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Ben Lommond,
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Lord Howe Island,
New South Wales

G'DAY & WELCOME BACK TO AUSTRALIA



Wula Gura Nyinda Eco Cultural Adventures,
Western Australia

We've missed you. As Australia reopens to the world, we couldn't be more excited to show you around, and share our magnificent backyard with travellers once again.

From the dramatic desert landscapes to lush ancient rainforests and coastal cities fringed with golden beaches, Australia is known around the world for its natural beauty and dazzling cityscapes. But there's much more to our country than its good looks.

Home to the world's oldest living culture, we invite you to learn about the rich cultures and traditions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, whose continuing connections with land and sea have much to teach us. A trip to Australia is also an opportunity to share in the values that the locals hold close to their hearts: a love for nature and wildlife, a sense of adventure and living life outdoors.

While some things have remained the same Down Under – namely the gloriously wide-open spaces and locals' famously easy-going way of life – in recent years everything from food to fashion has had a fresh new makeover.

New tourism experiences and places to stay have opened in hidden corners of the country, refreshed cultural attractions reflect the vibrancy of today's residents, and a nationwide love for fresh local produce and great coffee has firmly embedded an urban cafe culture across the country. And that's just the beginning.

Innovative chefs, brewers, winemakers and distillers continue to evolve and make for a thriving food and drink scene – with sustainability at the fore. Major event plans are being laid for 2022 and beyond, and perhaps most excitingly, interest in Indigenous tourism continues to grow – a powerful driver for positive change and sustainability of culture.

In this new era of global travel, Australia's endless opportunities to get out into nature and explore places where space is abundant, have never been more precious or desirable. From the outback to the coast, from icons to undiscovered gems, there's still nothing like Australia.



Bitter Springs,
Northern Territory



PLACES TO GO & PEOPLE TO SEE



Three Sisters,
New South Wales



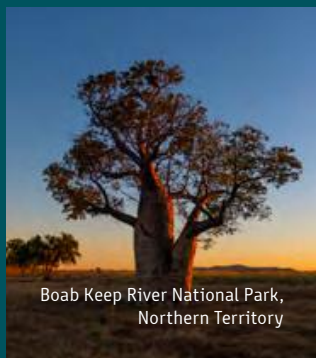
Purnululu (The Bungle Bungles),
Western Australia



Norfolk Island



WildFest at Tidbinbilla
Nature Reserve,
Australian Capital Territory



Boab Keep River National Park,
Northern Territory



Kayaking Orpheus Island,
Queensland



Australian Coastal Safaris,
South Australia



Horseshoe Bend Strahan,
Tasmania



Hosier Lane,
Victoria



AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Home to Australia's capital Canberra, the Australian Capital Territory is renowned for its world-class cultural attractions and cool new edge. With a flourishing food and drink scene, a multitude of galleries and museums showcasing Australia's creativity and diverse stories, and easy access to nature activities and national parks, it offers the perfect balance of indulgence and adventure.

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Balloons over Lake Burley Griffin,
Australian Capital Territory

CANBERRA

A small and modern city means it's easy to get around, with the city's most stylish restaurants, memorable winery experiences and top attractions all within easy reach. Within the city limits you'll find museums, galleries, breweries and modern architecture, and just minutes away lies majestic mountains and myriad green spaces to enjoy.



Rebel Rebel,
Australian Capital Territory

CANBERRA WINE REGION

Canberra is surrounded by a cool-climate wine wonderland, featuring 140 vineyards and more than 40 wineries within 35 minutes' drive of Canberra's city centre – most of which have cellar doors.

NATIONAL PARKS AND NATURE RESERVES

The Australian Capital Territory is surrounded by the Great Dividing Range to the east, and the foot of the Australian Alps to the west at Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve and Namadgi National Park, which are laced with trails and native wildlife encounters.

DESTINATIONS



The National Arboretum Canberra,
Australian Capital Territory

TABLELANDS

Pack up the car and explore the inland areas surrounding Canberra, otherwise known as the Tablelands. Head east through Queanbeyan to the historic towns of Braidwood and Bungendore. Head west to the Yass Valley via the Murrumbateman wine region and explore charming small towns. Just over one hour from Canberra is the Hilltops region, renowned for its glorious countryside and delicious produce.



Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve,
Australian Capital Territory

SEE & DO

Get out and into nature

With about 70 per cent of the Australian Capital Territory designated nature park, parklands and nature-based experiences are plentiful. Take a twilight tour of Mulligans Flat to spot bettongs (small kangaroo-like marsupials), walk the Mount Ainslie loop to take in the sweeping views across the city and mountain ranges or cycle around stunning man-made Lake Burley Griffin at the city's heart or jump aboard a GoBoat on the Lake to see a different perspective of the city and it's natural beauty. Both Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve and Namadgi National Park offers an array of hiking and wildlife spotting experiences.

Discover Australia's national treasures

Australia's rich and diverse stories come to life through the collections housed by the city's museums and galleries, many of which are free to enter. See the world's largest collection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art at the National Gallery of Australia and discover the war experiences that shaped a nation at the Australian War Memorial. The National Museum of Australia is the ideal place to get a snapshot of Australia's past, present and future.



National Gallery of Australia, Australian Capital Territory

Take a hot air balloon flight

For the best views of Canberra, take a hot air balloon flight at dawn. It's the perfect way to fully appreciate this architecturally planned city as it shows just how integrated its urban and green spaces are. Each March as part of the Enlighten Festival, the Canberra Balloon Spectacular sees more than 30 balloons take off each morning of the event from a central city park location, filling the skyline with a sea of colour.



The name Canberra is thought to derive from the word Ngambri, the Aboriginal name given to the area by its Traditional Owners, the Ngunnawal people.



EAT & DRINK

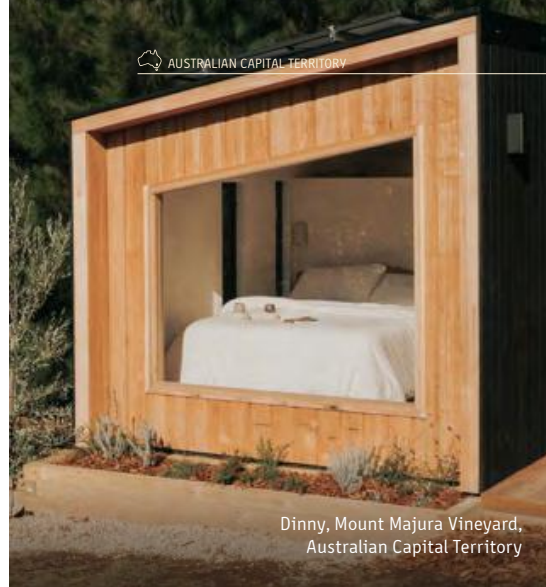
Bar Rochford, Australian Capital Territory

Sample fine wines

A cool climate and varied vineyard elevations and soil types make the Canberra District Wine Region an ideal location for winemaking. Sangiovese, riesling, chardonnay, pinot noir, merlot, shiraz, tempranillo and rare varieties such as grüner veltliner are all produced in this region. Home to more than 40 boutique cellar doors, winery-hopping is the perfect way to spend an afternoon.

Fine dining and fusion feasts

From fine dining to cheap eats, there's a breadth of culinary experiences on offer in the Australian Capital Territory, including the multi-award-winning Bar Rochford, tucked away in the city centre's iconic Melbourne Building. It's one of Canberra's 10 hatted eateries, which also includes Aubergine, a two hatted restaurant which focuses on highlighting the finest regional seasonal produce.



Dinny, Mount Majura Vineyard, Australian Capital Territory

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2022

The National Museum of Australia's most significant gallery redevelopment to date, the Great Southern Land environmental gallery is due to open in early 2022. It will invite visitors to deepen their understanding of the Australian continent through its fascinating collection of 1,200 objects, stories and experiences.

2021 marked a century since the birth of acclaimed Australian artist Jeffrey Smart. To celebrate this significant centenary, the National Gallery Australia (NGA) will showcase a major exhibition of his work opening 11 December 2021 - 15 May 2022). Also rescheduled for exhibition in 2022 is the NGA's National Indigenous Art Triennial: Ceremony, which will see more than 35 artists from around Australia showcase the centrality of ceremony in their work.

Celebrate Australians in Hollywood at the National Film and Sound Archives. Delve into the world of talented Australian actors and filmmakers from Rebel Wilson to Baz Luhrmann at Australians & Hollywood (21 January 2022 - 17 July 2022). Exclusive to Canberra, this exhibition features never-before publicly seen costumes, original documents and footage as it tells tales of craft, talent and ambition.

INSIDER TIP



The Australian Capital Territory takes its coffee seriously. With cafes across Canberra and beyond, specialty coffee roasters Ona Coffee boasts an impressive array of award-winning baristas, including Australian Barista Champion Hugh Kelly.

WHAT'S NEW

Nestling alongside the vines of Mount Majura Vineyard, just 15 minutes from Canberra's city centre, Cubby and Co has added a tiny-home stay to its suite of eco-accommodations, which already includes two glamping tents. Named for the vineyard's original owner, solar-powered Dinny features a queen bed overlooking the vines. Furnished with local ceramics and other products, this cosy home-away-from-home is also just a short stroll from the winery's cellar door. Visiting the Canberra region's top wineries recently became even easier thanks to new luxury wine tour company Van du Vin, which offers half- and full-day winery tours along with accommodation packages, as well as wintertime winery and truffle-hunting tours.

Visitors to Canberra's National Arboretum now have three new opportunities to connect with Aboriginal culture in a beautiful bush setting. Hosted by Ngala Tours, the Walk on Country Tour is a guided walk around the Arboretum's Bush Tucker Garden and Southern Tablelands Ecosystems Park to see native plants used for medicinal, culinary and cultural purposes. And the Discover Art and Country Tour combines the Arboretum's cultural and scenic sites with a visit to Burrunjui Aboriginal Art Gallery. You can also create your own artwork on the Art on Country Workshop experience.



NEW SOUTH WALES

With superb beaches, enchanting national parks, vineyards galore and one of the world's most famous and vibrant cities, New South Wales will dazzle you. From spectacular Sydney Harbour to the World Heritage-listed Blue Mountains and the sapphire-blue waters of the South Coast, New South Wales beckons with indulgent wine regions, charming seaside villages and diverse wilderness areas.

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Bronte,
New South Wales

DESTINATIONS

Avoca Cave,
New South Wales

SYDNEY

A city that needs no introduction, Sydney brings new meaning to wow factor. From its iconic natural harbour to its glittering coastline, its vibrant neighbourhoods to its picturesque surrounding rural and coastal landscapes, Sydney has no shortage of things to see and do.

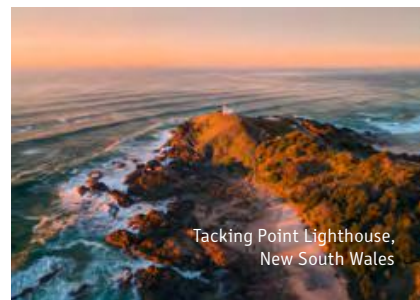
Sydney Harbour Bridge and CBD,
New South Wales

BLUE MOUNTAINS

Be captivated by the one million hectares of tall forests, sandstone cliffs, canyons and waterfalls that make up the magnificent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area, just a 90-minute drive west from central Sydney.

NORTH COAST

With great beaches and surf breaks, a wealth of wellness options and excellent dining, Byron Bay is the best-known corner of the North Coast. But you'll find beautiful beaches, lush rainforests, fantastic places to eat and stay and much more along this scenic stretch of coastline.



Tacking Point Lighthouse,
New South Wales

HUNTER VALLEY

Give your tastebuds a serious thrill in Australia's oldest wine-growing region, only a three-hour drive north of Sydney. Enjoy epicurean indulgences galore in the Hunter Valley, where you'll find more than 150 cellar doors, world-class wines, gourmet restaurants, spa retreats and concerts in the vineyards.



Pokolbin Hunter Valley Gardens,
New South Wales



Australian actor and Global Ambassador for Tourism Australia Chris Hemsworth and his extended family, including brothers Liam and Luke, enjoyed a family get-away to magnificent Lord Howe Island.

LORD HOWE ISLAND

Leave the pace of modern life behind when you visit World Heritage-listed Lord Howe Island, a lush natural paradise where luxury and outdoor adventures collide. With only 400 visitors allowed at any time, idyllic Lord Howe – less than two hours by plane from Sydney and Brisbane – never feels crowded.

COUNTRY NEW SOUTH WALES

From nation-making heritage sites and charming towns to world-class food and wine regions, World Heritage wilderness to places of great Indigenous significance, Country New South Wales is a road-tripper's dream. Just a 3.5-hour drive from Sydney, the cool-climate wine region of Orange is a great place to begin your adventure.



Cathedral Rocks, Kiama,
New South Wales

SOUTH COAST

Renowned for its superb coastal scenery, gourmet produce, wildlife-rich national parks and relaxed way of life, the South Coast invites visitors to slow down and get back to nature. Luxe accommodation, water sports and great places to eat all abound in the region's seaside and hinterland towns including Wollongong, Kiama, Huskisson, Batemans Bay, Narooma, Bermagui and Merimbula.

SEE & DO

Swim in over 100 ocean pools

Carved into rock shelves at coastal beaches and fed by ocean tides, nearly 100 ocean pools can be found on the coast of New South Wales. Enjoy endless coastal views while swimming in the heritage-listed Bogey Hole in Newcastle, two-hours' drive north of Sydney, experience the crystal-clear waters of the Blue Pool in Bermagui on the Sapphire Coast, or head for the iconic Icebergs Pool in Sydney's Bondi.

There are 35 ocean pools in Sydney alone.

Walk the coastline and spot whales

From the Cape Byron Walking Track that takes you past the lighthouse at Australia's most easterly point, to the famous Bondi to Coogee Coastal Walk and the Killer Whale Trail in Eden on the Sapphire Coast, New South Wales' coastline offers countless walking trails and headlands – which offer incredible vantage points for spotting whales. Each year between late May and November, catch a glimpse of migrating humpback and southern right whales cruising along this “humpback highway”. There are also countless whale watching cruises on offer, and the Swim with Whales experience in Jervis Bay for truly immersive encounters with the gentle giants.

Learn about Aboriginal culture

Home to the country's largest population of Aboriginal Australians, New South Wales has countless opportunities to learn about Indigenous culture with guided cultural tours, contemporary Aboriginal festivals, art galleries and more. On the New South Wales South Coast, get insight into cultural knowledge that has been passed down over generations with Ngaran Ngaran Culture Awareness; in Wagga Wagga, enjoy a Walkabout to Wiradjuri cultural places with Bundyi Aboriginal Cultural Knowledge; and in Coffs Harbour, try a stand-up paddleboard tour with Wajanna Yaam Adventure Tours. In Sydney, take a Dreamtime Southern X walking tour and learn about the state capital form an Indigenous perspective.



Australian Museum,
New South Wales

Fall under Sydney's spell

The natural beauty of Sydney Harbour is undeniable, but this stunning city has plenty more going for it. Gourmet delights, hidden bars, sun-filled cafes and hip boutiques abound in the city centre. Arts and culture lovers will also find galleries, theatre companies, alternative cinema and museums, including the recently redeveloped Australian Museum, which holds one of Australia's most significant First Nations collections.



Bundyi Aboriginal Cultural Tours,
New South Wales



Three Blue Ducks,
New South Wales

EAT & DRINK

Taste the future at urban farms

Get a taste of the country without leaving the suburbs at New South Wales' urban farm restaurants. Set within a productive garden, recently opened Acre Artarmon in Sydney uses herbs, flowers, fruit and more grown onsite in its farm-inspired dishes. The Byron Bay outpost of local produce-led Three Blue Ducks restaurant is set on a working farm just a 10-minute drive from the centre of town, and just 45-minutes' drive north of Sydney's city centre. Mooney Mooney Oyster Farm Tours offer an authentic oyster farm experience guided by third-generation oyster farmers.



Blue Mountains,
New South Wales

Follow fresh local produce

With talented chefs, fresh local produce, abundant seafood, superb wines, and cultural and culinary influences from around the world, New South Wales is filled with culinary delights. Choose from a range of food, wine and ale trails across the state that showcase excellent restaurants, produce and farmers markets, and can easily be timed to stop in at one of the many regional food festivals.



Oyster lovers should not miss the opportunity to discover Australia's Oyster Coast along the South Coast of New South Wales which produces three varieties of premium oysters, including the Sydney rock oyster, the rare angasi 'flat oyster' and the popular Pacific oyster.

WHAT'S NEW

On the New South Wales North Coast, the Tweed region has welcomed a number of additions to its exciting regional dining scene. Highlights include refined neighbourhood Italian No. 35 Kitchen and Bar, in Cabarita, and Tweed River House, a stylish modern Australian restaurant set in a historic Murwillumbah homestead.

New South Wales's second largest city, Newcastle (or 'Newie', as it is affectionately known), just a two-hour drive north of Sydney, is in the midst of a luxury renaissance. Crystalbrook Collection Hotels & Resorts opened Newcastle's first five-star hotel, Kingsley, in June 2021, complete with a rooftop restaurant with 360-degree city views; while a QT hotel, expected to open in 2022, will occupy the historic former David Jones department store building.

A three-hour drive from Sydney via the Blue Mountains, the Central Tablelands hub of Bathurst has launched the Bathurst Wine Explorer. Held on the third Saturday of each month, the experience includes visits to two winery visits, plus lunch at the historic Abercrombie House.

On the New South Wales South Coast, the riverside town of Narooma has bounced back from the 2019/20 bushfires with new eateries including waterside oyster bar The Oyster Farmers Daughter and relaxed cafe Salt. With hospitality group Merivale snapping up two iconic local venues in 2021, Narooma, just over 4.5 hours' drive from Sydney, is poised to become a culinary destination.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2022

The Phantom of the Opera is set to be performed on Opera Australia's spectacular over-water stage at Mrs Macquaries Point on Sydney Harbour from 25 March. Nearby, the Art Gallery of New South Wales is due to open a new gallery, Sydney Modern, at the end of 2022, nearly doubling the venue's exhibition space.

Also due to open towards the end of 2022 is the W Sydney in Darling Harbour's jaw-dropping new Ribbon development. The luxury 593-room hotel will feature a WET Deck – the brand's iconic pool deck – among its luxury facilities.



Crystalbrook Kingsley,
New South Wales

PLAN AHEAD FOR 2023

Newcastle will welcome its third luxury hotel in 2023 in the form of the Little National Hotel Newcastle. Comprising 178 rooms, the hotel in the city's waterfront Honeysuckle precinct will pair affordable luxury with superb Hunter River views.



NORTHERN TERRITORY

Rugged beauty abounds in the Northern Territory. From swimming at idyllic waterholes in the West MacDonnell Ranges near Alice Springs, to tasting fresh mud crab in Darwin caught earlier that day, watching Uluru change colours as the sun sets in the Red Centre to engaging with more than 65,000 years of Aboriginal culture on an Indigenous-led tour, the Northern Territory is a place to immerse yourself in nature and culture, and sample some of Australia's finest native produce.

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DESTINATIONS

Lorrella Springs,
Northern Territory



Matt Wrights Darwin Airboat Tour,
Northern Territory

DARWIN

Welcome to the Northern Territory's relaxed capital, Darwin. With balmy nights, colourful characters and outdoor adventures galore, you'll find everything from Asian food markets and crocodile encounters to open-air movies and sunset cruises here.

ARNHEM LAND

Bordered by Kakadu National Park, the Arafura Sea and the Gulf of Carpentaria, Arnhem Land is a vast, unspoiled wilderness area of more than 97,000 square kilometres. Rich in Aboriginal culture, Arnhem Land offers unique and immersive Indigenous experiences, rock art and some of the world's best fishing.

KAKADU

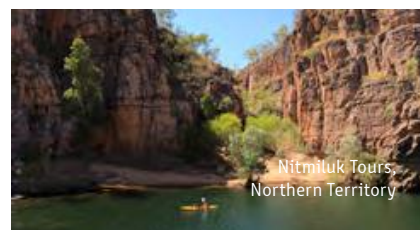
As Australia's biggest national park, Kakadu offers vibrant wetlands, epic waterfalls, billabongs and spectacular escarpments. Covering nearly 20,000 square kilometres, Kakadu National Park is renowned for its cultural significance and stunning natural beauty with incredible wildlife and over 5,000 Aboriginal rock art sites.



Jabiru Scenic Flight,
Northern Territory

KATHERINE

Katherine, located just over three hours south of Darwin, may be best known as the gateway to Nitmiluk National Park, but there's plenty more to discover after you've canoed or cruised down Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge, including a range of springs and waterfalls.



Nitmiluk Tours,
Northern Territory



Florence Falls,
Northern Territory

LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK

Let your worries fade away as you soak under a refreshing waterfall in the stunning Litchfield National Park near Darwin. The plethora of thundering falls and cool plunge pools will entice you to stay awhile and breathe in the serenity of the surrounding monsoon forest.

THE RED CENTRE

Rich in both culture and beauty, Australia's Red Centre is often considered the spiritual heart of the country. Experience Aboriginal culture, desert adventures and the majesty of Uluru, Kings Canyon (Watarrka), Alice Springs and the West MacDonnell Ranges.



Tiwi Islands,
Northern Territory

TIWI ISLANDS

Around 80 kilometres (50 miles) north of Darwin, the Tiwi Islands are a thriving hub of Indigenous art and culture, easily visited on a day trip from Northern Territory capital. The two main islands are Bathurst and Melville, which sit alongside nine smaller, uninhabited islands.

SEE & DO

Explore the Red Centre

At Australia's heart, the Red Centre is an extraordinary landscape of desert plains, weathered mountain ranges, rocky gorges and some of Australia's most sacred Aboriginal sites. Alice Springs – known to locals as simply "Alice" – is a great base for exploring famed sites such as Uluru, its sister rock formation Kata Tjuta, Kings Canyon, the West MacDonnell Ranges and its iconic Larapinta Trail.

Just outside Alice Springs, animal lovers can get up close to Australia's national animal at the Kangaroo Sanctuary. Open for tours from Wednesday to Friday in the late afternoons from February through November, the family-run attraction offers the chance to meet red kangaroos and even hold a joey.



The Kangaroo Sanctuary,
Northern Territory

Take in the view in Kakadu

The options for adventure in the UNESCO World Heritage-listed national park, east of Darwin, are endless – and so are the views. Swim under cascading waterfalls, walk through a pristine wilderness brimming with wildlife, or take a river cruise and spot the world's largest reptile, the saltwater crocodile.

Escape to Australia's true wilderness

Arnhem Land is the Top End's untouched home to beautiful scenery, remote islands, rainforest, rivers, towering escarpments and savannah woodland. Rich in Aboriginal culture, Arnhem Land offers unique Indigenous experiences, oodles of rock art and world-class fishing. There are several famous Indigenous arts centres to visit, or experience it all with a stay in a safari-style camp on the rugged coastline of the Cobourg Peninsula.

