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We are proud to present our new program of tailor-made, private holidays to some of the most exciting and beautiful areas of Australia and New Zealand.

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Call our experienced consultants to discuss your travel plans, or contact your travel agent. Call us now on 1300 363 302 or e-mail info@awsnfs.com.

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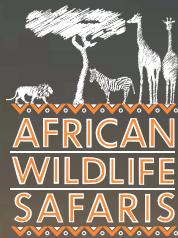


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Let the sights and sounds of Australia and New Zealand come to you.

Natural Focus Safaris, wilderness your way.



Tailor-Made, Luxury Tours & Cruises

Natural focus Safaris is a specialist tour company focusing on personalised itineraries to iconic wildlife, wilderness and cultural destinations around the world. We also search out the most intimate lodges, the best hotels, the most luxurious resorts and exclusive small ship cruises which will enhance the overall experience for our travellers.

Australia and New Zealand cover a vast region and choosing an itinerary can be daunting. This is where our team of professional advisers can help. With their industry knowledge, passion for travel and hands-on experience, they can help design the perfect itinerary that fulfils the Australia or New Zealand experience you've been dreaming of.

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INSPIRATIONS

The diverse landscapes, cosmopolitan cities, outstanding accommodation and abundance of activities in Australia and New Zealand assure that whatever your travel style there are many fabulous destinations to fulfil your holiday fantasies.

We've featured a range of inspirations here to help you identify your passions. We've also recommended sample itineraries and preferred properties, to make it a little easier to decide where to go and what to do. Snorkel the Great Barrier Reef, swim with Ningaloo whale sharks or breakfast with Barossa Valley kangaroos – Australia's wildlife never fails to impress. Likewise, with its spectacular scenery including tranquil Milford Sound, shimmering Franz Josef Glacier and idyllic Marlborough Sounds, New Zealand will always astound.



FAMILY HOLIDAYS

Australia and New Zealand have all the stuff of childhood fantasies from epic landscapes to strange wildlife plus there are many family-friendly properties offering activities to suit all ages.

Suggested itineraries include *Sydney, Uluru & Great Barrier Reef* (p19), while the exclusive *Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley* (p29) and rustic Arkaba (p41) have wonderful programs designed to keep young ones entertained.



WILDLIFE & WILDERNESS

Many of Australia and New Zealand's native animals are found nowhere else on earth. Amongst the best known are the kangaroo, koala, kiwi, platypus and Tasmanian devil.

Wildlife enthusiasts will enjoy nature-focussed itineraries such as *Top End Highlights* (p11), *Australian Wilderness and Wildlife* (p13), *Bay of Fires Lodge Walk* (p25), *Highlights of Victoria* (p20), and New Zealand's *South Island Adventure* (p52).



LUXURY ADVENTURES

Beautiful landscapes, waterways and oceans offer endless opportunities for adventures such as hiking, snorkelling, kayaking and sailing. Our guided luxury walks are the perfect way to explore.

Get outdoors with the *Wineglass Bay Sail Walk* (p24), *Arkaba Walk* (p23), *Northwest Adventurer* (p12) and *Australian Wilderness Adventure* (p16). Luxury bush camps such as *Bamurru Plains* (p33) and *Sal Salis* (p43) provide a real back-to-nature experience.



FOOD & WINE GETAWAYS

A unique multicultural heritage and fertile soils have borne a disproportionate number of fantastic restaurants as well as fabulous food and wine trails across both Australia and New Zealand.

Epicureans will appreciate gourmet-centric itineraries such as *South Australian Wines, Wildlife and Outback* (p18) and *Southern Queensland Highlights with Spicers Retreats* (p12), or acclaimed restaurant-hotels such as *The Louise* (p40) and *Lake House* (p44).



SPA & RELAXATION RETREATS

Rejuvenate in some of Australia and New Zealand's most relaxing destinations, from secluded rainforest hideaways and cliff-top sanctuaries to tropical island resorts.

Refreshing sample itineraries include *Southeast Australian Spa Experience* (p17) and *Premier Lodge Combination* (p10) whilst gorgeous spa hotels showcased in this brochure include *Silky Oaks Lodge* (p39), *One&Only Hayman Island* (p38) and *Southern Ocean Lodge* (p41).



REEF & COAST EXPLORATIONS

Some of Australia and New Zealand's best known attractions lie along their coastlines, from flawless beaches to pristine corals and exuberant waterfront cities.

Great adventures include *Sydney, Lord Howe and the Daintree Rainforest* (p14), *Western Australian Comprehensive* (p20) and *Twelve Apostles Lodge Walk* (p25). Peerless Great Barrier Reef resorts include *qualia* and *Lizard Island* (both p38).



ROMANTIC ESCAPES

Breathtaking settings, liquid sunsets and intimate adults-only hideaways with nothing but nature surrounding you – Australia and New Zealand brim with destinations that will set hearts aflutter.

Rekindle the passion with *Western Australian Romance* (p17) or on the *Margaret River Cape to Cape Walk* (p22). Couples retreats featured include *Kingsford Homestead* (p40), *Pretty Beach House* and *Bells at Killcare* (both p30).



BUCKET LIST TOURS

With icons including Uluru, the Great Barrier Reef, lakes, mountains and glaciers, Australia and New Zealand have all the ingredients for the ultimate travel bucket list.

