



LUXURY  
LODGES  
OF AUSTRALIA



# Luxury Lodges of Australia

A collection of independent luxury lodges and camps offering unforgettable experiences in Australia’s most inspiring and extraordinary locations.

In recent years, Australia has seen the emergence and consolidation of a new breed of exceptional luxury properties and experiences. These properties have joined forces to showcase Australia’s unique style of sophisticated, carefree, barefoot luxury.

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Blue Mountains, New South Wales



# There's nothing like Australia for its sheer diversity of natural luxury experiences.....

Waiting to be discovered in all corners of the Australian continent are exclusive islands, fabulous wilderness lodges, decadent tented camps in the desert or in coastal sand dunes, private spa and vineyard retreats, and remote country lodges. These are places where time out is to be treasured, and the discovery of the unique sense of place for each is a gift reflecting Australia's extraordinary diversity and enchanting landscapes.

Take in wide angle views and watch the sun melt into the sea. Walk barefoot on the beach, swing in a hammock, lounge about in the plunge pool or watch wildlife swim in the bay. Better still, swim with them. Rejuvenate on a secluded island retreat, be pampered and preened at a glorious day spa or explore the peace and tranquillity of nature's most spectacular landscapes.

Discover pristine, remote picnic spots and secluded beaches on a romantic journey by air, land or sea. Cruise past beautiful beaches, coral reefs, dramatic coastal cliffs and singing sands.

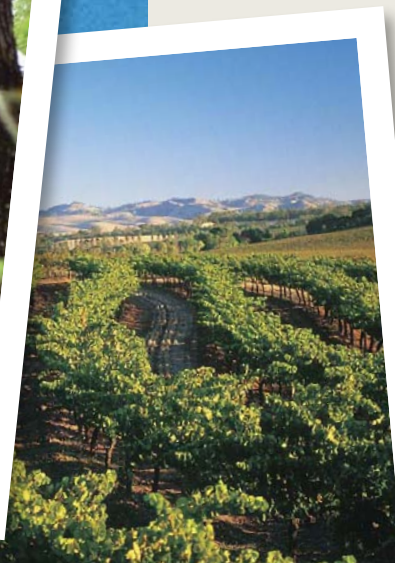
Absorb the outback's breathtaking ruggedness, hike or bike in it, then lie back and let stress dissolve away under the influence of a little outback luxury. Wonder at the incredible diversity of terrestrial and marine wildlife. From locally inspired, character filled bush camps offering key luxury standards to architecturally striking lodges, heritage homesteads and stations offering indulgent spa treatments, retreat to your own exclusive piece of luxury in the Outback.

Savour the flavours of pure Australian produce, its seafood and wine. From nature (or paddock) to plate, rustic to refined, dining at these luxury lodges is an innovative and deeply satisfying culinary adventure. The possibilities for memorable dining never end: dinner in the desert under the starry skies at Uluru; a feast of ocean catch on sandy shores; a superlative meal in a destination dining room; or a candlelit dinner on the beach in the warm glow of sunset.

Sail between tropical islands and warm water reefs, exploring the endlessly changing Australian coastline and stopping at isolated beaches where the only footprints are your own.

Australia's luxury barefoot paradises are exclusive by virtue of their remoteness, their special location and the small number of guests they accommodate at any one time. Australia's sun, sand and open space are luxuries of the rarest kind.

All these experiences represent a new style of distinctively Australian casual elegance and luxury: the unforgettable coast, reefs and islands; the fertile mountains and vibrant food and wine producing regions; the boundless horizons of the outback. You will have the space to relax, a sense of timelessness, the chance to discover our land, our people, and yourself. Take home lifelong memories.







# Arkaba Station

An ancient landscape moulded by hundreds of millions of years of geological activity, the Flinders Ranges offers some of Australia's most spectacular outback scenery. At 60,000 acres, Arkaba is a classic outback sheep station and home to a wondrous variety of bird and wildlife.

Dating from the 1850s, Arkaba Homestead pays homage to the station's rich pastoral heritage in a style that is both rustically chic and utterly exclusive. With just five rooms, the homestead is an oasis of comfort and style amidst a harsh and rugged landscape where guests enjoy a taste of classic Australian country hospitality.

