

Rotorua's Lake Okareka Lebuva Lodge makes list of world's top hotel and resort suites

30/07/2008

Rotorua's Lake Okareka Lodge has made this year's list of the world's Top 101 Hotel and Resort Suites. The list is presented annually by international private jet and lifestyle magazine, 'Elite Traveler'. The publication announced the highly regarded world's best suites list yesterday in the July/August issue of their prestigious publication and website, aimed at luxury travellers around the world. [Refer www.elitetraveler.com]

Diana Moore, Rotorua-based country manager for lebuva Hotels & Resorts, owners of Lake Okareka Lodge, said she and her team were stunned by the news of being included in this year's list of the best suites in the world.

"It's a huge compliment to our lodge and to Rotorua. Last month we were named New Zealand's Leading Luxury Lodge in the World Travel Awards, and now this. It's going to help us to attract some of the wealthiest and most famous travellers from around the globe to our city. Rotorua could benefit significantly from this very fast growing, high yield, and wealthy international traveller market."

Ms Moore said the suites at exclusive Lake Okareka Lodge would be of an even higher standard than ever when the lodge's current renovation and refurbishment programme is completed in early November.



Lake Okareka Lodge

"At that stage we will have completely refurbished the complex, reconfigured accommodation to just three very expansive suites with private bathrooms and sitting areas, and added a new climate controlled wine cellar, spa and massage room, gym and expanded chef's kitchen.

"Lake Okareka Lodge accommodates a maximum of only nine guests and they get exclusive use of the whole lodge complex, as we limit bookings to a single party at any one time. Guests have 24-hour concierge and butler service and a personal chef to cater for individual dining

preferences," said Ms Moore. "They can arrive by road, or fly direct to the lodge by helicopter or floatplane in complete privacy."

Elite Traveler has a worldwide distribution aboard private jets and mega-yachts, with a readership of over 575,000 readers per issue in more than 100 countries. Its readers are wealthy and influential, with an average household income of US\$5.3 million.

The magazine's top '101 Top Suites' list was compiled by the editors of Elite Traveler and a panel of celebrity readers, including Barry Manilow, Lindsay Davenport, Sean Combs, and Kelly Ripa.

The publication said the wildly diverse properties on their seventh annual list of top hotel suites push the boundaries to an all-new level of opulence and style. Along with Rotorua's Lake Okareka Lodge, they include a South African safari serving meals with vintage champagne, a palatial terrace with iconic views in the centre of Paris and a mansion-sized villa on a private sliver of Seychelles coastline - all with design finesse and second-to-none service.