

Media Release

Navigate Oceania

'World Travel Awards' Recognise Excellence in Navigate Oceania Collection Members

NEW ZEALAND & FIJI (April 2011). Seven luxury lodges and resorts from New Zealand and Fiji, marketed internationally by Oceania tourism marketing specialist Navigate Oceania, have been nominated for the highly coveted 2011 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 183,000 travel professionals from across the globe.

2011 Navigate Oceania Collection World Travel Award Nominees:

New Zealand

Treetops Lodge & Estate, Rotorua
Australasia's Responsible Tourism Award
New Zealand's Leading Luxury Lodge

Wharekauhau Country Estate, Martinborough
New Zealand's Leading Spa Resort
New Zealand's Leading Luxury Lodge

Paihia Beach Resort & Spa, Bay of Islands
Australasia's Leading Spa Resort
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Claremont Country Estate, 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 Boutique Hotel

Fiji

Vomo Island Resort, Fiji
Fiji's Leading Resort
Fiji's Leading Spa Resort

Karine Thomas, Director of Navigate Oceania comments, "Navigate is delighted that our collection member's are constantly striving to provide guests with authentic experiences true to its region or to their unique character. It is a credit to the hard work of the owners and managers that are constantly striving for excellence while maintaining the highest levels of customer services."

The winners for the Asia and Australasia sector will be announced on the 29th September 2011 at the awards ceremony that will be held in Bangkok, Thailand.

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Editors Note:

The World Travel Awards was launched in 1993 to acknowledge and recognise excellence in the world's travel and tourism industry. Now celebrating its 17th Anniversary, the awards is regarded as the very highest achievement that a travel product could ever hope to receive. Votes are cast by 183,000 travel professionals that include travel agencies, tour and transport companies and tourism organizations in over 160 countries across the globe. Votes are cast globally by fellow industry professionals in over 1, 000 different categories. Attended by senior executives from major travel companies, operators and destinations, WTA events are universally respected as providing established, top level networking opportunities, regionally and globally. www.worldtravelawards.com

Additional Notes:

Navigate Oceania is a collection of inspired destinations and unique experiences from New Zealand and the Pacific's best boutique hotels and luxury lodges, an exclusive private island, villas and spa destinations. Our members are: **New Zealand** Paihia Beach Resort and Spa, Bay of Islands; Bay of Island Lodge, Bay of Islands; Cliff Edge Landing, Bay of Islands; Waipoua Lodge, Waipoua Forest; Takatu Lodge & Vineyard, Matakana; The Boatshed, Waiheke Island; Delamore Lodge, Waiheke Island; Stafford Villa, Auckland; Cotter House, Auckland; Seafields, Whitford; 970 Lonely Bay Lodge, Coromandel; Rotorua; Treetops Lodge & Estate and The Pheasant House, Rotorua; Princes Gate, Rotorua; Chalet Eiger, Lake Taupo; Point View Lodge, Taupo; Tongariro Lodge, Taupo/Tongariro National Park; Greenhill, Hawke's Bay; Wharekauhau Country Estate, Martinborough; Bolton Hotel, Wellington; Edenhouse, Nelson; Split Apple Retreat & Split Apple Hideaway, Abel Tasman; Claremont Country Estate, Canterbury; Huntley Lodge, Christchurch; Elm Tree House, Christchurch; Release Private Retreat, Wanaka; Te Kahu, Wanaka; Remarkables Lodge, Queenstown; **Fiji** Navutu Stars Resort, Yasawas; Royal Davui Island, Beqa Lagoon; Vomo Island Resort, Mamanuca Islands **Cook Islands** Te Vakaroa Villas, Rarotonga. For more information on our experiences, visit www.navigateoceania.com.