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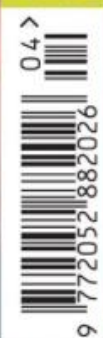
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WORDS AND IMAGES OF KITTY BY KITTY VON TASTIQUE

Kitty von Tastique stays at this beautiful house in Australia. Decorated with a mixture of Hollywood regency and art deco flavours, this amazing vintage house also features jaw-dropping views of the Jamison Valley. It is certainly one to visit!



I must admit that when I stay away I am always looking for attention to detail, that 'wow' factor, plus the instant home-away-from-home vibe, so quite the tall order to fill!

With her fifth and final vintage home restoration, 'Chatelaine', Lorraine Allanson (who I like to call 'The Vintage House Whisperer') manages to tick all my boxes and then some! I think it's time to upgrade her to 'Lady of The Chateau', which incidentally is the meaning of the name 'Chatelaine'.

When I last interviewed Lorraine about her Mountain

Whispers properties (located in the Blue Mountains of Australia), I asked her whether she would take on a fifth project and at the time 'Chatelaine' was just a sparkle in her mind's eye. Now the sparkle is there for all to see in this lovingly, restored final project.

The home was built in 1938, so Lorraine has decorated it with a mixture of Hollywood regency and art deco flavours. She has a knack for introducing authentic vintage pieces with modern day luxuries, so you can relax in the knowledge that the under-floor heating will keep you cosy and comfortable while you luxuriate on the vintage chaise lounge in the glam-



orous first bedroom (complete with gold ceiling rose and chandelier).

There are three gorgeous bedrooms, a full kitchen, gas-log fire, billiards room, huge eating area with a jaw dropping view of the Jamison Valley, outdoor deck with travertine marble dining table and BBQ, plus all the modern conveniences like flat screen TV, Wi-Fi, heating and laundry.

You will also be treated on arrival with complimentary port and luxury toiletries, as well as access to breakfast supplies, massages and other indulgent treats on request. Marriage proposal set-ups are one of Lorraine's favourites.

Like all of Lorraine's properties, she has done most of the hard graft herself. This lady of the chateau is definitely not afraid of getting her hands dirty. She has stripped the wallpaper, scrubbed the floors and re-planted the gardens, which are extensive.

With its bespoke garden design, breath-taking panoramic views of the Jamison Valley on one side and the Megalong Valley on the other, 'Chatelaine' sits perched on just over four thousand square metres of undulating lawns and superbly manicured gardens.

Many of the gorgeous details, like the custom blinds in the lounge room were made by Lorraine herself



by hand and she also custom designed the hall runners as well. The pressed metal panels featured throughout the home were also commissioned by Lorraine, and certainly add a lot of vintage Hollywood glamour to the property.

But like all the best destinations, it is all about the experience of staying at 'Chatelaine'. I loved sipping port by the fire listening to 1920s music, while watching my mum and dad play billiards on the huge table.

I also loved waking up in my 'princess bed' and looking up at the silver ceiling rose and chandelier, before doing my make-up in a mirror flanked by silver, art deco lady lamps. Equalled only by my morning cup of tea on the outdoor balcony where I watched the sun sneak up along the mountain range to the sound of native birds and the rustle of leaves.

'Chatelaine' truly is a gorgeous final treasure in Lorraine's collection and I can't recommend this stunning property enough.

You can find out more information at <https://mountainwhispers.com.au>

*The writer stayed as a guest of Mountain Whispers



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