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The White House



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The White House was built in the 1920's to provide superior accommodation for the discerning traveler. Life has changed since that time but the old world charm of an unhurried life remains with facilities that are right up to date.

The rooms at The White House have everything modern life demands including internet access. The spa rooms have traditional four poster beds perfect for that romantic getaway and the family rooms sleep mum dad and two children in comfort. A continental breakfast is included in the tariff. It can be enjoyed in the dining room with its lace table cloths or on the shaded verandah overlooking the garden with a rich array of bird life. In the evening the library is a great place

to snuggle up in front of the open fire, listen to music or play a game of chess. The White House is only a short walk from the centre of Nowra with its many restaurants, clubs, pubs and great shopping.

A night out can be enjoyed by all as the car stays right in the parking area. Nowra, the heart of the Shoalhaven, is the perfect base from which to explore the region, many beaches, valleys, national parks, escarpment and the majestic Shoalhaven River, all within twenty minutes drive. Not to mention wineries markets, dolphin or whale watching and Authur Boyds gift to our nation Bundanon and Riversdale. When you visit The White House your friendly hosts Ross and Louise are happy to inform you of the areas treasures and book your tours.



Donegal House



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Your host, Murray, will ensure you are made welcome.

With 13 newly-built guest rooms, (all with private ensuite bathroom) magnificent gardens, licensed restaurant and a homely Irish bar, all wrapped in Irish Boyd family history, (with a fair dollop of humour!) we know your stay at Donegal House will become a memory recalled with delight many times over.

Donegal House is close to Kaikoura's unique attractions, with Whale Watch and the town's centre only a few minutes away.

Kaikoura - famous for whale watching, swimming with dolphins and seals, and many other activities.

At Donegal House, you'll find a home away from home, great accommodation in a stunning setting, and the traditional warm hospitality the Irish have always been famous for!

Easy comfortable Irish hospitality. And, laid out in the morning, a temptingly delicious array of fruits and cereals, yoghurt, and freshly



baked croissants with home-made preserves and freshly ground Vivace coffee, all included in the tariff.

Donegal House is set amongst lovely gardens in a beautiful rural area under Mt. Fyffe - Kaikoura's famous landmark.

After dining at Donegal House, you'll know for sure the famine is over...

Murray adheres to the old Irish traditions in all aspects of the hospitality provided at Donegal House, and the meals served are no exception. Delicious, and substantial by anybody's standards, they are made of the freshest foods, and can be accompanied by some of Marlborough's world-famous wines.

Inside and outside dining is available, with the sunny deck area being a popular choice, especially for lunch and summer evening meals.

The Flying Horseshoe



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The Flying Horseshoe Motel is locally owned and operated Motel situated on the corner of Sheridan and James Streets, North Cairns.

It is just 2.5 kms to the Post Office CBD and a leisurely 25-minute walk to the award winning water front swimming lagoon and revamped esplanade.

Set amongst tropical gardens the Motel consists of 21 standard rooms, 20 executive and 10 self-contained units.

All rooms are air conditioned with ceiling fans, hair dryer, ironboard, tea/coffee making facilities, fridge, TV and free in-house movies. Plenty of free under cover parking, pool, spa, billiard table, sundeck, guest laundry and full tour desk.

Close to the airport and all of Cairns attractions including The Great Barrier Reef, Kuranda Scenic Rail, Skyrail, Green and Fitzroy Islands, Convention Centre Casino, Sporting Venues and the Atherton Tablelands.

All groups are welcome and can be fully catered for by prior arrangement at special rates.

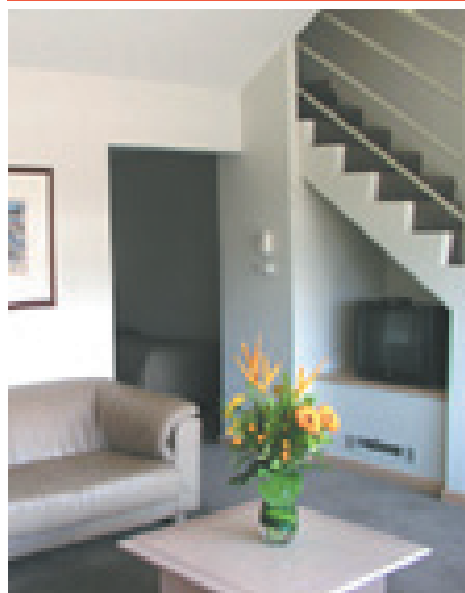


Enjoyed a relaxed atmosphere in a tropical setting with friendly helpful staff at The Flying Horseshoe Motel, 281-289 Sheridan Street, Cairns.

- Facilities
- Television
- Air Conditioned
- Direct Dial Phone
- Radio
- Hair Dryer
- Ceiling Fan
- Refrigerator
- Private Bath
- Free Parking
- Room Service
- AM/FM Clock
- In Room Movies
- Iron/Ironing Board



Salamanca Inn



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All suites offer a superior level of comfort featuring spacious open plan living area, fully equipped galley kitchen, large bathroom, full size desk and the option of one or two bedrooms. Two bedroom suites contain a mezzanine floor and private balcony.

