

Media Release

Navigate Oceania

'World Travel Award' Nomination Recognises Excellence of Navigate Oceania Members

NEW ZEALAND (August 2009). Seven luxury lodges and resorts marketed internationally by New Zealand based tourism marketing specialist Navigate Oceania, have been nominated for the highly coveted World Travel Awards.

Known as the 'Oscars' of the global travel industry, The World Travel Awards are recognised as the highest vote of excellence and are compiled from the opinions of 167,000 Travel Experts from around the world.

2009 Navigate Oceania World Travel Award Nominees:

Paihia Beach Resort, Bay of Islands

Australasia's Leading Spa Resort
New Zealand's Leading Spa Resort
New Zealand's Leading Resort

Treetops Lodge and Wilderness Experience, Rotorua

Australasia's Responsible Tourism Award
New Zealand's Leading Luxury Lodge

Wharekauhau Country Estate, Martinborough

New Zealand's Leading Luxury Lodge
New Zealand's Leading Spa Resort

Claremont Country Estate, North Canterbury

Australasia's Leading Boutique Resort
New Zealand's Leading Luxury Lodge

Waipoua Lodge, Waipoua Forest

Australasia's Leading Green Hotel

Cotter House, Auckland

New Zealand's Leading Hotel

Karine Thomas, Director of Navigate Oceania comments, "Navigate is delighted that our member's ongoing efforts to provide the best New Zealand experiences and maintain the highest levels of customer services have been recognised. It is a credit to the hard work of the lodge owners and managers who continually strive for excellence."

The winners for the Asia, Australasia and Indian Ocean sector will be announced on the 7th November 2009 at the Gala Ceremony in London.

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Editors Note:

Since World Travel Awards 'burst' on to the international travel and tourism scene 15 years ago, the organisation has been making steady and significant, long term impact. It has taken a global lead on one of the most important aspects of travel and tourism – the quality customer experience. This is a key dimension, governing the overall success of companies and organisations. Separating the good from the outstanding, identifying companies that consistently excel beyond expectation and taking customer expectations to a new, unparalleled high. For more information on these awards visit world www.worldtravelawards.com

Additional Notes:

The Navigate Oceania Collection of 30 inspired destinations and unique experiences from New Zealand and Pacific's finest boutique hotels and luxury lodges, an exclusive private island, villas, spa destinations, a luxury expedition-style cruise, and a private motor yacht. Our members are: **New Zealand** Cavalli Island Retreat and Spa, Cavalli Islands; Paihia Beach Resort and Spa, Bay of Islands; Bay of Island Lodge, Bay of Islands; Oceanic Discoverer; Missionhills, Bay of Islands; Waipoua Lodge, Waipoua Forest; Takatu Lodge & Vineyard, Matakana; The Boatshed, Waiheke Island; Stafford Villa, Auckland; Cotter House, Auckland; Seafields, Whitford; Hamurana Lodge, Rotorua; Kawaha Point Lodge, Rotorua; Treetops Lodge & Wilderness Experience, Rotorua; Chalet Eiger, Lake Taupo; Greenhill Lodge, Hawke's Bay; The Millar Road Family, Hawke's Bay; Wharekauhau Country Estate, Martinborough; Bolton Hotel, Wellington; Edenhouse, Nelson; Claremont Country Estate, Canterbury; Huntley House, Christchurch; Elm Tree House, Christchurch; Release Private Retreat, Wanaka; Remarkables Lodge, Queenstown; **Fiji** Navutu Stars Resort, Yasawa Islands; Royal Davui Island, Beqa Lagoon, Maui Palms, Fiji; **Cook Islands** Te Vakaroa Villas, Rarotonga For more information on our experiences, visit www.navigateoceania.com.