

## Kangaroo Island, Australia



Kangaroo Island will welcome SOL 2.0, a luxurious rebuild of Southern Ocean Lodge. *Source: Southern Ocean Lodge*

After being destroyed by the 2019 bush fires on Kangaroo Island, the luxurious Southern Ocean Lodge (SOL) is planning a spectacular comeback this year with a \$50 million, 25-room rebuild intended to maximize the ocean and wilderness views. SOL's original architect is behind the transformation of SOL 2.0, set to include a 6,888-square-foot suite with four rooms facing the Southern Ocean from its terrace and pool. Three treatment rooms with bushland views will be part of a new spa, and guided experiences come included in the stay, be it a half-day tour of Flinders Chase National Park or a visit to view endangered Australian sea lions at Seal Bay. The smartest touch? For future resilience, the lodge is adding a perimeter buffer made of fire-retardant succulent plants and native juniper. *Opening in the second half of 2023.*