



## Lindenderry at Red Hill

This boutique, 40-room hotel on Victoria's Mornington Peninsula is modelled on a European country estate and set among 30 acres of gardens, lawns and vineyard. The rooms, gardens and public areas are filled with artworks, sculpture and antiques from the Lancemore Collection including works from Arthur Boyd and Sidney Nolan. The onsite Linden Tree restaurant is one of the prettiest on the Peninsula and serves food made from fresh local ingredients, matched with wines from the estate and around the region.

### Experiences

The Lindenderry at Red Hill vineyard produces award-winning, single vineyard, cool climate wines including chardonnay, pinot noir, pinot rose and a sparkling pinot noir. The winery was awarded four and a half stars in the prestigious *James Halliday Australian Wine Companion* 2011. Its 2009 chardonnay was awarded the top rating of five glasses and five other wines were awarded four glasses or higher. The Mornington Peninsula region is home to more than 50 cellar doors, a microbrewery, organic farms, dairies, local markets and seafood restaurants. Visitors can pick up a copy of the Mornington Peninsula Gourmet touring map from the local information centre and spend a day sampling local produce.

**Standard rates:** from A\$280 per room per night for a Courtyard Room to A\$496 per room per night for a Balcony Suite. Includes breakfast.

**Deal:** *Spring Escape*

**Includes:** one night accommodation, breakfast for two and a picnic hamper of wine, cheese and antipasti to enjoy in the gardens.

**Rates:** from A\$300 per couple per night.

**Valid:** until 30/11/11.

**Getting there:** Lindenderry is around one and a half hours drive south of Melbourne.

[lancemore.com/lindenderry](http://lancemore.com/lindenderry)

## Saffire Freycinet

This super lodge on the east coast of Tasmania is surrounded by a thriving agriculture and aquaculture industry producing some of the country's finest food and wine. Overlooking Great Oyster Bay in the Freycinet National Park, the lodge is designed using natural timber, stone and leather and uses Tasmanian products where possible.

The region has a similar climate to the south of France and so specialises in cool climate wines like chardonnay, pinot noir and deep-layered sparkling wines. Crayfish, scallops and deep-sea fish are caught daily, native oysters are farmed in the clear water of Great Oyster Bay and the world's first commercial mussel hatchery is nearby at Spring Bay. The lodge's Palate restaurant specialises in degustation menus designed by head chef Hugh Whitehouse around the fresh produce available on the day.

### Experiences

Guests can wade into the Freycinet Marine Oyster Farm to understand the wetland and marine environment where oysters develop and taste the Freycinet Pacific Oysters on the spot. They learn winemaking techniques at the local Freycinet Winery and sample wines including the gold medal-winning 2007 Freycinet Pinot Noir. For some take-home knowledge, Palate chefs run cooking demonstrations where guests can learn to create one of the restaurant's signature dishes. The mixology masterclass in the Lounge is where you learn to perfect your martini-making technique.



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Opposite page from left: enjoy a glass in the Lindenderry at Red Hill vineyard; a Luxury Suite at Saffire.

Below from left: take to the waters around Saffire; the Great Room with great views at Southern Ocean Lodge.



**Standard rates:** from A\$1,450 per night for a Deluxe Suite to A\$2,450 per night for a Premium suite. Includes breakfast, lunch, complimentary mini bar and activities.

**Deal:** *Three Night Sojourn*

**Includes:** three nights accommodation in a Deluxe Suite; breakfast, lunch and dinner for two; mini bar and selected beverages; A\$100 spa credit per suite; complimentary Oyster Bay Blast experience for two valued at A\$220 and complimentary upgrade to a Luxury Suite pending availability.

**Rates:** A\$5,250 per suite.

**Valid:** until 30/3/12.

**Getting there:** Saffire is a two and a half to three hour drive from Hobart.

[saffire-freycinet.com.au](http://saffire-freycinet.com.au)

## Southern Ocean Lodge

A luxury lodge on Kangaroo Island in South Australia, Southern Ocean Lodge sits on a cliff top on a secluded stretch of coastline at Hanson's Bay. The lodge houses 21 luxury suites, all with glass walls that offer up uninterrupted views of the Southern Ocean. An itinerary of guided island excursions is offered daily and included in the tariff.

Executive chef at Southern Ocean Lodge, Tim Burke, has developed a locavore philosophy for the menu. All food and beverage ingredients on the menu are fresh and in peak season, sourced from local suppliers on Kangaroo Island and in South Australia. The menu changes daily and diners sample king crab salad, gnocchi accented with salty Kangaroo Island samphire and desserts flavoured with local lavender or Ligurian honey.

### Experiences

Kangaroo Island is home to a flourishing food industry with small-

scale producers offering olive oil, native jams, honey, cheese, yoghurt and wines. Fresh seafood is abundant and oysters, prawns, snapper, whiting and freshwater marron are local specialties. Southern Ocean Lodge works with tour company Exceptional Kangaroo Island which takes guests on a half-day epicurean adventure around the island to visit farr dairies, bee hives, fishing depots and vineyards. Guests see marron in the breeding ponds at Two Wheeler Creek farm and get access to The Islander Estate Vineyard that is normally closed to the public.

**Standard rates:** from A\$990 per person in a Flinders Suite to A\$1,800 per person staying in the Osprey Pavilion. Includes all dining, open bar and selected experiences.

**Deals:** *Remarkable Retreat Four for Three* – saves you up to A\$3,800 per couple

**Includes:** four nights accommodation, KI Epicure hamper of gourmet products; two A\$50 Southern Spa treatment vouchers.

**Rates:** from A\$2,970 per person for a Flinders Suite to A\$5,400 per person for the Osprey Pavilion.

**Valid:** for new bookings up to 17/12/11 inclusive.

*KI Dreaming* – saves you up to A\$1,733 per couple.

**Includes:** four nights accommodation, Bollinger champagne on arrival, full day Exceptional Kangaroo Island private tour with guide and two A\$50 Southern Spa treatment vouchers.

**Rates:** from A\$3,960 per person for a Flinders Suite to A\$7,200 per person for the Osprey Pavilion.

**Valid:** until 31/3/12 excluding 17/12/11-8/1/12 inclusive.

*Southern Sojourn Six for Five* – saves you up to A\$6,800 per couple.

**Includes:** six nights accommodation, Bollinger champagne on arrival, two A\$50 Southern Spa treatment vouchers and room upgrade (subject to availability).

**Rates:** from A\$4,950 per person for a Flinders Suite to A\$9,000 per person for the Osprey Pavilion.

**Valid:** until 31/3/12 excluding 17/12/11-8/1/12 inclusive.