Hayley and I created Baillie Lodges in 2003, inspired by a shared love for travel, a passion for exploring the world, a taste for fine, local dining and an appreciation of modern architecture and refined interior design. Fundamentally, we wanted to showcase Australia’s most extraordinary destinations and to create standout luxury lodges offering an authentic experience of place.

We are very lucky to have created a working lifestyle doing what we love – travelling for work as well as for pleasure is an ideal combination. We’re fortunate to be able to work together and to have complementary skills and interests. And with four active sons we hope to be able to show them what the world has to offer and to give them the gift of travel.

It’s our pleasure to introduce the trio of remarkable lodges that make up the Baillie Lodges portfolio: Capella Lodge on World Heritage-listed Lord Howe Island, Southern Ocean Lodge on the coastal sanctuary of Kangaroo Island and Longitude 131° at Australia’s spiritual heart Uluru-Kata Tjuta.

Elemental to each lodge is a blueprint – the prescribed key elements which define a Baillie Lodges experience: a unique natural location, a contemporary architectural design symbiotic with the surrounds, fine food and beverages featuring local ingredients, a dedicated team offering ‘first name’ service and a welcome-home feel. The overall sense is one of generous hospitality, of easy, relaxed luxury, of seemingly effortless attention to detail.

Each lodge is a founding member of the Luxury Lodges of Australia collection. Together, Baillie Lodges offers guests an enlightened experience of Australia, a celebration of its wonders and a genuine welcome (to our) home.

We look forward to seeing you soon –

James & Hayley

Baillie Lodges is a dynamic portfolio of luxury lodges created by the partnership of James and Hayley Baillie, setting new benchmarks for premium experiential travel in unique Australian style.
OUR LUXURY

The Baillie Lodges experience defines the luxury of travel. Together the properties are timeless in design, with myriad thoughtful details combining to create a feeling of genuine warmth and generous welcome.

Each lodge offers a gateway to its extraordinary location, from a personal experience of its culture and history, to its regional art and natural heritage as well as a sharing of food and wine sourced from local producers.

A stay at Baillie Lodges is a wholly sensory experience – a union of sights, scents and tastes that immerses guests in their surrounds. It’s to wonder at untouched horizons, while considered architectural design creates an easy connection with the indoors and out.

People are what keep our friends returning for more; to stay with Baillie Lodges is to stay with family. Each guest’s sojourn is tailor-made, creating a personal, lasting connection. It’s a luxury of home-coming and of spending time with loved ones.

The effect is a holistic travel experience, a journey within the destination – the luxury of travel.
Southern Ocean Lodge is Australia’s most extraordinary luxury lodge, offering a unique and exclusive Kangaroo Island experience.

Graced with sweeping horizons of pristine wilderness, Kangaroo Island is renowned as Australia’s Galapágos. Kangaroos, koalas, seals, dolphins and whales frolic to everyone’s delight in this ‘zoo without fences’.

An inspiringly wild landscape is also home to artists and artisan food and wine producers, and is rich in maritime tales of the untamed Southern Ocean. The island’s south-west coast is spectacularly isolated, offering a breathtaking silence, a rare moment of glorious solitude and peace.
It’s hard to imagine a more sympathetic tribute to the wild beauty of Kangaroo Island than Southern Ocean Lodge. SENSITIVELY designed to blend seamlessly with this ruggedly beautiful landscape, the luxury lodge appears to float along its secluded cliff top setting.

The expansive Great Room lies at the helm, forming the hub of the lodging experience – guests dine decadently in the restaurant, lounge with a book and a drink or plan a great day ahead. Floor to ceiling windows extend panoramic views of white-sanded beaches and never-ending wilderness with the wild Southern Ocean thundering below. A commitment to sustainability is evident throughout, while local limestone walls, recycled timbers and bespoke furnishings afford guests a luxurious and exclusive retreat, Kangaroo Island style.
Kangaroo Island is fast emerging as a haven for artisan producers, with local growers providing a bounty of premium produce. Dining at Southern Ocean Lodge is designed to reflect its unique surrounds.