Our apartments offer even more space and privacy. Apartments contain two totally separate bedrooms, kitchen, laundry, and large living area with Deluxe Apartments containing two bathrooms.

Nightly, weekly and extended stay rates are available for suites and apartments. For business or pleasure Salamanca Inn is the perfect place to stay.



Salamanca Inn, the perfect meeting location on the colourful waterfront of Australia's southern most capital. Surrounded by a host of cafes, history and activity, yet only a short stroll from Hobart's central business district.

The Salamanca Inn is a place where our experience and professionalism ensure that we stay at the forefront of the industry. We have the skills and the facilities to guarantee that your visit to the Salamanca Inn is one where you can relax in the knowledge that everything will be going according to plan.

We invite you to take some time to browse through our website which contains information on all aspects of our hotel including our accommodation, facilities and functions. You can even make a reservation on line or email us if there is something more you need to know.

Salamanca Inn is in the perfect location adjoining the colourful waterfront precinct of Hobart, Australia's most southern capital. Surrounded by a host of sidewalk cafes, craft, antique, furniture shops and galleries, Salamanca Inn is on the door step of the Salamanca Market.

A five minute stroll across the Plaza and through the park leads right to Hobart's central business district.

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Sea Star Apartments



Find your place in paradise at Airlie Beach. It's so easy to feel on top of the world if your standing on your spacious balcony of your luxury holiday apartment, sipping on your morning coffee and casting your gaze on those glowing Whitsunday waters dotted with white sails and blue islands.

Yes the land down under can really give you a high, if your take a break to escape to one of those glorious seaside apartments at Airlie Beach.

A "true beaut" is the Sea Star Apartments in Nara Avenue overlooking the Airlie coastline in all its glory.

Steve and Jan who run this dreamy apartment block in Nara Avenue on the slope of a lush hill, provide all the comforts you need to spoil yourself.

The two and three bedroom apartments are bright and breezy, furnished like a tropical dream and fully self contained. The pool has a water edge that seems to spill into the ocean.

You're only a five minute stroll away from the beach and you have those extras everyone loves: a barbie, queen sized beds, split cycle air-conditioning and two bathrooms in every apartment.

But above all, the prices of these luxury apartments remain realistic and affordable for the average pocket.

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Placid Waters Holiday Apartments



Placid Waters Holiday Apartments enjoy a peaceful waterfront setting on beautiful Bribie Island. With the Pacific Ocean on one side and beautiful Pumicestone Passage on the other, Bribie Island offers a picture-perfect holiday location less than one hour's drive from Brisbane.

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Pumicestone Passage is an internationally recognised marine park; home to dugongs, dolphins and turtles, as well as a variety of birdlife. It lends itself to all types of water-based activities, not the least of which is safe family swimming; and a range of eco-based activities and tours. From bushwalking, birdwatching and big game fishing through to shopping and fine dining, at Placid Waters there is something for everyone.

Bribie Island is becoming an increasingly popular family holiday destination - and Placid Waters is at the hub of it all... We look forward to seeing you.

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Thistledown Lodge



Enjoy warm country hospitality in a peaceful country setting just minutes from the southern motorway, at Thistledown Lodge.

It's the perfect start or end to your holiday. Guest facilities include swimming and spa pools, infrared sauna, lawn games such as croquet, petanque and pitching horseshoes or a walk through private bush beside the pretty Ngakoroa stream.

Find out why guests remember Archie's breakfasts and keep returning for more! Thistledown Lodge is easy to find on the old main highway midway between the Ramarama or Bombay motorway exits and has secure off-street parking.

Dinner and family groups by arrangement.

Choose from

- A king size room with its en suite bathroom and

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balcony over looking the lush farmland and out to Auckland's distant city lights.

- A large queen size room or A large queen size room with an adjoining room including three king-size single beds - perfect for family groups.
- Doubles from \$100, en suite \$120, single \$60



Ginninderry Homestead B&B



Ginninderry Homestead Country Living - City Style Quality Accommodation 15 minutes from the heart of Canberra

Specialising in fine food, personalised service and comfortable, relaxing accommodation in a rural setting, while at the same time conveniently located to many Canberra attractions.

It is not hard to see why Ginninderry Homestead won the best hosted accommodation at the 2003 local tourism awards.

This stately homestead is situated on a 70 acre property, Ginninderry Park, in the scenic area of Ginninderra Falls. The homestead is surrounded by gracious gardens, which meander down to the pretty trickling Ginninderra Creek.

Accommodation comprises four queen size bedrooms (with ensuite) with unique views. The lounge room has a cosy log fire, and French doors open out onto the wide verandah with expansive views of the property and surrounds.

The formal dining room can comfortably cater for 8 people, and overlooks Ginninderry Creek, with views to the distant mountain ranges. An attrac-

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tion for guests is the billiard room with its medium sized billiard table, surround sound TV, stereo, pianola and a lounge area - a great place for a party.

It's the hospitality of hosts Joe and Sue, who believe in value for money, that epitomises the Ginninderry experience.