Cool off in Darwin

The Top End is the perfect tropical escape, with plenty of places to keep cool. The Darwin Waterfront precinct is jam-packed with activities and the recently opened Aqua Park, perched right in front of the seawall, gives families plenty of space to play on the inflatable obstacle course. Or big kids can channel their inner James Bond and experience the best views of Darwin's city skyline with the new 007 Jet Ski Adventures tour on Darwin Harbour.



Mindil Beach Sunset Markets,
Northern Territory

EAT & DRINK

Treat your tastebuds in Darwin

Indulge your sense of fun and adventure in this tropical city with mouth-watering outdoor sunset markets, waterfront dining, bush-tucker inspired menus, fresh seafood – and a Darwin favourite – laska. Perennial favourites include Korean charcoal barbecue restaurant Little Miss Korea, and Hanuman, which takes inspiration from Thai, Indian and Nonya (Chinese Malay) cuisine, but there are many more great eats to discover. Get the ultimate taste of Darwin on a walking tour with Darwin Gourmet Tours, and don't leave Darwin without visiting the iconic Mindil Beach Sunset Market to enjoy a market-stall dinner on the beach while catching a spectacular tropical sunset, or the Parap & Nightcliff Markets for a breakfast laksa to mix it with the locals.

WHAT'S NEW

See Kakadu National Park in a whole new way with scenic flight operator Kakadu Air. Launched in partnership with local Aboriginal operators, the new Kakadu Culture Experience day tour from Darwin delves into the ancient stories and culturally significant sites of this iconic wilderness. You'll fly over the Kakadu escarpment, take a cruise along the East Alligator River with Guluymbi Cultural Cruises, and visit the famed Aboriginal rock art galleries at Ubirr.

Famous for its cascading waterfalls and enormous magnetic termite mounds, Litchfield National Park is a popular day trip from Darwin, as it's less than 90 minutes' drive to the south of the capital. But now it's easier than ever to extend your visit, thanks to the new Central Valley camping area, which opened in 2021 (with swimming areas for each of its three camping grounds), and a third cabin at Hideaway Litchfield, a stylish accommodation option on the edge of the national park.

The Gallery of Central Australia opened in 2021 and includes around 80 artworks supporting existing and emerging artists exclusively from the Central Desert region. These are displayed in the Gallery along with specially curated items like punu (traditional Anangu wood carving) and pieces designed, and hand made by communities across the region.



Darwin street art,
Northern Territory

Complementing its thrilling Outback Show and horse-riding experiences, the Katherine Outback Experience has added glamping accommodation on its working farm just outside Katherine, a 3.5-hour drive south-east of Darwin. There are cooking facilities for guests, and a communal campfire you can cosy up around.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2022

Opera Australia will be returning to Uluru in May 2022 with a program of four magnificent shows to be performed in the breathtaking natural surrounds of Australia's Red Centre.

And, Darwin Airport is set to welcome a new hotel in 2022, which will see the Mercure Darwin Airport Resort and the Novotel Darwin Airport transformed into a single world-class accommodation option for the Northern Territory capital.

PLAN AHEAD FOR 2023

The Northern Territory is well known for its incredible Aboriginal artists, and in 2023 Darwin is scheduled to open a AUD \$50 million art gallery in the city centre to showcase the works of artists from the Northern Territory and beyond.



When visiting Uluru, keep in mind there are a wide variety of activities and experiences on offer, so you'll want to stay for a couple of nights to take it all in. Learn more about the landscape by hiring an Uluru Audio Guide. Available in languages including English, Japanese, French, German, Italian, Spanish and Chinese, the device uses GPS technology to share stories as you travel around the national park.



QUEENSLAND

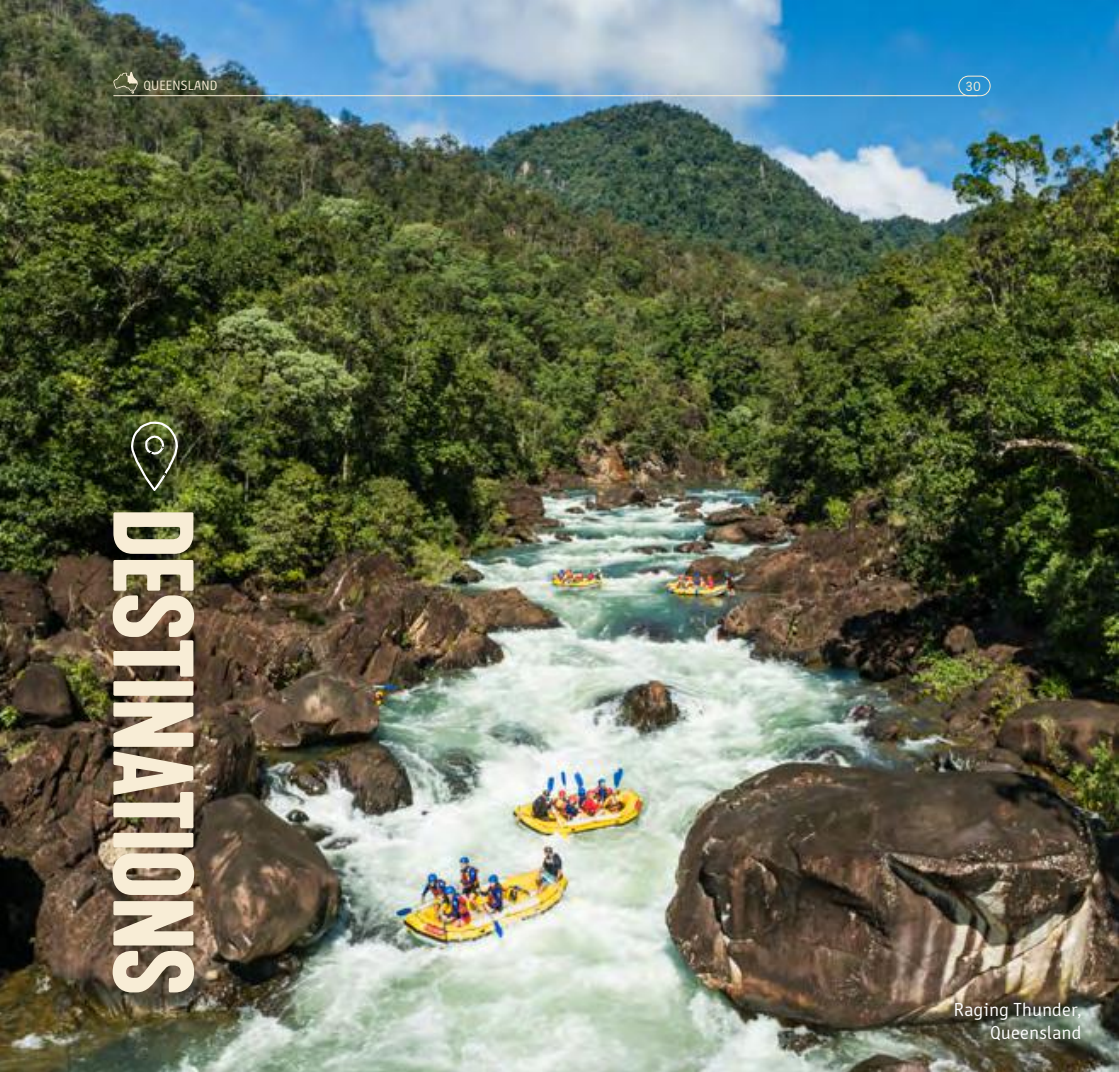
With experiences to inspire, adventures to enthral and landscapes that awe, Queensland is often described as beautiful one day and perfect the next. From gorgeous beaches and lush rainforests, to the vast Outback and the mesmerising Great Barrier Reef, Queensland pairs natural wonders with vibrant cities, welcoming country towns and rich Indigenous heritage.

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Heart Reef,
Queensland

DESTINATIONS



Raging Thunder, Queensland



Story Bridge Climb, Queensland

BRISBANE

The capital of Australia's Sunshine State, Brisbane, invites you to kick off your shoes, rally your mates and enjoy the food, art, culture and natural playgrounds on offer. Dive into the River City's eclectic arts scene, eat, drink and shop in hip inner city neighbourhoods, and take a trip to the beautiful islands across the bay.

TROPICAL NORTH QUEENSLAND

It's the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef and the Daintree Rainforest, but there's plenty more to discover in the heart of Cairns, including a chilled-out cafe and bar scene, a bustling weekly market, and enlightening museums and galleries. Explore the wonders of the Great Barrier Reef, day trip to nearby islands including Green and Fitzroy Islands, head inland to the Atherton Tablelands in search of tasty local delights, waterfalls and tree kangaroos, or adventure further north to Port Douglas, Cooktown, and beyond.

FRASER COAST

Home to the largest sand island in the world, K'gari (Fraser Island) has superb scenery with massive shifting sand blows, sensational swimming spots and thrilling beach and rainforest 4WD tracks. Hervey Bay on the Fraser Coast is the world's first whale heritage site and one of the best places to see baby humpback whales.



Champagne Pools K'gari, Queensland

GOLD COAST

The Gold Coast is famous for its world-renowned surf breaks, and golden stretches of sand fringed by towering skyscrapers. Beyond the sand, discover vibrant beachside neighbourhoods, booming culinary and arts scenes, a plethora of shopping opportunities and the iconic heart pumping theme parks. Head for the hills to experience the refreshing sights, sounds and tastes of the Gold Coast Hinterland.



Burleigh Heads, Queensland

BUNDABERG

The home of Australia's most famous rum and an emerging agritourism industry, Bundaberg is also the launch point for exploring the Southern Great Barrier Reef. Swim alongside manta rays at Lady Elliot Island, home to a popular eco-resort; and walk the shores of uninhabited Lady Musgrave Island, surrounded by vibrant coral reefs and home to an abundance of marine life. There's also a turtle sanctuary right on Bundaberg's doorstep, where visitors can witness mothers laying their eggs and babies hatching throughout the season.

SUNSHINE COAST

Stretching from the coastal hub of Caloundra in the south, to the Great Sandy National Park in the north, the Sunshine Coast is home to relaxed seaside villages, pumping surf breaks, impressive mountain peaks and lush hinterland landscapes. Unwind at the popular holiday destinations of Noosa and Mooloolaba or discover the more laid-back hinterland towns of Coolumb, Eumundi, Maleny or Montville.

SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND COUNTRY

Slow down, breathe in fresh air and get a taste for the countryside when you escape to Southern Queensland Country, only 90 minutes from Brisbane. Eat and drink your way through some of the state's food trails, savour the landscapes rich in colour, follow the Strange Bird wine trail, or get lost amongst the blooms in Toowoomba.

THE WHITSUNDAY ISLANDS

An archipelago of 74 tropical islands, the Whitsundays lie just off the Queensland coast, nestled between Airlie Beach and the northern end of the Great Barrier Reef. Protected from large swells, secluded islands beaches such as the iconic Whitehaven are ideal for sailing, swimming, snorkelling and relaxing. An island escape will leave lasting memories thanks to the likes of Hamilton, Daydream and Hayman Islands.

SEE & DO

Discover the world's largest coral reef system

One of the world's most magical marine encounters awaits on the Great Barrier Reef, which stretches for more than 2,300 kilometres (1,429 miles) along the Queensland coastline. Deep dive into the diverse ecosystem that is the Great Barrier Reef with hundreds of experiences on offer to explore this underwater wonder, home to more than 1,625 species of fish and six of the world's seven species of marine turtles.



Daintree Boatman Wildlife Cruises
Queensland

Storytelling in the Daintree Rainforest

Connect more deeply with the Daintree Rainforest by taking a tour of the world's oldest living rainforest with a Traditional Custodian. Start your cultural journey with an Indigenous-guided walk in beautiful Mossman Gorge, where Kuku Yalanji people share stories of their 50,000 year relationship with Country, or float down the Mossman River to see the World Heritage-listed canopy from a different perspective.



Ready for an adventure? Fly from Cairns to Horn Island or catch a ferry from the tip of Cape York to Thursday Island and get a taste of Torres Strait Islander culture on these two islands, both of which have fascinating museums.

Red dirt, big skies and even bigger characters

There are few better ways to experience the true spirit of Queensland than with a visit to an outback event. Held in the Simpson Desert each September, the Birdsville Races is a party where the remarkable sun rise rivals the main event and beers with fellow race goers and locals alike at the iconic Birdsville Hotel is the only way to end the day. Or if it's music that moves you, the Birdsville Big Red Bash in July is a remote, family-friendly festival which brings together top Australian music acts against the backdrop of 60 metre high sand dune for a three-day event.



Birdsville Races,
Queensland

EAT & DRINK

Brisbane's eat streets and smart-casual eateries

Mixing snacking, socialising and sunshine, without conforming to a single genre, Brisbane's new wave of restaurants, small bars and creative cafes are distinctively, well, Brisbane. For delicious eats conveniently located in a single laneway, make your way to Fish Lane in South Brisbane, or arrive early to score a seat at one of Fortitude Valley's most coveted tables: hōntō, or Gerard's Bistro. Or new venues include the likes of Bianca and Essa. Also check out Howard Smith Wharves, a riverside dining and lifestyle precinct under Brisbane's iconic Story Bridge, which recently welcomed a new hotel, Crystalbrook Vincent.



Fish Lane,
Queensland

Foodie festivals

Discover some of the country's most diverse produce and freshest seafood at one of many food festivals held in the Sunshine State. In June, enjoy sand-on-your-feet barbecues and chef-hosted dinners at Noosa Eat & Drink Festival or eat local June-July in the south at Scenic Rim Eat Local Week.

WHAT'S NEW

The Tropical North Queensland city of Cairns has never been so ready to welcome back travellers. In late 2020 Flynn Crystalbrook opened, the collection's third luxury Cairns hotel in as many years, followed by the slick Whiskey and Wine rooftop bar in 2021. The team behind favourite Cairns watering holes Wolf Lane Distillery, Three Wolves and Flamingos Tiki Bar have also opened a new neighbourhood bar, The Fox Small Bar, and should be your first stop on your way from the airport into the city. Take a stroll along the Esplanade Dining Precinct which has also been reinvigorated, now playing host to an abundance of fresh alfresco dining options.

Home of the Arts (HOTA) welcomed a new AUD \$60.5 million gallery in 2021 on the Gold Coast. The largest gallery outside a capital city in Australia, the six-level HOTA Gallery is dedicated to local and international exhibitions that challenge visitors to immerse themselves in creative ideas. Designed by international architects ARM, the colourful building is an artwork in itself and takes inspiration from William Robinson's Rainforest painting that hangs proudly inside the gallery. Outside, visitors can enjoy live music in the amphitheatre, grab goodies at the weekly farmers markets, watch the sunset over the skyline from the rooftop bar, or indulge in a seven-course tasting menu at the Palette Restaurant.

Ideal for an Outback Queensland family adventure, Australia's Dinosaur Trail continues to expand, with new attractions including a 54-metre-long preserved trackway of sauropod footprints at Winton's Australian Age of Dinosaurs museum. There's also the new Muttaborrasaurus Interpretation Centre in Muttaborra and a new visitor centre at the Eromanga Natural History Museum in Eromanga, home to the skeleton of Australia's largest dinosaur, a 30-metre-long sauropod named Cooper.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2022

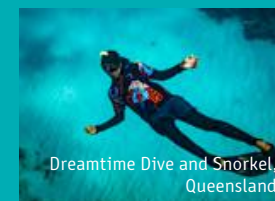
If there's not already enough reasons to get out and explore the Great Barrier Reef, a new Great Barrier Reef pontoon is set to launch in early 2022. The floating pontoon at Moore Reef will add another memorable element to day trips run by Dreamtime Dive & Snorkel, the city's only Indigenous-led reef operator. With an underwater observatory and on-board laboratory, pontoon activities will fuse traditional knowledge with modern science to offer an innovative new way to engage with the UNESCO World Heritage-listed reef.

Meanwhile, back in Australia's most popular playground, the Gold Coast is preparing to welcome the luxurious Langham Hotel Gold Coast, a landmark beachfront hotel and the brand's first foray to Surfers



HOTA - Home of the Arts,
Queensland

Paradise, and Dorsett Gold Coast, a multi-tower labyrinth and the latest addition to the Star Gold Coast's expanding profile on Broadbeach Island.



Dreamtime Dive and Snorkel,
Queensland

PLAN AHEAD FOR 2023

Expected to open in the first half of 2023, the riverside Queens Wharf Brisbane entertainment and lifestyle precinct will transform Queensland's capital with an iconic design that celebrates the area's Indigenous and European heritage.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Bursting with culture, world-class food and wine, wildlife encounters in the wild and an extensive list of world-class festivals South Australia rewards wonder. There are 18 wine regions to choose from and you won't have to travel far to enjoy them.

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Sellicks Beach,
South Australia

DESTINATIONS

Sequoia Luxury Lodge,
South Australia

ADELAIDE

South Australia's capital, Adelaide is a boutique metropolis of tiny wine bars, experimental menus with a slew of new destination-worthy hotels and a festival calendar to rival that of any other Australian city. A modern playground set against a backdrop of grand architecture and Aboriginal history, discover its laneway secrets and find delicious treats around every bend.

Adelaide Oval,
South Australia

EYRE PENINSULA

The Eyre Peninsula is Australia's major seafood hub. More than 65 per cent of the nation's seafood comes from these waters, including green-lipped abalone, scallops, prawns, oysters, lobster and tuna. It's also a place of extreme beauty, with a multitude of landscapes, abundant wildlife and outdoor adventure on offer.

Kangaluna Camp,
South Australia

FLEURIEU PENINSULA

On Adelaide's southern doorstep, the Fleurieu Peninsula offers a mellow Mediterranean ambiance. You'll find dozens of white-sand beaches, undulating vineyards and farmland, pretty coastal towns near the mouth of Australia's longest river, and world-renowned wetlands.

Arkaroola,
South Australia

FLINDERS RANGES AND OUTBACK

The rugged, weathered peaks and rocky gorges of the Flinders Ranges in outback South Australia form some of the most dramatic and beautiful landscapes in the country. Follow the scenic roads, 4WD tracks and walking trails that crisscross this wild countryside, which is rich in Aboriginal history.

KANGAROO ISLAND

Just 13 kilometres (eight miles) off the coast of South Australia and 30 minutes by plane from Adelaide, Kangaroo Island is home to unique wildlife, artisanal food and wine, epic rock formations, wonderful walks and more, with a sense of being worlds away from a major capital city.

Kangaroo Island Stokes Bay,
South Australia

SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S WINE REGIONS

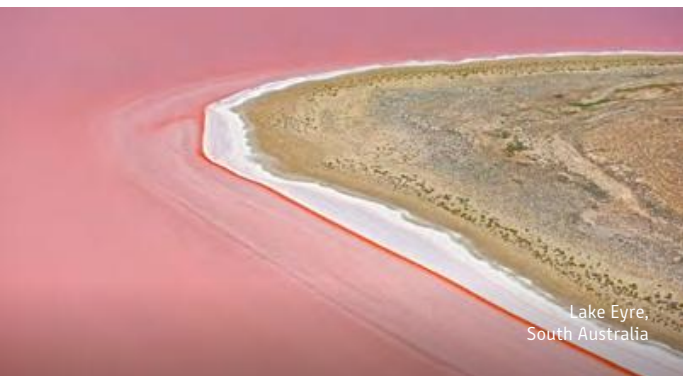
More than half of Australia's wine is made in South Australia, with iconic wine regions such as the Barossa, McLaren Vale and Adelaide Hills all within one hour's drive of Adelaide. Further afield, the Clare Valley, Coonawarra and Riverland offer not only quality wines but spectacular destinations to explore.

Long Beach, Robe,
South Australia

LIMESTONE COAST

Peppered with geological wonders and home to celebrated wineries and sumptuous produce, the Limestone Coast is ripe for an indulgent adventure. Stretching along the state's south-eastern coast, it's an ideal destination for a road trip from Adelaide, taking in coastal scenery, shiraz, and sinkholes along the way.

SEE & DO



Lake Eyre,
South Australia

Discover Australia's lifestyle capital: Adelaide

With its world-class festivals, easy access to beaches and nature, and more than 200 cellar doors all within an hour's drive from the city, it's easy to see why Adelaide is quickly becoming the lifestyle capital of Australia. For a different perspective on Adelaide and its surrounds, travellers can scale the unique roofline of Adelaide Oval for breathtaking 360-degree views of the city.

Head to the coastline and enjoy the oceans many delights

The South Australian coastline combines long stretches of white-sand beaches, dramatic cliff-top scenery, and a sparkling ocean full of dolphins and whales. Swim with dolphins, sea lions or cage dive with great white sharks. Delve a bit deeper and the pristine waters reveal a wealth of delectable seafood, including scallops, southern rock lobster, Coffin Bay oysters, blue swimmer crabs and more.

Visit Kangaroo Island

Follow the road less travelled and discover unique wildlife, mouth-watering food and wine, breathtaking scenery and a laid-back lifestyle on Kangaroo Island. Embark on a road trip and enjoy alfresco picnic lunches beside dozing koalas or sign up for a guided tour to discover the hidden treasures of this special place. You can get to Kangaroo Island via ferry with Sealink or KI Connect, or fly with QantasLink or Rex.

Experience the outback

Outback South Australia is a vast land of red dirt, grassy plains, waterholes and rugged hills patrolled by emus, kangaroos and wedge-tailed eagles. Among the highlights are the craggy red mountains and ancient gorges that make up the Flinders Ranges, a spiritual place known for the giant natural amphitheatre, Wilpena Pound. Further inland, Lake Eyre in flood is a spectacle you won't soon forget. The huge salt lake changes from white to pink to blue and attracts waterbirds in their thousands.

EAT & DRINK

Delicious Adelaide

A vibrant and culturally diverse city, Adelaide is best explored on a culinary adventure. Bars and restaurants serve local produce alongside local wines and spirits. Dine at one of the many modern restaurants such as the African-inspired Africola, or the New York-style Italian Fugazzi Bar & Dining Room, or head to Adelaide Central Market, or at Lot.100 in the Adelaide Hills for incredibly fresh, locally sourced produce.

Winery-hop until you drop

Enjoy cool-climate wine in the Adelaide Hills, taste bold Barossa Valley reds and visit the iconic d'Arenberg Cube in McLaren Vale; a family-owned winery producing internationally renowned red. Visit their cellar door on the top level of this architectural masterpiece, with panoramic views over the surrounding vineyards.

