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[Mountain Whispers Luxury Accommodation, Blue Mountains](#)

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Mountain Whispers consists of four, painstakingly resorted, **boutique luxury retreats**. All properties are located in the **Blue Mountains**, around the Leura and Katoomba areas.

I was invited to experience the properties and find out first hand what owner **Lorraine Allanson** has created for her guests. As gorgeous as the properties are, it isn't just about the accommodation. Allanson works closely with other businesses in the area to ensure all your needs are catered for. Be that dinner cooked and served in-house or a pampered afternoon in the **Mountain Whispers' Spa**.

After an easy drive from Sydney, I arrive in Leura. I have been asked to meet up at Varenna. The property is easy to find and located a five-minute walk from Leura Village. This makes it perfect for those that want to catch the train up to the Blue Mountains. Easy walking distance from Leura station, and also within easy walking distance of Leura village for shopping and dining out.

Varenna

Varenna is the first property that Allanson restored back to its glory days. It took her just over seven years. An Edwardian home, first owned by Matilda Cowper in 1906, she was the granddaughter of Arch Deacon William Cowper. As well as restoring the properties research into their histories was undertaken as well.

The property is large. There are three bedrooms all with queen size beds. Perfect for three couples to getaway or a romantic stay for you and your partner.

There is a mix of old-world and modern comforts; central heating, air-conditioning, large flat screen television, multi-room music and gourmet kitchen. There are two bathrooms one with a spa bath the other with a claw-foot bath and heated flooring.





I must apologize for the lack of Vareena photos. It seems gremlins have been at play. All my Vareena photos have vanished off the face of the earth. I took quite a few, but poof, all gone. Ahhh the many mysteries of the world we live in.

Leura Rose

I had a choice of which property I wanted to stay and chose to stay at Leura Rose. Located around a 10-minute walk from Leura Village, again a great location. Built in 1914 as a mountain retreat for a wealthy Sydney merchant.

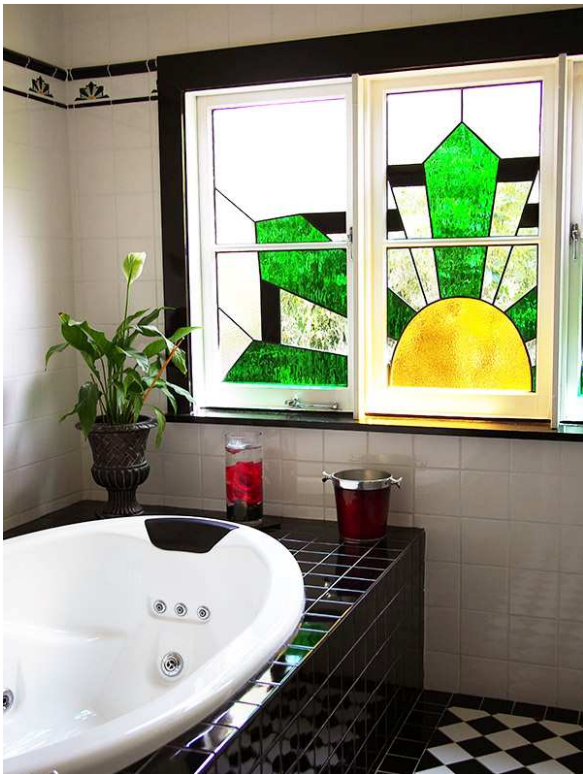
I'm not sure what attracted to me to Leura Rose. It could have been the large shady verandah, or the bathroom with a fireplace, and a spa which would fit an entire family. I think it was the enormous light and airy cooks kitchen that eventually won me over.

This property again is quite large with three bedrooms all featuring queen size four-poster beds. Two bathrooms one with the rather large spa and fireplace as mentioned earlier. Again all details have been taken care of with central heating, air-conditioning, large flat screen television and multi-room music. There is even another gas log fire in the lounge room.



The Gatsby

While visiting I had the opportunity to have a look at one other property, The Gatsby. A gorgeous Art Deco property located a short stroll to Echo Point or Katoomba shops. Accommodating up to three couples, two in the main house and a third couple in a self contained garden cottage. All the modern perks of the other two properties are present at The Gatsby.



Strawberry Patch

The fourth property of the Mountain Whispers' group is Strawberry Patch, which I didn't visit. A smaller property that is suitable for up to two couples. I believe it has all the same features as the other properties and is a short stroll to Leura Village.

When you stay at any of the Mountain Whispers' properties, additional pampering and experiences can also be organized. If you are organizing a **romantic weekend away**, rose petals, champagne on ice, chocolates, scented candles and much more can be arranged.

In-House Spa

There are also in-house massages, facials, and a complete range of beauty treatments available. I can recommend the massages completely, I experienced one hour of pure bliss. Plus there is even a fireplace and chandelier in the spa room. There are two massage tables, which means couples massages!



Visiting for a **girls' weekend away**? Then why not participate in a two-hour, hand on, make-up session. Actually it was a lot of fun. I came away with some new techniques, and I wore false lashes for the first time. An interesting experience, I felt like I had butterflies on my eyelids. Saying that, I will wear them again.



In-House Catering

Don't feel like cooking or strolling up to one of Leura or Katoomba's many restaurants? That really isn't an issue either. In-house catering can be organized.

Our three-course meal was prepared by **Martin Wrighton of Matunga's personal chef services**. We were served and waited on like silk worms by **Peter Welling from Peter's Party Helpers**. Mountain Whispers can arrange all this for your stay.





canapés



*salmon & crab lasagne with herb mascarpone,
semi-dried tomatoes & roasted garlic broth*



*warm tartlet of braised caramelised
onion & soft goat's cheese*



*grilled snapper fillet on a salad of green
beans, asparagus & roasted almond with lemon dressing*



*warm salad of roasted lamb rump, fresh herbs,
semi-dried tomatoes & crumbed feta with mint basil aioli*



*rocket salad with pear, asparagus &
blue cheese dressing*



strawberries romanoff



double chocolate cointreau

You organise your menu before arrival. I had the salmon & crab lasagne as well as the snapper which were beautifully cooked. There were a range of wines served to accompany our meal, all Australian. I also had the strawberries romanoff which had the surprise of chocolate strawberry jam mixed into the cream at the bottom of the glass. Of course, I had to steal a spoonful of the double chocolate cointreau, delicious!

Rates for the properties start at \$435/night for two people. All bookings **include full breakfast** for the first morning, complimentary port, bottle of boutique wine, chocolates and flowers. For more information and availability head to Mountain Whispers' web site.

More of my property photos can be found ***here***.

Sara xxx

Belly Rumbles stayed as a guest of Mountain Whispers.

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