The Flinders Ranges is in a class of its own for taking in the sheer size and scale of Australia's outback offering magical and memorable contact with this ancient land. Activities include bush-walking, photography, discovery of Aboriginal rock art or just soaking up the sights and sounds of the bush. Learn about the workings of a sheep station, tackle the foothills of the Elder Range on a mountain bike or take a scenic flight over Wilpena Pound and the salt pans of Lake Torrens. On guided 4WD drives visit historic towns, enjoy an outback pub lunch and search for wildlife – Red and Grey Kangaroos, Euros, the rare Yellow-footed Rock Wallaby and more.

If ever there were a property that fulfilled every Australian's romantic notion of station life it is the hauntingly beautiful Arkaba...

**Christine McCabe, The Australian**

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Flinders Ranges  
South Australia  
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**ARKABA STATION**

Wild Bush Luxury

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# Bamurru Plains

Bamurru Plains is an extraordinary bush experience on the edge of Kakadu National Park in Australia's Northern Territory. The coastal floodplains of northern Australia are home to prolific bird and wildlife whilst Kakadu and Arnhem Land are the heartland of the country's indigenous culture.

This ecologically sensitive luxury camp focuses on environmental sustainability and key luxury standards offering the highest levels of comfort. The nine room camp exudes 'Wild Bush Luxury' ensuring that guests are introduced to the sights and sounds of this spectacular environment in style and exclusivity. It is the soft touches that surprise in this remote bush location and the understated luxury is very much in tune with the surrounding environment.

Activities from the camp focus on exploring the surrounding country, with airboat trips on the wetlands, river cruises in search of crocodiles, open 4WD bush drives and guided walks in the company of expert and passionate guides. Kakadu's rich indigenous culture is a rewarding day trip out. For just chilling out in camp, the wet edge pool and deck is a great spot to sit back with a cool drink and let the wildlife come to you.

An utterly remote, stunningly crafted wilderness lodge, Bamurru is... African-style bush luxury. Built on stilts over the wetlands, Bamurru is state-of-the-art rustic with staff who can morph from Jeeves into Crocodile Dundee.

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**Bamurru Plains**

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**BAMURRU PLAINS**

Wild Bush Luxury

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# Capella Lodge

Celebrated as the pinnacle of luxury on World Heritage-listed Lord Howe Island, Capella Lodge rests atop romantic Lovers Bay, at the foot of the imperious mountain twins rising dramatically above. An inspired architectural design welcomes spectacular views of the ocean, reef and mountains into the Lodge.

A feeling of relaxed sophistication flows throughout, attracting the discerning experiential traveller and guests seeking a civilised sub-tropical island escape.

A short flight from Australia's east coast transports visitors to a real 'treasure island', a paradise lost in time and perfectly preserved. Guests may take mountain walks, relax on white-sanded beaches and explore the riot of marine colour in the world's southern-most coral reef.

Capella's nine contemporary island-style suites are designed to complement Lord Howe's pristine natural environment. Inspired by the carefree spirit of the authentic Australian beach house, suites feature lavish king beds, beach-chic furnishings and generous decks. This is barefoot luxury at its best.

Fine dining in the Lodge Restaurant showcases a bounty of local seafood and fresh regional produce. Guests unwind in the petite Capella Spa with its menu of signature treatments for complete relaxation.

Luxurious surrounds, exceptional island-inspired dining and unforgettable 'first-name' service combine to create an outstanding lodging experience.

Capella Lodge sets world-class standards of exclusive luxury on Lord Howe.

One explanation for the almost Edenic purity of Lord Howe...is that visitors are capped to a maximum of 400 at a time, a lucky 20 of whom get to stay at Capella Lodge, an unexpectedly luxurious yet laid-back hideaway.

**Marion Hume, Time Magazine**

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Lord Howe Island  
New South Wales  
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# Cape Lodge

Located on its own vineyard in the magnificent Margaret River Wine Region, Cape Lodge is likened to staying at a private country estate, yet with all the trappings and facilities of a world class private boutique hotel.

Positioned in the heart of the great wine region of Margaret River, Cape Lodge attracts those who are seeking a private, stylish and sophisticated retreat, and those with a yearning to discover outstanding food and wine. Cape Lodge neighbours include the great wineries of Vasse Felix, Moss Wood, Pierro and Cullen.

