

Southern Ocean Lodge named Andrew Harper's Hideaway of the Year

Kangaroo Island's iconic lodge wins Andrew Harper's grandest award



In anticipation of a new year of exceptional luxury travel experiences, Andrew Harper has just released its January 2012 *Hideaway Report*, and in it reveals its Grand Award winners. Baillie Lodges' much-lauded Southern Ocean Lodge, Kangaroo Island has been awarded the most prestigious of titles; **Andrew Harper's Hideaway of the Year 2012**.

Based in New York, NY, *Andrew Harper's Hideaway Report* is a quarterly luxury travel review available to all members of the exclusive Andrew Harper Club. It is considered the most respected publication in luxury travel. Southern Ocean Lodge has been named Hideaway of the Year, at the top of a very prestigious list comprised of Mr Harper's favourite 19 properties he **visited within the past calendar year**.

World-roaming luxury travel reviewer Andrew Harper notes of his anonymous stay at Southern Ocean Lodge that it was, **'Unquestionably the highlight of our three-week trip to Australia.'**

James and Hayley Baillie, the very hands-on owners and designers of the property, are delighted with this result.

'To receive this endorsement from an esteemed luxury travel reviewer such as Andrew Harper is every hotelier's ideal. That Mr Harper travels incognito to the far corners of the planet and experiences the most luxurious in travel reinforces that what we have to offer at Southern Ocean Lodge is truly special.

'We'd further like to congratulate the terrific team at Southern Ocean Lodge, which brings a delicate balance of professionalism and personality to make each guest's stay an unforgettable experience.'

The Lodge shares its achievement with fine Australian company and fellow [Luxury Lodges of Australia](#) members South Australia's The Louise, and Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa, including a special mention to Joost Heymeijer, GM.

Each of Mr. Harper's Grand Award winners possesses exceptional character, a commitment to classic hospitality and a profound sense of place. Since 1979, Andrew Harper has provided members of the exclusive Andrew Harper club with honest insights and recommendations about the finest luxury travel experiences worldwide. Mr. Harper does not evaluate hotels by means of a checklist, but uses his three decades of experience to distinguish the truly enchanting from the merely excellent.

Read the Southern Ocean Lodge review in full online in Andrew Harper's just released [January 2012 Hideaway Report](#); and at the [Southern Ocean Lodge blog](#).

The full list of 2012 *Hideaway Report* Grand Award winners:

Southern Ocean Lodge, Australia
Ocean House, Rhode Island
Glenmere Mansion, New York
Panamonte Inn & Spa, Panama
Hotel Plaza Grande, Ecuador
Jumby Bay, Antigua
Hôtel Le Toiny, St. Barths
Sasaab, Kenya
Elsa's Kopje, Kenya
Casa Manni, Italy

La Coquillade, France
The Yeatman, Portugal
Domaine de Murtoli, France
Amanfayun, China
Four Seasons Hangzhou, China
Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa, Australia
The Louise, Australia
Trump International Hotel, Chicago
The Resort at Pelican Hill, California

About Andrew Harper Free of advertising since its inception in June 1979, *Hideaway Report* is a private monthly publication for sophisticated travelers. The selection of hotels, resorts and restaurants for inclusion in this publication is made on a completely independent basis, with Andrew Harper LLC paying full rate for all meals, lodging and related travel expenses. Andrew Harper and his editors travel incognito to write candid and unbiased travel reviews for a private membership service, which provides personalized travel-planning assistance, bespoke tours and valuable travel privileges to its members. For more information about Andrew Harper, visit <http://www.AndrewHarper.com>.

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Editors Notes: Baillie Lodges is a collection of intimate luxury lodges in unique wilderness destinations. Capella Lodge on Lord Howe Island launched the portfolio and continues to capture guests in its magic. Southern Ocean Lodge is Australia's first true luxury lodge offering a premium nature-based escape. Both Baillie Lodges properties are honoured as founding members of [Luxury Lodges of Australia](http://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com).