

New York, New York!

*I woke at 7.30 with a phone call and a voice at the other end saying
“Pack your bags, you’re off to New York!” I thought I must be dreaming - but
I had just won a place in the top 10 best Spa therapists of the world, through
a company called Spa Finder. When my feet hit the ground, I couldn’t believe
that me, a little country spa therapist had been recognised globally.*

I’m a regular spa therapist working at the Reef House Spa, I’ve been there for 3 years and had gradually worked my way up from graduating from college with no experience, to becoming a spa therapist and learning all about Li’Tyra product and treatments.

After 18 months of learning the ropes at the Reef House Spa, where I worked as a therapist for 3 years, I was promoted to Senior Spa therapist, (leader of a team of 10) , and became a Spa Supervisor 6 months later

From that day in late August, I had until Oct 14th to get my head around winning an award (described as the academy award for Spas).

4am Oct 11, it all starts.

The Reef House Spa Owners Jeff and Carol Fleming, took me to the airport and Carol and I headed off to a two day stop over in Los Angeles .

Before we headed for New York, we visited Disney Land and here I got my first impression of the USA,

From LA onto New York City, and from the moment I touched down I was swept away by this amazing place - so much so that we dropped off our luggage and went right out and explored the city. We spent 5 days. in New York which seemed to have people everywhere, buildings that looked like they would never end, so many lights, cars rushing by,...so different from home. Some of the highlights of our sightseeing were - The Statue of Liberty, Statton Island, The Empire State building, Brooklyn Bridge, Grand Central Station, Central Park and of course The Waldorf Astoria where the awards ceremony was to be held.

I was excited to get to know the elite of the spa industry, realising that I had become a member of this group.

Carol and I stood outside the Waldorf and couldn't believe we were there. When we entered the front doors we were in awe of the amazing interior design, so intricate and detailed.... being there made me feel like royalty. We hesitated a moment to absorb the atmosphere and then made our way to the prestigious Guerlain Spa.

About to collect our name tags , we heard the Chairman of the Ragdale Hall Health Retreat in the UK asking if Michelle Cameron had arrived. (His company uses Li'Tya products and he had read about me in the Li'Tya newsletter). I felt very proud as I walked up and introduced myself to him.

While mingling with other attendees, I met two of the other 'best therapists', and many more category award winners and it felt very good to be a part of this elite group. The sophisticated and elegant spa with a multitude of treatment rooms, marble benches, and a design that defines the Waldorf style, far exceeded all of my expectations.

Once the ceremony started we were able to put a face to all the important names that I'd read about.

Finally it was time for the 'best therapist' category. The anticipation was almost too much to bear. Finally I heard....."All the way from Australia." It was a great feeling to join important industry names and with cameras flashing around me , I felt like a celebrity. After the ceremony the international guests were invited to a dinner to celebrate....an amazing experience and one I won't ever forget.

The next day, we were given a tour of the Spa Finder office, (which had the look and feel of a spa) where all of this began. The people on staff were accommodating and friendly and we felt very welcome.

When look back on the trip, it feels like a dream. I continue to give 100%, love what I do and love working at the spa . Together with all of the study, training and passionate dedication, this reward was the best gift I could ever have asked for.

Michelle Cameron