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Discover extraordinary in Tasmania

“This must be a national park
for the people for all time. It is
magnificent and people must
know about it and enjoy it.”

- Gustav Weindorfer 1910

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Peppers Retreats

Out of the way, original and surrounded by interesting things to see and do. Peppers Retreats bring comfort and hospitality to pristine wilderness lodges, spa retreats, wine regions and alpine mountains.



History & Legacy

Gustav Weindorfer, an Austrian, immigrated to Australia in 1899 and married Kate Cowle of Tasmania in 1906; they bought part of Kate's brother's farm (Lauriston) near Mt. Roland and spent their honeymoon camping at the top of Mt. Roland. Both dedicated botanists, to them it seemed the ideal way to spend time together: sheltering in a canvas tent at night and cooking their meals over a campfire.

In 1909, Gustav and a friend, Charlie Sutton, set out to explore Cradle Mountain. Both men were awed and amazed by the rugged splendour of the highlands and upon returning to Lauriston Gustav was intent on buying land in Cradle Valley.

In March 1912 Gustav commenced building Waldheim (Forest Home). This shingle-roofed hut was gradually extended to provide accommodation for friends and acquaintances with whom he wanted to share his love of this wildly beautiful land. The accommodation and facilities were primitive. However considering that everything, including a large cast iron bath, was carried in by Weindorfer over many miles of trackless bushland, it's extraordinary that this Forest Home was ever completed.

In the summer of 1913, Gustav opened Waldheim for business, playing host to visitors prepared to forego contemporary conveniences in order to experience the magnificent highland scenery.



In 1982 the Cradle Mountain–Lake St. Clair National Park became a part of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area which today encompasses 21% of the land area of Tasmania.

Today Waldheim is almost as the Weindorfers' left it, its rough-hewn walls and tiny rooms. The open verandah where they and their friends looked across the valley to the jutting peaks of Cradle Mountain now holds records of the early days at Cradle Mountain and the Weindorfers' efforts to create a National Park to protect it for all time.

Over the years the beauty of Cradle Mountain has continued to attract visitors. In 1970 two brothers, Alec and Ossie Ellis, together with Marcus Dunstan and Richard Ruddle, all from long time Tasmanian families, acquired 800 acres on the border of the Cradle Mountain-Lake St. Clair National Park. Here they built a lodge to provide accommodation and meals for passing travellers – mostly keen bushwalkers and fishermen.

Today, locals and visitors alike are able to enjoy the beauty of the mountain wilderness area that first attracted Gustav Weindorfer and has since become recognised as 'one of the world's most precious places.'



Refurbishment

In 2019 Peppers Cradle Mountain Lodge completed a multi-million dollar refurbishment to enhance a number of facilities, including the renowned Waldheim Alpine Spa and exceptional accommodation, the King Billy Suites.

Bringing to life a vision of contemporary design, influenced by nature, you can be one of the first to experience the new offering.

RECEPTION

We invite you to experience the warmth and hospitality of Peppers Cradle Mountain Lodge.

Welcoming you is the newly refurbished reception area, where guests begin their adventure in comfort and elegance.

Personalised service ensures every stay is tailored to each individual's version of an ideal sanctuary.



KING BILLY SUITES

Your sanctuary awaits...The famed King Billy Suites offer the highest standard of luxury accommodation on the mountain.

The refurbished suites offer luxurious decor and contemporary finishes, to evoke a sense of calmness and ease with nature. With an indoor freestanding double bathtub and an outdoor hot tub, a statement central fireplace, and amenities from a curated selection of local Tasmanian producers, the suites are a memorable experience in themselves.





LOCAL FOOD PROMISE

Telling the story of a hand-picked community of local growers, foragers, fisherman and producers, the Peppers Cradle Mountain Lodge team has curated the best of the Apple Isle, so that guests can enjoy the best of the food-bowl state without having to hunt and gather themselves.

Supporting the best of local produce and newly launched on-site bee hives, the freshest fare is assured.



HIGHLAND RESTAURANT

Recognised as one of Tasmania's most highly regarded dining experiences, Highland Restaurant is a foodie destination.

For a special event, Highland Restaurant is our signature restaurant. Events of all sizes are often hosted at Peppers Cradle Mountain Lodge, but something small and special like a Signature Wine & Cheese Tasting showcasing Tasmania's gourmet reputation, can also be arranged.



TAVERN

The rustic Tavern Bar & Bistro is a warm and casual setting for bistro meals, with the large central wood fire providing an intimate ambience.

The Tavern is open daily for lunch and dinner. It is also perfect for casual drinks or a hearty meal before a long hike. A rotating selection of craft beers and cocktails rewards adventurers for their efforts.



THE WALDHEIM SPA

The Waldheim Spa is one of Australia's most spectacular wilderness spas.

Overlooking the surrounding rugged mountains and ancient forests of the Tasmanian wilderness. Its signature therapies mirror the balanced beauty of Cradle Mountain.

The spa experience is enhanced by a towering presence of the King Billy Pines and fresh mountain streams running through the wilderness.





Accommodation

If you are looking for Accommodation on Cradle Mountain with the services of a fine hotel, Cradle Mountain Lodge is both ideal and idyllic. The layout of the Lodge Cabins and Suites places you right amongst the alpine wilderness. Some even have a fireplace and each one is comfortable and cosy, from the intimate Pencil Pine or Spa Cabin, to the spacious and newly refurbished, King Billy Suites.

You will also be in close proximity to great walking tracks. Boardwalks connect to the main lodge and are also a popular thoroughfare for the native wildlife, providing delightful and unexpected animal sightings.

Room types

- King Billy Suite
- Spa Suite
- Contemporary Spa Cabin
- Pencil Pine Balcony Cabin
- Pencil Pine Cabin



Conferencing

The best conferences in Tasmania make the most of Tasmania's rare wilderness and scenery. Cradle Mountain is a World Heritage area of spectacular natural beauty.

Peppers Cradle Mountain Lodge is a haven of warm hospitality in the pristine wilderness, with three flexible event rooms catering for up to 85 guests.

There are a number of options at the Lodge for dining, drinks and themed events.

Activities are plentiful, everything from fly-fishing to a gourmet master-class. The Waldheim Alpine Spa and experienced Lodge kitchen can expertly cater to any event.





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