These example itineraries contain once-in-a-lifetime experiences: *Top End Kimberley Cruise, Outback and Red Centre* (p9) and *Outback Explorer* (p15), while superlative properties such as *Saffire Freycinet* (p47) and *Longitude 131°* (p34) can make wishes come true.

AUSTRALIAN LUXURY HOLIDAY SUGGESTED ITINERARIES AND PREFERRED RESORTS

Australia is a big country, boasting a huge number of fantastic travel opportunities. With over 30 years experience organising luxury journeys for discerning clients, our expert staff are specialists in tailoring holidays to suit your needs.

To inspire your next trip, we've compiled a range of suggested itineraries showcasing handpicked properties and examples of the extraordinary experiences on offer. From watching sunrise over Uluru and sampling world-famous Barossa Valley wines at their source to exploring the Northern Territory wilds and teeming waters of the Great Barrier Reef, we can design a getaway around your interests and budget.

We can create from scratch or amend sample tours with ease. Book any of our destinations as a standalone option or simply reserve a room at one of our preferred properties if you're just after a short break (p26/27). We can also take care of all flights and transfers.

WHEN TO GO

Generally speaking, summer (Dec-Feb) is peak season throughout Australia (with the exception of the Top End which experiences the Big Wet in these months), coinciding with local holidays so expect busy beaches and a multitude of outdoor events. Winter (Jun-Aug) in the southern states of Victoria and Tasmania is cool and wet, but pleasantly mild everywhere else, especially in the arid central deserts and tropical north. Spring and autumn in Australia are warm but less predictable, attracting smaller crowds.

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AMAZING AUSTRALIA

“ We took our honeymoon in Australia visiting Uluru and the Great Barrier Reef, and it was a dream come true.

The best experience ever! , ,

Peter and June Daniel

DISCOVER AUSTRALIA

The world's largest island is also one of the planet's most biodiverse, with thousands of endemic species inhabiting Australia's varied wildernesses.

Culturally, Australia is a cosmopolitan nation, so expect European styled wines, fusion cuisine, globally acclaimed hotels and a warm welcome wherever you come from. The climate throughout the continent is also relatively mild all year. What all this means is that no matter when you visit, there's a stunning destination somewhere in the country with pleasant weather, fantastic cuisine, fabulous surrounds and friendly folk to discover.

Given the size of Australia, distances can be vast and travel times long. As the population is relatively small and clustered along the continent's coasts, flights may also be infrequent and transit stops necessary. This is where our travel consultants can assist, ensuring that your journey is as seamless as possible.



QUEENSLAND

Few places compare to Queensland, whose attractions range from glitzy coastal towns and authentic outback homesteads to the ancient Daintree Rainforest and incomparable Great Barrier Reef. A prime holiday destination for locals, sunny Queensland harbours scores of golden beaches, hundreds of islands as well as natural curiosities such as cassowaries.



NEW SOUTH WALES

Home to glamorous harbourside Sydney, this wealthy east coast state has mild weather and is Australia's most populated. Yet just outside city limits, you'll find untouched beach-and-bush landscapes along the Central and South Coasts, hemmed in by the dramatic Blue Mountains, pristine national parks and rural settlements to the west.



VICTORIA & TASMANIA

Victoria's temperate climate encourages wine production, with dozens of varietals hailing from the Yarra Valley, Mornington Peninsula and Grampians. Tasmania's clean, green environment also lends itself to good food and drink. Both states offer plentiful wildlife, a rich history, fine restaurants and elegant heritage architecture in Melbourne and Hobart.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Founded by free settlers in 1834, South Australia is the country's driest state. Yet there are isolated homesteads inland, supplied only by run-off from the Flinders Ranges, and 13 major wine regions including the world-famous Barossa Valley. There's also 3,700km of glorious coastline, with wildlife-rich Kangaroo Island an offshore standout.



WESTERN AUSTRALIA

So large that if it were a country, Western Australia would be top ten in the world for size. Perth, its capital, is closer to Singapore than Canberra and boasts the biggest city park on the planet. The world's largest known fish frequents Ningaloo Reef while Broome is the globe's leading pearl producer. Inland, expect millions of miles of mostly uninhabited outback.

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Aboriginal culture thrives in this wild corner of Australia, which encompasses tropical forest, mangrove and swamp, as well as arid central deserts, presided over by iconic Uluru. The capital, Darwin, retains a frontier feel, while the territory's ubiquitous wildlife – including thousands of crocodile – are best seen around the ephemeral Mary River.



True North Kimberley Cruise

TOP END CRUISE, OUTBACK AND RED CENTRE



PRIVATE TOUR/CRUISE

15 DAYS/14 NIGHTS

DEPARTS EX BROOME

HIGHLIGHTS

- The historic pearl port of Broome, home to iconic Cable Beach
- An unforgettable cruise along the Kimberley's rugged coastline
- See Horizontal Falls, Montgomery Reef and some of the region's most impressive rivers
- Opportunities to swim and soar over the region by helicopter
- Explore the untamed Mary River floodplains
- Visit Australia's only tropical capital
- Embark on fishing trips, bush walks and 4WD excursions
- Inspect ancient Aboriginal rock art galleries
- Uncover crocodiles, kangaroos and birdlife
- View the ever-changing faces of Uluru

Australia's north-west is like nowhere else in the country - think crocodiles, kangaroos, bronze waterways and vast, unexplored wildernesses. Kick off your adventure with an unforgettable Kimberley cruise aboard the luxurious, purpose built True North. Travel to the edge of magnificent Kakadu National Park and visit Arnhem Land, before concluding the expedition at iconic Uluru.

