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MOUNTAIN WHISPERS COLLECTION

When Lorraine Allanson first visited the Blue Mountains with her husband some 20 years ago, she was greatly disappointed with the standard of accommodation on offer. Seeking romance and luxury, the Sydney acquisitions professional was met with drab, dowdy rooms and outdated services.

So, when the opportunity came to purchase property in the mountains, Lorraine decided to create her own boutique accommodation and achieve that level of decadence discerning travellers were looking for.

Lorraine now heads up the Mountain Whispers (MW) Collection – a mini-empire of luxury properties in Leura and Katoomba. Not afraid to roll up her sleeves and get stuck in, Lorraine renovated the properties herself, restoring original features and redecorating with lavish colour palettes and furnishings, in keeping with tradition. "The best accommodation has to be warm and inviting," she explains. "I work with all the senses when I'm decorating so that when guests walk into my properties, they smell lovely, there's mood lighting, the fire is on and the layers of textures and colour all work to evoke a state of calm and relaxation; a luxury getaway from the hubbub of the city."

Perfect for accommodating wedding parties, the MW Collection boasts five period properties. Whether you're a fan of *Downton Abbey* or F. Scott Fitzgerald, your tastes are catered for.



Lorraine's first passion project, the Edwardian property Varenna, was built in 1906 and is set on 1800 square metres of landscaped gardens just minutes from Leura Mall. A pair of classic Federation-style weatherboard cottages – Strawberry Patch and the elegantly restored Leura Rose – soon followed. Lorraine completed her collection with The Gatsby, Art Deco-inspired accommodation situated just a stroll away from the Three Sisters and Katoomba township, and deLorraine – a 1930s property complete with Hollywood-style glamour and amazing views.

According to Lorraine, it's the little things – attention to detail and personal touches – that set Mountain Whispers properties apart from other local accommodation. Her nurturing nature has helped form lasting relationships with guests. It's this level of customer service, along with luxury fittings, four-poster beds, spa baths, quality linen, well-equipped kitchens, privacy and manicured gardens, that make for truly memorable stays. It's this level of customer service, along with luxury fittings, four-poster beds, spa baths, quality linen, well-equipped kitchens, privacy and manicured gardens, that make for truly memorable stays.



Repeat customers can vouch for that. Birthdays, anniversaries, girls' getaways, babymoons, respite for cancer patients and many a marriage proposal have been celebrated at Mountain Whispers. Complimentary flowers, candles, wine, chocolates and delicious breakfast provisions pamper guests, while indulgent extras such as a private massage therapist and inhouse chef mean some guests never want to leave the comfort of the fireside, even to take in the local attractions.

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