While you're in the neighbourhood, a stop at recently opened Chalk Hill McLaren Vale is a must. Home to Chalk Hill wines, Never Never Distilling Co and Cucina Di Strada, here you can sample premium wines from Chalk Hill wine bar, sample gin named the world's best at Never Never Distilling Co tasting room and bar, and choose from a range of amazing Italian-style pizzas from Cucina Di Strada.



d'Arenberg Cube,
South Australia

WHAT'S NEW

Kangaroo Island luxury operator Exceptional Kangaroo Island has launched Walk Kangaroo Island, a fully hosted five-day experience taking in 11 of the best walking trails across the island, just a 45-minute ferry ride from the mainland. Feel a deeper connection to this wildlife paradise as you explore Kangaroo Island's diverse landscapes by day, enjoying local produce tastings and other treats along the way.

In the Adelaide Hills, Golding Wines has relaunched its Nido Experience, a six-course grazing lunch with wine hosted in a whimsical handwoven "nest", after the original nido (Italian for nest) was destroyed in the 2019/20 bushfires. Enjoy views over the vineyards as you enjoy the ultimate taste of this easily accessible wine region, just a 45-minute drive east of Adelaide's city centre.

Modern, luxurious and overflowing with timeless

character Kingsford The Barossa has been recently complemented by multi-million-dollar lodge. Now one of Australia's finest luxury retreats the 225-acre property is perfect for indulgent overnight escapes and divine culinary experiences. Other relaxation options include a saltwater Pool, delightful walking trails, and even the exclusive Kingsford 'Bush Bath' ... an alfresco bathing experience.

Proving there's more to South Australia's Barossa Valley than its famous wines, a new experience launched by Lyndoch Hill winery will also introduce visitors to the region's rich Aboriginal heritage. Led by a Ngadjuri Elder, the Ngadjuri Cultural Tour includes a walk through the winery's gardens, where your guide will reveal the deep cultural significance of the stunning landscape, followed by a chat and a tasting of native food and Barossa wine.



Kingsford The Barossa,
South Australia

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2022

Australia's longest running survey of contemporary Australian art, the Adelaide Biennial of Australian Art, returns in 2022 with a showcase of works by 25 leading Australian artists from around the country. Curated by Sebastian Goldspink, the Free/State exhibition will explore ideas of transcending states and embrace notions of freedom in expression, creation and collaboration.

Southern Ocean Lodge is one of Kangaroo Island's iconic eco-luxury escapes and is due to reopen in late 2022 or early 2023. Designed in collaboration with Max Pritchard, the architect behind the original lodge, the new incarnation of the Baillie Lodges property will again pair sustainable luxury with superb Southern Ocean views. Recently acquired by Baillie Lodges, luxury Barossa Valley lodge The Louise is also due to undergo a significant refurbishment in 2022.



Fur seal pup, Walk Kangaroo Island,
South Australia



TASMANIA

Reconnect and recharge on the island state of Tasmania. Appreciate the history, untouched wilderness, spectacular mountains, intimate meetings with friendly locals and artisan food, wine and spirits. Home to just half a million people, Tasmania's air is fresh, its water clear, its wildlife curious and the island's culture gives you space to pause, take a breath, and reconnect.

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Wineglass Bay,
Tasmania

DESTINATIONS



Mount Killiecrankie,
Tasmania

HOBART AND SOUTH

As one of Australia's smallest capital cities, Hobart punches well above its weight when it comes to fine dining, cultural attractions, and natural beauty. Savour delicious produce from local eateries or farmers markets then head out of town to take in incredible views from Mount Wellington or spend the day exploring the many charms of Bruny Island.



Mount Wellington lookout,
Tasmania

LAUNCESTON AND NORTH

Launceston, Tasmania's second-largest city was recently named UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy. 'Launnie' is home to one of Australia's best-preserved heritage cityscapes, with the striking Cataract Gorge right on its doorstep. A short hop to the north, the coastal cities of Devonport and Burnie are home to secluded beaches, tranquil waterways and wild coastal views. With a choice of wineries across the region, it offers the perfect blend of nature and culture.



Josef Chromy Wines, Launceston,
Tasmania

EAST COAST

Sample the splendours of Tasmania's east coast, from seafood and wine, to lush rainforest and powder-white beaches. Starting in Hobart, venture north through wild national parks, along surreal coastline, then finish at the remarkable Bay of Fires, where orange lichen-covered boulders meet turquoise sea.

WEST COAST

Home to untamed rivers, ancient pine trees and giant sand dunes, the west coast is at the heart of Tasmania's wilderness. Challenge the infamous Franklin River on a white-water rafting expedition, cruise down the majestic Gordon River, hike through age-old rainforest and visit historic mining towns.

NORTH WEST

Full of colour and flavour, Tasmania's north-west is the gateway to some of Tasmania's most beautiful natural places. Find classic coastal drives, delicious food trails, national parks, nature reserves and with the world's cleanest air found at the north western tip on the Kennaook / Cape Grim Peninsula, you'll breathe easy.



Night Sky, Franklin River,
Tasmania



Bay of Fires,
Tasmania

SEE & DO

Tasmania's charming capital: Hobart

Nestling between a mountain and a river mouth, Hobart is home to a diverse range of experiences. Wander among the city's heritage sandstone buildings, drive or hike up majestic kunanyi / Mount Wellington, or take in the view at one of Hobart's acclaimed eateries or wine bars. No trip would be complete without a visit to the Museum of Old and New Art (MONA). Jump on the ferry in the city centre to arrive at this multi-tiered museum cut into sandstone cliffs, known for its collection of provocative art.



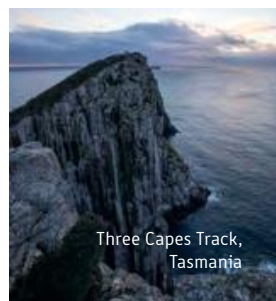
Don't miss Dark Mofo, Mona's winter festival, which delves into centuries-old winter solstice rituals each June with a range of cultural performances around the city.

Meet Tassie's bountiful wildlife

Tasmania is a natural haven for Australian wildlife. Bennett's wallabies, seals, penguins and wedge-tailed eagles can be found within easy reach of cities. Maria Island is well known for its wombats, and rare white wallabies call Bruny Island home. The iconic Tasmanian devil is most easily observed at Tasmanian wildlife parks such as Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary and the Tasmanian Devil Unzoo.

Hike pristine wilderness in comfort

Tasmania is home to some of Australia's – and the world's – best hikes. Classics include the six-day Overland Track through Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park, and the four-day Three Capes Track that traces the dramatic cliffs of the Tasman Peninsula. Several companies offer fuss-free, intimate guided walks on these trails and others, such as the four-day Freycinet Experience that takes in spectacular Wineglass Bay, and the four-day Bay of Fires Lodge Walk along secluded beaches on Tasmania's north-east coast.



Three Capes Track, Tasmania

Fly fishing for keen anglers

Boasting more than 3,000 lakes, rivers and streams, Tasmania lures anglers from around the globe. It's the perfect environment for wild brown and rainbow trout and Tasmania's fishing spots also offer plenty of the rarest commodity of all – solitude. Most days it's easy to imagine that you are the only angler on the island. Riverfly Wilderness Huts offer direct access to the Western Lakes fishery and Walls of Jerusalem National Park, with some of the best wilderness fly fishing in Tasmania.

Australia's mountain biking capital

There aren't many places in the world where you can ride from the mountains to the sea. Tasmania is covered in wild mountain bike trails with ribbons of dirt tracks passing some of the most spectacular

scenery on the planet. The Bay of Fires Trail starts at the Blue Tier trailhead, near Derby, and ends at the east coast. This epic 42km (26 mile) ride traverses rainforest and sub-alpine terrain, climbs through giant granite boulders and emerges on the white sand at Swimcart Beach.

EAT & DRINK

Undeniably Tasmanian flavour

In recent years, the new wave of bars and restaurants opening in Hobart, including Dier Makr, Fico and Sonny, have maintained a culinary boom in the island's capital city. Beyond Hobart there are also a myriad of food lover experiences worth traveling for. From sampling award-winning cider at Willie Smith's in the delightful Huon Valley, just 30 minutes south-west of city centre, to paddock-to-plate dining at The Agrarian Kitchen in the tranquil Derwent Valley just 30 minutes north-west of Hobart, which is due to open its new cooking school in 2022; to pairing gourmet cheese with craft brews at Bruny Island Cheese & Beer Co., delicious delicacies can be found across the island.

Australia's Best Whisky

Tasmania's crisp fresh air and water are a distillers' dream, and in Tassie you can get a taste of some of Australia's best whisky. Located in the rugged wilderness of the Tasman Peninsula, cosy McHenry Distillery produces a range of smooth, uniquely Australian spirits. Be sure to sample its sloe gin, crafted using berries foraged from the hedgerows around northern Tasmania. Meanwhile, in the heart of Hobart there is Lark Distillery, which has grown to become one of the top malt whisky distillers in the country, creating premium spirits with time-honoured methods. You can visit both cellar doors for a taste of their multi-award-winning Tasmanian whiskies and gins.



Cradle Mountain, Tasmania

WHAT'S NEW

Visitors to Hobart can now feast on freshly shucked oysters and sip Tasmanian sparkling wine while watching the sun set behind Mount Wellington on a new Sunset River Cruise launched by Tasmanian Wild Seafood Adventures. Operating on Saturday afternoons, the luxury catamaran cruise on the River Derwent also offers the opportunity to spot dolphins, seals, seabirds and other marine life.

There are more food and drink delights to be discovered beyond Hobart than ever before. In the rolling hills of Marion Bay, just a 50-minute drive east of the capital, Van Bone offers an intimate

Tasmanian dining experience incorporating produce from its own market garden and orchards as well as the surrounding land and sea. Up in the Tamar Valley wine region, 30 minutes north-west of Launceston, Stoney Rise winery has opened a new architecturally designed cellar door overlooking the Tamar River. And further north, in the Bass Strait, King Island is now home to King Island Brewery, where you can pair local brews with the picturesque island's famed King Island Dairy cheeses.

For the perfect taste of Tasmania's World-Heritage protected wilderness, Walk into Luxury's 4-day guided walk takes in the best walking in the Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park and Mount Field. Starting and ending in Hobart, the experience sees you visiting Russell Falls to

hike the western side of Mount Field National Park to alpine lakes and tarns, before arriving at Lake St Clair for a chance to experience the lake from the water and a distillery visit to finish. For a well earned rest you will sleep overlooking the lake at boutique wilderness lodge, Pumpphouse Point, known for its unique architecture and dramatic setting.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2022

Hobart is set to launch a brand-new boutique music festival in March 2022. Called Out Here in the Field, the inaugural festival in March will see a diverse range of Aussie artists, including The Teskey Brothers, Middle Kids and Angie McMahon, perform at Cascade Brewery (Australia's oldest operating brewery) in South Hobart, with food and drinks by local producers.



VICTORIA

Home to a creative capital city, a plethora of awe-inspiring natural wonders, and a gorgeous countryside dotted with scenic cycling trails, rolling vineyards, historic villages and more, Victoria has a memorable holiday in store for every type of traveller. No matter what draws you to Victoria, you'll find much more to love.

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Gibson Steps, Great Ocean Road,
Victoria

DESTINATIONS



London Bridge,
Victoria

MELBOURNE

As well known for its world-class restaurants and captivating museums as for its edgy street art and live music scenes, Melbourne brims with culture. The locals love their coffee, with a hip cafe to be found around every corner. Attend an arts event, drink a cocktail on a rooftop, uncover the stories of urban Aboriginal culture and discover a wealth of art-filled alleyways.



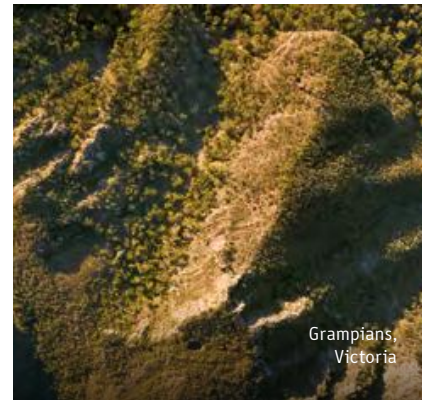
Sunset view from the Eureka Skydeck,
Victoria

GREAT OCEAN ROAD

The spectacular Great Ocean Road winds alongside the wild and windswept Southern Ocean, south-west of Melbourne. Home to craggy cliffs, wild beaches, bountiful wildlife, unforgettable Aboriginal experiences and World Heritage-listed landscapes, it's easy to see how this 243-kilometre (151-mile) stretch of coastline became one of Australia's top driving routes. With epic surf and unforgettable hikes, you'll find plenty of adventure along the way.

GRAMPIANS

Head out on walking tracks that lead to dazzling waterfalls, wildlife and awe-inspiring lookouts. Savour celebrated local wine at cellar doors and a sublime meal at a multi-award-winning restaurant. Take in extraordinary art, old and new, in galleries indoors and out. Wherever you go, be enchanted and inspired by the striking landscapes of the Grampians spread out before you.



Grampians,
Victoria

GIPPSLAND

Some people visit Gippsland for its wineries and rail trails, while others come to take advantage of the swimming, fishing, boating and sailing opportunities in the region's extensive network of rivers, lakes and beaches. Staying and spending locally goes a long way in Gippsland, which was impacted by bushfires in 2019/20, with locals ready to show off what makes their backyard so special.

HIGH COUNTRY

The High Country's stunning mountains, valleys, rivers and lakes are perfect places for adventure and relaxation, year-round. Hit the slopes at alpine resorts in winter, or visit during the warmer months for epic bushwalking and cycling action, from dizzying mountain-bike challenges to meandering rail trails.



Bushwalking at Razorback,
Victoria

THE MURRAY

Culinary delights, sparkling waters and endless summer sun – you'll find it all in The Murray. Explore the winding waterways of Australia's longest river tracing Victoria's northern border as you wander through red gum forests, splash around on sandy river beaches, and savour the famous food, wine and fresh produce.



The Murray,
Victoria

SEE & DO

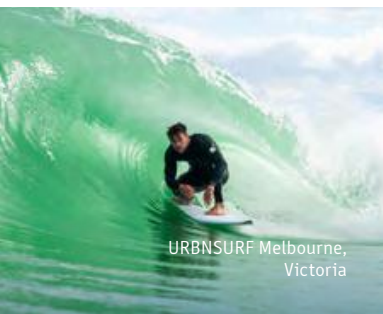
Explore the cultural hub of Melbourne

Melbourne's reputation as one of the most culturally rich yet effortlessly laid-back cities in the world is well deserved. Its city centre is full of street art, coffee roasters, independent boutiques and restaurants, while neighbourhoods like St. Kilda, Carlton and Prahran have cool bars, local designers and tucked-away restaurants aplenty.



Celebrate the rich heritage of country Victoria's Wimmera/Mallee region with a journey along the Silo Art Trail, the nation's largest outdoor gallery. The trail continues to evolve, with the latest silo artwork unveiled just outside the southern Mallee town of Rainbow in May 2021.

Typically, you need an ocean to score the perfect waves. URBNSURF Melbourne, located near Melbourne Airport, provides perfect, realistic waves in a safe environment catering for all ages, with a top-notch food offering to make your visit complete.



URBNSURF Melbourne, Victoria

EASY SIDE TRIPS FROM MELBOURNE

Mornington Peninsula

Ninety minutes south of Melbourne, the Mornington Peninsula is saturated in local history and dotted with wineries and golden beaches. Relax at Peninsula Hot Springs before stopping into Montalto Piazza and Winery and Pt. Leo Estate's Sculpture Park, which houses an array of Australian and international pieces.

Phillip Island

Packed with native wildlife, coastal trails and sandy beaches, Phillip Island is an awesome escape from Melbourne, just two hours' drive from the city. Visit the island's small batch breweries and boutique wineries, then catch a glimpse of tiny native penguins at the Penguin Parade.

Yarra Valley

Take a trip to the Yarra to taste an array of fresh seasonal produce direct from local farms and wineries. Within one-hour of Melbourne you'll find: Rochford Wines hosting live music; Tarrawarra Estate's winery and art museum, the new architecturally designed winemaking facility at Levantine Hill, and the new Jayden Ong Winery and Cellar Bar, where fine wines are paired with scrumptious snacks.



Mornington Peninsula Pt Leo Estate, Victoria

EAT & DRINK

Melbourne's food and drink scene

Food is serious business in Melbourne. From Ben Shewry's acclaimed Attica, to the cult followings of South-east Asian staple Chin Chin and neighbourhood pasta bar Tipo 00, the locals' never-ending appetite for great food and new creations is rewarded with modern menus created by an ever-increasing number of innovative chefs.

Melbourne's cocktail bars, rooftop beer gardens and speakeasies are as intriguing as they are welcoming. In a city known for its hidden



Chin Chin, Victoria

treasures, discovering their whereabouts can be as much fun as sipping their wares. Bar Margaux and Arlechin are two that reward the curious with excellent drinks lists and late-night romance.

WHAT'S NEW

Renowned for its adorable little penguins, which can be viewed waddling up the beach after a day's fishing, Phillip Island, just a 90-minute drive south of Melbourne, has welcomed a stunning new accommodation offering. Set on a sustainability-focused micro-farm in the village of Ventnor, the three luxury cabins at Five Acres each have a handcrafted outdoor tub, a wood-burning fireplace and sweeping views of Western Port Bay.

In the foothills of the Victorian Alps, a 2.5-hour drive north-east of Melbourne, Delatite Winery in Mansfield has opened a multi-million-dollar cellar door and restaurant. Enjoy a guided tasting of the winery's cool-climate estate wines – from pinot noir to gewürztraminer – by the fireplace. Then head to the dining room to feast on great food and admire the stunning views over Mount Buller and the Alpine range.

In exciting news for regional Victoria's arts scene, the Shepparton Art Museum (SAM) opened in the Goulburn Valley city of Shepparton in November 2021. The only public art museum in north-central Victoria, about two hours' drive north of Melbourne, the striking building showcases a collection of over 4,000 artworks, with a focus on Australian ceramic artworks as well as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art.



Five Acres, Victoria

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2022

After the majority of Melbourne's inaugural Rising festival was cancelled in 2021 due to public health restrictions, the major cultural event will be back with a bigger splash in 2022, energising Victoria's capital with art, music, performance and ceremony in the heart of the city.

Housed in central Melbourne's new AUD \$1 billion West Side Place development, a glamorous new 257-room Ritz-Carlton hotel will offer yet another luxurious accommodation option for visitors to Melbourne in 2022, complete with a signature restaurant, destination bar and stylish wellness facilities.

PLAN AHEAD FOR 2023

Marking the 10-year anniversary of the inaugural 2013 exhibition showcasing some of the most exciting local contemporary-art practitioners, the National Gallery of Victoria's Melbourne NOW exhibition in 2023 will again highlight the latest art, architecture, design and cultural practices shaping this dynamic city.



National Gallery of Victoria, Victoria



WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Journey across fiery red soils and pearly white sands. Swim, dive, snorkel or float in brilliant turquoise waters. With a history and culture as colourful as its landscape, Western Australia is a wondrous place. Add mouth-watering produce, premium wines, an abundance of sunshine and a thriving capital city and you have all the essential ingredients for an extraordinary holiday.

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Lake Argyle,
Western Australia

Big Lagoon Shark Bay,
Western AustraliaCity Beach,
Western Australia

PERTH

Nature and urban life exist in harmony in Perth, where locals soak up more sunny days than in any other Australian capital city. Walk in leafy Kings Park, one of the world's largest city parks, take a dip in one of the stunning beaches lining Perth's long coastline, and experience the Swan Valley's vineyards, food, Aboriginal art and history.

ROTTNEST ISLAND

Kick back on powder-white beaches, see abundant marine life and meet the happiest animal on Earth (the cute quokka), all on Rottnest Island. During the summer months, families make the weekend pilgrimage to Rotto – as it's affectionately known – to escape the city and swim in the island's clear, calm waters. Rotto is a car-free zone, and the best way to get around is by bicycle, which can be hired through the ferry companies or once you're on the island.

Quokka, Rottnest Island,
Western Australia

ESPERANCE

Remote and utterly remarkable, the south-coast town of Esperance has a coastline that will leave you spellbound. Fine quartz sands edged by tumbles of rounded boulders and endless islands. Esperance is also the closest town to the sandy white beach of Lucky Bay, regularly visited by kangaroos. Lake Hillier, on Middle Island, is a must-see; the pink lake neighbours the dark blue waters of the Indian Ocean to create a surreal sight.

EXMOUTH AND THE CORAL COAST

Stretching for 1,100 kilometres (684 miles) from Cervantes, two hours north of Perth, to the Ningaloo Reef tourism hub of Exmouth, Western Australia's Coral Coast is home to some of the state's best-known and loved attractions. Linked by the spectacular Coral Coast Highway, highlights include the Pinnacles, Kalbarri National Park, the Shark Bay World Heritage Area and idyllic Ningaloo, the only place in Australia you can swim with whale sharks.

Humpback Whale,
Western Australia

THE KIMBERLEY AND BROOME

Three times larger than England and with a population of less than 40,000, the Kimberley region – spread over Australia's entire north-western corner – is one of the world's last wilderness frontiers. Here you'll find wildlife, magnificent canyons, idyllic freshwater swimming holes, authentic outback stations and the tropical pearling town of Broome.

MARGARET RIVER AND THE SOUTH WEST

Margaret River is the only premium wine region in Australia where you can easily hop from award-winning wineries and restaurants to the stunning beaches, tall-timber forests, world-class surf breaks and ancient caves that pepper the stunning South West.

Vasse Felix Winery,
Western Australia

SEE & DO

Drive the Gibb River Road

One of Australia's great road trips, this 660-kilometre (410-mile) journey follows red dirt roads through the heart of the Kimberley. Following an old cattle droving trail, the trip from Derby to Kununurra gives you access to some of the most remarkable scenery, including red rock gorges, dramatic waterfalls, Aboriginal culture and ancient forests. Along the way, sleep in style at lodges such as El Questro Homestead and Balangarra Home Valley's Riverside Suites.



RedSands Campers opened a fifth depot location in Kununurra in April 2021. The first 4WD camper hire company based in Kununurra, it allows travellers to do one-way trips with no one-way fees as part of the hire conditions.

Discover one of the largest outback art galleries on Earth

Australia is fast becoming known for its remote outdoor art galleries, with one of the best found on the dry salt flats of Lake Ballard in Western Australia's Golden Outback. The surreal landscape forms the backdrop for 51 eye-catching sculptures by internationally renowned sculptor Antony Gormley. Spread across an area of 10 square kilometres, the delicate figures are particularly striking in the dawn light.