SAMPLE ITINERARY

Day 1 Broome

Embarkation is at 1700 in the port of Broome. True North (p43) is home for the next 7 nights.

Days 2-7 Kimberley

Take in Horizontal Falls, Montgomery Reef, the Regent, Hunter and King George Rivers, with opportunities to hike, swim and fish. Scenic helicopter flights are a thrilling optional activity.

Days 8-10 Mary River

Disembark in Wyndham on Day 8, transferring to Kununurra airport for your flight to Darwin. You are then whisked away to either Wildman Wilderness Lodge or Bamurru Plains (p33), both superb eco-lodges situated on unspoilt floodplains adjacent to Kakadu.

Day 11 Darwin

Get acquainted with the nation's only tropical capital today. Top rated attractions close to your downtown hotel - SKYCITY Darwin (p32) - include the Darwin Military Museum.

Day 12-14 Uluru/Ayers Rock

Fly to Ayers Rock. Your base is the ultra-luxe Longitude 131° or splendid Sails in the Desert (both p34), from where you can explore Uluru, Kings Canyon and Kata Tjuta.

Day 15 Tour ends

Your holiday wraps up at Ayers Rock airport.



Mary River - Bamurru Plains



Sunset drinks at Uluru



Mary River - Wildman Wilderness Lodge



Great Barrier Reef - qualia, Hamilton Island

PREMIER LODGE COMBINATION



**PRIVATE TOUR
13 DAYS/12 NIGHTS
DEPARTS EX ADELAIDE**

HIGHLIGHTS

- Kangaroo Island, Australia's answer to the Galapagos
- Exquisite Southern Ocean Lodge
- Daily guided excursions and options for bespoke adventures
- Sublime Saffire Freycinet
- Interact with Tasmanian devils and sample fresh oysters
- See spectacular Wineglass Bay and the pink-hued Hazard Mountains
- Award-winning Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley Resort
- Enjoy an array of nature and conservation-based activities
- Acclaimed qualia, jewel of the Whitsundays
- The Great Barrier Reef at your doorstep

Experience the best Australia has to offer while staying in the country's top lodges. Enjoy exceptional cuisine, stylish accommodation and faultless service while immersed in stunning wilderness. This sample itinerary takes you from unspoilt Kangaroo Island and historic Tasmania to the spectacular Blue Mountains and the unparalleled Great Barrier Reef.

SAMPLE ITINERARY

Days 1-3 Kangaroo Island
Fly into Kingscote for your transfer to Southern Ocean Lodge (p41), a lavish property offering a range of signature activities such as guided walks at Seal Bay.

Days 4-6 Freycinet Peninsula
Fly to Hobart. On arrival, you are chauffeured to the sublime Saffire Freycinet (p47). Interact with endangered Tasmanian devils in the property's own enclosure, visit Freycinet Marine Oyster Farm and walk to Wineglass Bay Lookout for the island's most iconic views.

Days 7-9 Blue Mountains
Return to Hobart for your onward flight to Sydney. Self-drive to Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley Resort (p29), a luxurious property offering nature-based outings such as 4WD safaris and bushwalks.

Days 10-12 Great Barrier Reef
Depart early for your morning flight to Hamilton Island. Your acclaimed beach resort - qualia (p38) - provides a stunning base to explore the World Heritage-listed reef by snorkelling, sailing and kayaking.

Day 13 Tour ends
You are delivered to Hamilton Island Airport to meet your homebound flight.



Kangaroo Island - Southern Ocean Lodge



Freycinet Peninsula, Tasmania - Saffire Freycinet



Blue Mountains - Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley Resort



Daintree Rainforest - Silky Oaks Lodge

QUEENSLAND REEF, RAINFOREST & OUTBACK



**PRIVATE TOUR
12 DAYS/11 NIGHTS
DEPARTS EX BRISBANE**

SAMPLE ITINERARY

Brisbane (1N) - Great Barrier Reef (4N) -
Crystalbrook Lodge (3N) - Daintree (3N)

Queensland brims with bucket-list destinations and this adventure provides real insight into the diverse wildernesses and wildlife this vast state has to offer.

Beginning in cosmopolitan Brisbane, you'll fly to an idyllic resort such as Lizard Island (p38) or qualia (p38) off the state's north coast, from where you can explore the magnificent Great Barrier Reef. Wing back to Crystalbrook Lodge (p39) on the Australian mainland - this working cattle station guarantees an authentic outback experience. Tranquil Silky Oaks Lodge (p39) in the primeval Daintree Rainforest provides the perfect conclusion to your holiday, with its fabulous treetop restaurant and relaxing day spa.