As guests of Ginninderry Homestead, you are free to wander through the grounds and paddocks, look at the Belted Galloway cattle and kangaroos and deer that frequent the farm. You may even like to pack a picnic basket and stroll down to the meandering creek or Ginninderra Falls nearby.

Pialba Motor Inn

Welcome to Pialba Motor Inn, Hervey Bay, Queensland, Australia

We offer quality accommodation in beautiful newly decorated suites and extensive tour booking service. Each suite leads out to individual patios set amidst a tropical garden acreage.

Pialba Motor Inn is your one-stop opportunity to experience the magnificent wonders of nature; Fraser Island, Lady Elliot Island and Whale Watching.

Our recently renovated suites are delightful and set in a garden setting with a large saltwater pool.

We guarantee a comfortable stay at an outstanding value.

Studio suites can accommodate one to five people featuring New Queen Beds, Ground Floor with individual outdoor patios, Remote TV, Air Conditioning, Ceiling Fans, Heating, Hair Dryers, Tea/Coffee Facilities.

Guests can enjoy room service breakfast and dinner or be served in the garden.

Situated close to Hervey Bay golf course and adjacent to 4 Wheel drive hire centres. Town centre facilities just minutes away.

HERVEY BAY & FRASER ISLAND PACKAGES PACKAGE NO 1.

includes 2 Nights at Hervey Bay + a Full Day Tour Package Description: 2 Nights Accommodation (twin-share) at Pialba Motor Inn + 1 Full Fraser Island Day Safari + 2 Hot or Continental Breakfasts + 1 Two course Dinner (room service when you return from the tour)

+ Transfers to & from Fraser Island

Special Offer: ADULT \$230.00 and per person Twin Share

ADULT \$306.00 AUD single with own motel suite (not sharing)

CHILD (4-14 years) \$123.00 AUD

Comfortable, modern, Accommodation with parking at your door. All suites have queen and single beds with an ensuite.

Motel meals are served to your suite.

Hot Breakfast includes Bacon, Eggs, Tomato, Toast and Juice.

Evening Cuisine includes succulent Grain Fed (MSA approved) Beef fillet & Chicken Dishes served with a selection of Seasonal Vegetables or Fresh

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Garden Salad. Desserts are wicked.

PACKAGE NO 2.

includes 2 Nights at Hervey Bay + 2 Full days + 1 Night Motel Accommodation on Fraser Island

Note: All accommodation on this tour is rated four star

Package Description:

2 Nights Accommodation at Pialba Motor Inn (twin-share) in the Deluxe suite. The first night being prior to your tour, the second night is when you return from Fraser Island

2 Day Fraser Island Safari Tour & 1 night Motel Four Star Accommodation with private facilities & all meals while on tour. Fully guided with an excellent commentary.

Transfers to and from Fraser Island

2 Hot or Continental Breakfasts at Pialba Motor Inn

1 Two Course Dinner at Pialba Motor Inn

Special Offer: ADULT:

\$355 AUD per person Twin Share

\$485 AUD single with private facilities throughout tour

PACKAGE NO 3. Whale Watching Package

includes 2 Nights at Hervey Bay + 1 Tour

Note: All accommodation on this tour is rated four star

Relax and Enjoy. We specialise in all inclusive value holiday packages.

Whale or Dolphin watching tours

2 Nights Accommodation at Pialba Motor Inn (twin-share) in the Deluxe suite. The first night being prior to your tour, the second night is when you return.

Fraser Island packages also available

All Transfers (conditions apply)

Meals included (Continental Breakfast for 2 & a hot 2 for one evening meal)

Special Offer: ADULT:

\$208 AUD per person Twin Share

Chapel Hill Bed and Breakfast



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Touch the ferns out your window!

Chapel Hill is a spectacular architect-designed country stay built on an old gold and jade field. It is 15 minutes south of Greymouth, the 'capital' of the West Coast, on the Christchurch/Glaciars highway; and, just four minutes from Shantytown, a heritage gold village with gold panning, steam trains, and more!

Wonderful country and local food

Hearty country breakfasts are included in the tariff; and dinners, wine and beer available. Much of the meat and produce is home grown. See the web site for sample menus and meet their friendly hens and animals.

Day trips to nature's wonderland

Superb day trips to Punakaiki Blowholes, Lakes Brunner, Kaniere and Mahinapua (30 - 45 minutes), skiing at Porters Pass (2 hours) and the glaciers (2 hrs one way).

Fishing, nature walking, and swimming

Enjoy guided trout fishing year round, ocean charters and wild beaches just six minutes away. The website offers a huge choice of forest, lake, alpine and waterfall walks, on and off the property.

Prices - year round

Chapel Hill is modestly priced - from \$75 for a single with share bathroom - to \$110 for a queen ensuite room. All tariffs include a hearty country breakfast and GST.

Unusual multi-level design is unsuitable for toddlers or disabled. Non-smoking. Resident dog and cat, farm and forest wildlife on the property.



Grandview Bed and Breakfast



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Grandview is a magnificent heritage listed 1901 mansion, situated in the heart of historic Dunedin.