Witness nature at its best in Broome

A tropical oasis of striking contrasts in both colour and culture, Broome is home to white beaches, turquoise water, rust red cliffs, rich Aboriginal heritage and a melting pot of Asian flavours. Stroll along the extraordinary 22-kilometre (14-mile) Cable Beach, and discover ancient dinosaur footprints and Australia's only horizontal waterfall. Broome also recently welcomed its first boutique craft distillery – Moontide Distillery – which offers guided tastings of the distinctive native botanical flavours infused into its gins and other spirits. Artisan cheese boards are also available.

Experience regional WA with a side of art

An outdoor regional art gallery, the PUBLIC Silo Trail lays the foundations for one of the state's most iconic tourist drives. Painted on grain silos, seven murals have been created as part of the project, each one surprising, distinctive and unique. Brightening silos in Northam, Merredin, Katanning, Pingrup, Newdegate, Ravensthorpe and Albany, the murals were created by the likes of international street art stars HENSE and Phlegm, as well as local Fremantle artist Amok.



Newdegate silo art,
Western Australia



Leeuwin Estate,
Western Australia

EAT & DRINK

Sample your way through the South West

With hundreds of vineyards, orchards, farms and groves, Western Australia's South-West region is a one-stop shop for all things gourmet. Visit world-renowned wineries in Margaret River, such as Vasse Felix, Cullen and Leeuwin Estate, and between June and August, you can also indulge in the region's finest delicacy, black truffle, grown on farms in the Southern Forest area and celebrated every year at the annual foodie event Truffle Kerfuffle.

Opened in November 2021, Origins Market in Busselton is a space for growers, artists and creators in the Margaret River region, under three hours' drive south of Perth, to showcase their produce and wares. From bakers to brewers, honey farmers to chefs, more than 60 makers can be found at the market, which also hosts art workshops, kids activities, and more.

Uncover the heart of Australia's sunniest capital city

Sitting pretty on the shores of the Swan River, the ever-expanding metropolis of Perth has welcomed new cultural, entertainment and sporting precincts, as well as plenty of new bars and restaurants. Kick off the day at one of the city's 19 pristine beaches, followed by a meal at a seaside venue like Island Market, which specialises in share plates to be enjoyed by the ocean. Head into the city for a taste of Perth's lively bar scene then dine on locally foraged produce at rooftop restaurant Wildflower Perth, where the creative menu takes inspiration from the six seasons of the Indigenous Noongar calendar.

WHAT'S NEW

Discover the evocative Dreaming stories connected to Sunday Island (Ewuny) and the turbulent waters that separate it from the Dampier Peninsula, 200 kilometres (124 miles) north of Broome, on a new day tour run by Oolin Sunday Island Cultural Tours. Led by Jawi woman Rosanna Angus, whose family lived on the island during its days as an Aboriginal mission, the island-hopping experience departs from Cygnet Bay Pearl Farm on the north-east coast of the peninsula. The tour retraces the ocean journey from Bardi Country on the mainland through the network of islands and tidal passages that make up Jawi Country. Enjoy the tranquil, unspoilt



Elizabeth Quay, Perth,
Western Australia

scenery as you learn about the cultural and environmental significance of this spectacular marine reserve.

Further south, on Western Australia's Coral Coast, new operator New Leaf Connect offers a range of experiences designed to connect visitors to the rich variety of produce and attractions in the fishing hub of Dongara and the Mid-West region beyond, with custom trips also available.

And if you've always wanted to see Western Australia's famous wildflowers, there's a new way to enjoy this botanical spectacle courtesy of guided-holiday company AAT Kings, which has launched a seven-day Wildflower Wanderer tour



Kalbarri National park,
Western Australia

with several departures from Perth each September during wildflower season. Watch Western Australia burst into bloom as you travel north to Kalbarri and return to Perth via Geraldton, with highlights including the colourful flowering plants of Nambung National Park. This national park is also home to the incredible limestone formations known as the Pinnacles.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2022

Nigella Lawson, Heston Blumenthal and Marco Pierre White are just some of the celebrity chefs who have graced Western Australia's premiere culinary extravaganza, the Western Australia Gourmet Escape. Set to return in 2022, this extraordinary celebration of food and wine begins in the Swan Valley, continues in Perth and concludes in Margaret River.



AUSTRALIA'S EXTERNAL TERRITORIES

Australia's External Territories make up some of the nation's most beautiful islands, providing unique natural and cultural attractions to explore. North-west of Western Australia's capital Perth, wild and wonderful Christmas Island is best known for its annual red crab migration, while further west the Cocos (Keeling) Islands pairs postcard-perfect beaches with a rich Cocos Malay culture. Over in the Pacific, east of mainland New South Wales, UNESCO World Heritage-listed buildings, breathtaking scenery and a storied history combine to offer a fascinating tourism experience on Norfolk Island.



Flying Fish Cove,
Christmas Island



Whaleshark, Smith Point,
Christmas Island

CHRISTMAS ISLAND

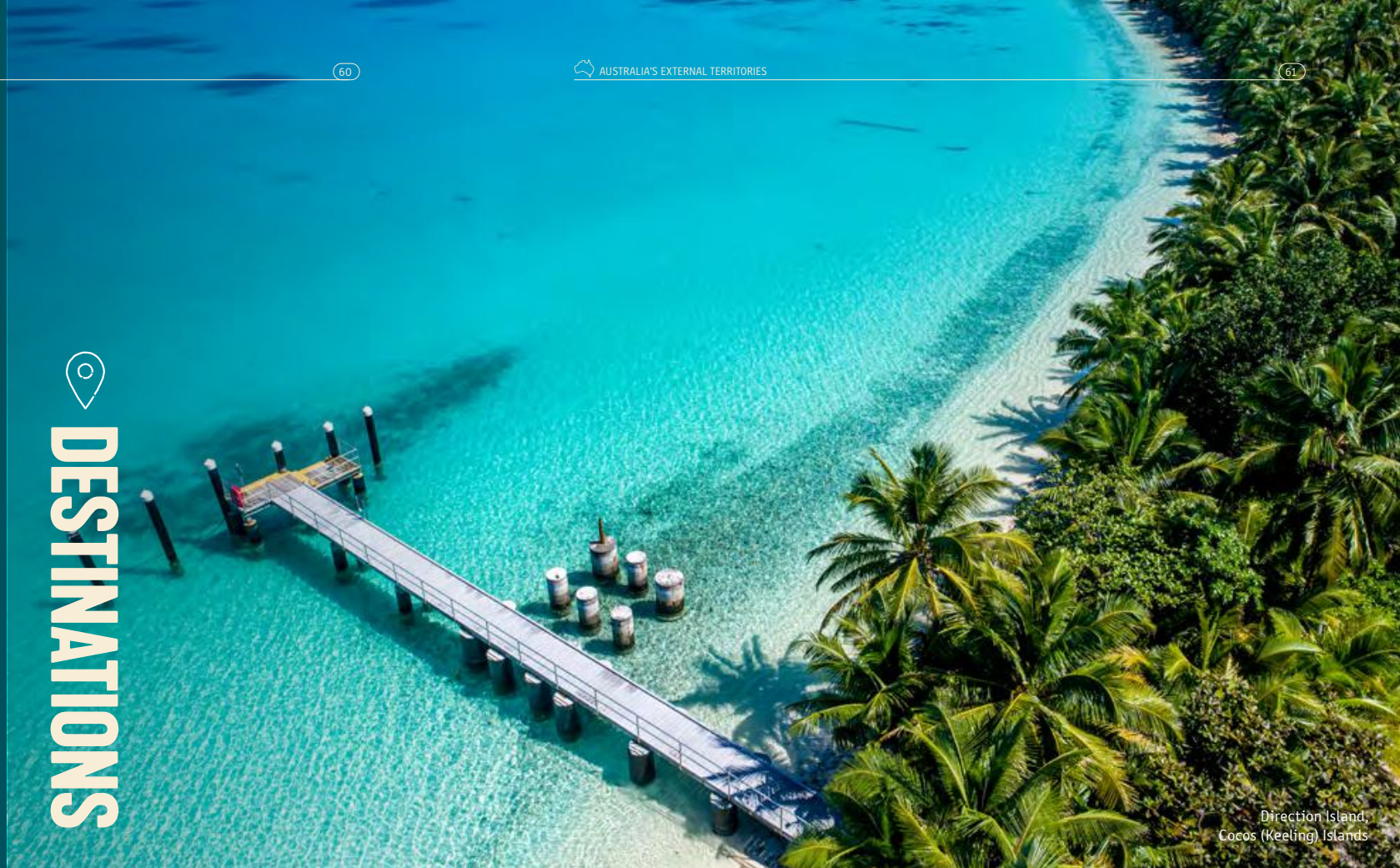
A volcanic seamount which rose from the ocean floor some 60 million years ago, Christmas Island is home to a bounty of rare and endemic wildlife, making it a photographer's dream. Reached by a 3.5-hour flight from Perth, this ruggedly beautiful and multicultural island also has temples and World War II relics to discover, while the vibrant coral reefs fringing Christmas Island offer another incredible natural wilderness to explore.

COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS

English naturalist Charles Darwin's theory of coral-atoll formation was inspired by this necklace of 27 coconut palm-studded Indian Ocean islands. Home to about 600 residents, who live on West and Home Islands, the Cocos (Keeling) Islands is a laid-back tropical escape where you can swim, snorkel, dive, island-hop, windsurf, walk and engage with Home Island's Cocos Malay culture. With a triangular flight route from Perth including Christmas Island, it's possible to wrap both of these captivating destinations into one memorable adventure.



DESTINATIONS



Direction Island,
Cocos (Keeling) Islands

NORFOLK ISLAND

Twice used as a penal colony before being settled by the descendants of Tahitians and English mutineers, Norfolk Island is a friendly place where giving a small "Norfolk wave" to passing cars is almost mandatory, cows have right of way and everyone knows each other. Located roughly halfway between Australia and New Zealand, this intriguing island is only a 2.5-hour flight from Brisbane or just under three hours from Sydney. When you touch down, there's a storied heritage precinct to explore in Kingston, beautiful bushwalking trails to tackle in Norfolk Island National Park, and much more.



World Heritage Site,
Norfolk Island



Robber Crabs,
Christmas Island



Cossies Beach Direction Island,
Cocos (Keeling) Islands

SEE & DO

Christmas Island National Park, Christmas Island

Covering 63 per cent of the island's 135 square kilometres (52 square miles), Christmas Island National Park sets the scene for one of the world's most mesmerising natural spectacles: a mass migration that sees millions of red crabs march to the ocean each summer to breed. But you don't need to visit during the migration to admire the island's iconic crustaceans, as large numbers of red crabs – along with huge robber crabs – can be seen year-round in the national park. Rainforest walking trails deposit you on stunning beaches, while viewpoints offer superb views of rare seabirds attracted to the island's dramatic limestone cliffs.

Direction Island, Cocos (Keeling) Islands

High on the lists of most visitors to the Cocos (Keeling) Islands is a day trip to this idyllic isle. Home to the most famous strip of sand in the Cocos – Cossies Beach – uninhabited Direction Island also has an iconic snorkelling spot known as the Rip. Much safer than it sounds, this narrow channel features a diverse array of marine life, from placid black-tipped reef sharks to vibrant parrotfish and huge wrasse. There are also walking trails to explore, and with shady shelters and wood-fired barbecues, the island is a picnicker's paradise.

Kingston, Norfolk Island

Built by the convicts of Norfolk Island's second penal colony (1825–1855), the UNESCO World Heritage-listed buildings of Kingston are Norfolk's star attraction. Browse the exhibits of the Norfolk Island Museums, hosted across several heritage venues, then explore the historic military and government buildings at your own pace, or on a tag-a-long tour included with the museum pass. Don't forget to bring your swimming costume, as nearby Emily Bay is home to one of the Australia's most-underrated best beaches.



Kingston Lookout 9,
Norfolk Island



NEW IN AUSTRALIA

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- Australia's ever-evolving food and drink scene



Grampians,
Victoria



Sal Salis, Ningaloo Reef,
Western Australia



Club Millesime, Sofitel Adelaide,
South Australia



Archie Rose Distilling Co.,
New South Wales



22 NEW THINGS TO TRY IN **AUSTRALIA** IN 2022

Australia never fails to win over travellers with its epic adventures. And in 2022 an array of new attractions await. Whether you're a foodie or a lover of the great outdoors, prepare to see the country in a fresh and fabulous light with this suite of new experiences.



Floating Sauna Lake Derby,
Tasmania

1. SPEND A NIGHT AT THE GREAT BARRIER REEF'S NEWEST UNDERWATER STAY

Queensland's Great Barrier Reef is speckled with blissful islands. Among the most untouched is Lady Musgrave, at the Reef's southern end, where up until 2021 the only accommodation option was rustic camping. But now you can bed down in the freshly minted (and carbon-neutral) Lady Musgrave HQ pontoon anchored in the coral cay's protected lagoon. Curl up in luxe queen-size glamping beds on the upper deck, or fall asleep watching marine life swirl around you in the underwater observatory bunks. Wake to snorkelling and scuba expeditions, island picnics and seasonal turtle tours.



Lady Musgrave Island, Queensland

2. LACE YOUR BOOTS FOR NEW MULTI-DAY HIKING TRAILS

Australia is already home to some of the world's best hiking trails. And now there are more epic tracks to add to your list, starting with Victoria's Grampians Peaks Trail, a challenging 13-day, 160-kilometre (99-mile) walk over dramatic peaks and along rocky ridgelines through national parkland north-west of Melbourne, with guided (and shorter) options available.

In south-east Queensland, the Scenic Rim Trail meanders

through UNESCO World Heritage-listed Gondwana rainforest. You can hike the new 47-kilometre (29-mile) trail independently in four days, or experience it in pack-free style with Spicers Retreats, overnighting in cosy private eco-huts. Also coming to the tropical north of Queensland is the Wangetti Trail, an ultra-scenic 94-kilometre (58-mile) coastal walking and mountain-biking track stretching from Palm Cove to Port Douglas, north of Cairns.



Grampians, Victoria

3. VISIT NEW AND REFRESHED BLOCKBUSTER MUSEUMS

The Western Australia Museum has seven locations across the state. The newest is Perth's WA Museum Boola Bardip, celebrating the diversity of Australia – and the world – through a dynamic roster of exhibits. Sydney's recently renovated Australian Museum is dedicated to the country's heritage, from First Nations peoples to wildlife. And in Melbourne, the revamped ACMI (Australian Centre for the Moving Image) dazzles with displays covering film, video games, digital culture and art.



Australian Museum, New South Wales

4. DIVE THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE'S FIRST UNDERWATER MUSEUM

Townsville's Museum of Underwater Art (MOUA) is the first of its kind in the southern hemisphere, its sculptures crafted by underwater sculptor Jason deCaires Taylor. There are four stages: Ocean Siren rises out of the water alongside Townsville's Strand jetty, while 80 kilometres (50 miles) off the coast at John Brewer Reef is the Coral Greenhouse, which you'll need to snorkel or scuba-dive to experience. While awesome to admire, these installations – and the next two stages expected to open at nearby Magnetic Island and Palm Island in 2022 – have a purpose: to inspire and educate about reef conservation.



The Museum of Underwater Art, Queensland

Lirriwi Tourism Women's Tour,
Northern Territory

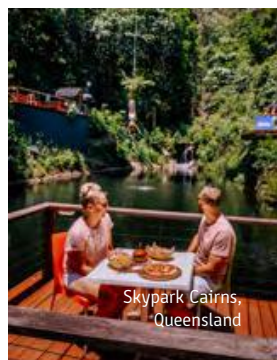
5. SIGN UP FOR NEW WOMEN-LED INDIGENOUS EXPERIENCES

At the top of the Australian mainland, East Arnhem Land is one of the world's last wilderness frontiers. Remote and beautiful, it nurtures a thriving Aboriginal community that female visitors can glimpse on Gay'Wu – The Dilly Bag Tour for Women. The five-day experience is hosted by Yolngu women who share their philosophies and tales of Aboriginal astrology, as well as inducting you into healing ceremonies while revealing traditional arts and medicinal native plants.

On the New South Wales North Coast, Arakwal Bundjalung Elder Delta Kay has launched walking tours in the Byron Bay region that offer similar insights, discussing the impact of colonisation on her ancestors, while providing lessons in Bundjalung language and sharing traditional tools and artefacts.

6. WALK THE PLANK IN TROPICAL NORTH QUEENSLAND

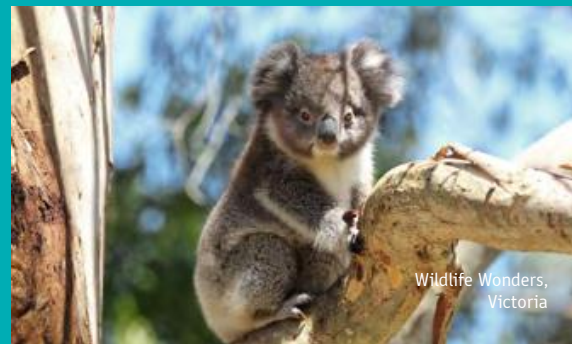
Skypark Cairns is the only place in Australia where you can take the plunge on a bungee jump. And what a ride it is, falling into UNESCO World Heritage-listed rainforest at dizzying speeds. The adventure park's latest thrill is Walk the Plank, giving you a taste for life on the edge as you balance on a beam 140 metres (459 feet) above sea level, with the Great Barrier Reef on the horizon.

Skypark Cairns,
QueenslandTalaroo Hot Springs,
Queensland

7. TAKE A DIP IN INCREDIBLE NEW HOT SPRINGS

We all deserve a bit of pampering. There's no better place to treat yourself than at the new Talaroo Hot Springs in Queensland's Gulf Savannah region, where extraordinary geological wonders meet Aboriginal hospitality provided by its Ewamian Traditional Owners.

Down south in Victoria, Alba will soon welcome travellers to thermal springs on the Mornington Peninsula. Think mineral-rich baths in a setting surrounded by forward-thinking wineries and food purveyors. There's something in the state's water, with Metung Hot Springs offering blissful moments from 2022, and upcoming Saltwater Springs on Phillip Island promising more than 45 bathing pools of varying temperatures.

Wildlife Wonders,
Victoria

10. WALK ON THE WILD SIDE ALONG VICTORIA'S GREAT OCEAN ROAD

Many people take in the coastline of Victoria's Great Ocean Road by car, lingering in sleepy seaside villages, tackling the surf or basking in the drama of rock formations and rainforest. Thanks to Wildlife Wonders, you can also now explore this National Heritage-listed pocket of the state on foot. The company's 75-minute, conservationist-guided walks offer insights into the wilderness of the Otways, where ferny gullies and eucalypt woodlands nurture a staggering number of koalas. The best bit? All profits are funnelled into the protection of the region's flora and fauna.

Matagarup Bridge Perth,
Western Australia

8. TEST YOUR HEAD FOR HEIGHTS IN PERTH

Take a different kind of bridge climb in Western Australia's capital, where you can now swoosh down from the top on one of the Matagarup Bridge ziplines. It's particularly pretty at sunset, when the fiery colours of the day fade into the Swan River. Over at Optus Stadium, the Halo experience takes you up 78 steps to the roof, offering stellar city views accompanied by tales of the sporting facility's history. Lean over the edge if you dare.

9. EXPLORE CANBERRA'S BOOMING STREET-ART SCENE

Australia's cool little capital just gained extra swagger thanks to the new Surface Festival (4–6 March 2022), debuting with the ambition of spotlighting Canberra's impressive creative prowess. Over the weekend, urban artists will transform the city with graffiti, murals, portraits, stencils and light sculptures, with each installation offering a story of history or culture.

Canberra Museum and Gallery,
Australian Capital Territory



Burrawa BridgeClimb,
New South Wales

11. LEARN THE INDIGENOUS STORIES OF SYDNEY ON A NEW BRIDGE CLIMB

Climbing one of the world's most recognisable structures is a goosebump-inducing experience. Tackling the steps of the Sydney Harbour Bridge with an Aboriginal guide on BridgeClimb Sydney's Burrawa Climb takes the occasion to new heights. Enjoy a bird's-eye view over some of the city's most significant Aboriginal sites while discovering Dreaming stories and learning the indigenous history of the New South Wales capital.



Floating Sauna Lake Derby,
Tasmania



Chimpanzees, Monarto,
South Australia

12. RELAX IN TASMANIA'S FLOATING SAUNA

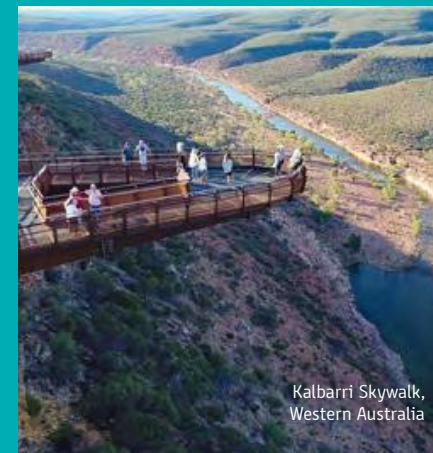
You don't need to travel to Scandinavia to have a Nordic spa moment – Tasmania's north-east corner now offers an experience of equal measure. The Floating Sauna Lake Derby bobs over the water, welcoming you with a dry heat before dialling up the steam in the petite Finnish-style hut. And who needs an ice bath when you can climb down the pontoon ladder for an invigorating dip in the lake? If you're here pedalling the 125 kilometres (78 miles) of the purpose-built Blue Derby Mountain Bike Trails, this is the ultimate way to rejuvenate mountain-weary limbs.

13. GO ON AN AUSSIE SAFARI IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Get within a whisker of some of the world's most wonderful wildlife at Monarto Safari Park, a South Australian former zoo transformed into a safari park committed to the conservation of endangered species, just under an hour's drive from Adelaide. Meet lions, meercats, cheetahs and chimps, or become a keeper for the day and go behind the scenes to discover what it takes to maintain this glorious environment.



Voyages Indigenous Tourism, Ayers Rock Retreat,
Northern Territory



Kalbarri Skywalk,
Western Australia

14. EXPERIENCE ULURU AT THE REVAMPED AYERS ROCK RESORT

When you close your eyes and picture the colours of Australia, it's the ochre soil spiked with dusty greens and blazing blue that likely comes to mind. Welcome to Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, the spiritual heart of Australia. It's here you'll find Ayers Rock Resort, the nation's largest integrated resort. And the entire complex has been upgraded, from rooms to pools and restaurants and the airport. An array of immersive experiences await, including sunset camel rides, browsing Aboriginal art at the new Gallery of Central Australia, and fine dining under the stars.

15. VENTURE BEYOND THE EDGE IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Some 600 kilometres (373 miles) north of Perth on Western Australia's Coral Coast, Kalbarri is a place of towering seaside cliffs and calm beaches, where pelicans glide over waters filled with resident dolphins. Inland at Kalbarri National Park, there are vast canyons cut by rivers, and rock formations that are as humbling as they are huge. The best way to view the expanse? From one of the two lookouts that form the Kalbarri Skywalk, each suspended from a cliff 100 metres (328 feet) above Murchison Gorge. Steel yourself – the panorama is worth stepping out for. Along your walk, learn about the region's Traditional Owners, the Nanda people, as well as the 400-million-year-old sandstone structures in the park.