Great Barrier Reef - Lizard Island



Crystalbrook Lodge



Arnhem Land - Davidson's Arnhem Land Eco Lodge

NORTHWEST ADVENTURER



**PRIVATE TOUR
13 DAYS/12 NIGHTS
DEPARTS EX DARWIN**

SAMPLE ITINERARY

Darwin (1N) - The Kimberley (4N) - Darwin (1N) - Nitmiluk (3N) - Arnhem Land (3N)

The northwest of Australia is truly wild, but that's all part of the fun.

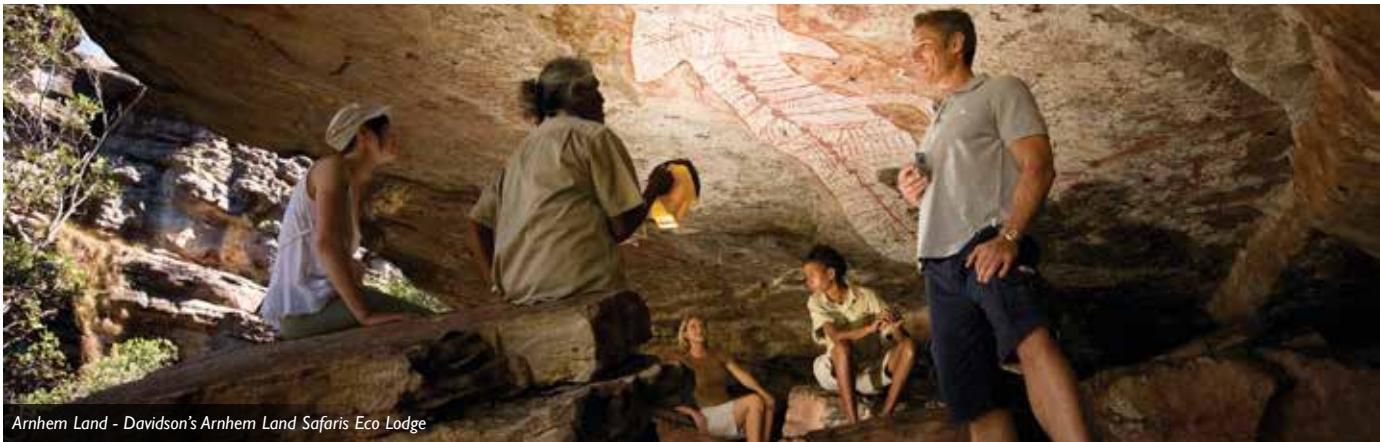
This thrilling expedition begins in Darwin, the Top End's steamy capital. Then it's on to the rugged Kimberley, where your home for the next four nights is the glamorous El Questro Homestead or luxurious Berkeley River Lodge (both p43), accessible only by sea or air. Your next stop is contemporary indigenous-owned Cicada Lodge (p32) in Nitmiluk National Park, whose crowning glory is Katherine Gorge. The adventure concludes at Davidson's Arnhem Land Safaris Eco Lodge (p32), an isolated, exclusively leased Aboriginal sacred site, fringed by idyllic billabongs and monsoonal rainforests teeming with life.



The Kimberley - The Berkeley River Lodge © Tony Hewitt



Nitmiluk National Park - Cicada Lodge



Arnhem Land - Davidson's Arnhem Land Safaris Eco Lodge

TOP END HIGHLIGHTS



PRIVATE TOUR
11 DAYS/10 NIGHTS
DEPARTS EX NITMILUK
SAMPLE ITINERARY

Nitmiluk N.P. (2N) - Arnhem Land (3N) - Mary River (2N) - Darwin (1N) - Uluru (2N)

This jam-packed journey takes in the Top End's greatest attractions, starting with Nitmiluk's Cicada Lodge (p32), gateway to marvellous Katherine Gorge.

Next stop: Davidson's Safaris Eco Lodge (p32) in rarely visited Arnhemland, where you can visit ancient rock art galleries and learn about Yolngu indigenous traditions. Then choose from Bamurru Plains or Wildman Wilderness Lodge (see p33), both eco-conscious bush camps on wildlife-rich floodplains adjacent to Kakadu National Park. Spend a day exploring Darwin, the country's only tropical capital, before capping off your adventure at cool, contemporary Sails in the Desert or at the ultra-luxe Longitude 131° (p34), in Australia's crimson heart.



Mary River - Bamurru Plains



Uluru - Longitude 131°



Scenic Rim - Spicers Peak Lodge

SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND HIGHLIGHTS WITH SPICERS



PRIVATE SELF-DRIVE TOUR
10 DAYS/9 NIGHTS
DEPARTS EX BRISBANE

SAMPLE ITINERARY

Brisbane (2N) - Sunshine Coast (4N) - Scenic Rim (3N)

Discover southern Queensland with Spicers properties, each unique yet individually renowned for their luxury, location and delectable cuisine.

This relaxing getaway starts in vivacious Brisbane, staying at stylish inner-city Spicers Balfour (p36), a stone's throw from iconic Story Bridge. Then head north into the Sunshine Coast's hinterland for two nights at Asian-inspired Spicers Tamarind Retreat (p37), home to a first-rate cooking school and an award-winning restaurant. The next two nights are spent at neighbouring Spicers Clovelly Estate (p37), a peaceful French provincial-style homestead. For the grand finale, drive up to gorgeous Spicers Peak Lodge (p36) located in the Scenic Rim, the country's highest non-alpine property.