Our elevated location allows us to boast the grandest views of Otago harbour, Dunedin city and its scenic surroundings.

We here at the Grandview promise to provide you with a quiet comfortable stay in a homely Bed and Breakfast environment.

Dunedin's International Casino, trendy cafes, wonderful shopping, exquisite restaurants, raging nightlife and bars are a mere 3 minute stroll away!

At the Grandview we will be only too happy to advise you on all the MUST SEE and MUST DO Otago attractions and activities.

Experience Otago peninsula with its native Fur Seals, Yellow-eyed Penguins and Albatross colony. Discover the rich Victorian architecture of Larnach castle and Olveston house.

Appreciate New Zealand's oldest University and marvelous Botanic Gardens after sampling a brew or two on the Speight's Brewery tour or even some gorgeous chocolate on the Cadbury Chocolate Factory tour.

There is so much to see and do here in Dunedin! Allow us to make your stay here a most informative, enjoyable and comfortable one!

Take in the million-dollar views from our massive rear deck overlooking Dunedin city, the surrounding hills and wonderful OTAGO BAY!

In summer relax on the deck until late taking in the breathtaking sunset over the harbour!

Enjoy a wine, champagne or just plain old beer while soaking in the HOT TUB also situated up nice and high on the viewing platform! It's a great way to finish off a perfect day after touring the sites of

fascinating Dunedin! In all honesty this experience alone will make you really thank yourself for choosing to stay with us here at the GRANDVIEW. It's THAT SPECIAL!!



MacDonnell Range Holiday Park



Stay at the award winning MacDonnell Range Holiday Park, a member of the Big 4 Holiday Parks of Australia.

Situated just 4.5 kms south of the town centre, in a quiet bush setting, the park has won 13 NT Brolga Awards for tourism excellence, making it the most awarded park in the Northern Territory.

Accommodation ranges from 2 bedroom Villas to Budget Cabins all with r/c air-conditioning & cooking facilities.

There is also a 64 bed bunkhouse with internal kitchen & bathrooms. Caravanners and campers are catered for with grassed & shady sites, some with own ensuite.

We are famous for our FREE pancake breakfast every Sunday morning. During May to Sept, we also have FREE entertainment five evenings a week, including a Star Talk, Didgeridoo Show, Bush Tucker Talk, Red Centre Show & 4WD Safety Talk.

Other facilities include: 2 swimming pools and a toddlers wading pool, TV and games room, playgrounds, camp kitchens and gas BBQ's, internet facilities, tour desk, mini mart, fuel and LPG.

Come to our park and enjoy a quiet, relaxing holiday, and experience all that the unique centre of Australia has to offer.

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Hakula Gamefishing Lodge



Jeff with a 68kg Yellowfin Tuna



Nestled in a tropical garden overlooking the Port Of Refuge Harbour In Neiafu, Vava'u, the Kingdom of Tonga is Hakula Lodge owned and operated by Aussie expats Janine & Jeff LeStrange.

Hakula Lodge caters for the kind of person who is looking for a holiday with a difference.

At Hakula Lodge you will find two very comfortable studio style apartments offering airconditioning, super king size beds (they can split to two super singles) large ensuit with solar hot water and well equiped kitchen.

Both units open onto a large timber deck with full roof, dining table and chairs and functional barbecue to use. There is a great view of the harbour and swimming is straight off the jetty , just down the stairs where Hakula Lodge's two boats are moored.

Hakula Lodge offers sportsfishing charters if you have that dream of catching that big one. Tonga is fast earning the reputation of catching more blue marlin than any other Pacific Island Destination. Also fish for Other marlin species, black and striped, along with sailfish, tuna and Mahi mahi.

Skipper Jeff and deckie Ki'i will look after you and if you have never fished before will take you through all the gear before you start. Our 34ft custom built fibreglass boat is well equipped to give you the best opportunity of fulfilling your dream.

During the months of July to November, Tonga is the home of the magestic humpback whales

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who migrate north during the winter months to mate and give birth.

It is during this time that Hakula Lodge offer whale swim expeditions. Tonga is one of only two countries in the world where it is permitted to swim with the whales. All care is taken by trained crew and all operators have guidelines to adhere to.

The boat leaves our wharf at 10 am returning at 5 pm, a stop off at a beach with a supplies sandwich for a break is part of the days trip.

For more information on accommodation, Sportfishing and whale watching contact Jeff & Janine www.fishtonga.com and www.whales-in-the-wild.com or phone 676 70 872

A Nest On Mount Pleasant



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Unique self-contained home, yet with all the service and warm hospitality of a homestay guaranteed. THIS IS THE PROMISE OF THE NEST. Hosts next door.

One of our guests, Jill McMurray , said this about her stay with us:

We have just had four great days in Christchurch staying at The Nest We would recommend this as the best B&B we have stayed in. Great home, great views and most importantly the best hosts. Never felt more welcome. Many thanks to Kathryn and Kai.

The Nest is situated in one of Christchurch's most loved hill suburbs and set in native bush with views of our Estuary, Sea and Mountains beyond.