Cali Beach,
Queensland

16. PARTY AT AUSTRALIA'S FIRST LUXURY ROOFTOP BEACH CLUB

The Gold Coast suburb of Surfers Paradise has never shied away from a little bling, so it was the obvious location for Australia's first luxury rooftop club, Cali Beach. Bring your swimsuit and stamina, and party the day (or night) away splashing about in one of the four pools, grooving to DJ-spun tunes or ordering cocktails and snacks to accompany a film at the outdoor cinema.

17. CHECK OUT MCLAREN VALE'S NEWEST DINING PRECINCT

What goes well with wine? Cheese, cured meats, pizza? You can enjoy them all at Chalk Hill vineyard's culinary 'collective'. This is a partnership between three of South Australia's most creative gourmands: the food comes courtesy of Cucina di Strada; the cocktails and gin tastings via Never Never Distilling Co.; and the wines from Chalk Hill's Harvey family, who offer tastings of fiano and shiraz (and so much more) at their architect-designed cellar door.

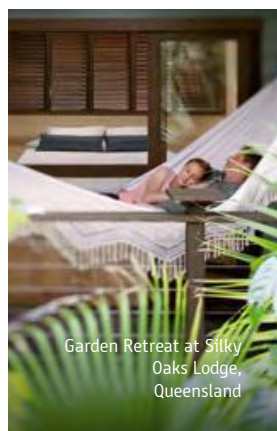


Never Never Distilling Co.,
South Australia

18. SLEEP IN ECO-LUXURY AMID QUEENSLAND'S DAINTREE RAINFOREST

Tropical North Queensland is where two World Heritage Sites meet, the ancient rainforests of the Wet Tropics tumbling toward the Great Barrier Reef. The Kuku Yalanji people have called this magical place home for millennia. While Silky Oaks Lodge has only been around since 1985, this dreamy luxury stay makes the most of the immense history that surrounds.

Fresh out of a major makeover, courtesy of its new owners, Baillie Lodges, the iconic lodge now comes with a revamped main villa with jungle vibes, six new treehouse-style suites and all-inclusive rates covering seriously tasty food featuring regional produce, as well as Queensland wines and spirits.



Garden Retreat at Silky
Oaks Lodge,
Queensland



Aerial view of Lake Hillier,
Western Australia

19. TAKE TO THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN SKIES ON A HELI-FLIGHT

The bubblegum-pink Lake Hillier casts a dramatic form on Middle Island, the largest island in Western Australia's Recherche Archipelago. The highly Instagrammable scene is best taken in from above on a Helispirit flight departing the town of Esperance. Let your soul soar as you chopper over Cape Le Grand and Cape Arid's coastlines, before landing on Middle Island for a guided walk to the edge of the lake. A gourmet picnic awaits when you're done snapping photos.

20. TEE-OFF ON NEW GREENS IN TASMANIA

Tucked in the north-east corner of Tasmania, Barnbougle's two 18-hole championship golf courses, The Dunes and Lost Farm, are consistently voted among the world's best. End-of-Earth vistas aside, the grounds are impeccably designed by golf pros, and just as immaculately maintained. They now have a younger sibling with the opening of 14-hole Bougle Run. Set atop dramatic sand dunes, the new layout comes courtesy of golf architect Bill Coore, its fairways offering swoon-worthy aerial views over the Lost Farm course and Anderson's Bay.



Barnbougle Dunes 18th Hole,
Tasmania

21. DISCOVER NEW REGIONAL STREET ART

Some of Australia's most talented creatives are behind the 40 (and counting) artworks comprising the Collie Mural Trail, injecting colour into the Collie town centre in Western Australia's South West region as well as brightening neighbouring Wellington Dam. Sip into your walking shoes to witness A Love Letter, created by Andrew Frazer with help from Collie youth; Fintan Magee's larger-than-life Three Workers; and Jade Dolman's Untitled, a work depicting the land her Aboriginal ancestors have inhabited for tens of thousands of years.

22. JOIN THE FUN AT A NEW SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FESTIVAL

You don't need a reason to celebrate spring in South Australia. But if you're looking for an excuse, the Bloom festival is a good one. This lively warm-weather extravaganza rings in the season's bountiful flora. From September through November, look forward to events such as Immerse, a multimedia month with experiences for all the senses; and the Barossa Contemporary: Festival for the Curious, which brings you light installations, fireside performances and out-of-the-box foodie moments.



Bloom Festival,
South Australia



TRAVEL TRENDS IN AUSTRALIA

Australia has long set the travel pulse when it comes to adventure experiences that not only capture the imagination but also the soul. From astro-tourism to outback escapes, here are some of the trends shaping your next trip Down Under.



ASTRO-TOURISM

At a time when space and solitude are travel's greatest luxuries, Australia shines bright. Beyond the observatories found in many cities, the clear, dark skies of regional and outback Australia make for dazzling stargazing opportunities.

The Milky Way,
Kakadu National Park,
Northern Territory

ABORIGINAL ASTRONOMY

Many visitors to Western Australia's Monkey Mia come to see its friendly dolphins, but you can also learn about the night sky through Indigenous eyes on an Aboriginal astronomy tour. Listen to Dreaming stories, cook damper over a fire, and meditate to the sound of a didgeridoo. Further north, in Broome, Ngurrangga Tours' guides reveal how constellations were formed according to Aboriginal lore.

The brilliance of the night sky is paired with Aboriginal storytelling by a Gangalidda guide with Yagurli Tours, in Burketown in outback Queensland, while at carbon-neutral Earth Sanctuary in Alice Springs in the Northern Territory, astronomy programs are crafted to coincide with cosmic events throughout the year. There's also an on-site observatory, and an annual Dark Skies Festival.



Ngurrangga Tours,
Western Australia

DARK SKY ZONES

Designated dark sky zones abound in Australia. The only thing glowing at night in Warrumbungle National Park, a 5.5-hour drive north-west of Sydney, is the Milky Way. Australia's first International Dark Sky Park is just outside the town of Coonabarabran, which is also home to Siding Spring Observatory, which you can visit on daytime tours, and Milroy Observatory, which offers night-sky tours. Off the east coast of Australia, the star-splashed skies above Norfolk Island have earned it the designation of Gold Level Dark Sky Town.

Remarkably, the River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve is just 90 minutes from South Australia's capital, Adelaide. Similarly negligible light pollution across regional Western Australia makes it another great place to admire the night sky; use stargazing trails to guide you.



Arkaroola Astronomical Observatory,
South Australia



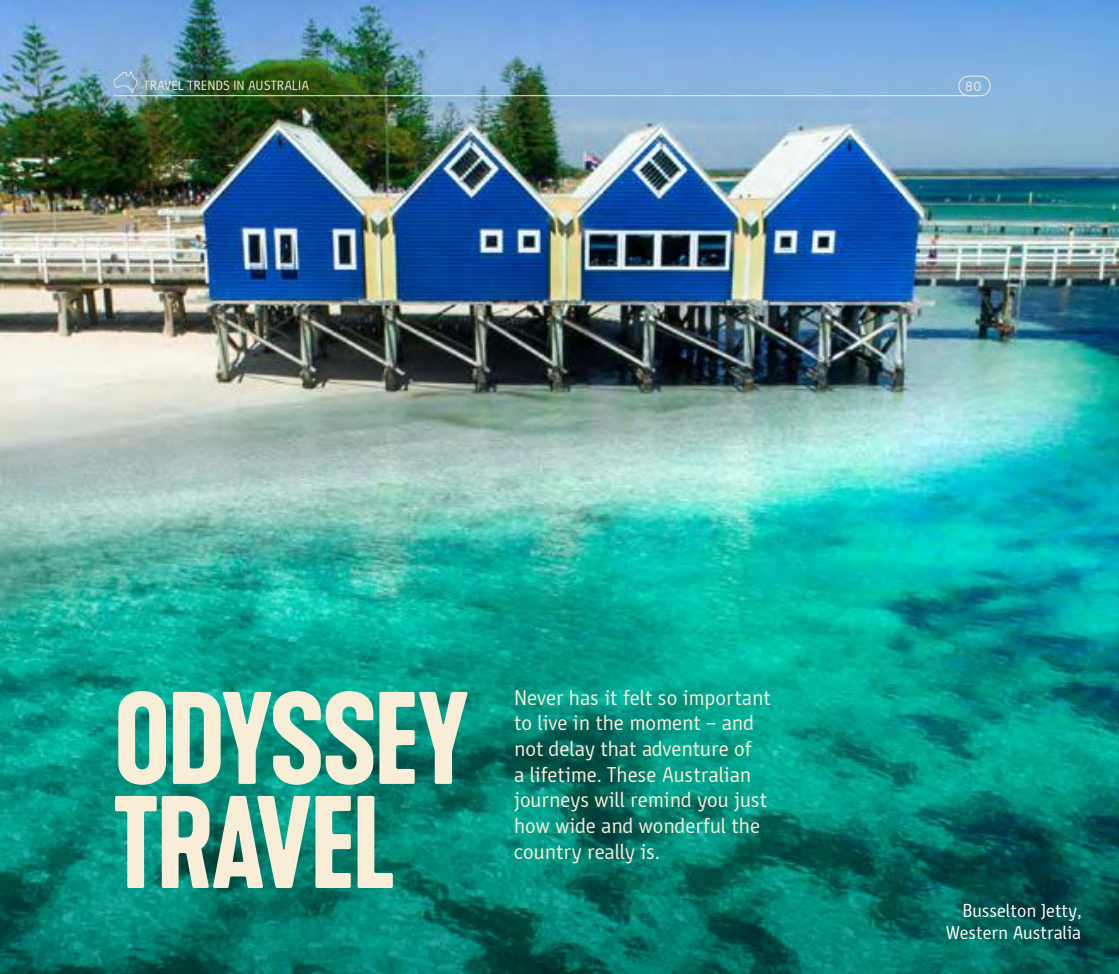
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STARGAZING SLEEPS

Is there anything quite as magical as drifting off to sleep while gazing at a bedazzlement of stars overhead? The Milky Way is your only backdrop at Bubbletent Australia in the Blue Mountains, west of Sydney. Here, three transparent domed tents – each fitted with telescopes and stargazing apps – overlook the world's second-largest canyon.

Very little separates you and the galaxies overhead at the Northern Territory's Longitude 131°, where glamping is elevated with stylish tents. You can see the impressive mass of Uluru and the constellation of Orion from your bed, but don't miss the chance to curl up in a cosy swag on your balcony. And in Tasmania, you can indulge in an alfresco night

soak in an outdoor tub carved from a single piece of granite at Luna Lodge. You might only be 30 minutes from Hobart, but you'd never know it: your eco-dome (replete with skylight to enjoy southern stars in bed) feels like its own planet.



ODYSSEY TRAVEL

Never has it felt so important to live in the moment – and not delay that adventure of a lifetime. These Australian journeys will remind you just how wide and wonderful the country really is.

Busselton Jetty,
Western Australia



The Ghan,
Northern Territory

ICONIC RAIL JOURNEYS

Vast stretches of outback, tiny frontier towns and the occasional kangaroo (or camel) – crossing Australia by train from east to west is mesmerising and meditative in equal parts. The four-day cross-continent journey on the Indian Pacific ferries you between Sydney and Perth via the Nullarbor Plain, an epic adventure along the world's longest stretch of straight railway.

Sister train The Ghan crosses Australia from top to bottom. Travelling between Darwin and Adelaide over three days, the luxury journey pairs incredible Red Centre views with immersive off-train experiences. And then there's the Great Southern, creating a rail arc from Adelaide through Victoria and up to Brisbane, with four days of vineyards, coastal vistas and mountain moments.

LEGENDARY ROAD TRIPS

Australia was made for road-tripping. An obvious candidate in the 'legendary' category is the 846-kilometre (526-mile) Great Southern Touring Route, encompassing Victoria's Great Ocean Road, where rainforest spills to hidden coves, dramatic rock features stud the coast, and whales breach and blow.

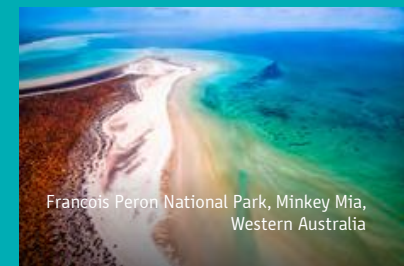
Another classic is the Grand Pacific Drive which hugs the New South Wales coast from Royal National Park, just south of Sydney, down to the Shoalhaven region. That's 140 kilometres (87 miles) of rainforest, powdery beaches, rockpools and dolphin-filled water, not to mention the Sea Cliff Bridge, winding for 665 metres (0.4 miles) over the Pacific Ocean. And that's just a taste of the spectacular road trips to tick off across the country.

AIRBORNE EXPERIENCES

Outback Australia boasts the kind of pubs you see in movies, where locals are known by name, and the bartender has your order ready before you arrive. Take a sip of the offerings on Classic Safari Company's pub crawl by air – over five days and across three states, you'll see epic landscapes via private plane, and at the end of the day unwind in far-flung pubs.

Arcadia Expeditions' latest offering, a 15-day Indigenous Immersion air safari, travels to parts of northern Australia few others venture to. Your journey here is rewarded with 40,000-year-old rock art and Dreaming stories diving deep into Australia's immense history. Bonus: you'll be in the company of a professor of Indigenous archaeology.

Meanwhile, West Aussie Adventures has launched a fly-in, fly-out North West Big 5 Marine All-Inclusive Eco Safari, which will see you flit in supreme style between Perth and Monkey Mia, Exmouth, Karijini, Broome and more over 11 days. If your flying fantasies are a little more bespoke, enlist The Tailor or Southern Crossings to create a private itinerary that captures the holiday moments of your dreams.



Francois Peron National Park, Minkey Mia,
Western Australia



Great Ocean Road,
Victoria

OFF-GRID TRAVEL

Switching off has become the ultimate indulgence. Complementing Australia's incredible camping options, increasingly popular tiny-home stays and remote retreats make getting off-grid a luxurious affair.

Freycinet Eco Retreat,
Tasmania

TINY-HOME STAYS

While hundreds of petite abodes are now on offer across the country, some of the latest include South Australia's Eco Eyre, two architect-designed eco-pods fitted with everything you need for a blissful beachside stay on the Eyre Peninsula. Unyoked offers a natural remedy to modern life, with the latest of its tiny homes sitting among fragrant gums near Byron Bay on the New South Wales North Coast. Stay at 'Ashi' and you can take an outdoor bath while listening to a chorus of bluebells.

Over in Western Australia, Windows Estate's Petite Eco Cabin nestles among the vines of the Margaret River region. Here an outdoor bath and shower and a wood-fired oven replace WiFi and TV. And in Tasmania, Arc Pavilion is only seven metres long. But that's all the space you need when you have the state's north coast wilderness on your doorstep. Think walks to waterfalls, Tasmanian devil sanctuaries and vineyards. More wine-

worthy venues beckon at the off-grid CABNs across the country, including freshly minted outposts in South Australia's McLaren Vale and Clare Valley wine regions.



CABN, McLaren Vale,
South Australia

REMOTE RETREATS

Only a layer of canvas separates you from some of Australia's richest flora and fauna at lauded Bamurru Plains, set on the edge of Kakadu National Park in the Northern Territory. Come to be humbled by nature, with a good dose of luxury and fine dining.

Off-grid Sal Salis in Western Australia is your gateway to

swimming with whale sharks and humpbacks on Ningaloo Reef. The tented retreat has recently been refreshed to add new dining spaces and even more alfresco nooks from which to enjoy your coastal backdrop. Meanwhile, the three luxury coastal retreats on newly opened Ettrick Rocks on Tasmania's King Island promise wild and windswept vistas, and easy access to some of the country's best cheese and seafood.



Sal Salis, Ningaloo Reef,
Western Australia

BRINGING LANDSCAPES TO LIGHT

Australia's cities and outback landscapes are set to get their glow on in 2022. There's a year-round light show at Uluru, thanks to artist Bruce Munro's staggering Field of Light, an installation of 50,000 spindles of light illuminating the Northern Territory outback near the sacred monolith. Dusk or dawn, this is life-changing.

Uluru Field of Light,
Northern Territory

Australia's second-largest city, sparkles year-round. But it's particularly pretty during the Rising festival in June, when artists cast streetscapes in all manner of colours, and performers add live music and entertainment.

Sydney's premier winter festival, Vivid Sydney (27 May–18 June 2022) celebrates the country's creative brilliance. From the bedazzled sails of the Sydney Opera House to installations dancing on the water at Darling Harbour, the event draws the world's greatest lighting talents.

Spark your sense of wonder, they say. It couldn't get more fiery than Tasmania's Dark Mofo. What began as a nod to the winter solstice has transformed into one of the Australia's hottest events, with dark conceptual themes enhanced by bonfires and light installations around Hobart and across the state in June.

Next up is Illuminate Adelaide (5–31 July 2022), with streets and laneways in the South Australian capital draped in an explosion of lights, with many of the installations interactive. Innovation, music and art unite. Then Western Australia gets glowing at Perth's Winter Lights Festival in August. Otherworldly projections in the heart of the city are just the tip of the entertainment iceberg.

Canberra's Enlighten Festival (4–20 March 2022) not only sees the nation's capital cast in vivid after-dark colours, thanks to light installations and projections, but also entertains with performances and a hot-air balloon spectacular. Then head north to Alice Springs for the annual Parrtjima extravaganza (8–17 April 2022), an event spotlighting the world's oldest culture through new technology,

featuring Aboriginal artists and backdropped by the mesmerising MacDonnell Ranges.

In the Murray River region of northern Victoria and southern New South Wales, the Moama Lights transform the landscape throughout May. Theatrical fog, strobes and projections are among the installations highlighting the beauty of this part of the country. Melbourne,



WHAT'S NEW IN AUSSIE CITIES

Hip new culinary precincts are just a taste of the fresh ways to experience Australia's buzzy capitals, complemented by an array of recently opened places to stay. Get ready to dive in!



Sydney Harbour,
New South Wales

CANBERRA, AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

There are food halls, then there's Verity Lane Market, a stylish new venue in the country's capital where you can experience cuisine from multiple outlets. Order pillowy bao buns, steaming bowls of ramen, Spanish tapas and seriously tasty pizzas, all in the one place. Part of a larger precinct, the building also houses a brewery and multiple bars.

Still hungry? Try dinner at Corella in the funky suburb of Braddon: the food here has a focus on native ingredients. End your evening at Paranormal Wines, where boutique drops are poured by the glass; Loquita, for a standout selection of tequila and mezcal; or new neighbours Bootleg and Dolly's, both of which mix a mean cocktail.



Verity Lane Market,
Australian Capital Territory

SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES

Sydney's up-and-coming South Eveleigh precinct is now home to Re-, the world's first zero-waste bar. Think cocktails made with 'ugly' fruit and upcycled décor. The precinct is also home to Lucky Kwong, a modern-Cantonese eatery courtesy of culinary royalty Kylie Kwong, and RaRa Chan, a tiny ramen bar specialising in tsukemen noodles.

Venture harbourside into The Rocks, where über-cool Frank Mac's boasts a jaw-dropping gin collection. Steps away lie equally cool bars Sammy Junior and Dean & Nancy, the latter atop the new A by Adina hotel. Both of these bars are overseen by award-winning mixologists from Maybe Sammy.

The city's accommodation scene is also booming, with fresh outposts such as the Crowne Plaza Sydney Darling Harbour, city-centre Little National and the sky-scraping Crown Towers in Barangaroo, itself host to a dizzying number of restaurants and bars, including Italian a'Mare.



The Crown in Barangaroo,
New South Wales

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

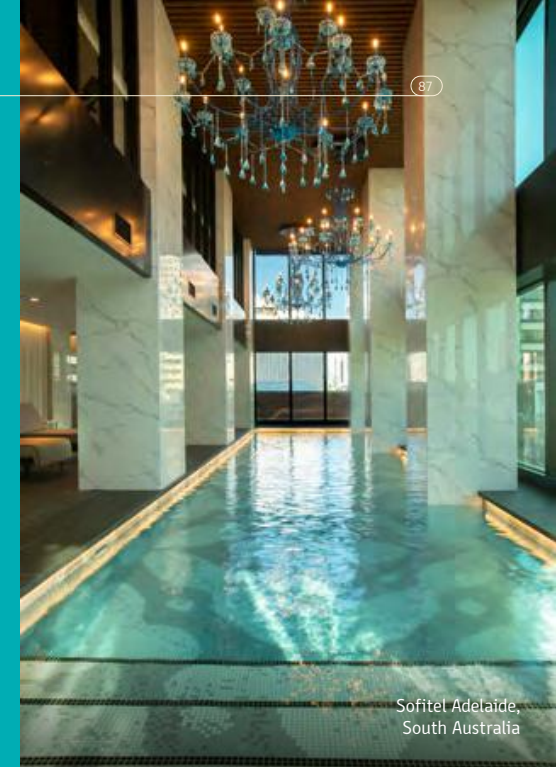
There are also new hotels aplenty in Australia's second-largest city, where the glamorous W Melbourne, colourful Quincy and art-filled Ovolo South Yarra reflect the vibrancy of the Victorian capital. Next Hotel is part of 80 Collins Street, a new union of shops and dining outlets. The hotel's La Madonna eatery comes with a barrel room for wood-ageing spirits.

Also in the 80 Collins precinct is Farmer's Daughters, which celebrates the produce of regional Victoria; and Society, its two restaurants and bar as pretty as the plates served to you. When it's time for a nightcap, stroll to nearby Gimlet at Cavendish House for a martini. Visit Deeds Taproom in Glen Iris to sip interesting beers, or head to Auterra in Armadale for wines from boutique producers.

New to Melbourne's art scene is the Science Gallery Melbourne, packed with transformative exhibits, while at the cultural hub of Federation Square you can get an extra dose with your meal at Big Esso by Mabu Mabu. Owned and run by Torres Strait Islander chef Norni Bero, it celebrates Indigenous flavours in dishes such as kangaroo tartare and coconut-cured kingfish with taro crisps.



Farmer's Daughters,
Victoria



Sofitel Adelaide,
South Australia

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Get a taste for the South Australian capital's diversity at Daughter in Law, where the playful ambience is matched by the flavour-packed Indian fusion fare. You'll feel a little bit New York at Fugazzi, the focus here on Italian food with an American twist. Then discover Restaurant Botanic, the suave new incarnation of the Adelaide Botanic Garden's former tearoom.