Sunshine Coast - Spicers Tamarind Retreat



Sunshine Coast - Spicers Clovelly Estate



Kangaroo Island

AUSTRALIAN WILDERNESS & WILDLIFE



**PRIVATE TOUR
10 DAYS/9 NIGHTS
DEPARTS EX DARWIN**

HIGHLIGHTS

- A luxurious eco-camp on the magical Mary River floodplains
- Home to some 236 bird species in numbers rarely found elsewhere
- Fishing, bush walking and airboat excursions
- Darwin, the only Australian capital where wildlife is ubiquitous
- Crocodile and wallabies within city limits
- Australia's Red Centre with its fascinating desert creatures
- Marvellous Uluru, Kings Canyon and Kata Tjuta
- Adelaide, South Australia's leafy capital
- Kangaroo Island, Australia's own Galapagos
- Surreal rock formations, fur seals and sea lions

Kangaroos, koalas, kookaburras and wombats are amongst the many living icons of the Australian bush. Discover the country's diverse landscapes and prolific wildlife on this epic adventure, beginning on the untamed floodplains surrounding the Mary River. Travel through the surprisingly hospitable Red Centre and take in Kangaroo Island's pristine, seal-strewn coastline.

SAMPLE ITINERARY

Days 1-3 Mary River

Begin the safari at a sophisticated eco-camp set amid bird-rich swamp and croc-filled waterways, which you can explore by boat or on foot.

Day 4 Darwin

Return to Australia's only capital where native animals are a common sight within city limits.

Days 5/6 Uluru/Ayers Rock

Soar into Australia's magnificent Red Centre this morning, whose seemingly inhospitable landscape hosts fascinating creatures such as thorny devils. Choose from Sails in the Desert set in a large resort family-friendly complex, or the superbly luxurious Longitude 131° (p34).

Day 7 Adelaide

This morning, fly to South Australia's capital where there's time to wander the leafy Botanic Gardens or lively Central Market at leisure.

Days 8/9 Kangaroo Island

Travel to the island touted as "Australia's answer to the Galapagos", where your base is either the stunning Kangaroo Beach Lodges located on a clifftop near Cape Borda, or the ultra-premium Southern Ocean Lodge (both p41), by secluded Hanson Bay in the island's dramatic south.

Day 10 Tour ends

Return to Kingscote airport for your onward flight.



Mary River - Bamurru Plains



Uluru - Longitude 131°



Wild Emu



Lord Howe Island

SYDNEY, LORD HOWE ISLAND & THE DAINTREE



**PRIVATE TOUR
10 DAYS/9 NIGHTS
DEPARTS EX SYDNEY**

HIGHLIGHTS

- Sydney, New South Wales' showy capital
- The iconic Harbour Bridge and Opera House
- Shopping, sightseeing and an exciting dining scene
- World Heritage-listed Lord Howe Island
- Picture-perfect beaches, crystalline ocean and panoramic vistas
- Snorkelling, surfing and cycling quiet roads
- The stunning twin peaks of Mount Lidgbird and Mount Gower
- The primeval Daintree Rainforest
- Fascinating endemic species including the endangered cassowary
- Tranquil Mossman River and welcoming Cairns

See the jewel of Australia's eastern seaboard on this fabulous journey which begins in glitzy Sydney. Fly out to World Heritage-listed Lord Howe Island, where life takes on a slower pace. Explore the island on foot or by bicycle, and snorkel amongst giant turtles and kaleidoscopic coral. Then travel up to Tropical North Queensland, where you'll find one of the world's oldest rainforests, crystalline rivers and plenty of curious creatures including cassowaries and crocodiles.

SAMPLE ITINERARY

Days 1/2 Sydney

Get your bearings in Australia's largest city with an optional harbour cruise. Alternatively, scale the soaring Harbour Bridge for unsurpassed views of the glittering Sydney skyline (extra cost).

Days 3-6 Lord Howe Island

A short flight from Sydney airport takes you to Lord Howe - look out for Ball's Pyramid, the world's tallest sea stack on descent. Whether you stay at boutique Arajilla Retreat or upscale Capella Lodge (both p31), getting to all the sights is easily done by cycling the compact island's quiet roads.

Days 7-9 Daintree Rainforest

Fly into Cairns, where you are transferred by road to Silky Oaks Lodge (p39), set at the edge of primordial jungle. This riverside property is ideal for exploring the region or just relaxing to the soundtrack of the bush.

Day 10 Tour ends

This morning, return to Cairns airport for your onward flight*. Tour ends.



Sydney Harbour Bridge Climb



Daintree Rainforest - Silky Oaks Lodge



Lord Howe Island - Arajilla Retreat beach picnic



Uluru - Longitude 131°

OUTBACK EXPLORER



**PRIVATE TOUR
10 DAYS/9 NIGHTS
DEPARTS EX FLINDERS RANGES**

HIGHLIGHTS

- Arkaba, a 19th century pioneer sheep station turned wildlife conservancy
- A romantic, secluded homestead
- Bush walks, rock art site visits and intimate dining
- The ancient Flinders Ranges and impressive Wilpena Pound
- Adelaide, South Australia's historic capital
- Fabulous wines, fine food and a unique Anglo-German heritage
- Majestic Uluru, Kata Tjuta National Park and Kings Canyon
- A remote bush camp located in the wilderness
- Exciting land and water-based excursions
- Darwin, Australia's only tropical capital

Discover the magic of the Australian outback on this exciting journey north through the centre of the continent. Starting in the rugged Flinders Ranges where kangaroos outnumber people, you then travel to the well-planned South Australian capital. Visit the Red Centre and its scarlet monolith, before exploring the vast wilderness surrounding the ephemeral Mary River.