The lodge has 22 romantically secluded rooms, a quaint 2 bedroom Cottage and a magnificent 5 bedroom private luxury Residence. The superb Cape Lodge Restaurant has been voted in the 'Top Ten in the World for Food' in Conde Nast Traveller's Gold List and is described as "one of Australia's finest new generation dining establishments." The menu changes daily and the superbly crafted dishes can be matched with premium back vintage wines from the extensive temperature controlled wine cellar.

Cape Lodge has also opened a Gourmet Retreat and weekly hands-on Cooking School designed for culinary enthusiasts.

Cape Lodge sits on 40 acres of manicured parkland and lakes and has its own 8 acre vineyard producing fine Sauvignon Blanc and Shiraz exclusively for guests of the hotel.

Easily one of the best meals we've had.  
Ever. Anywhere. A Margaret River must.

**The Robb Report**

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Margaret River  
Western Australia

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*Cape Lodge*







# Lake House

Lake House lies on the shores of idyllic Lake Daylesford in the heart of Victoria's Spa Country just 90 minutes from Melbourne. An eclectic mix of artists' studios, cafes, excellent restaurants, boutique day spas and holistic healing centres – Spa Country exudes a sophisticated bohemian feel. This beautiful region boasts more mineral water springs than anywhere else in the Southern hemisphere.

Daylesford is a regional food mecca, a status that has been inspired and developed by the co-owner of Lake House Alla Wolf-Tasker. Alla's passion for regional food permeates the Lake House offering which has been honed with integrity since 1984.

A popular haunt for seasoned travellers and culinary nomads, Lake House boasts one of Australia's top restaurants and a New York Wine Spectator award winning wine list of some 10,000 bottles. The menu offers modern Australian cuisine paying homage to the region's excellent seasonal produce.

The property's Salus Day Spa is an oasis of tranquillity offering guests an indulgent way to "take to the waters" with a range of hydrotherapy on offer.

With six acres of manicured gardens extending down to the waters of Lake Daylesford, tranquil Lake House comprises thirty-five rooms, suites and luxury retreat accommodation with a choice of courtyard or waterfront views. Rooms are individually furnished with original artworks by co-owner and renowned artist Allan Wolf-Tasker and other artists from the culturally rich region.

...Wolf-Tasker understands that haute cuisine is best achieved with haute ingredients, and that when you marry technical accomplishment to an understanding of the essence of flavour, you've got yourself one helluva plate of food.

**The Weekend Australian Magazine A-List  
50 Great Australian Restaurants**

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# Lizard Island

Lizard Island, Australia's northern-most island beach resort, is truly secluded from the rest of the world. It is uniquely located right on the Great Barrier Reef, 240 kilometres north of Cairns, and has 24 powdery-white beaches, over 1000 hectares of national park, 40 understated beach luxe suites, Azure spa, and the bluest of clear blue ocean views from every angle.

The beaches are undisturbed but for occasional footprints. Coral reef gardens fringe the island shimmering in brilliant colour beneath clear turquoise water. Giant clams laze on the seabed as nosey Potato Cod keep watch. Here, the marine life is renowned the world over.

Lizard Island seduces with a multitude of reef and water activities. Sensational diving opportunities abound, including the famous Cod Hole or snorkel straight from the beach to experience coral gardens, brightly coloured tropical fish and giant clams. The nearby Ribbon Reefs are renowned for some of the best big game fishing in the world. These must-do reef activities are delivered by a highly professional and fun team at the resort's Beach club.

Lizard Island has a stunning choice of private villas, suites, or a pavilion. In addition to the reef and water activities, secluded picnics on private beaches, superb dining in the open and expansive main lodge area and indulgent spa treatments complete the Lizard Island experience.

This is really, seriously, died-and-gone-to-heaven fantastic. The scenery, the beach, the rooms, the food, the heat....Sunset Point Villas have the view, but it's a clean, cool, Scandinavian styled Anchor Bay Suite you want.

**Australian Gourmet Traveller**

**Lizard Island**  
Great Barrier Reef  
Queensland

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# Longitude 131°

Luxurious, eco-sensitive and romantic, Longitude 131° lies at the gateway of the dual World Heritage listed wilderness of Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park.

Located in the heart of Australia and facing majestic Uluru (Ayers Rock), Longitude 131° offers a uniquely personal experience, complete with pampering accommodation in 15 luxury tents with private views of the changing colours of Uluru as the sun rises and sets.