Head east along The Parade and you'll find Bar Lune, a place for cocktails and thoughtfully composed share plates. It's among a slew of new places to enjoy a tipple: notable others include Bowden Brewing, with signature pours such as Blest by the Zest and Space Snake; My Lover Cyndi, a chilled LGBTQI+ hangout; Shotgun Willie's, which comes with live music and a good dose of yeeha!; and Merrymaker, the city's highest rooftop bar, crowning Hotel Indigo Adelaide Markets. The local accommodation scene has been further elevated by the opening of EOS, the Oval Hotel at Adelaide Oval, and the Sofitel, injecting French fabulousness into town.

Kiff & Culture,
Queensland

BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND

Fortitude Valley has long been the hottest 'hood in the Queensland capital. Trendy boutiques and even trendier restaurants, bars and hotels line the streets. Among the latest is Essa, its menu a shrine to Australian farmers.

Take a few steps from Essa to be transported to Italy at Biànca, a trattoria with swoon-worthy antipasti and pastas. Italy's artists also inspire The Parlour, a moodily lit bar with cocktails created by Sydney's award-winning Maybe Sammy team. For the indecisive, book a Kiff & Culture foodie tour around the city – or further afield. The good news? You don't have to venture far to rest your head, with Hotel X's rooms and suites amid the action.

PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Sleep soundly in the Western Australian capital at a cache of new hotels, from the Parmelia Hilton (a 20min walk from the sprawling Kings Park) to the Ritz-Carlton along the Swan River – reserve a table at Hearth Restaurant for a culinary journey around the state.

Nearby Acqua e Sale dishes up some of the best pizza and pasta this side of Italy, while Fleur, set in heritage-listed The Royal Hotel, offers a refined, Japanese-inspired degustation. When the ocean calls, Coogee Common restaurant, bar and gardens responds with thoughtful seasonal dishes (the venue also offers garden tours). And just a few streets back from the waves in beachside Scarborough, Skol nods to Scandinavia, from the design to the cocktails.

Jump on the train to the port of Fremantle to stroll through Walyalup Koort, a renewal of the Kings Square precinct that's now home to a laneway of hawker-style eateries and the retail emporium FOMO.

The Ritz Carlton, Perth,
Western AustraliaMaydena Bike Park,
TasmaniaCharlie's of Darwin,
Northern Territory

HOBART, TASMANIA

Some say Hobart is the food capital of Australia. It's difficult to disagree when you have savvy restaurateurs opening places like Dana Eating House, serving south-east Asian cuisine and donating a proportion of profits to charities. Nearby Stock Market sits in a heritage building in Salamanca Place; the perfect perch to enjoy Bruny Island wallaby or native Angasi (flat) oysters. Dine early to catch the sunset at Aura, the city's first rooftop lounge, then slip into Gin(bar) for cocktails or a gin-blending session.

Time to rest your head? Check into The Tasman. This Marriott Luxury Collection hotel occupies a grand heritage building but comes with every modern trimming imaginable. Streets away, enormous rooms (and "chocolate happy hour") await at Mövenpick Hobart. From here, it's easy to reach Maydena Bike Park in the Derwent Valley, which now has a web of beginner-friendly mountain bike trails, with bike hire available.

DARWIN, NORTHERN TERRITORY

Cleverly named Charlie's of Darwin has an equally clever motto: "Let the fun be gin!" The cocktail menu doesn't disappoint (try the Kakadu plum gin), nor do the crocodile dumplings. At the cellar door of Willing Distillery you can also sip gin flavoured with native ingredients such as desert lime. Tropical tastes of the Northern Territory star at newly expanded Dom's Bar & Lounge, its cocktails and themed nights winning it the title of the best new bar in the state.

When it comes time to refuel, head to Phat Mango for damper and kangaroo tartare; PepperBerry at Hilton Darwin for meals with native flavours; and Ebb & Flow, a vegan eatery that makes everything with so much love. It can be overwhelming, so let Darwin Gourmet Tours help you plot your course.



AUSTRALIA'S

EVER-EVOLVING FOOD & DRINK SCENE

Authentic, innovative and more sustainable than ever, the latest trends on the Australian culinary scene can also be used to describe the passionate Aussies who are leading the charge. Australia's food scene is all about locally sourced and high-quality produce, and the dedicated chefs and producers who champion sustainable practices behind the scenes.

When it comes to drinks, the local industry is continuing to diversify. Natural wine, craft beer and hyper-local spirits are the new normal. There's also been a groundswell of non-alcoholic and eco-friendly innovation.





Get the ultimate taste of Australia at an increasing number of Indigenous-owned eateries showcasing native flavours and cooking techniques. At Karkalla in Byron Bay on the New South Wales North Coast, snack on crispy saltbush with bush tomato mayo before tucking into a spanner crab and native herb pasta.

Karkalla Byron Bay,
New South Wales

REGIONAL DINING

Regional Australia has welcomed a new wave of restaurants rivaling their big city siblings. By showcasing the best produce of their respective regions, these restaurants dotted around Australia, are highlighting the power and influence of regional dining experiences.

Just 90 minutes' drive from Melbourne, Victoria's Brae was named amongst the world's top dining destinations by The World's 50 Best Restaurants in 2021. Other outstanding establishments across the state include Oakridge and Doot Doot Doot.

In the Tweed-Byron region of the New South Wales North Coast comes the culinary kudos of Pipit, Fleet, Harvest, The Hut, and Three Blue Ducks – to name a few. Further south, acclaimed former Sydney chefs Richie Dolan and Carla Jones

harness the culinary bounty of the Coffs Coast at their new Bellingen venture, Hilltop at The Lodge, while foraging and seasonal changes curate the menus of Muse and Margan in the Hunter Valley.

In South Australia, The Summertown Aristologist, Appellation and Hentley Farm Restaurant have been monumental in the recent evolution of the state's food scene and represent not only the stunning produce of the region, but also the welcoming nature of its residents.

Lucio's Marina in Noosa and The Paddock restaurant at the Scenic Rim region's new Hazelwood Estate boutique hotel are just two restaurants worth travelling for in regional Queensland, while Cullen Wines and Vasse Felix put Western Australia's best produce on a plate.



Brae at Birregurra,
Victoria



Paper Daisy restaurant, Cabarita Beach,
New South Wales

STAY AND DINE DESTINATIONS

There are few things more relaxing than absorbing the natural beauty of Australia. Lately a proliferation of regional destinations and experiences have evolved to give you a comfortable place to rest your head as well as a feast to be reckoned with. Dotted across the country, here are just a few places where chefs utilise the land to grow the produce they cook in their kitchen.

Visit the Royal Mail Hotel and experience one of regional Victoria's best restaurants and hotels, located at the base of the Grampians National Park. The property features sweeping views and quality accommodation with multi-award-winning dining. There are two restaurants, the two-hatted Wickens at Royal Mail Hotel and Parker Street Project, a casual diner. ('Hats' are Australia's version of a Michelin star.) Up to 80 per cent of the produce showcased on the Royal Mail Hotel menus is grown in the onsite kitchen garden.

The restaurant's menus are seasonal and are dictated by Dunkeld's micro-climate.

In Cabarita on the New South Wales North Coast, Halcyon House is one of Australia's best-loved luxury boutique hotels. The property also features hatted restaurant Paper Daisy. With Jason Barratt now leading the kitchen, the ethos that drives Paper Daisy is one of sophisticated simplicity, producing dishes that are satisfying, thoughtful and deeply memorable. Jason is passionate about flavour and dedicated to using quality local produce and sustainably sourced seafood.

Over in South Australia, The Louise offers two of the Barossa Valley's best restaurant locales. Appellation serves up a menu heroing Barossan produce, while three75 bar + kitchen is where you'll discover comfort food and cocktails that don't hold back on flavour. Appellation Executive Chef

Kyle Johns's kitchen is all about fresh ingredients which is reflected in the fact that 85 per cent of the menu comes from within the Barossa Valley and South Australia. The kitchen garden is a great resource as is the close relationships the restaurant enjoys with local purveyors, farmers and growers.

Set on a gentle rise in the tranquil Sunshine Coast Hinterland, Spicers Clovelly Estate offers French-inspired luxury in a charming and relaxed atmosphere. Onsite find The Long Apron, a hatted restaurant with a well-earned reputation for innovative dining experiences. Head Chef Andrew Birse's menu heroes single origin produce in refined dishes that celebrate the minimalist style of French cuisine. Here you'll find local produce such as Fraser Isle spanner crab, Falls Farm greens, and Mooloolaba swordfish on the menu.

Cape Lodge is a private country house hotel on its own vineyard in the heart of the Margaret River Wine Region. Welcoming only 44 guests at a time, the hotel has 22 rooms, award-winning restaurant, swimming pool, and tennis court on 40 acres of expansive lawns, gardens and vineyards. Cape Lodge Dining showcases the finest Margaret River produce sourced from local farms and the onsite kitchen garden, with seafood purchased direct from local fisherman.

CULTURE, COUNTRY AND CUISINE

For more than 60,000 years, native plants have been used as both foods and medicines by Indigenous Australians. For instance, the Kakadu plum, which grows in northern Australia, has the highest vitamin C content of any fruit in the world, while the lemon myrtle herb is rich in calcium, and endemic wattleseed is exceptionally high in protein, iron and zinc.

To taste and learn about this incredible bush tucker, Mandoon Estate outside of Perth offers a unique opportunity to listen to the stories of this area and learn about local Indigenous food and culture from Noongar Elder, Dale Tilbrook. For an interactive experience, Kuku Yalanji brothers Linc and Brandon Walker lead bush tucker-focused tours in Tropical North Queensland, north of Cairns, through their company Kuku Yalanji Cultural Habitat Tours. Following in the footsteps of their ancestors, the Walker brothers teach you about traditional foods and hunting techniques, helping you gain a deeper understanding of the environment and sacred sites.

Also in Tropical North Queensland, Walkabout Cultural Adventures host Kuku-Yalanji man Juan Walker takes visitors on epic adventures in the Mossman-Daintree and Cape Tribulation regions. With generations of his own family history in the region, Juan's



Dale Tilbrook Experiences,
Western Australia



Walkabout Cultural Adventures,
Queensland

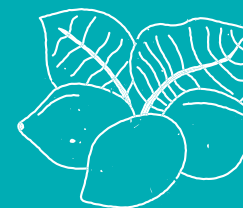
tours a deeply personal, intimate experience. Cruise mangroves scanning for mud crabs in tidal flats, discover the secrets of the Daintree Rainforest, learn how to throw a spear to catch your next meal, and much more.

FIVE INDIGENOUS INGREDIENTS TO TRY ON YOUR NEXT TRIP

Keep an eye out for these five Indigenous ingredients on your Australian adventure. Not only are these native and sustainably source ingredients delicious, but they are also packed with nutrients and harvesting them often supports remote Indigenous communities. It is now more common to find these ingredients on restaurant menus as well as at health food retailers, local farmers markets and grocers across Australia.

Finger lime

Finger limes have been an essential food source and medicine for Indigenous Australians for thousands of years. Shaped like a small finger, finger limes are known for their caviar-esque pearls that burst with lime-like flavour. The small beads are perfect for sprinkling on top of your meal, adding to a dressing for a bold flavour or stirred into your favourite cocktail for a zesty punch.



Kakadu plum

This small, green, plum-like fruit is only found in the northernmost parts of Australia. The bush tucker ingredient has a sweet and sour taste, often compared to stewed apples and pears. The fruit is known for its high vitamin C content, which measures up to 100 times more than oranges. Kakadu plums don't keep for long, so you're more likely to find them frozen or dried and milled into powder. The fruit can be stewed into jams, tarts, fruit pies and purees; sprinkled into drinks; or folded through desserts.



Wattleseed

Wattle grows throughout Australia's arid and desert areas and have traditionally been a food source for many Indigenous Australians. Seeds are removed from the pods, dried, roasted and ground into flour. Wattleseed has a savoury, nutty, wheat-biscuit flavour and a nutty, roasted coffee aroma. People often use wattleseed in hot or cold drinks, in baked goods, and in raw food as it is a good substitute for vanilla.

Bush tomatoes

Also known as kutjera, there are more than 100 species of wild tomatoes growing in Australia and only six are known to be edible. Bush tomato has a strong flavour which has been described as earthy caramel and tomato with a pungent aftertaste. The sun-dried fruit may be eaten directly after harvest but adapts well in sauces and relishes but can also be dried and added to herb mixtures and rubs.

Lemon myrtle

Traditionally used as a healing plant, leaves from this Australian shrub provide a boost of vitamins, nutrients and minerals. The leaves are typically dried and milled to be enjoyed as a tea or steam-distilled to produce essential oil. The sweet and aromatic flavour makes lemon myrtle a great addition to recipes, too. The flavour and aroma of lemon myrtle show refreshingly intense citrus notes, often described as "lemonier" than lemon.



Lemon Myrtle

BRUNCH – BEYOND EGGS AND SMASHED AVO ON TOAST

Breakfast – as a meal to start the day – has morphed into brunch – an occasion to savour. A fun get-together with tasty food, great coffee in a lively atmosphere, nowhere does brunch quite like Australia

Brunch is a big part of many Aussies' weekend morning routine, and across the nation you can find a host of eateries offering all-day dining with dishes created by some of the country's best chefs. And with Australia's passion for coffee running deep, you can always pair your meal with a great brew.

In Sydney, head to Bill's in Surry Hills for a quintessential Aussie brunch featuring the venue's infamous sweet hotcakes and corn fritters, or try Lune Croissanterie in Melbourne for bedrock Aussie flavours and French fabulousness with Lune flair. Brisbane's Balfour Kitchen & Bar offers up flourless pandan (fragrant plant) pancakes with pepper roasted strawberries, mint, roast macadamias, mascarpone and pistachio floss, and Hobart's Pidgeon Hole serves home-made ricotta fritters with whey caramel and farm fruits.



Lune Croissanterie,
Victoria



Capital Brewing Co.,
Australian Capital Territory

THE RISE OF ECO-FRIENDLY AND POSITIVE- IMPACT BEVERAGES

Australian brewers, distillers, winemakers and roasters are constantly innovating and becoming more sustainable. On track to being the latest brewer to achieve B Corp status, which recognises businesses with a strong commitment to balancing profit with purpose, Capital Brewing Co. near Canberra in the Australian Capital Territory has examined every aspect of its operations to identify ways to reduce its environmental impacts. The brewery is powered by green energy and every piece of equipment has been selected for its efficiency.

In Queensland, Montville Coffee Roasters is the state's first Fairtrade and organic roasters. Headquartered in the Sunshine Coast hinterland, the company has provided female growers in

Peru, Sumatra and Colombia with a dependable income for two decades. Customers also benefit from knowing that their delicious coffee has been grown using traditional methods that negate the need for chemicals.

Many people are surprised to learn how water-hungry the wine industry is. That is why, when Brendan Carter set up the Unico Zelo winery in South Australia's Adelaide Hills, he chose to plant grape varieties that didn't need irrigation, thereby reducing his operational impacts. To tackle another challenge, Carter then set up Applewood Distillery to support farmers and Indigenous communities working with native ingredients, which are showcased in the distillery's gins and spirits.



Applewood Distillery,
South Australia

AUSTRALIA'S GIN BOOM

With an explosion of new bars, distilleries and masterclasses all dedicated to the spirit, Australia's gin industry is one of the fastest growing and most diverse in the world. With more than 170 gin distilleries scattered across the country, you're never far away from an opportunity to sample an innovative new take on the popular tippie.

Using a variety of flavoursome native ingredients alongside classical botanicals like juniper, a new wave of artisan distillers are creating their own unique blends with everything from green ants to sheep whey. In turn, they are winning awards and dominating on the international stage.

Newer arrivals to the gin scene include Darwin's first gin distillery, Darwin Distilling Co. Located within Charlie's of Darwin, a cocktail lounge and restaurant with an outdoor rooftop bar overlooking Raintree Park, it's the perfect spot to enjoy the distillery's Territory-inspired gins infused

with local botanicals including Kakadu plum, spinifex, flowers and seeds.

Meanwhile, the Tropical North Queensland hub of Cairns has welcomed Narrow Tracks Distilling. Stop by the tasting room on a Friday or Saturday afternoon to sample its Australian take on a London dry gin, flavoured with locally grown macadamia nuts and red finger lime, as well as their pink gin infused with local strawberries.

Multi-award-winning Yarra Valley-based distillery Four Pillars has also opened a Sydney outpost. The Four Pillars Laboratory in Surry Hills has a Gin Shop, Gin Lab featuring a working experimental still, and a cocktail bar, Eileen's Bar. Sydney is also set to welcome Hickson House distillery. Set in the historic Metcalfe Bond Stores in The Rocks, the integrated venue will offer distillery tours and private tastings of its gins and other spirits, with a bar and restaurant also onsite.



Sobah,
Queensland

THE RISE OF NON-ALCOHOLIC DRINKING

Whether you're the designated driver, a non-drinker, or simply feel like skipping the booze, you can now find an ever-expanding range of alcohol-free options in Australia's top bars and restaurants that offer up the same complex and deep flavour profiles of alcoholic drinks.

When dining out, find thoughtfully curated non-alcoholic drink pairing options at iconic Sydney Harbour-side restaurant Aria and at Melbourne's lauded Attica. You can also spot the proudly Aboriginal-owned, zero-alcohol craft beer Sobah; zero-alcohol wine alternative brand Non and alcohol-free spirits brands Brunswick Aces and Altd, amongst others, at good food and drink venues across Australia.



Four Pillars Laboratory,
New South Wales

URBAN DISTILLING

Shaking up the industry is a recent increase in trendy distilleries cropping up in urban areas along with boundary-pushing operators and producers who are experimenting with uniquely Australian flavours. Now, travellers can experience top quality gins, vodkas, whiskies and rums on a tour, tasting or masterclass without leaving the city.

Sydney started it all with the opening of Archie Rose Distilling Co., which was shortly followed by a smattering of other distilleries putting their own spin on spirits. Manly Spirits Co. creates botanical vodka and whisky blends inspired by its beach location, while Poor Toms Gin Hall in Sydney's inner-west is a quintessential experimental hipster outfit.



Little Lon Distilling Co.,
Victoria

In nearby Surry Hills, you'll find Brix Distillers creating spiced rums just minutes from the city centre.

Melbourne's Starward led the way in Victoria's distilling revolution with its approachable take on a modern whisky, matured for three 'Melbourne years' in Australian wine barrels. Little Lon Distilling Co., housed in Melbourne city centre's last remaining single-story house, makes small-batch gins.

In Adelaide, Prohibition Liquor Co. was inspired by the bootleggers of the Prohibition era, but its owners have taken the artisan route to create

a premium product. Twenty Third Street Distillery on Melbourne is a new outlet for the Renmark stalwart, allowing city dwellers to experience the craftsmanship behind the resurrected distillery (originally built in 1914) in South Australia's Riverland region.

In Perth, Whipper Snapper Distillery uses 100 per cent local grains, showcasing their commitment to provenance with a range of spirits on offer including traditional moonshine, barrel-aged moonshine and a bourbon-style whisky.



Archie Rose Distilling Co.,
New South Wales



De Bortoli, Riverina,
New South Wales

ORANGE WINE

Orange wines, also known as amber wines, represent the resurgence of ancient winemaking techniques and lost skills that have been rediscovered by today's winemakers. With its pastel shade, you could be forgiven for mistaking orange wine for rosé. But it couldn't be more different.

Orange wines are white wines that have been made using the same processes as reds –

with extended skin contact. This results in a full-bodied, intense flavour that more closely resembles a red wine than a white. This makes them ideal for food pairings and they're taking the wine-drinking world by storm.

Orange wines are generally made on a small scale, seek out the cellar doors of smaller wineries across Australia to taste some of these unique drops or spend an afternoon

in a hip city wine bar such as Sydney's Dear Sainte Éloise and new Where's Nick, or Marion in Melbourne's Fitzroy.



Gemtree Wines,
South Australia

A TOAST TO MOTHER NATURE

Some leading Australian wineries are not only experimenting with organic, biodynamic and low-intervention practices, but have become shining examples of what the future of wine could look like.

Leading the way in is Gemtree Wines, located in South Australia's McLaren Vale. Gemtree has operated as a fully biodynamic and certified organic winery since 2011.

During a tasting at the cellar door, you'll learn how the winery uses natural pest control and solar energy, and harvests in sync with the moon, to make award-winning wines. Afterwards, wander the Gemtree Ecotrail through regenerated native bushland, where you have the option of enjoying a gourmet, wine-paired picnic.

Voyager Estate is also blending world-class wine

with sustainable practices to help protect its Margaret River region locale, in Western Australia. While working towards becoming a fully certified organic winery by 2023, Voyager has already planted more than 70,000 native trees to rehabilitate cleared farmland, and boasts a thriving kitchen garden that supplies up to 90 per cent of the herbs and vegetables used in the restaurant's unmissable Discovery menu.



UNIQUELY AUSTRALIAN

- Discover Australia's Indigenous cultures
- Regenerative travel
- Room with a view
- The Australian luxury experience



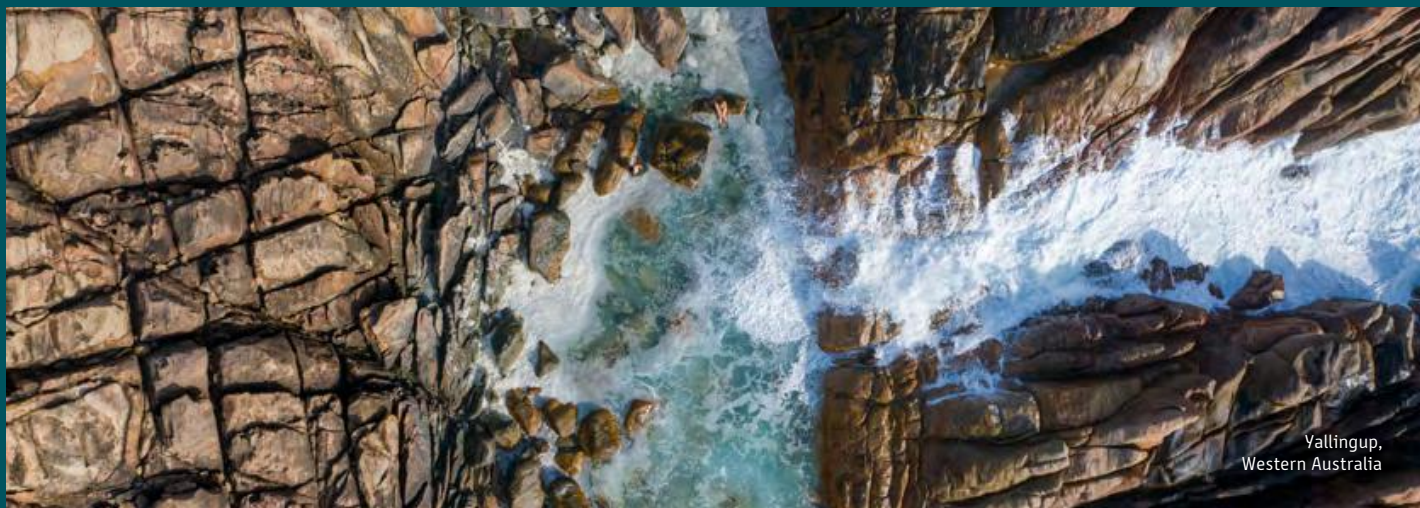
Wilpena Pound Resort,
South Australia



Exceptional Kangaroo Island,
South Australia



Longitude 131°,
Northern Territory



Vallingup,
Western Australia



DISCOVER AUSTRALIA'S INDIGENOUS CULTURES

Dating back at least 60,000 years, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures are one of the most distinct, unique and diverse aspects of the Australian story.