SAMPLE ITINERARY

Days 1-3 Flinders Ranges

Your expedition begins in Arkaba (p41), a private conservancy from where you can hike Wilpena Pound and view remote Aboriginal rock art sites.

Day 4 Adelaide

Spend a day discovering South Australia's pleasant capital, where pubs and churches jostle for majority.

Days 5/6 Uluru/Ayers Rock

It's another early start, travelling to either the comfortable Sails in the Desert, at the entrance to the national park, or the ultra-luxury Longitude 131° (p34), whose canvas-clad pavilions are the closest accommodations to Uluru.

Day 7 Darwin

Fly into the Northern Territory's tropical capital, where you have an afternoon to explore the city and be introduced to the region's prolific wildlife.

Days 8/9 Mary River

You are delivered this morning to either Wildman Wilderness Lodge or Bamurru Plains (p33), both exceptional luxury bush camps situated on the magical floodplains surrounding the croc-rich Mary River.

Day 10 Tour ends

Your holiday ends on your return to Darwin.



Adelaide



Flinders Ranges - Arkaba



Mary River - Wildman Wilderness Lodge



Mary River - Bamurru Plains

AUSTRALIAN WILDERNESS ADVENTURE



**PRIVATE TOUR
10 DAYS/9 NIGHTS
DEPARTS EX SYDNEY**

HIGHLIGHTS

- New South Wales' gorgeous South Coast
- Flawless white sand beaches lapped by Jervis Bay's azure waters
- A safari-inspired eco-camp beneath native gum trees
- Iconic Uluru and the opportunity to explore Australia's stunning Red Centre
- A luxury tented lodge with incomparable views of the rock
- Pristine Mary River floodplains
- Prolific wildlife and barramundi-rich waterways
- An upscale tented camp at the edge of Kakadu National Park
- Back-to-nature accommodation without sacrificing on comfort

Hear the chirping of cicadas, feel the night breeze and see sunrise over the landscape as soon as you open your eyes. Sleeping under canvas awakens all the senses, and this selection of exquisite camps ensures you still have all the luxuries you need while immersed in complete wilderness. The adventure begins on New South Wales' gorgeous South Coast, travelling to the base of Uluru, before concluding on pristine floodplains bordering Kakadu National Park.

SAMPLE ITINERARY

Days 1-3 South Coast
Self-drive to Paperbark Camp (p30), a safari-style property set out beneath native gum trees. Kayak, cycle and be sure to follow the fabulous White Sands Walk.

Days 4/5 Uluru/Ayers Rock
Depart early on day 4 to meet your flight to Australia's magical Red Centre. Your base here is beneath Longitude 131°'s (p34) white canvas-topped pavilions, set in a semi-circle facing Uluru. Excursions range from complimentary guided walks to scenic flights (additional cost).

Day 6 Darwin
After breakfast, transfer to Ayers Rock airport for your flight to the Territory capital, via Alice Springs.

Days 7-9 Mary River
Meet your charter flight to Bamurru Plains (p33), a luxurious campsite set amid bushland just west of Kakadu National Park. Highly recommended optional activities here include sleeping out at the observational hide.

Day 10 Tour ends
Fly* back to Darwin, where your holiday ends.



South Coast NSW - Paperbark Camp



Uluru - Longitude 131°



Mary River - Bamurru Plains



The Kimberley

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN ROMANCE



**PRIVATE TOUR
10 DAYS/9 NIGHTS
DEPARTS EX PERTH
SAMPLE ITINERARY**

Perth (1N) - Margaret River (3N) - Broome (1N) - Kimberley (4N)

Western Australia is the country's largest, most sparsely populated state. With miles of secluded beaches, liquid Indian Ocean sunsets and seemingly endless outback, there's no place more romantic to escape with your other half.

This memorable getaway whisks you from sunny Perth to the remote Kimberley, where you'll stay at El Questro Homestead (p43), a gorgeous clifftop property surrounded by a million acres of wilderness. In between, savour coastal views, acclaimed wines and gourmet fare at adults-only Injidup Spa Retreat or comely Cape Lodge (p42) in tranquil Margaret River, and visit the tiny pearling town of Broome, home to iconic Cable Beach.



Margaret River - Injidup Spa Retreat



The Kimberley - El Questro Homestead



Barossa Valley - The Louise

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN WINES, WILDLIFE & OUTBACK



**PRIVATE TOUR
10 DAYS/9 NIGHTS
DEPARTS EX ADELAIDE**

SAMPLE ITINERARY
Adelaide (1N) - Kangaroo Island (3N) - Flinders Ranges (3N) - Barossa Valley (2N)

This all-encompassing South Australian adventure takes in all that makes this state great, from venerated wines to unspoilt wilderness.