Explore Uluru and Kata Tjuta and discover an expansive living cultural landscape, rich in history. Whether you spend your time learning of the ancient cultures of the traditional owners, or exploring the stunning flora and fauna with expert guides, this irresistible land will make your senses come alive.

The evening also offers up an experience to last a lifetime. Enjoy contemporary cuisine within the main Longitude 131° 'Dune House' or under the spectacular desert night sky at 'Table 131°' where dinner is served with the finest wines under a glittering canopy of stars.

Longitude 131° – an amazing experience of discovery.

Once the beaming red hue of Uluru browns and darkens as the sun sets on Australia's spiritual centre, most visitors begin to depart, leaving the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park to its Aboriginal custodians. But for those who stay at Longitude 131° – a five-star tented eco-camp with just 15 luxury tents, a stone's throw from the sandstone monolith – the evening comes alive with the sound of a didgeridoo as the stars twinkle in the skies above.

**Food and Travel Magazine (UK)**

## Longitude 131°

Ayers Rock (Uluru)  
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VOYAGES  
**LONGITUDE 131°**





# qualia

qualia is a unique Australian expression of world-class luxury and outstanding example of design. It is situated on the secluded northern-most tip of Hamilton Island and surrounded by the unsurpassed beauty of the Great Barrier Reef.

Everything has been meticulously considered to relax the mind yet completely spoil the senses. qualia immerses you in a tranquil atmosphere, whilst being fanned by languid island breezes and pampered with personalised and intuitive service.

qualia's sun-drenched northern aspect provides the ideal location to appreciate the passing beauty of each day, with a choice of 60 extremely private individual pavilions, many of which have a private plunge pool and natural touches like outdoor showers.

Facilities include two serene pools, a fitness centre, a library, private dining room, two bars and restaurants exclusive to in-house guests, offering fine, fresh and innovative food by Executive Chef, Jane-Therese Mulry, formerly Pierre Marco White first female Head Chef at MPW Canary Wharf in London.

Guests may indulge and unwind at the stunning Spa qualia, which offers an authentically Australian spa menu, incorporating treatments that have been thoughtfully designed to rebalance the synergy between mind and body.

qualia guests have priority access to Australia's only island championship golf course, the Hamilton Island Golf Club, with stunning 360 degree views of the Whitsunday Islands from every hole; one of the world's top 10 beaches, Whitehaven Beach; spectacular heli-diving on the untouched Great Barrier Reef; and unparalleled sailing through the Whitsunday passage. Or if relaxation is the goal, qualia will take guests to a private beach for a gourmet picnic for two.

This utopia sits in sublime isolation on the northern-most tip of Hamilton Island in the Whitsundays, overlooking the Coral Sea.

**Conde Nast Traveller**

## qualia

Hamilton Island  
Queensland

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# Saffire

Saffire Freycinet is Australia's new luxury coastal sanctuary on Tasmania's East Coast, delivering sophisticated, intimate style and an inspirational experience.

Discreetly positioned overlooking the Hazards Mountains, Freycinet Peninsula and the pristine waters of Great Oyster Bay, Saffire blends mankind and nature with breathtaking beauty.

Featuring 20 luxurious suites, exclusive day spa, restaurant, guest lounge and bar, this new experience is a celebration of the art of service, internal and external wellbeing, local culinary delights, ancient landscapes and abundant wildlife.

In Palate restaurant, Hugh Whitehouse, the head chef has ensured innovative dining does not compromise the true flavours of the freshest local produce. From breakfast through to a gourmet degustation or a la carte dinner, guests can customise their dining experiences to suit all tastes and schedules.

All guests can restore their wellbeing in the premium spa facilities and on-site gym. Soothe the busy mind and refresh the soul with a luxurious treatment in one of Spa Saffire's three retreat rooms overlooking the inspiring landscape and reflective pools.

The Schouten Island Signature Experience has been designed exclusively for guests to deepen their East Coast discovery. There's a world of deserted islands, wild bushland and secluded beaches to explore.

A stay at Saffire Freycinet is one of Australia's most spellbinding luxury experiences.

"Very few resorts manage to get all the ingredients right when opening but we can assure you, this beauty of a hotel has ticked all the right boxes. We were literally left speechless — and that takes some doing — as we feasted our eyes on the breathtaking vistas, indulged our senses in our gorgeous suite and in the spa, and devoured the food that made any thought of a diet ridiculous."