Including the Aboriginal peoples of mainland Australia and Tasmania, and the Torres Strait Islander peoples from the islands north of Queensland's Cape York, Australia's Indigenous population is composed of more than 250 nation/language groupings (AIATSIS). While unified by a shared connection to Country (ancestral lands) and community, each group has its own cultural practices, protocols and traditions. This results in an incredibly diverse array of experiences for adventure seekers, cultural enthusiasts, foodies and nature lovers across the country, with no two tourism offerings the same.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander spirituality derives from the philosophy that everyone and everything – land and people, past and present – is interconnected, creating a complex system of responsibilities, obligations and kinship. And this is why connecting with Indigenous Australian culture can be transformational and reshape how you connect with the world.



SEIT Outback Australia,
Northern Territory

TEN WAYS TO EXPERIENCE THE WORLD'S OLDEST LIVING CULTURE

1. TAKE A TOUR WITH A TRADITIONAL CUSTODIAN

View Australia's landscapes through Indigenous eyes and gain a deeper appreciation of being on Country. Indigenous-led tours also offer revealing insights into Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, such as the pivotal roles that storytelling, ceremonies and lore continue to play in Indigenous communities today. On a day tour in the Riverina region of New South Wales with Wiradjuri man, Mark

Saddler, from Bundyi Aboriginal Cultural Knowledge, hear evocative Dreaming (also known as Creation) stories and learn how the area's rivers were once great highways navigated by his ancestors in dugout canoes. Up in the Northern Territory, the ancient rock art of Injalak Hill in Arnhem Land is brought to life by Indigenous guides on multi-day adventures with Venture North Safaris.

Venture North Safaris,
Northern Territory

2. TASTE NATIVE INGREDIENTS

Indigenous-guided bush tucker walks reveal both the surprising richness of the Australian landscape and the ingenuity of Australia's first cooks.

Take a stroll on the tidal flats of King Sound in Western Australia's Dampier Peninsula with Bardi man Terry Hunter of Borrgoron Coast to Creek Tours and discover the secret to sampling fresh oysters with the use of fire. Or join a Traditional Custodian from Kool Tours on South Australia's Fleurieu Peninsula to learn about the bush foods and medicines traditionally used by the Ngarrindjeri/Ramindjeri people. On a new day trip from Brisbane to Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island) with Go Fish Australia, you can even catch your own lunch with

the help of Indigenous fishing guide Andrew Watego.

Eateries showcasing the unique flavours of the Australian bush also offer an edible cultural experience. Co-owned by Wanaruah people, Kassidy and Scott Waters, Kawul in the New South Wales Hunter Valley lets native and organic local produce – from warrigal greens to saltbush – shine on its casual menu. Tuck into a bacon and egg roll with bush tomato chutney at Yamatji/Noongar woman Sharon Brindley's Coeee Cafe on Victoria's Mornington Peninsula, and admire Indigenous art while munching on an emu burger at Birrunga Gallery and Cafe in Queensland's capital, Brisbane.

3. STAY ON COUNTRY

Wilpena Pound Resort,
South Australia

When you want to immerse yourself in Australia's remarkable and remote landscapes, unique Aboriginal-owned or operated accommodations, including island retreats, safari tents and architecturally designed huts make your experience all the more special.

In the heart of the traditional homeland of the Adnyamathanha (Yura) people in the Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park of South Australia, Wilpena Pound Resort is set inside an extraordinary 800-million-year-old natural amphitheatre and offers glamping safari tents as well as hotel rooms. There's a free daily cultural activity, and Aboriginal touring options.

Remote wilderness and Aboriginal culture also combine with dramatic effect at Mt Borradaile in the Northern Territory, where Davidson's Arnhemland Safaris runs an ecotour, fine dining and lodge experience amid the remarkable wetlands, sandstone escarpments, catacombs and rock art galleries of Arnhem Land.

Terry Hunter, Borrgoron Tours,
Western Australia

4. UNDERSTAND AND SUPPORT INDIGENOUS ART

Exploring rock art sites with Aboriginal guides, taking part in Indigenous artist-led workshops, and visiting museums and galleries showcasing works by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists help Australia's rich Indigenous art traditions to thrive.

At Uluru in the Northern Territory, interpreters are used to link visitors with Anangu artists – who speak Pitjantjatjara – at Maruku Arts, enabling the symbols, motifs and cultural methods to be translated across cultures. On Thursday Island, the administrative centre of the Torres Strait Islands, the Gab Titui Cultural Centre offers a fascinating window into Torres Strait Islander history and culture; while in Melbourne, the Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre presents the Koorie experience in immersive exhibitions.



Maruku Arts,
Northern Territory

5. SEE ANOTHER SIDE TO AUSTRALIA'S CITIES

Indigenous tourism experiences aren't only found in regional and remote destinations. In the heart of Queensland's Gold Coast, learn about the cultural significance of Burleigh Head National Park with a Yugambeh guide from the Jellurgal Aboriginal Cultural Centre. In Perth, Djurandi Tours runs a number of cultural tours in Western Australia's capital; and at the Royal Botanic Garden Sydney, Aboriginal experiences reveal how the garden's plants have used by Gadigal people for millennia.



Jellurgal Aboriginal Cultural Centre,
Queensland

6. ATTEND AN INDIGENOUS FESTIVAL

Festivals are an excellent way to immerse yourself in the richness of Indigenous cultures. From the annual Garma Festival in the Northern Territory's Arnhem Land to the urban Yabun festival in Sydney, Australia's Indigenous festivals showcase Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dance, music, art, food and more.



Garma Festival,
Northern Territory



"Aboriginal culture is sometimes portrayed as very serious and spiritual. Although it does have this meaningful side to it, Aboriginal people are pretty down to earth. It's the mix of the practical with the humorous that makes the experience meaningful." Dr Aden Ridgeway, an Gumbaynggirr man

7. TRAVEL DEEPER

Connect with Indigenous Australia on a new level on an immersive, multi-day Indigenous-led experience. In Tasmania, walk in the footsteps of the island state's Traditional Custodians, the palawa people, on the wukalina Walk. On this four-day, Aboriginal-led walking experience in the iconic Bay of Fires you'll sleep in culturally inspired sleeping huts, sample bush tucker, and yarn with Elders. Short on time? On the New South Wales South Coast, Ngaran Ngaran Cultural Awareness's 40-hour Yuin Retreat fuses cultural wellness and dining with guided tours of sacred places.

8. SEE A DANCE, THEATRE OR COMEDY SHOW

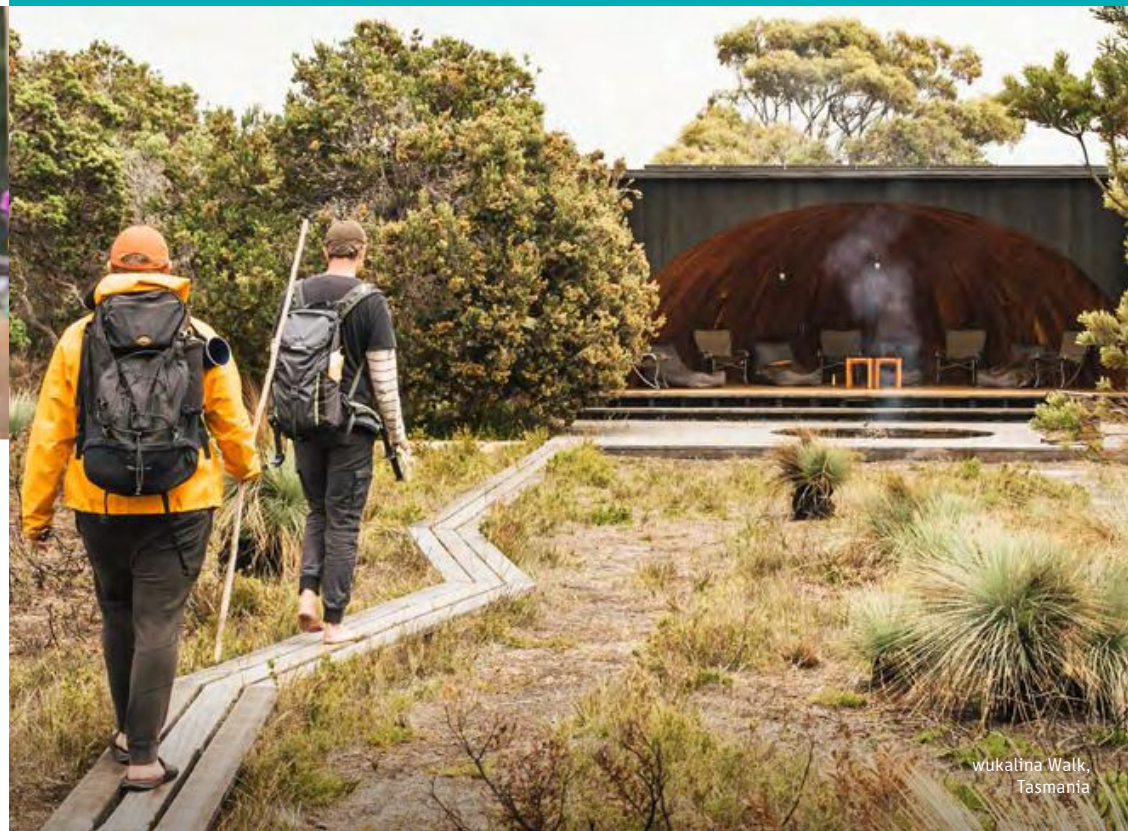
Indigenous dance and theatre performances happen year-round across the country. Also known for their down-to-earth attitude and sense of humour, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander comedians are part of many comedy festival lineups.

On Queensland's Gold Coast, Spirits of the Red Sand hosts a thrilling roving dinner and theatre experience that takes you from the Dreaming to 1800s Australia, when British and Indigenous ways of life collided. Down in Sydney, Bangarra is one of the world's most successful First Nations dance companies,

hosting riveting performances illuminating the ways in which ancient traditions continue to guide current and future generations. And look out for the original Aussie larrikins, the Aboriginal Comedy Allstars, at comedy festivals around the nation.



Spirits of the Red Sand
Queensland



wukalina Walk,
Tasmania

9. GET YOUR ADRENALIN PUMPING

Indigenous tourism is moving into new and exciting spaces. In New South Wales, join a Traditional Custodian from Wajaana Yaam Gumbaynggirr Adventure Tours for a stand-up paddleboarding adventure on the culturally significant waterways of the Coffs Coast. Further south, Wormi guides from Sand Dune Adventures lead exhilarating quad-bike adventures on Aboriginal lands in the Port Stephens area. And there are plenty of other adventurous activities to discover beyond.

Wajaana Yaam Gumbaynggirr Adventure Tours,
New South Wales

10. ADD A LITTLE LUXURY

Australia's Indigenous experiences also encompass private and exclusive luxury adventures by vehicle, boat and aircraft. Led by Professor Jo McDonald, one of Australia's most distinguished Indigenous rock art experts, Arcadia Expeditions's new 15-day Indigenous air safari travels to spectacular hidden corners of the Northern Territory and Western Australia, staying at the region's finest camps and lodges along the way.

If luxe adventure cruising is more your style, climb aboard the Coral Discoverer to learn about the customs and culture of Torres Strait Islander people on Coral Expedition's exclusive Torres Strait & Cape York adventure, which visits some of Australia's most remote islands.

Arcadia Expeditions,
Northern Territory



REGENERATIVE TRAVEL

Today's travellers are more aware than ever of the impacts of their adventures. Whether you go slowly, tread lightly or give back, regenerative travel not only makes your trips more memorable, but also ensures that the destinations you travel to can be enjoyed by future generations of locals and visitors. In Australia, positive-impact experiences abound.



HELP REWILD AUSTRALIA WITH YOUR HOTEL STAY

The passionate family owners of Lady Elliot Island Eco Resort, perched on a coral cay at the southernmost tip of the Great Barrier Reef, encourage guests to become environmental champions. Simply staying at this renewable-energy-powered retreat helps to curb emissions and waste. But visitors can also lend a hand in restoring habitats for seabirds that nest here, assist marine biologists monitoring manta rays by contributing your own snaps, and don flippers for a snorkelling safari to learn about the reef's regeneration.

The team at Arkaba Conservancy are on a mission to protect wildlife through safaris of another kind in South Australia's immense outback. Once you've checked into the historic homestead, backdropped by the rugged beauty of the Flinders Ranges, you can hike to spot emus and wedge-tailed eagles, quolls and kangaroos. A percentage of Arkaba's profits fund conservation projects, and you can accompany ecologists in the field, monitoring wildlife and surveying the land.

It's a similar story at Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley, the dreamy villas here dwarfed by the dramatic landscapes of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area west of Sydney. Join field guides on conservation outings to maintain surrounding native

flora – you may even spot a rare albino wallaroo while you're at it.

All proceeds from your stay at Mornington Wilderness Camp are funnelled into protecting wildlife in the Kimberley region the tented retreat calls home. This pocket of northern Western Australia is known for its steep gorges and tropical savannahs that are a magnet for more than 200 bird species. Enlist in research and land-management tours to spot Gouldian finches and red goshawks, or even join the lodge's citizen science program.



Echidna Walkabout Nature Tours, Victoria

VISIT A WILDLIFE CONSERVATION PROJECT

You don't need to visit a remote lodge to support native flora and fauna. Across Australia there are sanctuaries dedicated to the conservation of remarkable species. In Queensland, Mon Repos near Bundaberg is home to the largest concentration of nesting marine turtles on the eastern Australian mainland. Visit the Mon Repos

Turtle Centre year-round to learn about its conservation, research and education projects. During turtle season, from November, join ranger-guided tours to watch these hard-backed beauties nest, with hatchlings best viewed from late January to March.

Further south in New South Wales, informative hands-off visits to the Koala Hospital Port Macquarie support the rescue, rehabilitation and release of the adorable marsupials in its care. Cuteness is also amplified at Victoria's Phillip Island Nature Parks, a not-for-profit organisation whose dedicated team maintains more than 1,800 hectares (4,450 acres) of wondrous wilderness where koalas hug treetops and the world's largest colony of little penguins waddles along the sand nightly. Visits help to fund vital research and conservation work here.

In Tasmania, the fees to visit Devils@Cradle fund protection of the island state's endangered Tasmanian devils, which roam the reserve's vast natural habitat on the edge of UNESCO World Heritage-listed Cradle Mountain–Lake St Clair National Park. Explore at your leisure, or follow guides knowledgeable about threats to the species, and successes in protecting them.



Phillip Island Nature Park, Victoria

SIGN UP FOR A CITIZEN SCIENCE TOUR

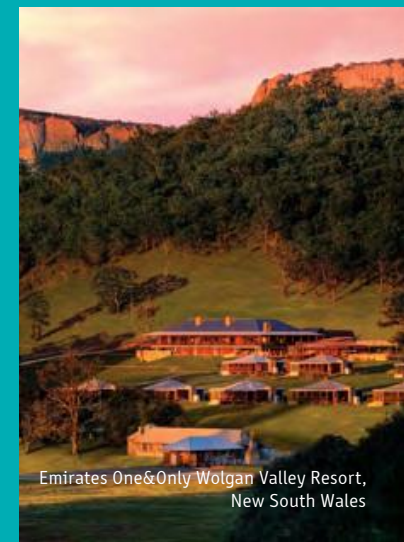
Want to play a role in shaping how the world sees Australia's plants and animals? Citizen-science projects and tours empower visitors to collect and analyse data from nature on behalf of environmental researchers. From Victoria to the Northern Territory, Echidna Walkabout's conservation tours let you monitor wildlife and restore habitats. The newest tour in the portfolio, Island Birds & Whale Sharks, is a life-changing eight-day expedition surveying animals overhead and underwater, off the coast of Exmouth in Western Australia's Ningaloo region.

While your head remains above water on dolphin patrol for the Healthy Waterways - Healthy Dolphins Project, you do earn bragging rights by participating in one of the coolest conservation projects around. Volunteers monitor the cetaceans along the Tweed, Richmond and Nambucca rivers in south-east Queensland and northern New South Wales, assessing numbers, health, habitats and threats. The monthly surveys inform larger studies of these animals.

You can also track dolphin movements between pods on a private multi-day tour with Exceptional Kangaroo Island. The South Australian operator's Conservation Connection experience unites visitors to Kangaroo Island with top naturalists

and researchers, providing unparalleled access to native wildlife, from echidnas to glossy black cockatoos – this rare bird's population has swollen in recent decades, thanks to their work.

The motto of Queensland's FNQ Nature Tours is "small groups, big experiences" – an understatement if you join its four-day Nature, Wildlife and Conservation Safari to survey threatened spotted-tail quolls through the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area. You're in good company, with the Australian Quoll Conservancy overseeing innovative and non-intrusive monitoring methods.



Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley Resort, New South Wales



MOUA, Queensland



GIVE BACK TO THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

Covering a staggering 344,400 square kilometres (133,000 square miles) of Coral Sea off the coast of Queensland, the Great Barrier Reef is one of the most complex ecosystems on Earth. The region's tourism operators have joined forces to ensure the Reef retains its incredible diversity through initiatives like the Coral Nurture Program, which sees science and selected tourism providers unite to protect and plant coral and aid propagation. Among them is Cairns-based Passions of Paradise, which has launched a Reef Tour and Eco Experience allowing experienced certified divers to join conservationists and researchers in assessing the health of the World Heritage-listed wonder.

Many other reef operators are committed to sustainability and giving back – Ecotourism Australia's ECO Certified Tourism stamp is a handy indicator. On a reef excursion with top providers you'll learn how to act responsibly around marine life, before diving in to do your part in the company of an accredited Master Reef

Guide. If you're cruising out of Cairns, your Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sea Ranger guides on Dreamtime Dive & Snorkel's catamaran not only reveal their spiritual connections to the reef, but also how Indigenous communities have helped to sustain it for millennia.

Back on your boat, use the Eye on the Reef app to record and share marine life and coral conditions with scientists and the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority. Every visitor can collect data and contribute to monitoring projects. Then back on dry land, a visit to the Cairns Aquarium's turtle hospital or the Cairns Turtle Rehabilitation Centre at Fitzroy Island will help protect threatened and injured turtles. Six of the world's seven species of marine turtles can be found on the Great Barrier Reef, and many of these animals are in need of rescuing and rehabilitation. This is the mission of both turtle centres, where you can get close to these beautiful creatures before they're released back into the wild.





ROOM WITH A VIEW

Quality accommodation is paired with spectacular views at an ever-expanding array of memorable Australian stays. From admiring the Great Barrier Reef from your bed to nodding off above a sea of twinkling city lights, and from new openings to classic favourites, here are just a few epic rooms with a view that can be booked around the country.



WILDLIFE RETREAT AT TARONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

The koalas at Sydney's Taronga Zoo have long enjoyed picture-perfect Sydney Harbour views. Now you can join them with a night at an eco-retreat in the heart of the zoo. The Wildlife Retreat at Taronga has harbour-view, animal-view, bushland rooms and treetop suites to choose from, with guided wildlife tours included in your stay.



Longitude 131°, Northern Territory

BANUBANU, NORTHERN TERRITORY

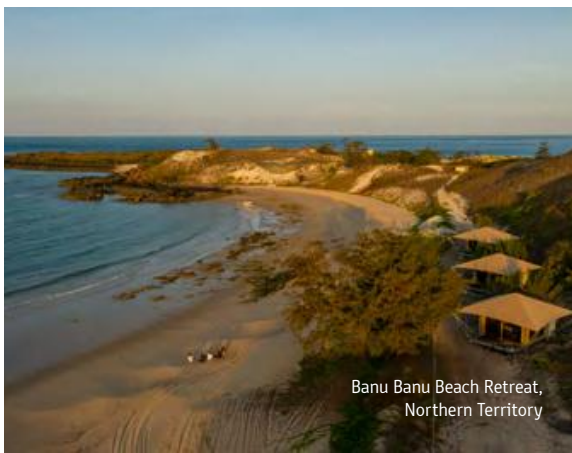
On remote Bremer Island in East Arnhem Land, Banubanu Beach Retreat welcomes just 12 guests at a time. Reached by two short flights from Darwin, the eco-sensitive glamping retreat is operated in partnership with local Yolngu people. Come to learn about the rich local Aboriginal culture, go turtle and birdwatching, or just soak up the sublime views of the Arafura Sea

LONGITUDE 131°, NORTHERN TERRITORY

At Longitude 131° you can stay in a luxury safari-style tented pavilion with uninterrupted views of Uluru after a day out exploring Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. Top off your day with a bush medicine-inspired spa ritual before enjoying dinner under the stars at this iconic stay in the Red Centre.

KIMO ESTATE, NEW SOUTH WALES

With sweeping views over the Riverina countryside from your wood-fired hot tub, the Eco Huts at Kimo Estate offer an unforgettable off-grid stay just a 10-minute drive from the small town of Gundagai and less than two hours west of Canberra. The 2,800-hectare (7,000-acre) sheep and cattle property's renovated shearers quarters and cottages offer atmospheric accommodation options that allow travellers to get off the grid.



Banu Banu Beach Retreat, Northern Territory

WANDER AT THE OVERFLOW 1895, QUEENSLAND

Enjoy country walks and winery visits by day before gazing up at the Milky Way at night in one of five secluded WanderPods® overlooking serene Lake Wyalong in the Scenic Rim region, a 1.5-hour drive from Brisbane and Gold Coast airports. Within walking distance to The Overflow Estate 1895 winery, Wander at the Overflow 1895 welcomed its first guests in December 2021.

CROWNE PLAZA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The stylish rooms at the new Crowne Plaza Adelaide, the tallest hotel in South Australia, look out over the city towards the picturesque Adelaide Hills. The 10th-floor pool deck and bar offer equally superb views. You'll also find Adelaide's highest restaurant, Koomo, up here.



