

Kangaroo Island

Widely regarded as Australia's Galapagos and brimming with diverse wildlife and natural beauty, Kangaroo Island sits a mere 15km from the shores of mainland South Australia. A quick flight or leisurely ferry passage via Adelaide transports guests to this Island of extraordinary contrasts, teeming with opportunities for exploration and adventure. With a showcase of spectacular natural attractions, abundant wildlife and a climate as dynamic as the scenery, Kangaroo Island is regarded as one of Earth's last unspoilt refuges.

Southern Ocean Lodge Copy – Version 1 (50 words)

Southern Ocean Lodge, Kangaroo Island is Australia's most extraordinary luxury lodge experience. Exclusive and award-winning, the world-class lodge offers an unforgettable blend of contemporary luxury and pure nature. Twenty-one suites welcome breathtaking views whilst all-inclusive rates, first name service and personalised itinerary combine to offer the ultimate Kangaroo Island encounter.

Southern Ocean Lodge Copy – Version 2 (100 words)

Southern Ocean Lodge, Kangaroo Island is Australia's most extraordinary luxury lodge experience. Exclusive and award-winning, the world-class lodge is sensitively designed to float amongst the coastal drama of the island's south west, offering an unforgettable blend of contemporary luxury and pure nature. Twenty-one luxurious suites welcome panoramic views of the great Southern Ocean and boundless coastal wilderness, and feature lavish sleeping areas, sunken lounge and glass-surround ensuite. The Southern Spa features signature treatments with Kangaroo Island botanicals designed to relax and rejuvenate. All-inclusive rates, first name service and personalised experiential itinerary combine to offer guests the ultimate Kangaroo Island encounter.

Southern Ocean Lodge Copy – Version 3 (150 words)

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Southern Ocean Lodge Copy – Version 4 (200 words)

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More Kangaroo Island

Kangaroo Island is just a short hop from Adelaide but a world away in spirit. At around 4500 sq km, Kangaroo Island is Australia's third largest island, considered a microcosm of the all the best attributes of the mainland. Rimmed by 540km of spectacular coastline with contrasting native bush and pastoral interiors, the Island is renowned as nature's wonderland, brimming with diverse wildlife and natural beauty.

With 21 national and conservation parks, 267 species of birds, 891 species of native plants and a species of bee found nowhere else on the planet, Kangaroo Island has established itself as a premiere destination for nature lovers of all types. Kangaroo Island's prolific wildlife includes penguins, Australian sea lions, Australian and New Zealand fur seals, koalas, echidnas, wallabies and a rich and varied birdlife, each reveling in the protected environs.

Southern Ocean Lodge sits on the island's south west coast, where natural icons jostle and Antarctica is the next stop on the horizon. Opportunities for exploration and adventure abound. Seal Bay is spectacular with the chance to walk among Australia's third largest and most accessible colony of Australian sea lions. These amazing animals surf the waves, loll lazily on the beach, or enjoy a tussle. Their counterparts, Australian and New Zealand fur seals can also be observed at rest on the rocks or frolicking in the surf around Admirals Arch, a magnificent coastal grotto. The Remarkable Rocks are a fine example of nature's might and majesty, inspiring visitors to wander and wonder, camera in hand. Crouching over the coastal landscape, these natural granite sculptures were carved over time by the relentless winds, rain and salt from the powerful Southern Ocean.

Kangaroo Island offers an array of pursuits from the energetic to the sublimely relaxed. With one-third covered by native bush land, the island is ideal for wilderness treks. For adventure seekers there are many nature-based activities including quad-biking, kayaking, beach fishing or screaming down a sand dune!

Calmer pass-times include beachcombing, nocturnal tours and star-gazing beneath the heavens. A destination for all seasons, Kangaroo Island's climate is as dynamic as the scenery - from summer to winter the island yields fresh perspectives. Rightly famous for its prolific wildlife and natural beauty, the island has more to offer - a fascinating heritage of wrecks and whales, a thriving food and wine culture producing some of the world's finest, fresh and sustainable produce and a welcoming local community - a brilliant blend, unique to Kangaroo Island.

Baillie Lodges

Baillie Lodges is an Australian collection of intimate luxury lodges designed to blend with destinations of unique cultural and natural significance, appealing to the discerning global traveller. The celebrated portfolio of properties includes Capella Lodge on World Heritage listed Lord Howe Island and the globally acclaimed Southern Ocean Lodge on Kangaroo Island. Baillies Sydney, set in the heart of the historic Rocks district, is planned for opening in late 2013. Combining standout locations with organic luxury, contemporary design, locally sourced cuisine and first-name service, together the lodges create a soul-inspiring experience of place. Baillie Lodges is Australian luxury travel defined.

Luxury Lodges of Australia

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