Starting in peaceful Adelaide, you'll travel to wildlife-strewn Kangaroo Island where you can choose from the ultra-luxe Southern Ocean Lodge or the self-catering sleek Kangaroo Beach Lodges (p41), both top choices for exploring the island's surreal landscapes. Then it's on to the great interior, where you'll discover the primordial Flinders Ranges and rustic Arkaba (p41), a restored 19th century homestead located on a private wildlife conservancy. Finish at romantic Kingsford Homestead of Mcleod's Daughters fame or The Louise (p40), a lovely hilltop property housing an acclaimed restaurant.



Flinders Ranges - Arkaba



Kangaroo Island - Southern Ocean Lodge



Blue Mountains - Spa treatment, Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley

SOUTHEAST AUSTRALIAN SPA EXPERIENCE



PRIVATE TOUR
9 DAYS/8 NIGHTS
DEPARTS EX SYDNEY
SAMPLE ITINERARY
 Blue Mountains (3N) - Daylesford (3N) -
 Freycinet (2N)

Some of the most luxurious relaxation retreats in the country can be found in Australia's southeast, nestled amid utter wilderness so you're assured of total privacy, complete seclusion and a beautiful natural setting to unwind.

This short sojourn begins at tranquil Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley Resort (p29) in the Blue Mountains, whose remoteness offers a chance to disconnect from the digital world. Next stop is the acclaimed Lake House (p44) in Daylesford, whose restaurant menu rivals the spa therapy list. Conclude at the celebrated Saffire Lodge (p47) on Tasmania's pristine Freycinet Peninsula, where you can expect a state-of-the-art day spa and world class service.



Daylesford - Lake House



Freycinet Peninsula, Tasmania - Saffire Freycinet



Whale Shark diving, Ningaloo Reef - Sal Salis

WESTERN AUSTRALIA COMPREHENSIVE



PRIVATE TOUR
9 DAYS/8 NIGHTS
DEPARTS EX PERTH
SAMPLE ITINERARY
 Perth (2N) - Margaret River (3N) - Ningaloo
 Reef (3N)

Australia's largest state is home to incomparable diversity from crystalline coastal waters and exceptional beaches to thriving Aboriginal culture, prehistoric forests and pristine outback landscapes brimming with wildlife.

Self-drive from Perth, the nation's most isolated capital, to tranquil Margaret River in the south, where you can stay at the romantic, cliff-top Injidup Spa Retreat or pretty Cape Lodge (p42), home to a venerated restaurant which showcases the region's outstanding food and wines. Then fly up north to Exmouth, where the excellent eco-friendly Sal Salis bush camp (p43) awaits, ideally situated to discover the beauty of fringing Ningaloo Reef.



Margaret River vineyards



Perth, capital city of Western Australia



Iconic Uluru

SYDNEY, ULURU & GREAT BARRIER REEF



**PRIVATE TOUR
9 DAYS/8 NIGHTS
DEPARTS EX SYDNEY**

HIGHLIGHTS

- Sydney, Australia's largest and most glamorous city
- See the Harbour Bridge and Opera House
- Visit iconic Uluru
- Opportunity to view magnificent Kata Tjuta
- Optional activities such as scenic helicopter flights
- Stop in cosmopolitan Cairns
- Explore the Great Barrier Reef, the only living thing on Earth visible from space
- Thousands of corals and hundreds of marine species
- A glamorous resort surrounded by azure ocean
- An array of activities from sailing to snorkelling

Take in three major Australian highlights on this short but thorough holiday. Begin in beguiling Sydney, the country's largest city, before travelling to Uluru, Australia's most recognisable landmark. Your final stop is the iconic Great Barrier Reef, a vast marine ecosystem teeming with life.

SAMPLE ITINERARY

Days 1/2 Sydney

Sydney's best-known landmarks are literally at the doorstep of your downtown hotel. Why not scale the Harbour Bridge or take a cruise past the Opera House?

Days 3/4 Uluru/Ayers Rock

This morning, fly to Uluru where you are met and transferred to glamorous Longitude 131° or the more casual Sails in the Desert (p34). Both are equally well-located for explorations of Australia's famous Red Centre. Flights over Uluru and the Sounds of Silence dining experience are two highly recommended optional activities.

Day 5 Cairns

Touch down in Cairns late this afternoon, with time to wander the Night Markets and Esplanade.

Days 6-8 Great Barrier Reef

For the grand finale, fly to the magnificent Great Barrier Reef. Your three options are: Lizard Island, a secluded resort next to a national park, One&Only Hayman Island, a glamorous property occupying an entire islet or qualia, one of Australia's best hotels (all p38).

Day 9 Tour ends

You are transferred to the airport. Tour ends.



Sydney Harbour



Great Barrier Reef



Cultural experience - Uluru



Blue Mountains, New South Wales

CLASSIC NEW SOUTH WALES



PRIVATE SELF-DRIVE TOUR

8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS

DEPARTS EX SYDNEY

SAMPLE ITINERARY

Sydney (2N) - Blue Mountains (3N) - Central Coast NSW (2N)

The country's most populous state boasts a showy capital, stunning mountains and spectacular beaches.

