





# MISTERE SPA AND RESORT - KANAGROO ISLAND

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## PROJECT DETAILS

CLIENT	Private
LOCATION	Kangaroo Island, Australia
PROJECT TEAM	Kavan Applegate, Phil Jackson, Joel Sim
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## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Mistere Spa and Retreat on Kangaroo Island lies just off the mainland of South Australia, southwest of Adelaide. Providing an immersive ecotourism experience for guests to discover the natural, cultural, and scenic beauty of Kangaroo Island, the Mistere Spa and Retreat offers peaceful panoramic views over Nepean Bay in luxury accommodation.

The retreat has a range of accommodation options that celebrate the natural rawness and ruggedness of the Kangaroo Island landscape and offer guests different holiday experiences. Guests who enjoy camping can stay in restored Airstream caravans that span different eras or luxury eco-tents situated by the dam and natural creeks. Other accommodation options include a farm stay lodge, which provides the farm experience with homestead comfort, bay view villas that offer seclusion and flexible living and the existing lavish Mistere Lodge that has a heated pool and magnificent ocean views. The retreat also features a gathering space at the highest point over Nepean Bay, which includes a lookout with 360-degree ocean views, fire pit and telescope for stargazing.

The sensory experience of the site is developed around each of the accommodation types, linking to the natural features of the island through textures, materials, views, and opportunities for interaction with nature and wildlife. The work of local artists is also integrated into the design for a more profound cultural experience.