The chefs at Southern Ocean Lodge work closely with the island’s providores to source ingredients for its daily-designed menus. The lodge acts as ambassador for Kangaroo Island’s local producers, gathering supplies and offering guests an accomplished menu including free range lamb, sheep’s milk yoghurt and cheeses, native berries, Ligurian honey, free roaming geese and sustainably produced marron. A generous ‘at-home’ feel flows throughout, with a convivial open bar stocked with South Australian craft beers, premium wines and spirits, providing an easy self-serve option. A walk-in cellar featuring exclusively South Australian wines – many available only at the cellar door – completes an exclusive Kangaroo Island epicurean adventure.
Kangaroo Island’s vast, ever-changing landscape and endless horizons beg to be explored. A tailor-made itinerary of guided experiences offers guests a first-hand encounter with abundant wildlife, roaming freely in its natural environment.

Guests might walk among sea lions lolling in the dunes at Seal Bay, take a walk on the wild side at the Remarkable Rocks and witness kangaroos and wallabies emerging to graze the grasslands at dusk. The sense of place is enhanced by discovery of Kangaroo Island’s fascinating history of wretched shipwrecks and stoic lighthouse keepers, of isolated, persevering landholders privileged with few comforts save the stars in the clear night sky. Signature experiences include a Flinders Chase adventure, and walks along the coastal cliff tops whilst a range of bespoke adventures takes in quad-biking, kayaking, guided hikes and private charters to discover the island’s fascinating local artists or food and wine producers.

‘Kangaroo Island has come of age with your belief in it.’

Maggie Beer
Australian Food Legend
The satellite Southern Spa is a peaceful journey away from the main lodge, reached by a coastal boardwalk among native mallee. With the oxygen-charged ocean pounding below, this intimate and serene sanctuary appears above sheer limestone cliffs, offering views of the great sweep of the southern sky stretching towards the imagined Antarctic.

An indulgent menu of spa treatments features the Australian made Li’tya spa care range and indigenous massage techniques and may be personally tailored to suit individual requests. Kangaroo Island’s own natural beauty products including Ligurian honey, eucalyptus, mineral salts and lavender combine to create an essential island spa experience. A luxe steam room offers a chance to cleanse whilst the Spa’s open-air terrace offers the perfect lounging place to soak in the moment.
Twenty-one contemporary suites cantilever along the curve of the limestone cliffs, each with unbroken views of the Southern Ocean and dramatic coastal wilderness. It’s a perfect place to spot whales breaching and dolphins surfing the waves, to catch sight of an Osprey in flight or to watch the sun rise from the comfort of a well dressed king bed. Custom designed furniture and locally sourced soft furnishings invite luxurious lounging, while works by Kangaroo Island artists offer an inspiration. Guests bathe with a view to the Southern Ocean with floor to ceiling windows, warm limestone floors, generous rain-shower and exclusive botanic rich spa range. A private outdoor terrace with daybed allows a step into the landscape. An in-suite bar offers a selection of South Australian treats just perfect for a snack between adventures.

Kangaroo Island sits a mere 15km from the shores of mainland South Australia. As Australia’s third largest, the island is 155km long by 55km wide.

Located at Hanson Bay on the island’s south-west coast, Southern Ocean Lodge is a 30 minute drive from the airport or 40 minute drive from the ferry terminal. Regular 30 minute flights operate from Adelaide to Kangaroo Island’s Kingscote Airport to be met for transfer to the lodge. Private charters can also be arranged to a nearby airfield.

For self drive island excursions, a 45 minute ferry service runs between Cape Jervis on the mainland and Penneshaw on Kangaroo Island. Cape Jervis is a picturesque two hour drive from Adelaide.

LUXE

ORIGINS

GETTING THERE
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Lord Howe Island is a subtropical ‘treasure island’ preserved in time. An intoxicating blend of pristine beaches, verdant pastures, lush rainforests and sheer volcanic peaks, Lord Howe is a sanctuary for rare plants, sea birds and marine life.

The crescent-shaped island cradles the world’s southern-most coral reef, warmed by currents from the Coral Sea to the north and providing home to green sea turtles and a kaleidoscope of abundant coral and fish, perfect to discover by snorkel or glass bottom-boat. The island’s many walking tracks scope mountains, beaches and rainforests, offering spectacular views at every turn.

Lord Howe has been a protected marine park for more than a century and was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1982. Rising sharply more than 800m above sea level, Mounts Gower and Lidgbird stand at the island’s helm, the assumed natural caretakers, often shrouded in clouds and with an otherworldly, magnetic pull drawing visitors in.