The Nest is built on three levels with extensive decking, for maximum enjoyment of its hillside setting. Extensive natural timber adds to the warmth of this standalone private home. Lots of inside and outside living space for total relaxation. The Nest has TV, stereo, video and BBQ..

We are very close to Christchurch's best beaches with excellent cafes and restaurants, Lyttelton Harbour and hillside walks with breathtaking views to the Southern Alps.

- The Nest has three bedrooms:
- "Fantail" has a queen bed and is ensuite
 - "Kingfisher" has a queen bed with a bathroom two steps away.
 - "Waxeye" has 2 single beds.



The Green House Bed and Breakfast



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The Green House Bed and Breakfast is a convenient five-minute walk from Coromondal township. A non-smoking bed and breakfast with a small dog and plenty of charm. A range of guest rooms is available to individual travellers, couples and family groups. The Coromandel Peninsula offers some of the finest coastline in New Zealand. White sand beaches, native busd and fabulous restaurants abound.

GUEST ROOMS

All beds have quality mattresses and linen, plus electric blankets. The guest lounge has a refrigerator, TV and video player (complete with a library of popular New Zealand movies), complimentary tea/coffee, selection of classical CD's, magazines, books and games. Laundry facilities are also available to visitors staying for more than one night. Bicycle, fishing rod and help is offered to anyone wanting assistance with planning of day trips etc. Off street parking available.

Upstairs rooms

Rates

\$110 - \$150 per room

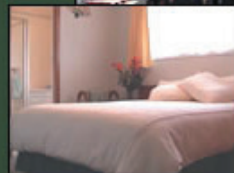
- *The Seascape*
King room with study area and beautiful sea views

- *The Upper Deck*
Queen room with private deck and views of the Coromandel hills



Downstairs Rooms

- *The Downstairs Queen*
Private room with tea and coffee making facilities



Iririki Island Resort



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Iririki Island Resort is a stunning property situated exclusively on a 69-acre private island, in the heart of Port Vila harbour. It is only a 3-minute ride from the township of Port Vila to the island with a 24-hour ferry, complimentary to guests.

Blue skies and bluer seas, lush green mosaics of gentle palms, shrubs and tropical orchids, quiet walking tracks and hidden coves, friendly, yet unobtrusive, staff are always on call, myriad-coloured reefs for snorkeling over and quiet beaches for playing on...

This is the vision of the South Pacific. At the same time, it is Iririki Island Resort in Vanuatu, where the South Pacific began.

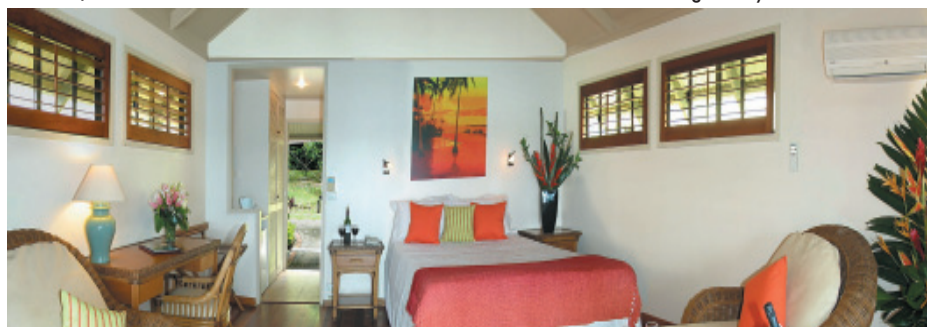
Iririki Island Resort is a haven of privacy and under-stated elegance occupying its own island. Here you can watch million-dollar sunsets, create skies like an artist's palette, sip equally kaleidoscopic cocktails pool-side at the Bali Hai Bar and dine as you've never done before in our Michener's Restaurant, with its breathtaking views overlooking the harbour and township.

Enjoy the exclusivity and seclusion, whilst taking advantage of the proximity to the township, access the excellent selection of restaurants, bars, duty free shops, craft markets and business centre.

Arrive from the airport in 20-minutes and you will be refreshed with a "Welcoming Cocktail" and the friendly faces that Vanuatu is renowned for. Whatever your interest, diving, snorkeling, playing golf, swimming, jet-skiing, or simply laying by the pool, you are only minutes or a short drive away.

Stay on the resort and enjoy the peaceful environment, or talk to our staff at the Tours Desk to discuss the endless options of tours and activities available.

At Iririki Island Resort, we do not have guests under 12 years of age, so we can ensure you get the maximum enjoyment from your vacation, because our interest is in looking after you.



Matterhorn Chalet Lodge BnB



Imagine a European alpine lodge magically moved to the shores of Lake Wakatipu. Matterhorn Chalet is a Queenstown luxury B&B with views as breathtaking as any in Europe.

Fluent in English, Swiss, German and Dutch, your hosts Maria and Joe combine a warm Kiwi welcome with accommodation of old world quality - stone and rimu detailing, luxurious bed linens and a delicious breakfast menu.

Just 12 minutes walk from the bustling heart of downtown Queenstown, Matterhorn Chalet is an oasis of peace and tranquillity and our self-contained villa unit is popular with guests looking for a private hideaway.

