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Gold for Great Southern

From bush foods to deluxe accommodation, the Great Southern's tourism products are among the best in Western Australia.

Eight Great Southern tourism enterprises earned awards, including a swag of golden honours, at the recent 2013 Perth Airport WA Tourism Awards.

Winners of gold awards are eligible for the Australian national tourism awards to be presented in Sydney on 7 February 2014.

Great Southern Development Commission Chairman Peter Rundle said the awards were due recognition for the hard work put in by the region's tourism sector.

"Congratulations to all the Great Southern enterprises that laboured to achieve the excellence that brings success in the tourism awards," Mr Rundle said.

"Tourism operators in the Great Southern are continually developing their products and services and it is great to see so many leading the way in the industry."

Denmark's Out of Sight Tours won gold in the ecotourism category and silver in the tour and/or transport operators category, and tour operator David Bomba was named the FACET golden guide.

The Lake House winery in Denmark received a gold award in the tourism restaurants and catering services category and bronze in the tourism wineries, distilleries and breweries category.

Gold awards were also won by the Beach House at Bayside, West Cape Howe Cottages and the Bushfood Factory and Café.

The Walpole Wilderness Discovery Centre, which includes the Tree Top Walk in the Great Southern, won gold in the new tourism development category.

Other awarded enterprises from the Great Southern were Karma Chalets and Karisma Spa, and HideAway Haven.

The WA Tourism Awards are presented annually and attract strong competition from throughout Western Australia.

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