A fortunate few enjoy this island paradise, with a small number of residents and only four hundred visitors permitted at any one time this precious ecology continues to thrive just as nature intended.
Celebrated as the most luxurious retreat on Lord Howe Island, Capella Lodge rests above romantic Lovers Bay and at the foot of the towering Mounts Gower and Lidgbird, welcoming spectacular views of the ocean, subtropical reef and mountains. The contemporary architectural design presents generous indoor-outdoor lounging areas and a light-filled, expansive bar and restaurant with ceiling-high glass that opens beneath a dramatic skillion roof seeming to reach to the mountain peaks beyond. Outside, Gower’s Terrace offers luxurious lounging with a view, ideal for relaxing or enjoying sunset drinks, while a horizon pool gently cascades and invites a languid dip. Inside, a feeling of relaxed sophistication flows throughout. Beach-house chic furnishings and custom fabrics complement island-themed artworks and recycled wooden floors creating an easy ambience and barefoot luxury.
Cuisine at Capella Lodge is designed to promote the fresh island flavours of superb local and regional produce. A surprising harvest springs from this tiny, pristine island blessed with rich soils and bountiful waters and from Capella’s own kitchen garden.

Dining at Capella Lodge is at once refined and generous, sophisticated and relaxed, international and island-inspired. It’s a celebration of fine local produce, with an abundance of fresh line-caught fish, island-grown greens and foraged coastal herbs.

The restaurant opens to spectacular views of the lagoon and mountains, offering an idyllic backdrop for dining at every occasion throughout the day. Outdoors, the simple pleasure of a long and lazy barbecue lunch enjoyed alfresco is a favourite Lord Howe tradition— with fish feeding and snorkelling optional. Fresh produce-driven menus change daily to showcase locally sourced and often organic ingredients accompanied by lodge-made specialities. Sunset drinks and canapes at the evening’s open bar cap off the day as the sun slips behind a pink-skied horizon and segues easily to dinner. A generous selection of premium wines includes hand-chosen labels from Australia’s finest wineries to complement the fresh island flavours.
Sir David Attenborough once wrote that Lord Howe is ‘so extraordinary it is almost unbelievable…’

World Heritage-listed Lord Howe Island is a paradise of rainforests, reefs and beaches and home to hundreds of rare and endemic species, meaning any visit to the place has an air of a National Geographic expedition.

With Capella Lodge considered one’s own luxe base camp, guests take to walking tracks to explore subtropical forests and white-sanded beaches and to take in remote rocky coves alive with magnificent birdlife or valleys brimming with ancient plants. There are mountains to climb, including to the summit of Mt Gower, rated as one of the world’s best day walks. Below, the clear, warm waters of the lagoon are ablaze with the colour of corals. Sea turtles and a riot of fish swim in submarine cities sheltered in the reef, while kingfish and tuna cruise in open waters beyond. Exploring this underwater world is as simple as taking fins and snorkel, a kayak or a glass-bottomed boat, or a scuba-dive for deeper inspection.
Inspired by the carefree spirit of the authentic Australian beach house, Capella Lodge has nine contemporary, island-styled suites designed to reflect Lord Howe’s pristine natural environment. Each provides a private and relaxed retreat, extending the easy feel of the main lodge with timber floors, marine-inspired finishes and expansive windows to welcome in the sea breeze. Spacious, light-filled interiors feature stylishly appointed king beds, bespoke furnishings and specially commissioned artworks to create a feeling of understated luxury. Generous basalt stone bathrooms offer a rain shower and signature spa amenities while a well-stocked in-suite bar offers a range of gourmet treats for lazily indulgent moments. Private decks with lounging areas take in views of ocean and mountains under the sway of Lord Howe’s endemic Kentia palms and welcome the outside in.

Lord Howe is situated in the South Pacific Ocean, 700km north-east of Sydney, Australia. Access is exclusively via a short Qantas flight which departs daily from Sydney and provides a spectacular aerial welcome to the island sanctuary. QantasLink operates 32-seat Dash 8 aircraft to Lord Howe Island. Flights are less than 2 hours from Sydney or Brisbane. A 14kg luggage limit per person applies on all Lord Howe Island flights. Capella Lodge hosts meet all flights, welcoming and then farewelling guests from the airport’s green lawn. Return transfers between airport and lodge are provided in true Capella comfort and style.
Outback Dreaming

Longitude 131°, the luxury desert basecamp at Uluru-Kata Tjuta, offers an essential experience of Australia’s spirited heartland in Baillie Lodges’ exclusive style.