The Kepp, Tasmania

THE KEEPP, TASMANIA

Feel on top of the world at The Kepp, where you perch on a rocky outcrop that soars 650 metres (2,134 feet) above the northern Tasmania landscape providing 360-degree views of forests and coastline. A two-hour drive from Launceston, this blissfully remote new retreat for two includes a stone outdoor bath for two where you can watch shooting stars as you soak under the night sky.



Koomo, Crowne Plaza Adelaide, South Australia

REEFSUITES, QUEENSLAND

The first underwater hotel on the Great Barrier Reef, Reefsuites invites guests to enjoy sundowners and dinner on the pontoon moored alongside Hardy Reef, 40 nautical miles from Airlie Beach in the Whitsundays. Offering remarkable floor-to-ceiling views of the underwater ecosystem from your bed, there's nothing quite like a night at the Reefsuites.



Reefsuites, Queensland

SKY PODS, VICTORIA

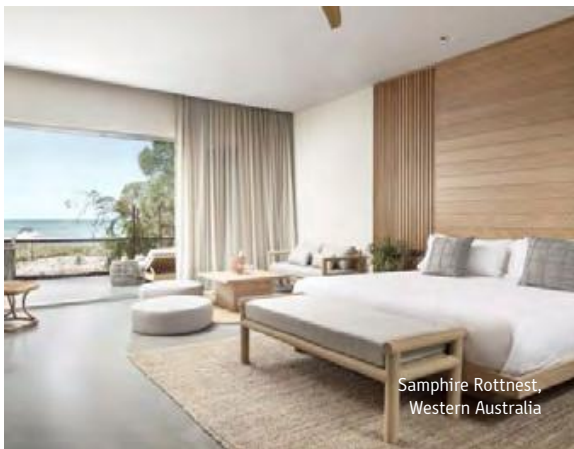
Around three hours from Melbourne on one of Australia's top driving routes, the Great Ocean Road, Cape Otway's Sky Pods boast uninterrupted wild coastal views from your comfortably soft adjustable bed. The off-grid eco-accommodation includes a projector screen for movie nights, and a cast-iron fireplace along with climate control.



Sky Pods,
Victoria

AIRSTREAM HOTEL, VICTORIA

Wake up in the vineyards in retro luxury style in a shiny silver Airstream. Located on the Mitchelton Estate winery on the banks of the Goulburn River, just 90 minutes from Melbourne, the Airstream Hotel features seven of the aluminium campers. Sample award-winning wines at the cellar door before retiring to your Airstream's deck to watch the sunset.



Samphire Rottnest,
Western Australia

SAMPHIRE ROTTNEST, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

A visit to Western Australia wouldn't be complete without a trip to Rottnest Island to see its adorable quokkas. Located just 19 kilometres (12 miles) off the coast of Perth, the island is now home to a new luxury resort, Samphire Rottnest. Meet the quokkas (a small marsupial the size of a house cat), swim in the lagoon-like pool and breathe in the ocean air and views from your private balcony.



Airstream Hotel,
Victoria



Redbrow Garden,
Australian Capital Territory

REDBROW GARDEN, AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

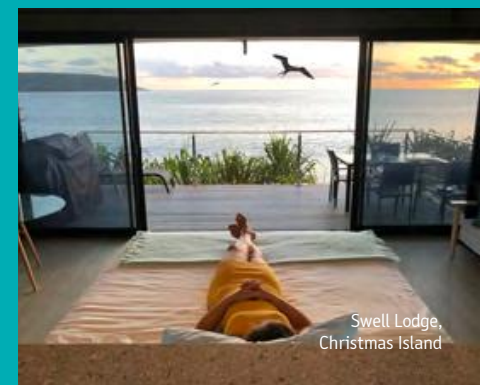
Just 30 minutes' drive from Canberra, Redbrow Garden is a lakeside escape made for wine and wildlife lovers. The guesthouse has four suites with views over the surrounding lake, gardens and wildlife refuge. With some of the region's acclaimed cool-climate wineries within walking distance, there's no need to draw straws to choose a designated driver.

EL QUESTRO, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

In the vast wilderness of Western Australia's East Kimberley region, El Questro Homestead looks out over the Chamberlain Gorge from the top of rugged burnt-orange cliffs. While every room is unforgettable, in the Chamberlain Suite you'll be able to catch the sunrise-to-sunset magic from your private wrap-around verandah and indoor/outdoor bathtub – with room for two.



El Questro Homestead,
Western Australia



Swell Lodge,
Christmas Island

SWELL LODGE, EXTERNAL TERRITORIES

A 3.5-hour flight from Perth, Christmas Island's dramatic limestone cliffs offer some of Australia's wildest coastal views. At the cliffside Swell Lodge in Christmas Island National Park, you can watch dive-bombing seabirds from your bed in one of the lodge's two glass-fronted eco chalets. Come evening, enjoy a stellar Indian Ocean sunset while your private chef prepares a delicious meal on your deck.



THE AUSTRALIAN LUXURY EXPERIENCE

Australia is home to truly epic landscapes, from UNESCO World Heritage-listed rainforests and reefs to endless swathes of ochre outback. You don't have to compromise on comfort when exploring monumental wilderness areas. From private islands to wellness retreats and bespoke tours, here's a taste of the luxury that awaits on your next Australian holiday.



PRIVATE AND PERSONALISED EXPERIENCES

Rocky escarpments, wild rivers, gorges and waterfalls... The neighbouring regions of Kakadu and Arnhem Land in the Top End of the Northern Territory are among Australia's ultimate wilderness frontiers. These places are as sacred as they are vast, and among the best ways to understand their environmental significance and cultural importance to Aboriginal Traditional Owners is on a guided tour with Lords Kakadu & Arnhemland Safaris. Three- to six-day excursions explore its most humbling landscapes, with a wealth of fascinating wildlife in your wake.

If you're looking to enhance your political banter, the More Than Politics Tour at Canberra's Australian Parliament House provides plenty of inspiration. From your perspective behind the scenes, you're treated to tales of Romaldo Giurgola's architectural vision as he crafted the now legendary building. The private experience ends with a silver-tiered high tea, paired with a gin and tonic made using Parliamentary Librarian's Gin (and you get to take a bottle home).

Luxury lodges, private island hideaways, outback stations and five-star city hotels are peppered throughout an indulgent Australian adventure with Southern Crossings. While the travel specialists



Lords Kakadu & Arnhemland Safaris,
Northern Territory

offer a range of bespoke suggested itineraries, such as exclusive barrel-room tastings in South Australia's Barossa Valley, the operator excels at crafting bespoke itineraries which will customise your interests into an unforgettable minute by minute experience.

It's a similar story when you travel with The Tailor, which takes you off the beaten track in style. That's serious style: think private aircrafts, luxury yachts, island buy-outs, jaw-dropping lodges and villas, all packaged with one-off Australiana experiences you probably never knew existed.



Parliament House, Canberra,
Australian Capital Territory

PRIVATE ISLANDS YOU CAN HIRE

Why share when you can have exclusive use of an island – perhaps with a few of your favourite people in tow? From north to south, Australia hosts some seriously stylish private-island retreats.

Newcomer Camp Island sits pretty in Queensland's Whitsundays, three kilometres (1.9 miles) offshore between Airlie Beach and Townsville. Arrive via boat or helicopter, then spend days cruising to powdery beaches, canoeing to spot soldier crabs, chipping oysters off rocks and sipping wine around beach bonfires. The island's four tropical villas sleep eight people between them, with a communal lodge where you can create your own seasonal creations or enlist the help of an executive chef.

South of the border in New South Wales' South Coast, check into the Montague Island Head Lighthouse Keeper's Cottage with up to 11 friends. While you might be the only guests on the small island (known as Barunguba to the local Yuin people) off Narooma – you'll share it with the state's largest little penguin colony, hundreds of seals and more than 90 bird species. Your stay at the lovingly restored 1881 cottage includes boat transfers and a 2.5-hour ranger-guided island tour, with optional diving and snorkelling expeditions available.

Victoria's Gippsland Lakes region covers 600 square

kilometres (232 square miles) of the state's east coast. Here, a short ferry ride from the Kalimna or Lakes Entrance jetties, you'll find Fraser Island Retreat. This countryside gem consists of a single homestead and a scattering of cabins that sleep 48 in total – quite the party. Self-cater or call on a chef to prepare meals and serve cocktails beside the pool or on the golf course. You'll have the 9-hole golf course to yourself, save for abundant native wildlife. Swim, fish, bird-watch or hit a ball around on the tennis court. This hideaway allows you to be as active or slothful as you like.

Further south, Satellite Island sits in the D'Entrecasteaux

Channel, between the Tasmanian mainland and Bruny Island. Satellite's caretaker will meet and ferry you to your private sanctuary, or you can arrive via helicopter. Although small, Satellite is big on beauty. Think sea cliffs falling to gin-clear water, tall blue gums and deserted beaches to gather and watch the sunset, with a glass of bubbles and a plate of foraged wild oysters. The Summer House, Boathouse and a luxe bell tent accommodate up to eight guests in coastal-chic style, with every bed positioned to optimise views. Drag yourself from your cosy quarters and scan the grounds for deer and sea eagles, paddle about in a kayak, or cast a line from the jetty.



Satellite Island,
Tasmania

NEXT-LEVEL WELLNESS RETREATS

If you've watched the TV mini-series *Nine Perfect Strangers*, you'll recognise Soma, in Byron Bay's hinterland. This lush pocket of the New South Wales North Coast was the perfect perch for a wellness haven: being amid nature makes you feel good, after all. But the team here take healing to new heights, offering retreats that feature Vedic meditation, yoga, acupuncture, Ayurvedic meals and ice baths. Spaces are light-filled and breezy, with expanses of glass allowing wildlife to peek in.

Also swathed in green is Eden Health Retreat in the Gold Coast hinterland, set across 160 hectares of Queensland's verdant Currumbin Valley. Freshly renovated, the property offers every luxury imaginable, from the earth-element-dressed suites to the dreamy spa offering massages and facials as well as kinesiology and astrology sessions. Eden is about slowing down and appreciating nature, whether on hikes or during al fresco crystal-bowl sound healing, with plenty of dining-room nourishment thanks to the all-organic menu.

Nutritious cuisine is also a highlight at Samadhi, where chefs create personalised wellness menus highlighting the bounty of the Daylesford region the retreat calls home. This is Victoria's spa country, so it's no surprise to find mineral water on the menu,

drawn from local springs. The architect-designed villas are your base for immersive multi-day retreats. You might find yourself having a crystal salt scrub, practising Pranic breathing or trying art therapy.

On Australia's west coast, Injidup Spa Retreat overlooks a secluded beach in Yallingup. This corner of Western Australia is home to the Cape to Cape Track, a spectacular coastal trail dotted with

turquoise rockpools you'll want to explore during your stay. That's if you can manage to extract yourself from your adults-only villa (there are 10), replete with wood fire and a private pool. Be sure to make time for the indulgent Bodhi Spa, where scrubs, massages and facials relieve hike-weary limbs.



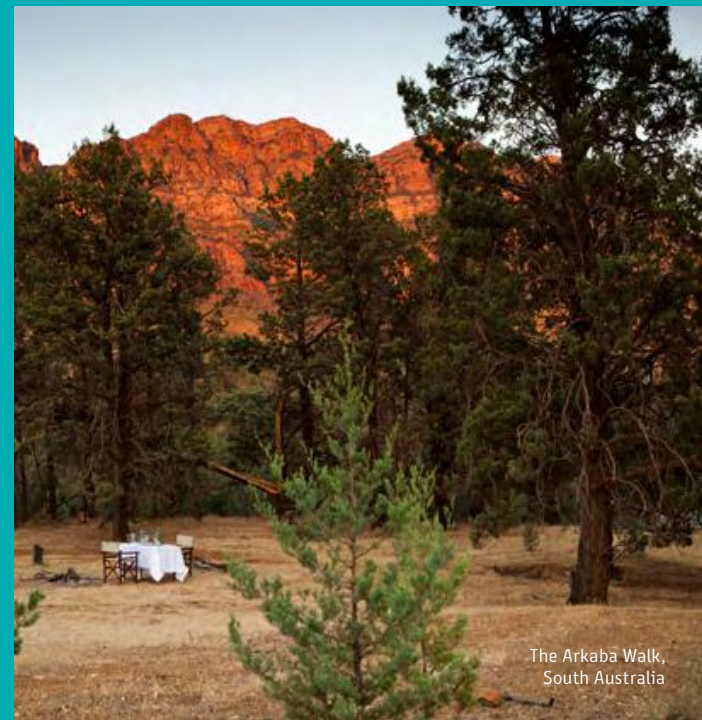
Yallingup,
Western Australia

SUSTAINABLE SOPHISTICATION

Conscious travellers will find a commitment to sustainability in some of the most luxurious corners of the country, with a range of luxury lodges to choose from.

Among them is Arkaba, where the historic homestead accommodates just 10 guests at any one time, for privileged access to this 24,000-hectare (60,000-acre) private wildlife conservancy in South Australia's outback Flinders Ranges. Conservation programs on the former sheep station continue to reverse the effects of livestock grazing by encouraging the return of native plants as well as eradicating pest species. These continuing efforts have been rewarded with the return of an abundance of native wildlife, including endangered species such as yellow-footed rock wallabies.

In the World Heritage-listed Blue Mountains, north-west of Sydney, Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley was one of Australia's first conservation-based luxury resorts and the first resort in the world to achieve internationally accredited carbon neutral status when it opened in 2009. Beyond the spectacular valleys and luxury suites, the resort's conservation efforts have continued to evolve, with expert field guides leading unique activities for all ages, including wildlife monitoring and tree planting. There's also the opportunity to participate in WomSAT, a research program



The Arkaba Walk,
South Australia

dedicated to the preservation of wombats, and significant regeneration efforts following the 2019/2020 bushfires.

Spicers Peak Lodge, set high above the Gold Coast hinterland, boasts an impressive line-up of eco-initiatives, including its own rainwater catchment, a farm-to-table menu, organic composting system and a family of resident pigs to manage food waste, plus it partners with external providers to repurpose waste products. More recently, the lodge has also launched the Spicers Peak Nature Refuge, a bush paradise to protect rare and endangered native wildlife, including koalas, platypuses and glossy black cockatoos.



One&Only Wolgan Valley Spa Deck,
New South Wales

WORLD-CLASS ARTS

Few cultural attractions are as globally recognisable as the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Sydney Opera House, an architectural masterpiece and world-class performing arts centre. But beyond the curtains, you can gain exclusive access to Australia's most famous building with the Taste of Opera – A Private Opera Recital experience, which promises an unforgettable backstage tour, optional cocktails and canapes or dinner, plus your own private recital of famous arias by a world-class opera singer. For those who love to star as much as spectate, Opera Australia, gives you the opportunity to have your own walk-on role with Star at the Sydney Opera House. You'll visit the Opera Australia studios to be fitted with a handmade costume, and receive first-hand guidance from the assistant director. It's all preparation for the big night, where you take to the stage in your fitted costume, show make-up and hair for a memorable appearance in a live Sydney Opera House performance.

In the cosmopolitan centre of Melbourne, Arts Centre Melbourne shines as the nation's largest performing arts venue. It has showcased the best of Australian and international acts for nearly 40 years, including performances from Australia's leading companies across music, opera, theatre and dance. But the ultimate Arts Centre Melbourne experience is the VIP All Access Tour, in which travellers are guided through the centre's hidden corridors and backstage spaces to treasures such as the Australian Music Vault, where you can get up close with the best in Aussie music. But the big-ticket item is the internationally renowned Australian Performing Arts Collection Store. Here at the country's biggest performing arts archive, accessible to only a privileged few, your gloved guide will reveal iconic costumes and artefacts from Australia's performance history, such as Kylie Minogue's famous gold hot pants.

Among Australia's more unique cultural attractions

is Tasmania's iconic Museum of Old and New Art (Mona) in Hobart, the largest privately owned museum in the country. There is a startling collection of weird and wonderful artworks: expect the unexpected from ancient Egyptian funerary objects, a waterfall of words, and even a machine that mimics the human digestive system. But for a truly memorable Mona experience, nothing can trump Dinner with David, a private dinner with Mona's founder and artistic mastermind, David Walsh. To match the company is an awe-inspiring feast at the museum's Source Restaurant, coupled with some game-changing wines from the legendary wine bunker, picked by David himself. This dinner date for the ages includes private jet transfers from Sydney or Melbourne, luxury accommodation in Mona's stunning riverfront pavilions, a guided tour of the museum with a curator, and a behind-the-scenes tour of Mona's on-site winery, Moorilla.



SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES OF AUSTRALIA

Today's discerning traveller is seeking out memorable and engaging experiences which tap into their passion points and help them connect with a destination on a deeper emotional and personal level. In response to this, Tourism Australia developed Signature Experiences of Australia – a program which supports industry collaboration within a variety of special interest sectors.

The program invites travellers on a personalised odyssey to not only see the best of the best in Australia, but truly touch, taste, learn and connect with the country in a way that enriches the senses as much as it inspires the imagination. This collaborative collection will resonate with travellers seeking to explore beyond the brochure, discover a different Australia, learn about a new perspective, and engage in unforgettable activities that can transform them profoundly.

The collectives that make up Signature Experiences of Australia represent the very essence of the country, including guided Aboriginal experiences, memorable walks, fishing adventures, wildlife journeys, unparalleled winery experiences, prestigious golf courses, leading cultural attractions and immersive luxury lodges. With each collective revealing a distinctive facet of Australia, Signature Experiences of Australia is a celebration of the nation's uniqueness at its finest.

These carefully curated experiences can accommodate individual bucket lists, varying lengths of time, price points and priorities, and cover all corners of the country. The result is a range of extraordinary travel offerings that capture the diversity and colour of Australia as well as the imaginations of those who experience them.



Murray River Walk,
South Australia



Premier Travel,
Tasmania



National Museum of Australia,
Australian Capital Territory



Nitmiluk Tours,
Northern Territory



Quest Angling Expeditions,
Queensland

Australian Wildlife Journeys

Celebrating all Aussie creatures great and small, Australian Wildlife Journeys brings together like-minded and independently owned small businesses, that showcase immersive wildlife encounters that take place in the wild, with a special focus on high quality interpretative guiding, warm hospitality and conservation activities.

www.australianwildlifejourneys.com

Cultural Attractions of Australia

Australia's leading arts and cultural attractions come together to tell the story of how the nation's varied geographic, ethnic and cultural origins have been embraced and have reshaped the way Australia is defined. From UNESCO World Heritage listed sites and boundary-pushing art galleries to hallowed sporting grounds, these are the places, people and stories that have formed the Australian nation.

www.culturalattractionsofaustralia.com

Discover Aboriginal Experiences

Discover Aboriginal Experiences is a flagship suite of extraordinary Aboriginal Australia experiences, showcasing the world's oldest living culture through the cornerstones of cultural insight, authenticity and meaningful connection. Importantly the experiences are guided by Aboriginal people who share personal stories about their own country to bring the landscape and their culture to life.

www.tourism.australia.com/aboriginal

Great Fishing Adventures of Australia

With 60,000 km of coastline and nearly 4,000 marine species, anglers are spoilt for choice across both fresh and saltwater environments with an enormous amount of climates and habitats to choose from. Great Fishing Adventures of Australia is the catch of Australia's best fishing operators who share Australia's world-class fishing destinations with enthusiasts.

www.tourism.australia.com/fishing



The National Golf Club,
Victoria



Margaret River Cape to Cape Walk,
Western Australia



Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley,
New South Wales



Printhie Wines,
New South Wales

Great Golf Courses of Australia

From the spectacular cliff-tops of Sydney to the wild and remote coastline of northern Tasmania, Great Golf Courses of Australia provides exclusive access to some of the most impressive private-member courses in the country, a number of which regularly place in world top 100 listings. The collective includes spectacular coastal links and stunning parkland courses, as well as globally renowned championship courses, promising challenging games with unforgettable scenery to match.

www.greatgolfaustralia.com.au

Great Walks of Australia

Great Walks of Australia offers quintessentially Australian walking experiences that engage walkers in some of the world's most spectacular terrain. These multi day walks inspire travellers to explore Australia's diverse landscape on foot, where guests reconnect with nature and themselves in small groups led by expert guides who share a deep understanding and appreciation of the environment.

www.greatwalksofaustralia.com.au

Luxury Lodges of Australia

Each of the independent lodges and exclusive camps that form the Luxury Lodges of Australia is a destination in its own right. The collection offers unforgettable experiences in Australia's most inspiring and extraordinary locations. These lodges are exclusive by virtue of their remoteness, their special location and intimate size, and offer a very personal connection to place.

www.luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au

Ultimate Winery Experiences Australia

Ultimate Winery Experiences Australia is a collection of premium award-winning wineries in Australia's most renowned wine regions. These wineries are not just places to sample and purchase wine but offer a diverse and unique range of exclusive experiences that go well beyond cellar doors, guiding guests through blending processes, touring vineyards, visiting top-tier restaurants and engaging in conversations with members of some of the founding families that established Australia's wine industry.

www.ultimatewineryexperiences.com.au



ABOUT TOURISM AUSTRALIA

Tourism Australia is the Australian Government agency responsible for promoting Australia to the world as a destination for business and leisure travel.

The organisation is active in around 15 key markets including Australia where it aims to grow demand for the destination's tourism experiences by promoting the unique attributes which will entice people to visit.

Tourism Australia's activities include social and digital media, traditional advertising, public relations and media programs, trade events and programs for the tourism industry, consumer promotions, online communications and consumer research.

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AUSTRALIA



MAP SYMBOLS

- Journeys
- Highways and Major Roads
- Other Roads and Tracks
- Main Railway Lines
- Major Airports
- Marine Parks
- National Parks and Reserves
- Aboriginal Land

JOURNEY DISTANCES

From - To	Road KMS	Air MILES	HRS
Adelaide - Broken Hill	508	315	1.10
Adelaide - Alice Springs	1533	952	2.00
Adelaide - Perth	2706	1680	3.10
Adelaide - Brisbane	2045	1270	2.45
Alice Springs - Uluru	443	275	0.40
Uluru - Cairns	2886	1789	2.30
Brisbane - Sydney	965	600	1.20
Brisbane - Cairns	1716	1065	2.05
Darwin - Alice Springs	1489	924	1.55

JOURNEY DISTANCES

From - To	Road KMS	Air MILES	HRS
Darwin - Kakadu	200	124	n/a
Melbourne - Hobart	610	378	1.10
Melbourne - Adelaide	731	454	1.05
Melbourne - Perth	3434	2132	4.00
Sydney - Adelaide	1412	877	1.40
Sydney - Uluru	2870	1779	3.35
Sydney - Canberra	286	177	0.45
Sydney - Melbourne	872	542	1.10
Sydney - Perth	4110	2552	4.00

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