Picture yourself stepping out of your room onto our vast balcony and simply soaking up this spectacular Queenstown panorama.

Individually decorated and luxuriously furnished, each of our rooms looks out over Lake Wakatipu and The Remarkables.

All feature the finest bed linens and, of course,



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heated towel rails, electric blankets, televisions and individual heating controls.

19/03/04 - Don & Marylyne Hlein, 15725 Oakridge CT, Morgan Hill, CA

What a pleasure!! This was absolutely one of the best highlights of our trip. Great host and hostess. 24/02/04 - Croianne & Alastair Jackie, Scotland Wow, what a view! Loved our stay here, the views where only surpassed by the hosts generosity and excellent sense of humour.



Hawkdun Rise Vineyard and Accommodation



Hawkdun Rise is a boutique vineyard in the heart of the Central Otago wine growing region - an area rapidly becoming famous for producing some of the best Pinot Noir in the world.

The homestead contains a private guest wing, with expansive views over the vines to the rolling hills of the Hawkdun Ranges, set in a tranquil rural environment.

Guest rooms are luxurious, yet affordable, and breakfast is included. Accommodation consists of one Queen room with en suite and one King room with bathroom and an interconnecting Queen room for travellers with family or friends.

There is a spacious guest lounge and dining area, with an open fireplace.

Guests extending their stay can have an evening meal by request. Hawkdun Rise is nearby the famous Central Otago Rail Trail and only 5 minutes from the township of Alexandra or just over an hour to the excitement of Queenstown.

Guests can soak the day's troubles away in the spa pool, be entertained in the home theatre room and for those who just can't leave the modern world behind there is free internet access.



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Tranquility Homestead



Escape from the stress of City Life to "Tranquility Homestay". We are approximately 40 minutes from Wellington - right in the heart of some of the 'Lord of the Ring' filming locations, just a brief walk away

Upper Hutt is close by with its Restaurants, Cinema, Golf Course, Racecourse and Leisure Centre (swimming). Our homestay is near the confluence of the Hutt and Akatarawa Rivers - an area noted for its fishing.

Nestled in approximately one acre of native bush and gardens, surrounded by the song of the Tuis, the inquiring fantails and presence of the Wood Pigeons, Tranquility Homestay offers you comfortable, warm and friendly hospitality.

Additional on-site features include:

- Good New Zealand style food
- Outside barbecue if preferred - weather permitting
- Tea and coffee making facilities
- Laundry facilities
- Parking on site
- Guests lounge

From Tranquility Homestay you have access to:

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- Staglands



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- We will meet you to/from the Wellington Airport/ Ferry/Rail by prior arrangement at an extra minimal cost.

Tranquility Homestay is one of a New Zealand wide number of recommended Farmstay, Homestay, B&B, Bed and Breakfast and Self Contained Accommodation premises on this web site, whose Hosts provide quality Farm Stay, Home Stay, Bed and Breakfast accommodation as well as Self Contained Accommodation, from one end of NZ to the other.



Motueka Homestay



Motueka Homestay Bed & Breakfast accommodation is an easy walk away from Motueka High Street and central to the Abel Tasman, Kahurangi and Nelson Lakes National Parks.

Set in approximately 1.5 acres you can sleep in semi-rural peace, well away from the noise of traffic, and rise refreshed to be greeted by a hearty breakfast and another day in the sunny Nelson region.

The sea and Motueka sand spit are just a few minutes walk around the corner. The sand spit in particular is interesting for its importance to migrating waders.

Five minutes walk in the other direction brings you to Motueka High Street with its galleries, shops, cafés, bars and restaurants.

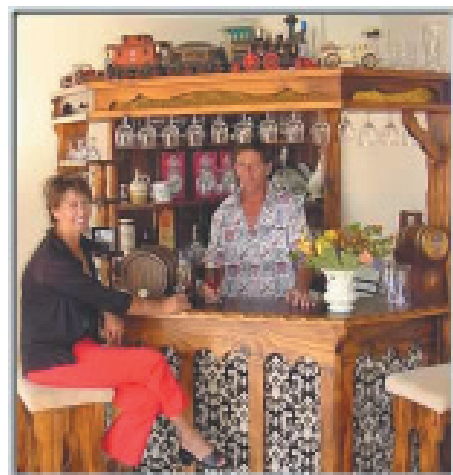
Motueka's 18 hole golf course is close by too, and welcomes visitors.

Our new bed and breakfast accommodation in Motueka is in a bright, purpose built wing of our new home. There is one double bedded en-suite room and a twin en-suite. A guest lounge has a TV, video and Sky, as well as tea and coffee making facilities.



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High spending Beverly Hills



HIGH-SPENDING CAPITAL OF THE WORLD

■ The customers are back and real estate is booming.

Rodeo Drive, the lush plush shopping boulevard in flash cash Beverly Hills is attracting high spending tourists in a way that reminds locals of the good old days.

In the recent (US summer months) the elegant street that is lined with exclusive boutiques and stores has seen a return of the high spending tourist from the four corners of the globe.