**Bill Tikos, The Coolhunter online guru**

## Saffire

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Tasmania

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**Saffire**  
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# Sal Salis

Where the outback meets the reef.... With just nine luxury wilderness tents hidden amongst the dunes overlooking Ningaloo Reef, Sal Salis provides a unique place from which to explore Western Australia's coral coast and one of Australia's best kept natural secrets.

The attraction lies in the coral reef just a few yards off shore with its marine residents, including Whale Sharks and Humpback Whales. Ningaloo is also acknowledged as the best place in the world to swim with the world's largest fish, the Whale Shark, as these gentle giants migrate northwards every year.

The coastal dunes and gorges in the Cape Ranges National Park provide a prolific terrestrial wildlife experience with Red Kangaroo, Euros and emu seen in and around the camp.

The camp's 'Wild Bush Luxury' philosophy brings a touch of style to a remote and spectacularly beautiful wilderness region. Safari guides are on hand to provide an immersive wilderness experience, and the ritual of sundowners is a time of laughter, sharing of exceptional local knowledge and wonder at the inimitability of Ningaloo. The resident chef ensures this is supported by the very best of Australian bush cuisine and a selection of fine Western Australian wines. The camp's environmental credentials ensure a minimal footprint in this pristine environment.

... I discovered my hammock strung outside my tent and, more important, I discovered that if I lay in it long enough, I could watch whales blowing and curling out on the ink-blue horizon.

**Max Anderson, The Sunday Times**

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**SAL SALIS**  
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# Southern Ocean Lodge



Southern Ocean Lodge is Australia's celebrated multi award winning luxury lodge experience, regarded amongst the finest in the world. Sensitively designed to float amongst the untouched coastal drama of Kangaroo Island's south west coast and commanding spectacular ocean, beach and wilderness views, the celebrated world-class lodge offers a unique fusion of nature and luxury.

The Great Room is the centre of activity; guests plan the day ahead, enjoy exceptional Island-inspired dining in the Restaurant, or a relaxed drink at the convivial open bar with an exclusively South Australian wine selection.

21 organic luxe suites feature bespoke furnishings, lavish sleeping areas, sunken lounge, glass-walled ensuite and outdoor terrace, each with breathtaking views to the great Southern Ocean. Locally commissioned designer furnishings, recycled timbers, hand cut limestone walls and sandblasted floors complement a groundbreaking sustainable philosophy to promote a true and unique sense of place.

Exceptional guided adventures invite guests to experience the pristine landscapes and abundant wildlife on Australia's own Galapagos first hand; a walk amongst sea lions or a close encounter with a kangaroo, 'kanape' in hand.

The secluded Southern Spa features signature treatments with Kangaroo Island botanicals to relax and rejuvenate. All inclusive rates, first name service and personalised experiential itinerary combine to offer guests the ultimate Kangaroo Island experience.

At Southern Ocean Lodge the mix of fabulousness and nature finds new frisson...It's bold, it's progressive, it's queen of the wilderness wonderland. Southern Ocean Lodge is really a pair of cool, calm binoculars focused on an astonishing place'.

**Melinda Stevens, Travel Editor announces Tatler 'Hotel of the Year' Winner, Southern Ocean Lodge**

## Southern Ocean Lodge

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Kangaroo Island  
South Australia

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# Spicers Clovelly Estate



Secluded on a hill in the lush, quiet hinterland of Queensland's buzzing Sunshine Coast, lies an intimate, romantic manor house that is part retreat, part European-style estate and home away from home; just 90 minutes from Brisbane and 30 minutes from the beaches and vibrant village of Noosa.

Spicers Clovelly Estate has only 10 refined and private suites. It is sited on a 22 acre estate where ancient figs, jacarandas and groves of magnolia and gardenia grace the grounds; an invitation to amble,

The style is tastefully French-provincial and the plush furnishings, luxurious fabrics and linens, and architecture of the main house are inviting, romantic and utterly unique. Friendly staff share a dedication to providing a very high level of professional yet personal service.

Exclusive to in-house guests, a treatment at Spa Anise heightens the already relaxing surrounds of the estate to a state of pure bliss.

