Ulugu-Kata Tjuta, Capella Lodge on Lord Howe Island and Silky Oaks Lodge at the Daintree Rainforest. Flagship property Southern Ocean Lodge on Kangaroo Island was destroyed in the 2020 bushfires and its rebuild is currently in planning. In 2019, an affiliate of KSL Capital Partners acquired Baillie Lodges with the aim to further expand the unique collection of luxury lodges. Most recently, Clayoquot Wilderness Lodge on Canada's Vancouver Island and New Zealand's Huka Lodge joined the portfolio, marking the collection's foray into international waters. For more information, please visit baillielodges.com.au. Baillie Lodges' Australian properties are honoured as members of [Luxury Lodges of Australia](#).