



Media Release

February 17, 2021

Lizard Island Named in Travel + Leisure Top 500 List for 2021

Celebrated as among the world's most luxurious tropical island resorts, Queensland's Lizard Island has today been named in Travel + Leisure's Top 500 list. The much-anticipated annual T+L 500 franchise has been brought back this year after a hiatus, to recognise and reward the world's most highly regarded hotels in the challenging climate of the Coronavirus pandemic.

The prestigious listing comes after the luxury lodge was included in both Travel + Leisure's World's Best Awards and the Conde Nast Readers Choice Awards in 2020.

Each year, the readers of Travel + Leisure — the largest travel media brand in the United States, with a global audience of 8.1 million — share their thoughts on destinations, city hotels, resorts and experiences in the World's Best Awards survey. Drawing on the past year's results, the T+L 500 franchise recognises the 500 best hotels around the globe, as voted by the magazine's discerning readers. The roster of properties is divided into eight geographic regions and is a trusted resource for millions of dedicated travellers.

Greg Magi, Executive Director of Parks & Resorts for Delaware North, the operator of Lizard Island, said the news of the resort's inclusion in the T+L 500 list was a boost for the team, which has been back to work since mid-December following an eight-month closure due to COVID-19.

"We value this recognition particularly as it's a reader-driven list, so it's a real testimony to Lizard Island's enduring appeal as people are planning and booking their holidays once again," Mr. Magi said.

"Lizard Island is a dream tropical island destination, promising swimming in pristine warm turquoise waters, lazing on white-sanded beaches and submersing to explore the island's magnificent corals and abundant marine life," he said.

"The coming few months are an ideal time to take the short flight from Cairns over the Great Barrier Reef, escaping to days of relaxed luxury, world class food and wine and the opportunity to spend time with loved ones. There's plenty of fresh air, wide open spaces and the chance to explore in nature – above or below the ocean's surface."

The full list of Travel + Leisure's world's best 500 hotels can be viewed [here](#) and will be published in the March 2021 issue of Travel + Leisure magazine.

Lizard Island is the northernmost island on the World Heritage-listed Great Barrier Reef. With just 40 guest suites and villas offering direct access to more than 20 white-sanded beaches, an escape to Lizard Island is a luxuriously exclusive experience. Guests venture to remote snorkelling and diving spots on the inner and outer reefs where hundreds of vibrant fish and coral species thrive. Hikes retrace Captain Cook's footsteps and offer panoramic views of the reef while the Australian Museum Lizard Island Research Station offers a fascinating insight into the day-to-day conservation of Lizard Island's incredible natural environment.

For bookings and more information visit <https://www.lizardisland.com.au> or call 1800 837 204 (toll-free in in Australia), or +1 (716) 276 0104 from overseas.

Media Contact:

Sarah Shields

0425 318 966