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Eight Beckons Lodges Awarded 2026 MICHELIN Keys, with Southern Ocean Lodge Elevated to Three Keys

Denver, CO (September 22, 2026) Beckons, the curated portfolio of luxury lodges for curious travelers seeking genuine connection to place, culture and the natural world, has been awarded MICHELIN Keys across eight of its lodges in the 2026 MICHELIN Key Hotels selection, announced on September 18, with Southern Ocean Lodge on Kangaroo Island promoted from Two Keys to the guide's highest distinction of Three Keys.

It is the second year running that eight of the collection's luxury lodges have been recognized, following the 2025 awards in which the MICHELIN Keys program extended to Australia, New Zealand and South America for the first time. This year, the selection spans some 2,832 hotels across 79 destinations, of which only 155 hold Three MICHELIN Keys.

Southern Ocean Lodge is one of just 18 hotels worldwide to reach Three Keys for the first time in 2026, and one of only two new Three-Key properties in Oceania alongside Saffire Freycinet in Tasmania. Nominated as one of three Editor's Picks from the new selection, MICHELIN's anonymous inspectors highlighted the property, set high on the clifftops of Kangaroo Island, as a shining example of creative modern architecture in a remote and rugged locale excellent for wildlife and nature excursions. The recognition comes as Oceania's overall Key selection grew by close to a third year on year, to 92 hotels across Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and French Polynesia.

MICHELIN Keys were introduced in 2024 as the hotel equivalent of the MICHELIN Stars for restaurants, awarded following anonymous inspections against criteria including architecture and design, service, personality, value and the contribution a property makes to its setting. One Key denotes a very special stay, Two Keys an exceptional stay and Three Keys an extraordinary stay.

In Canada, Clayoquot Wilderness Lodge retained its Three Keys for 2026 and remains one of only two Canadian properties to hold the top distinction, alongside Fogo Island Inn. In Chile, Tierra Patagonia also retained Three Keys at the edge of Torres del Paine National Park, among just five Three-Key hotels across South America, each of which held the distinction it first earned in 2025.

Five Beckons properties hold Two MICHELIN Keys, recognizing an exceptional stay: Longitude 131° at Uluru-Kata Tjuta, Capella Lodge on Lord Howe Island and Silky Oaks Lodge in the Daintree Rainforest, each retaining the distinction they earned in 2025, alongside Huka Lodge in New Zealand and Tierra Atacama in Chile. Tierra Atacama's promotion from One Key to Two Keys follows its reimagining and a year of wide international recognition, while Huka Lodge retained the Two Keys it first earned in 2025, in the first full year since the 'grande dame of luxury lodging' reopened following a significant refurbishment on the banks of the Waikato River in Taupō.

Beckons Chief Executive Officer Michael Crawford said the lodges' inclusion in the 2026 MICHELIN Key Hotels selection reflected the depth of experience the collection has built in some of the world's most remarkable landscapes.

"To have eight Beckons lodges recognized in the 2026 MICHELIN Key Hotels list, and to see Southern Ocean Lodge join the very small group of hotels holding Three Keys, is an extraordinary result for our teams," Mr Crawford said. "We understand that MICHELIN's inspectors look for a genuine sense of place, and that is exactly what our lodges are built around: small numbers of guests, a team with deep local knowledge and landscapes that shape every part of the stay," he said. "The consistency of the results across four countries is a telling measure: Three Keys retained in Canada and Chile, and Two Keys held across Australia and New Zealand, tells us this is not a single standout property but a shared standard," he said. "That is the promise we made when we brought these lodges together under the Beckons brand."

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The 2026 MICHELIN Key Hotels recognition for Beckons follows a year of accolades across the collection, including the brand's recognition in the Travel + Leisure Global Vision Awards 2026 for leadership in regenerative travel, Southern Ocean Lodge, Silky Oaks Lodge and Tierra Patagonia's recognition in the Condé Nast Traveler Triple Crown Awards 2026, Tierra Atacama's inclusion in Robb Report's 50 Greatest Luxury Hotels on Earth 2026, and Huka Lodge's inclusion on The 50 Best Hotels 2026 extended 51-100 list.



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ABOUT BECKONS

Beckons is built around journeys of discovery for curious travelers seeking deeper connection to place, culture, and the natural world.

Through a growing collection of lodges in some of the world's most rare and remarkable destinations, the brand is guided by a regenerative approach to luxury travel, one that goes beyond sustainability to create positive, lasting impact for landscapes, wildlife, and the communities who call these places home. The Beckons collection includes five award-winning properties in Australia, Southern Ocean Lodge on Kangaroo Island, Longitude 131° and the new, ultra-luxury lodge at Uluru-Kata Tjuta, Capella Lodge on Lord Howe Island, Silky Oaks Lodge at the Daintree Rainforest, The Louise in the Barossa Valley, while across the Tasman Sea in New Zealand lies the century-young Huka Lodge in Taupō. In the Americas, journeys include Clayoquot Wilderness Lodge on Canada's Vancouver Island, and the wilds of Tierra Atacama and Tierra Patagonia in Chile. For more information, please visit **Beckons.com**.

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