



Located on Tasmania's ruggedly beautiful east coast, Saffire, Pure Tasmania's newest luxury lodge, opens this month, offering a truly lavish Down Under experience.

Located overlooking the stunning Freycinet Peninsula, home to the internationally-acclaimed Wineglass Bay, and with views across to the Hazard Mountains, Saffire promises a truly unique and luxurious encounter with nature.

Saffire overlooks the wide expanses of Great Oyster Bay, where migrating whales and dolphins come to play, calamari and squid spawn in the rocky outcrops, local farms produce fresh, succulent oysters in some of the world's cleanest waters, and fishing boats and trawlers bring in their daily catch of crayfish, scallops and deep sea fish.

Designed by award-winning Tasmanian architects Morris Nunn and Associates, the lodge takes its inspiration from the colours

of the peninsula, including the pink granite of the Hazard Mountains, of which each of the 20 suites has views, the white of the sandy beaches below, the sapphire blue of the bay's pristine waters, and the grey-green of the native bushland which wreaths the lodge. This is complimented by the use of timber, stone and leather, to give an authentic, tactile experience.

All suites (Deluxe, Luxury and Premium categories) are luxuriously appointed and designed with the utmost privacy in mind. Furnishings an eclectic mix of traditional and contemporary, including locally made timber pieces alongside mid-century classics such as chairs designed by Charles and Ray Eames and Herman Miller.

Deluxe Suites are 80sqm and feature king-sized beds, LCD televisions with DVD players, iPod stations and Wi-Fi, as well as a courtyard or deck with outdoor seating, and a double shower and bath. Luxury suites weigh in at 96sqm, while Premium suites are 140sqm and include private plunge pools, espresso machines, kitchen suites, and a dining room.

Rates (Deluxe with dinner from US\$1,300 per night, twin share) include breakfast, lunch, complimentary mini bar (there are also cocktails each evening from 6pm), a 60-minute spa treatment to get you on your way to relaxationville, internet and Saffire activities, including discovering local ecosystems on a quad bike excursion, visits to local mussel and oyster farms, walks around Wineglass Bay, or mountain biking to Cape Tourville.

With Tasmania's reputation for quality produce, it's little wonder that dining also plays an important role at Saffire, with the Palate restaurant offering multi-course degustation menus matched with local wines. Alternatively, guests can consult the chef for a masterful interpretation of their favourite dish, or choose from the seasonal a la carte menu, crafted by executive chef Hugh Whitehouse.

And such stunning landscapes would surely be wasted without a bit of pamper and contemplation. The Spa Saffire features three treatment rooms overlooking reflective pools, and boasts rituals created by celebrity facialist Marianne De Candia. — *Nick Walton*

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