Treasured as Australia’s spiritual heart, the dual World Heritage-listed Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park is an ancient desert landscape widely known as the ‘Red Centre’ thanks to the rust-red earth which makes up the region’s towering rock formations and flowing sand dunes.

Domed by a deep blue sky and spanning a vast expanse of the Northern Territory, the outback’s rugged beauty is heightened by the living presence of one of the world’s largest monoliths, Uluru (Ayers Rock) and the sacred red domes of Kata Tjuta (The Olgas) which stand nearby.

It’s a land of stark contrasts, playing spiritual home to the world’s oldest living culture, the indigenous Australians, whilst revealing a more modern history with the folklore of the early western explorers.

A visit to Uluru-Kata Tjuta is an experience of culture and heritage, as guests have a first-hand and often life-changing introduction to the creation stories of the traditional custodians and connect with this irresistible land that is at once magic, magnetic and splendidly isolated.
Longitude 131° is the outback’s most glamorous address. Nestled atop rust-red dunes, Longitude 131° overlooks Australia’s best-known natural icon, Uluru. This is glamping at its most luxurious.

The welcome open spaces of the central Dune House include the restaurant with ever-changing views of the monolith as a backdrop for every meal as well as lounging areas in contemporary campaign style, ideal for relaxing with an icy drink and exchanging stories of the day’s adventures in the outback.

Indigenous artworks from local artists stand alongside an array of artefacts of the first western pioneers. Glass doors open on to a timeless desert landscape, affording guests an easy encounter with the outdoors. Floor to ceiling windows and a high canopied roof offer a cool retreat from the Red Centre and lead the style of the guest pavilions beyond.
Located at the heart of Australia, Longitude 131° offers a dining experience that represents the very best ingredients from around the nation, brought together in one kitchen.

Guests are intrigued by the flavours and textures of the bush on the menu, with desert-foraged herbs, finger limes, muntrie berries, quandongs and Davidson plums creating a uniquely local dining experience.

The Dune House, with its panoramic views and soaring roof, is the central hub of Longitude 131°, where guests dine and relax. The feel-at-home open bar is available throughout the day, generously stocked with a ‘top shelf’ selection of Australian wines and beers, as well as premium spirits. Sunset drinks and canapés are enjoyed in the cool of the evening either on the dune-top at Longitude 131°, or in the presence of Uluru, allowing guests a view of the changing lights reflected on the Rock’s many faces as the sun slips below the horizon.

Dinner at Table 131° is one of life’s most memorable, as the theatre is transported to a remote setting among the dunes and guests relax along a convivial, lamp-lit table for a degustation menu under a glittering canopy of stars. This is, without doubt, the crescendo to an amazing day of discovery.
Guests at Longitude 131° adopt the spirit of the original pioneers, relaxing after a day’s exploring in canopied pavilions, recreated for the 21st century as sanctuaries of earthy elegance.

Custom-designed furniture from contemporary Australian designers offers stylish lounging, whilst the bespoke ‘Baillie Bed’ dressed in organic linens and luxurious throws holds centre stage. Private floor to ceiling windows yield unparalleled views of Uluru, quite literally at the end of the bed. Each ‘tent’ is named for an explorer or pioneer and framed artefacts offer a first-hand history and tales of a much tougher experience in the outback. The unique textures of local indigenous artworks provide a colourful contrast to the pioneering past. An ensuite bathroom offers a generous rain shower, while the in-suite bar proffers a selection of Australia’s best loved gourmet treats, making the early start for sunrise tours of Uluru and Kata Tjuta an even more appealing prospect.

SACRED GROUND
With Longitude 131° as luxury base camp, guests can explore the protected cultural and natural landscape of World Heritage listed Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. Longitude 131° operates a signature itinerary of personally guided experiences of Uluru and Kata Tjuta allowing an encounter with the Red Centre’s iconic natural attractions. Guides at Longitude 131° have an intimate knowledge of the geology and ecology of this ancient land and an introduction to the traditional Anangu Tjukurpa, which is the foundation of the indigenous community’s life and society. These stories, shared along each of the tours, enrich and add a personal education of the local landscape and culture to the experience. Guests looking to explore more of the outback, or who have a special interest to pursue can choose from a selection of bespoke experiences in addition to their signature Longitude 131° itinerary. Activities may be relaxed and intimate, like romantic private dining or sunset viewing options to more energetic pursuits like guided hikes, which include the classic Uluru base walk and rewarding Valley of the Winds circuit at Kata Tjuta. There are private arrival and departure tour options, most thrillingly via helicopter.
Longitude 131° stands at the gateway to Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park in the heart of the Northern Territory.