And spend they do in shops that carry world class signs: Tiffany's, Louis Vuiton, Gucci, Van Cleef and Arpels, Prada, Dolce and Gabbana, Boucheron, etc. etc.

THE 'LUXE' ADVANTAGE

■ "If you are a retail organisation that has shops in the best areas of other leading cities then Rodeo Drive is a "must", says Aussie Paul Burchall who manages Luxe, a small Rodeo Drive luxury hotel that is popular with jet set visitors and Aussie "fashion spies" who come to see what the best has to offer.

\$60 MIL. EYE-CATCHER

■ And opening a store on Rodeo Drive isn't a case of finding space and opening the doors.

Last month even blase locals were agog at Prada's new three-storey location.

At a cost of \$60 million the eye catching elegant interior has glass walled dressing rooms that turn opaque at the touch of a button.

RODEO DRIVE

■ "This street features stores that are architectural and design mas-



John-Michael Howson appears weekly on Good Morning Australia with Bert Newton (Network 10), and on 3AW with Ernie Sigley

In Los Angeles stay where the action is. LA's Aussie hotel is The Ramada Plaza in the heart of West Hollywood

terpieces," says Burchall who adds that working on Rodeo Drive definitely gives one an insider look at "lifestyles of the rich and famous".

THE SPACE RACE

■ "It's true to say that people who stay at Luxe and the Beverly-Wilshire are the sort of people who can afford to shop on Rodeo Drive and only want the best that it has to offer," says Mr Burchall.

To cope with the boom many fashion houses and boutiques are adding space.

Designers like Versace and Gianfranco Ferre are expanding their retail areas, Cartier, the world renowned jeweller, is expanding its store as is Tiffany. Christian Dior is looking for extra space to showcase its collection of high priced couture.

And leases are as astronomical as the goods sold in the stores. For instance, Tiffany recently agreed to pay around \$55 million for a 15 year lease.

'VIA RODEO'

■ When a developer realised that there was a shortage of ground floor store front property he created Via Rodeo, a street that circles off Rodeo Drive.

He did it by demolishing existing buildings, constructing new frontages on Rodeo Drive and a circular cobblestone "street" behind the building.

Lined with top name boutiques and exclusive restaurants Via Rodeo, with rents in the millions, reminds the sophisticated international traveller of Rome's Via Condotti.

SKY IS NOT THE LIMIT

■ And while real estate prices in the Beverly Hill shopping and business precinct soar into the stratosphere the area has retained a "village" feel with few high rises soaring along its palm-lined

street. Back in the 60s, fearful that the area could become a canyon of skyscrapers, the city council passed an ordinance that kept the height limit to around four storeys.

Existing high rises were built prior to the regulations and top off at around 10 storeys.

The fact that no more high rises can be constructed means that the exiting towers are worth their weight in gold and if one comes on the market top real estate firms pay over-the-moon prices to own one.

"There's never a vacancy in any of these buildings and there's always a waiting list," says realtor Mikki Wood.

CENTURY CITY

■ To service the business requirements of one of the world's wealthiest cities developers looked to the back lot of the nearby 20th Century-Fox studios when the company was having financial problems in the mid-60s.

Due to the out of control costs of producing the Elizabeth Taylor-Richard Burton epic Cleopatra the studio was almost broke and decided that they would sell off the vast back lot with its fake European streets, western towns, New York tenements, train stations and all the other fake frontages and streets that were used as backdrops for scores of films.

ATTRACTING A-LIST

■ The new development called Century City is actually located in the city of Los Angeles but is the corporate hub of nearby Beverly Hills and other communities is the wealthy West Side of LA.

Its development allowed Beverly Hills to keep a "low-rise" profile.

Rodeo Drive took off in the 60s

and it wasn't long before top "name" stores moved into the area but it was a local company that set the pace.

Giorgio's created by legendary retailer Fred Hayman was a "boutique" that started the trend of serving coffee and liqueurs to his ritzy clientele as they shopped for top labels.

Hayman, now retired, knew his A list clientele by name and when I, as on several occasions, filmed in the luxe surroundings of his store he would ask after Australian clients who shopped there when visiting the US.

Hayman also started the Giorgio "fragrance" label and it became a top seller in the Giorgio Rodeo Drive store and in elegant stores in other cities.

Eventually he sold the Giorgio name and its yellow and white striped signature pattern seen on awnings, shopping bags and wrapping paper for around \$US400 million to an international cosmetic firm.

RICH AND FAMOUS

■ For those who couldn't afford the top dollar prices found in Giorgio's Hayman came up with the idea of selling stylish Tee-shirts, canvas totes and baseball styled caps - some with the Giorgio name in rhinestones - for an affordable price.

"I love the fact that somebody on a budget can buy one of these items. go back home and boast to everybody that they bought it on Rodeo Drive," he told me.

And the same magic exists today for those who, even if they can't afford a Chanel, an Yves St Laurent, a Versace or a Prada, can buy into the fantasy of shopping for something affordable on Rodeo Drive and get a taste of what it's like to live the lifestyle of the rich and famous.



