

Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa wins at Australian Hotels Association Awards



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Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa, Australia's first conservation-based luxury resort, has received the Outstanding Contribution to Tourism Award as well as Best Environment Initiative and Regional Deluxe Accommodation of the Year in the annual Australian Hotels Association (NSW) Accommodation Awards for Excellence.



Wolgan Valley was presented the awards at a gala dinner, attended by dignitaries and 600 of the industry's business leaders and members. Now in its thirteenth year, these prestigious Awards recognise the leaders in hospitality and honour the achievements of excellence in a wide range of categories in the accommodation industry.

Tony Williams Senior Vice President, Emirates Hotels & Resorts said: "With Wolgan Valley it was always Emirates' intention to showcase the enormous tourism potential in Australia; and careful, deliberate efforts

were made to ensure the resort highlighted the luxury experiences available in Australia, and grow this sector of the market. We are certainly very pleased to have our commitments recognised in this manner."

Joost Heymeijer, General Manager, Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa added: "It is a great honour to receive these awards. Wolgan Valley has only been open six months, and to win such prestigious awards, and be recognised by our industry colleagues and peers is an enormous achievement for the resort and Emirates."

Wolgan Valley's awards in the competitive categories of Best Environment Initiative and Regional Deluxe Accommodation of the Year cements the Emirates Hotels & Resorts' property on the Australian tourism landscape. The [Blue Mountains resort](#) was also honoured in a new award category launched in 2010 for Outstanding Contribution to Tourism which acknowledges the resort's unique place in the industry and its ability to set new standards and benchmarks in the Australian industry.

Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa will go onto the AHA National Awards which will be presented in September this year.

Since its October 2009 opening, the luxury [Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa in Australia](#) has been acclaimed by Conde Nast US and Conde Nast UK, National Trust Heritage Awards, and Luxury Travel Magazine as the world's "most desired newly opened hotel/resort". With Emirates Hotels & Resorts, it was also nominated in the World Travel & Tourism Council's "Tourism for Tomorrow" Awards.

Combining the expectations of the high-end traveller with a commitment to broader social, ecological and environmental sustainability, the Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa in the [Blue Mountains](#) is redefining what traditional luxury means to travellers.

Located between two of Australia's most prominent national parks, and bordering the Blue Mountains World Heritage Area, Wolgan Valley was selected by Emirates after extensive research for a location that lent itself to world-class conservation-based practices. The secluded resort also incorporates the 'Timeless Spa' branded facility offering guests world-class spa treatments in a luxurious setting commanding views of the spectacular the valley below and some of the best [Wildlife Safaris in Australia](#).

The resort has recently become the first hotel in the world to achieve carbon neutral certification from an internationally accredited greenhouse gas certification scheme. [Wolgan Valley Conservation Resort in Australia](#) is also a proud member of Leading Hotels of the World, the world's largest luxury hospitality organisation, representing more than 450 of the finest hotels, resorts and spas.

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About Emirates Hotels & Resorts:

Emirates Hotels & Resorts is Emirates Airline's premier hospitality management division comprising a growing portfolio of award-winning luxury conservation-based resorts, and lifestyle Spas.

For over 10 years, Al Maha Desert Resort & Spa has showcased the success of Emirates Hotels & Resorts' conservation-based philosophy. The same philosophy is followed at the other two Emirates Hotels & Resorts conservation-based properties; the Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa in Australia's Blue Mountains, which opened in October, and at the Cap Ternay Resort & Spa in the Seychelles, which is now under planning.

The Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve and the Wolgan Valley Wildlife Conservancy, where Al Maha and Wolgan Valley are respectively located, are sponsored by Emirates and under the management of Emirates Hotels & Resorts.

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