Curl up with a book in the library or lounge before wandering out to the terrace to enjoy a delightful high tea of Parisian pastries. Mingle with guests at the dramatically styled stone bar before dining at in-house restaurant the Long Apron, where the region's abundance of superb produce provides a feast for the senses.

The ocean is not lapping at your feet here, but is rather part of the artists' palate that forms the expansive views from the property to the horizon... The overall ambience is one of luxury and intimacy with as much emphasis on privacy as guests desire.

**Bernadette Condren, Courier Mail**

## Spicers Clovelly Estate

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# Spicers Peak Lodge

Located on 8000 acres at the peak of the ridge, with breathtaking views of the World Heritage listed Main Range National Park and Scenic Rim, Spicers Peak Lodge is Queensland's highest mountain lodge retreat.

This architecturally stunning lodge is an eclectic mix of contemporary and classic design.

With ten luxurious suites and two Private Lodges, Spicers Peak Lodge serves as an intimate and relaxing accommodation experience in one of South East Queensland's most beautiful wilderness areas.

All meals, including its celebrated degustation dinner menu, are included at Spicers Peak Lodge where guests enjoy privacy, intimacy and very high levels of service. Lodge facilities include an infinity edge swimming pool, library with billiard table, massage room and an extensive lounge and dining area.

There is a range of experiences designed to give guests access to this strikingly beautiful part of the Australian wilderness including rainforest bushwalks, mountain biking adventures, and wine tasting at the nearby Granite Belt wine region. There are also guided four day treks ending in a night of luxury at the lodge.

Offering a unique blend of luxury accommodation and fine dining, Spicers Peak Lodge is an intimate destination for those who appreciate the finer things in life.

The long two-storey lodge appears from the mist like a developing photograph. Blurred lines harden to a silhouette, then there it is, an improbable oasis on top of the world. If there were snowfields in Queensland, this is where you'd want your alpine chalet to be.

**Susan Kurosawa, Weekend Australian**

**Spicers Peak Lodge**  
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Scenic Rim  
Queensland

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# The Louise

The Louise, an idyllic luxury vineyard retreat, encompassing acclaimed restaurant Appellation, is situated on a gentle hill surrounded by hundreds of acres of vines, with breathtaking vistas across the world renowned Barossa Valley. Just fifteen luxuriously appointed suites, each with its own terrace, are sited to provide guests with complete privacy. The look is soft contemporary, with inspired design and artworks a focus in every suite.

Casual and elegant are the hallmarks of destination restaurant Appellation at The Louise, where Executive Chef Mark McNamara guides one of Australia's finest regional dining venues. Understated, informed service and intimate ambience complement a menu focused on locally sourced produce. The seasonally changing ten course Wine Flight Tasting Menu has garnered regional, state and national awards and recognition. Appellation's extensive wine list presents the best of the Barossa, Australia and major wine regions of the world.

Home to more than one hundred wineries and over seventy premium and boutique cellar doors, the Barossa region showcases world class wine tasting and memorable food and wine experiences. Numerous private tastings and winemaker introductions may be arranged for guests of The Louise. Enjoyable diversions include hot air ballooning, scenic helicopter rides, heritage sites, cycling, hiking, a relaxing massage, the acclaimed Barossa Farmers' Market, Breakfast with the Kangaroos, and much more.

Just one hour from Adelaide, The Louise is the food + wine + luxury accommodation destination for discerning travellers to Australia's most famous wine region.

It is bold gastronomic statements like these that inspire foodies to fly in from Australia, Japan and the United States to stay at The Louise and sample McNamara's food (at Appellation). His story is a shining example of the wine and food success called Barossa.

**Vinod Advani, MW Magazine**

**The Louise Barossa Valley**  
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**THE LOUISE**

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# True North

A cruise on the True North has long been regarded as one of Australia's outstanding and revered adventure tourism experiences. Cruises are activity based and designed for the most discerning traveller wanting to 'experience the destination' in some of Australia's most remote and hard to access coastal regions.

True North's flagship "Kimberley Wilderness Cruise" is a 6 or 13 night panorama of spectacular gorges and majestic waterfalls, islands and rugged coastline. Other trip options include the "West Coast Explorer" to the Abrolhos Islands and Ningaloo Reef; the "Coral Atoll Cruise" to the Rowley Shoals; "Sydney Rocks" an opportunity to discover wilderness on the doorstep of Australia's largest city and, the "Southern Safari" a safari at sea along the stunning South Australian coast including Kangaroo Island.

