



**OTAHUNA LODGE NAMED
BEST HOTEL/RESORT IN AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND
BY THE GALLIVANTER'S GUIDE**

The seven-suite Otaihuna Lodge on New Zealand's South Island has been named the Best Hotel/Resort in Australia and New Zealand by luxury travel arbiter, The Gallivanter's Guide. The 2008 Gallivanter's Awards for Excellence reflect the result of votes cast by the newsletter's highly discerning readership. The Awards have been in existence for 18 years and track the best in global hospitality.

Otaihuna Lodge achieved the top spot as Best Hotel/Resort in Australia and New Zealand with The Gallivanter's Guide commenting, "quite a few of you have journeyed around New Zealand and many, it seems, have discovered the excellence of the relatively new, historic lodge, Otaihuna on the South Island, which is owned and run by Americans, Hall Cannon and Miles Refo."

"With such discerning and informed travellers making up its subscribers, this exceptional recognition is one that is particularly meaningful for us and our entire team," commented Hall Cannon on learning of Otaihuna's top position. "We continue to be delighted by the success of the property and the responses we have received to it in both New Zealand and international media outlets."

The Gallivanter's Guide was established in 1991 and now has subscribers in 42 countries worldwide. Its publishers describe it as being, "More like a private member's club than a simple travel publication."

Otaihuna Lodge is one of New Zealand's premier destination retreats. Re-opened on May 1, 2007 following a significant, four-month renovation undertaken by Hall Cannon and Miles Refo, Otaihuna Lodge is located just 20 minutes from Christchurch. Otaihuna features seven guest suites, a 30-acre garden, heated pool, Jacuzzi, tennis court and fitness facility with a spa treatment room. The Lodge, built in 1895, was home to leading New Zealand parliamentarian, Sir Heaton Rhodes for more than 60 years. Otaihuna is regarded as the finest example of Queen Anne architecture in Australasia and

is a Category 1 listed building. Otahuna Lodge is a member of Relais & Châteaux and a Preferred Property of the Virtuoso Hotels & Resorts Program.

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