Only three hours’ travel by air from the east coast of Australia, flights are available from Sydney, Cairns and Alice Springs direct to Ayers Rock Airport daily; flights from Melbourne operate on selected days.

Alternatively, flights from Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Darwin connect via Alice Springs and onto Ayers Rock Airport.

Longitude 131° operates complimentary transfers connecting with all Ayers Rock Airport flights in a prestige fleet of custom luxury vehicles.

An adventurous self-drive excursion is a popular option and a range of hire car options is available.

Longitude 131° also partners with outback adventure operators for specialist ventures, ranging from ‘bush tucker’ tours – with invaluable help from students at the local indigenous school to reveal hidden menu items on offer in the outback – to day trips to Kings Canyon. Scenic flights over Uluru, Kata Tjuta and beyond to Mount Conner, the region’s ‘other’ distinctive monolith offer an exhilarating aerial perspective of the outback, revered as a ‘must do’ by those in the know.

Adventure seekers can jump on a Harley-Davidson for an unforgettable ride around Uluru, join a camel train for a mesmeric encounter of the outback at dusk in the style of the western pioneers, whilst others take to mountain bikes for a more down-to-earth adventure. For lovers of art, a visit to local indigenous art galleries is a chance to witness artists at work and even an opportunity for guests to create their own dot-painting.

Possibilities to explore Australia’s outback are as vast as its horizons; the team at Longitude 131° will choreograph each guest’s stay to create a highly tailored, personal experience of Uluru-Kata Tjuta and beyond and always in Baillie Lodges’ stylish comfort.
For those passionate about celebrating a special occasion, delving deep into a special-interest event, retreating for a premium corporate incentive or exclusive meeting-with-a-view, the three Baillie Lodges properties deliver a remarkable experience.

A unique combination of superb fine dining, premium facilities and meeting venues, luxury accommodation and a tailored itinerary of outdoor experiences creates an unforgettable retreat.

For social celebrations including weddings, anniversaries and birthdays, the team at each lodge can create special menus, venue themes and group activities – and such special occasions are also often shared simply with a loved one or lucky few. A corporate event at Baillie Lodges is enriched by private meeting areas, fine dining and a far-from-the-boardroom itinerary of signature adventures and challenging bespoke experiences.

The popular natural history Expedition program can be coordinated around a special interest group from between three and seven night stays, with an itinerary of adventures tailored to preference and varying among the extraordinary lodge locations; subtropical Lord Howe Island, wildly beautiful Kangaroo Island or the World Heritage-listed magnetism of the Red Centre.

From guided hikes and amazing wildlife encounters to gourmet excursions, location dining and adrenaline-filled adventures, there’s an activity for every whim. The Expeditions provide a chance to learn more about a destination’s unique flora, fauna and landscape, with interpretive tours and fascinating lectures delivered by field experts.

For dedicated food-lovers, the popular KI Food Safari traverses Kangaroo Island to meet its artisan producers, led by some of Australia’s best known foodie ambassadors. From a free-range lamb farm to a sheep’s milk dairy and beehives housing the island’s pure Ligurian bees, the KI Food Safari is a deliciously hands-on experience that follows the island’s produce on its journey to the menus at Southern Ocean Lodge.

At Longitude 131°, guests can join indigenous students from the local high school in a ‘bush tucker’ tour to discover the hidden tasty treasures of the outback, whilst at Capella Lodge on Lord Howe Island some precious foraging tips from the chef reveal a bounty of edible sea herbs and succulents growing among the reef shallows.

Events of every kind at Baillie Lodges are exclusive, tailored and luxurious, delivering an experience that is at once highly satisfying and uniquely memorable.
Baillie Lodges promises an inspiring experience of Australia at its most extraordinary, from the idyllic paradise of Lord Howe, to the pristine sanctuary of Kangaroo Island and the timeless heart of the ‘Red Centre’. Capturing the essence of this remarkable land, each destination is easily accessed by daily flights from major ports.
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