The True North has been designed to go where no other ship can go, with high levels of comfort and style. All cabins are spacious and feature modern décor and en-suite facilities.

Daily activities can include scenic walks, helicopter flights, fishing, snorkelling, cultural visits, picnics, flora, bird and wildlife watching, diving, exploring and much more...

Multiple expedition vessels or 'tenders' take guests in small groups to experience the wilderness 'up close' and, the luxury of having numerous tenders means that everyone onboard has greater opportunity to do "what they want, when they want".

Most cruise options feature an onboard helicopter opening up a whole range of options from scenic flights and heli-picnics to overnight camping adventures. Discover virtually unseen and untouched parts of Australia.

The most fantastic trip I have ever experienced.  
**Sir Peter Derham, former Chairman, See Australia**

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# Wolgan Valley

Carefully sited between two National Parks and spread out at the foot of towering cliffs, Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa is set within its own private conservation and wildlife reserve. The resort itself occupies just two percent of the total land area of 4,000 acres and features 40 individual suites, each having its own indoor/outdoor swimming pool. The main homestead offers distinctive dining, luxury facilities and stand-alone Timeless Spa.

The property borders the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage region, less than 3 hours by road from Sydney.

Heralding a new era of conservation based luxury in Australia, the carbon-neutral resort actively protects its surrounding habitat and indigenous wildlife species while delivering the first-class standards and quality expected in luxury resorts,

The seclusion of Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa creates a natural sanctuary where guests can experience a haven of wildlife, breathtaking natural beauty and relaxation. Here guests can soak up the rich heritage of the region while enjoying the Australian wilderness in unsurpassed luxurious comfort, and appreciate the very special natural, cultural and scenic values of the Wolgan Valley through a range of nature based activities including four wheel drives, heritage interpretive tours, nature walks, wildlife spotting and horse riding.

Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa offers the rare opportunity to experience true luxury in a spectacular Australian bush setting.

The suites combine simplicity with opulence... it's tempting just to spend the weekend lying in state, charting the change of light on the cliffs... Whether it's at dawn, midday or dusk, the first impression of this place brings back old meaning to the word 'awesome'.

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# Australia's National Landscapes:

## A spectacular collection of nature's finest work.

Australia is a place of exceptional natural beauty where ancient rainforests and vast national parks, rugged mountain ranges and reefs, beaches, and waterways, provide sanctuary to Australia's wondrous wildlife.

It is this collection of our most cherished national parks and their surrounds that have become known as Australia's National Landscapes (many of which include World Heritage listed sites).

The majority of the Luxury Lodges of Australia are located near or within these landscapes, all of which have been built in harmony with their natural surrounds. Their guardians invite you to hike, snorkel, climb, dive, surf, ski, and fly through some of our most beautiful and awe-inspiring natural wonders, spotting native flora and fauna along the way.

Australia's National Landscapes are not just about the natural but also about the cultural and spiritual significance of these areas to the Aboriginal custodians and their unique relationship to the land and waters of their country.

Ten National Landscapes currently exist throughout Australia. They include Australia's Red Centre, Kakadu, the Greater Blue Mountains, the Flinders Ranges, the Great Ocean Road, the Australian Alps, Australia's Green Cauldron, Kangaroo Island, the Kimberley and Australia's Coastal Wilderness. Future Landscapes include The Great Barrier Reef, Ningaloo Reef, Tasmania and Australia's South West.

To discover more about Australia's National Landscapes visit [www.australia.com/nl](http://www.australia.com/nl)

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# Plan your journey

Australia is a welcoming and accessible place. It is also a vast land with enormous diversity of inspiring travel destinations, so planning a trip can be daunting.

The Luxury Lodges of Australia website has some great tools for planning trips to the furthest reaches and most special places on the continent. Trip ideas may be viewed by destination, experience or by property. The aim is to minimise time in transit, and maximise time experiencing our incredible destinations.

Brief information with great from the source tips about getting to or between any of Australia's luxury lodges is an invaluable guide when planning a trip. Many of the lodges have helipads and close access to landing strips for even greater accessibility.

Whether you book direct with your chosen destinations, or via your preferred travel specialist, [www.luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au](http://www.luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au) is a great place to start.





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