



## Festive Season Wishes and New Year Plans

**It's been a busy year at Baillie Lodges, with Capella Lodge, Southern Ocean Lodge and Longitude 131° seeming even more popular than ever before!** The five-day KI Wilderness Trail has officially opened on Kangaroo Island, with a section running nearby to Southern Ocean Lodge, and opening up a host of ideas for our guests to experience different parts of it, as well as other lesser known walks, from the comfort of the lodge where there are good things to eat and drink, deliciously comfortable beds and no need to carry a back-pack! Plans are also set to become reality at Longitude 131°, where guests will soon be enjoying new dining and lounge-surrounds in the Dune House along with a dedicated spa, pool and dune-top bar. But first we have plans for unforgettable festive season celebrations at each of the three Baillie Lodges properties, and **we'd like to wish you our very best for a Happy Christmas and fabulous New Year. We hope to see you along the way!**



## Walk the Wild Isle on the KI Wilderness Trail



**Opening in October this year, the KI Wilderness Trail is a five-day, 61km trail developed by National Parks South Australia and is on track to be one of Australia's great walks.** The trail begins at the Flinders Chase Visitors Centre, takes in the Platypus Waterholes and Snake Lagoon, Cape du Couedic, Sanderson Bay, Grassdale and Kelly Hill with wildlife, views and unforgettable experiences to be had along the way. **We're so excited about the opportunities the trail offers for our guests, as well as to have played a small part in its planning,** as it courses through the hinterland of the natural heritage sanctuary created in the planning of Southern Ocean Lodge. The trail spans Kangaroo Island's varying wild terrains, from eucalypt forests to marshland, beaches and coastal heath, and offers boardwalks and sign-posted trails complete with information about the island's fascinating flora, fauna and ecology. **Visit the KI Wilderness Trail website...**

## Make Tracks from the Doorstep

**For guests at Southern Ocean Lodge, there are now more options than ever to explore the island on foot right from our doorstep.** Armed with water and a healthy snack, guests can choose to self-explore, or select a private, personally-guided option. A series of trails offers walks of varying degrees of difficulty, from a 7km circuit to a 12km half-day trek. The **Hanson Bay trail** leads walkers on a meandering discovery of the coastal wilderness that surrounds the lodge. The seven kilometre door-to-door loop joins the KI Wilderness Trail before crossing the South West River via punt-style-boat (a novel option!) and climbing the white sand dunes to reach Hanson Bay. There's time for a quick dip in the ocean before the track continues along the coast to Southern Ocean Lodge. **For all the self-guided options on foot and two wheels, see the handy map here.**



## Hopping Out and About



Another great option accessible from the lodge is the 9km **Cape Younghusband** circuit, which offers a spectacular journey along the clifftops, sheer limestone bluffs stretching below to the cobalt blue ocean. The intriguingly-named cape offers views west to Remarkable Rocks, and the trail then winds back through mallee forest and along the clifftop to the lodge. Heading in the opposite direction, the walk through **Kelly Hill Conservation Park** offers guests a different perspective of the island's south west, with a back country wander through the historic Grassdale property, through marshlands and freshwater lagoons home to birds, wallabies and kangaroos. This twelve kilometre track takes in Hanson Bay via the river, before heading back towards the lodge along the coast. **For more information on the range of lodge-based hikes, take a look at the map here.**

## Exploring Further Afield on the KI Wilderness Trail



**The KI Wilderness Trail has opened up a new signature experience that can be enjoyed in many ways: The Remarkable Rocks to Southern Ocean Lodge walk.** A four hour journey covering some 13kms, the trek starts at the Remarkable Rocks and follows the spectacular coast, with views of the wild ocean and untouched bushland, past Sanderson Bay to Cape Younghusband. Here, the track heads inland to a low cathedral of mallee forests, providing cool sanctuary for birds and wildlife, and trails east towards the lodge. The track joins the Clifftop Walk, leading back along the limestone cliffs, past the tempting Southern Spa to the lodge. This walk can be done with a guide on a **private basis, or self-guided** given fitness and favourable weather. Another option is to start the walk as part of the signature 'Wonders of KI' tour of the Flinders Chase National Park, leaving the lodge vehicle at Remarkable Rocks and simply walking back. **A great new way to experience Kangaroo Island, this walk is set to delight new and returning guests.**

## Down the Track...

**In mid 2017, we're planning to offer guests a most luxurious way to enjoy the five-day KI Wilderness Trail in its entirety.** Kitted out with day packs, gourmet lunch and provisions and a pick up at the end of each day, guests will be rewarded for a spectacular day's walk with cuisine featuring local ingredients, fine South Australian wines, and a view of the Southern Ocean from the comfort of one's own bed. A choice of packages will provide flexibility, including daily drop-off to the start point for those who wish to tackle the trail at their own pace, or option to engage a private guide for the duration. Credit for use towards a treatment in the Southern Spa to ease weary muscles plus a kit of Hikers' Essentials will complement the offer, dubbed the 'Walk & Reward'. **Watch this space for news!**



## A Barefoot Christmas at Capella Lodge



**Christmas at Capella Lodge on Lord Howe Island is as easy-going as they come, with the promise of good things to eat and drink, while turquoise waters lap gently on white-sanded beaches inviting a lazy dip in the ocean.** It's a Christmas spent with loved ones and new friends, making the most of warm weather and time outdoors. The day begins with presents, followed by a breakfast barbecue by the pool. A walk in the cool of the rainforest is in order before the day's main attraction: a long and leisurely lunch set to span the afternoon. Seven courses feature fresh local ingredients including a ceviche of hand-dived scallops, a salad of Moreton Bay bugs, a terrine of free-range turkey and Berkshire pork. Later, as the sun dips below the horizon sunset drinks are served, along with a ploughman's style platter to enjoy in the cool of the lodge or as a picnic on the beach.

## Be a Jolly Swagman\* at Longitude 131°

**A Christmas in Australia's Red Centre is almost as far from a 'white Christmas' as can be!** Guests will start the day at sunrise, exploring Uluru Kata-Tjuta National Park before sharing a festive Christmas lunch with Australian menu traditions including ham, prawns and oysters in the Dune House. Sunset adventures continue before guests celebrate with a seven course degustation dinner with treats from around the country, including Tasmanian cockles, pork cheek and paperbark-smoked kangaroo, while custom cocktails to complete the day. On New Year's Eve, guests at Longitude 131° will have the option to begin their day in a most remarkable way with an Uluru circuit cool-walk at sunrise. A seven course degustation dinner is in order in the base of the sunset, with West Australian marron, quail and Tasmania's Cape Grim beef highlights to usher in the New Year. *\*Or Swagwoman!*



## Southern Celebrations at Southern Ocean Lodge

**At Southern Ocean Lodge on Kangaroo Island, Christmas is an unforgettable day to choose-your-own adventure,** starting with the option to walk along the beach for a morning swim at Hanson Bay, explore the river in a kayak or even thrill-seek on an all-terrain vehicle! A long, leisurely lunch awaits, with a gala menu featuring local delights like American River oysters, blue swimmer crab and fresh tuna, KI marron and Almond Grove free-range turkey. A late afternoon swim, friendly game of beach cricket or a spot of fishing in the wild Southern Ocean completes a full day of celebrations and fun with family and friends. And what more memorable way to welcome in the New Year than with the celebrations at Southern Ocean Lodge, including a 'Taste of KI' degustation dinner with seven courses featuring local yellowtail kingfish, Huxtable goose and Mayura Station wagyu beef. As midnight approaches guests gather in the Great Room for 'New Year's Eve on The Edge' with champagne poised for popping. **Cheers!**



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