Going for Greece

For those Aussies attending the Olympics, it has been the experience of a lifetime, but for those travelling to Greece at any time, you have a gold medal treat in store.

In Athens every building has been cleaned, every street is repaved, trees are planted in every square and everything is being spruced up for the world to see. But after the Olympics Greece is still a magical place to visit.

The Greek Islands are legendary and to have the chance to visit is to have a rich experience that you will never forget.

There are many ways to see the Greek Islands, but I chose the adventure and comfort of the "Star Flyer" a tall masted clipper that makes its home in Athens for six months of the year, and then relocates to Bangkok to cruise the exquisite waters around Thailand.

Star Flyer

Every seven days the Star Flyer quietly glides out of its dock in Piraeus with another 170 passengers on board eagerly looking forward to exploring the so called cradle of civilisation across the Southern Cyclades, the Northern Cyclades or the meandering journey from Athens to Istanbul through some of the most picturesque waters on earth.

The real meaning of Aegean Blue is found here. They are the bluest waters this traveller has ever seen.

I chose the Southern Cyclades to as to visit the fabled island of Rhodes and the must see destination of Santorini.

When Jackie Onassis lived on the island of Skorpios while married to Aristotle Onassis her frequent shopping trips to other islands were legendary, and I was looking forward to living the life of a jet setter, if just for a while. Jackie would purchase a dozen pairs of sandals in every colour, the little piece of usually expensive jewellery, in addition to the colourful, resort wear available in the stylish boutiques around the Greek Islands while being pursued by the tribe of paparazzi that inevitably followed her.

Luxury

She and her entourage would arrive on the luxury private yacht "Christina" owned by her billionaire husband. On the Star Flyer I enjoyed the combination of luxury and the most modern technological design with all the romance of a bygone era, and I felt no poorer than Jackie but a lot richer.

Along with all of this goes the make up of an interesting mix of travelling companions on board to share in this unique experience. French, Germans, Americans, Swedes, Greeks, English, Chileans, Chinese and 12 lucky Aus-



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from Athens

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ABC Local Radio NSW

ralians shared the adventures of the silence while under sail, the star filled night sky away from the bright lights of the cities, and the history of hundreds of years.

The Star Flyer is a 360 foot mega yacht owned by Swedish business man and yachting enthusiast Mikael Krafft who founded the Star Clipper line. He has since gone on to build the Star Clipper and the Royal Clipper which cruise the Western Mediterranean and the Caribbean.

Dream

Born in Saltsjobaden. Sweden, it was a childhood dream of Kraffts to re-create the 'greyhounds of the sea' as they were known in the 19th century and to give people the opportunity to truly sail some of the magnificent and often inaccessible parts of this world.

The Star Flyers first port of call was the beautiful island of Rhodes, officially the sunniest place in all of Europe and known in history for the Colossus of Rhodes. This was said to be one of the seven wonders of the ancient world, a gigantic bronze statue that straddled the harbour entrance.

History

Sadly no trace remains of the statue but the mythology of it draws many thousands of tourists from around the world each year. Rhodes was a strategic point in the Aegean and at various times came under the control of the Greeks, the Turks and the Italians.

One of the most attractive aspects of the Star Flyer is its abil-

ity to sail right into the ancient harbour and anchor along the quay right beside the old town which is the best preserved medieval town in the world.

Among the most famous inhabitants were the crusading Knights of St. John and everywhere you see the remnants of shields carved in stone above the doorways or hidden alleys along each cobblestone street.

Magnificent

It is magnificent to see, and through the archways catch a glimpse of the tall masted clipper that brought you here. The Knights of St. John lived in Rhodes from 1329 to 1522 and to absorb the history of this from an Australians perspective is awe inspiring.

A walking tour of the old city is a wonderful experience, not to mention a shopper's delight.

Summer sandals from Turkey, jewellery made by local crafts people, a suit of armour for the library perhaps, or the finest cotton clothes to keep cool during the hot summer days while enjoying the many resorts to be found in the Greek Islands. Or just sit at one of the many tavernas under the trees and enjoy watching the passing parade of visitors from all nations.

Beauty

For visitors to Rhodes the trip along the coast past the beautiful beaches, the inviting holiday villas and the orchards of oranges and olives is breathtaking. Destination, the Acropolis of Lindos.

The climb up the hundred plus stairs is not too taxing and if you are not up to the climb take one of the friendly donkeys. From the top of the Acropolis you have a commanding view of the Aegean Sea and the tiny St. Paul's Bay where the Apostle is said to have landed in the year 51 AD to preach Christianity to the Rhodians.

The village of Lindos below offers much for the tourist with its narrow streets, plentiful restaurants and attractive shopping boutiques. At the end of the day it's a welcome return to the Star Flyer and the Cocktail of the Day created by the friendly smiling and efficient staff on board.

Dining is an experience aboard the Star Flyer. Guests can sit anywhere in the comfortable dining room and select your dinner companions for a lively discussion about the days experiences. Life on board is spent relaxing by one of the two pools, reading in the well equipped library or researching on the internet your next destination, or perhaps just emailing the days treasured photos home.

The affable Captain Brunon Burowka was more than happy for

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