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BEDARRA'S HIDEAWAY INDULGENCE

The Bedarra Gourmet Series (June-December 2010) is superb indulgence, and costs guests no extra to enjoy. Packages priced from \$3468 per couple.

Cairns, August 2010: For those seeking a guilt-free, quiet indulgence, there's another reason to head to the secluded hideaway that is Bedarra Island Resort.

Bedarra is midway through their second Gourmet Series weekends (June - December 2010) and new executive chef Jimmy Ward says guests' reception of the indulgent degustations has been excellent.

"These weekends are a collaborative showcase of the very finest wine and cuisine set against the backdrop of this stunning luxury tropical island, and cost guests no more than the usual tariff. It's a great pleasure to create a one off experience which is so satisfying," says Jimmy Ward.

The resort's culinary team create seven-course gourmet degustation menus, using fresh local produce and ingredients to expertly compliment the featured wine or Champagne.

Jimmy has been on the island for 18 months and recently became executive chef after Geoffrey Crabbe's tenure. He has worked at Rick Stein's Seafood Restaurant and St Petroc's Bistro in Padstow, Cornwall UK, as well as Raymond Blanc's 2 Michelin star restaurant Le Manoir aux Chat' Saisons in Oxford.

"After a rather traditional start years ago when I was apprenticed at what is now Aria Restaurant in Brisbane (owned by Matt Moran), this was like doing a whole new apprenticeship. The UK experience taught me the importance of ingredients and how to respect food by keeping it uncomplicated," says Jimmy Ward.

The series continues with a Bollinger-Croser-Petaluma-Bridgewater Mill Gourmet Weekend - Friday 20th & Saturday 21st August and the resort has just announced that Prue and Stephen Henschke are set to host the Henschke Gourmet Weekend - Friday 17th & Saturday 18th September 2010.

Bedarra Gourmet Series packages are priced from \$3468 per couple and include return flights from Cairns to Dunk Island and boat transfer to Bedarra Island activities, including motorised dinghies and picnic hampers.

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In other news, for an extra special treat the resort has created an **Indulgent Day** package where you won't leave the privacy of your villa. Gourmet fare of breakfast, lunch and dinner are all delivered, prepared especially to your likes by the resort chef. To complete this day of private luxury, Bedarra added a special couples in-villa massage - 90 minutes of pure pampering!

For film buffs, there's a special event - **The Mission Beach Film Festival** 17-19 September. Hideaway Resorts (Bedarra Island Resort's owners) are Gold sponsors of this festival, and guests wishing to attend screenings can take advantage of free transfers to Mission Beach.

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Bedarra Gourmet Series Dates

- August "Bollinger-Croser-Petaluma-Bridgewater Mill" - Friday 20th & Saturday 21st August 2010.
- September "Henschke" - Friday 17th & Saturday 18th September 2010.
- October "Yabby Lake - Escarpment" - Friday 15th & Saturday 16th October 2010.
- November "Pelorus - Cloudy Bay" - Friday 12th & Saturday 13th November 2010.
- December Gourmet "Seafood" - Friday 10th & Saturday 11th December 2010

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