

Room with a view

Capella Lodge Australia

Lagoon Loft Two

Capella Lodge is a laid-back, nine-room retreat on Lord Howe Island in the Pacific Ocean, 700km north-east of Sydney. This sweeping view is of Lover's Bay, looking out towards the island's highest and most southern point, Mount Gower, home to the almost-extinct flightless woodhen. The teak-built Capella Restaurant, in the centre of the photograph, is one of the island's prime dining locations; beyond is a paddock where farmers graze their cattle. A UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1982, the island is

famously tranquil, with just 280 residents and no more than 400 visitors allowed at any one time. There are also very few cars and no mobile-phone reception. The only sea traffic you're likely to see is passing whales, dolphins and the fortnightly supply barge.

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CONTACT Capella Lodge, Lagoon Road, Lord Howe Island, New South Wales, Australia (00 61 2 9918 4355; www.lordhowe.com). Suites from A\$450 (about £190); Lagoon Loft Two from about £225 per person half board