Get a wonderful overview of all New South Wales has to offer with a short stay in a downtown Sydney luxury hotel, from where you can take in the harbour city's many iconic sights. Then spend two nights at the much lauded Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley Resort (p29) located in a remote section of the scenic Blue Mountains, brimming with native wildlife and walking tracks. Conclude at Pretty Beach House or its sister property Bells at Killcare (p30), both equally idyllic bases to explore the wonderful beach-and-bush landscapes of the Bouddi Peninsula.



Sydney Harbour



Central Coast NSW - Pretty Beach House



Melbourne

HIGHLIGHTS OF VICTORIA



PRIVATE SELF-DRIVE TOUR

8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS

DEPARTS EX MELBOURNE

SAMPLE ITINERARY

Melbourne (2N) - Daylesford (3N) - Grampians (2N)

Australia's second smallest state has a charming, cultured capital and a well-developed dining scene; yet Victoria still retains plenty of untrammeled landscapes teeming with native wildlife.

From vibrant Melbourne, this interesting self-drive itinerary takes you north-west to the acclaimed Lake House (p44) in historic Daylesford, home to an indulgent day spa and highly awarded restaurant. Continue through gold rush country to the Grampians, where your accommodation choices include contemporary DULC and rustic, family-run Meringa Springs (p46). Both provide a brilliant base for explorations of the region's soaring sandstone escarpments, fascinating Aboriginal rock art sites and pretty heritage towns.



Daylesford - Lake House



Picturesque Grampians National Park



CLASSIC TASMANIA



PRIVATE SELF-DRIVE TOUR

6 DAYS/5 NIGHTS

DEPARTS EX HOBART

HIGHLIGHTS

- Hobart, Tasmania's charming historic capital
- Evocative MONA, Museum of Old and New Art
- Port Arthur, the Apple Isle's top tourist attraction
- Eclectic Salamanca Saturday markets
- Photogenic Battery Point
- Wineglass Bay, the Freycinet Peninsula's most photographed attraction
- Stupendous sunsets over the Hazards Mountains
- Plentiful native wildlife including wallabies and wombats
- Seal-strewn Schouten Island
- Ancient Aboriginal middens and fascinating early explorer history

**Meals not listed. Some highlights and activities featured in the sample itinerary may not be included in the sample price. Please contact us for details.*

Tiny Tasmania has a wealth of attractions that belies its size. Hobart, the pocket-sized capital, is packed with exquisite historic architecture and wonderful museums. It is also gateway to Port Arthur, the island's top tourist attraction. This short sojourn also takes in the Freycinet Peninsula, the crown jewel of Tasmania's east coast - a rugged wilderness flanked by dazzling white sands and iridescent turquoise waters.

SAMPLE ITINERARY

Days 1/2 Hobart

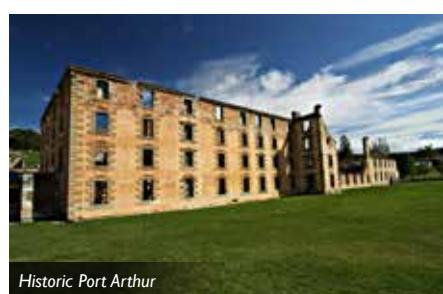
There's plenty of free time to get acquainted with the capital. Accommodation choices reflect the city's quirky charm; The Henry Jones Art Hotel (p47) on the waterfront provides fascinating insight to the island's fruity past, whilst the character-filled Islington Hotel (p47) is one of Hobart's most distinguished addresses. Don't miss a visit to the intriguing Museum of Old and New Art (MONA) or a full day excursion to haunting Port Arthur (both optional).

Days 3-5 Freycinet Peninsula

Leave urban life behind for the pristine Freycinet Peninsula, where Tasmania's most spectacular natural attraction - Wineglass Bay - can be found. Sleeping options here include the highly awarded Saffire Freycinet and Freycinet Lodge, an eco-friendly property in the heart of Freycinet National Park (both p47). There are countless opportunities to swim, snorkel and bush walk, while an optional cruise to Schouten Island provides a chance to see seals and dolphins.

Day 6 Tour ends

Return to Hobart, where your holiday concludes.





Margaret River Cape to Cape Walk

MARGARET RIVER CAPE TO CAPE WALK



**SMALL GROUP TOUR
4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS
DEPARTS EX PERTH**

Discover the stunning Margaret River region on this luxury guided walk whilst staying at an exclusive villa.

Your route weaves past dazzling white beaches, towering limestone cliffs and old-growth karri forests. Swim at "The Aquarium", a secret waterhole, witness a didgeridoo performance, see the famous Cape Naturaliste lighthouse and trek through ancient Boranup Forest. Each night, retire to your luxury villa at Injidup Spa Retreat (p42), a stylish property overlooking the Indian Ocean. There are plentiful opportunities to sample the region's delicious produce and award-winning vintages, with a dinner included at the venerated Cape Lodge Restaurant as well as a meal with matched wines at Wills Domain.



Scenic Rim, Queensland

SCENIC RIM TRAIL



**SMALL GROUP TOUR
4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS
DEPARTS EX BRISBANE**

Take in the tranquillity of Queensland's Scenic Rim on this moderately challenging 4-day accommodated walking adventure.

Starting at the trailhead by the village of Tregony, you'll climb Mount Mitchell, an extinct volcano in Main Range National Park, before descending to Spicers Canopy, a delightful bush camp where dinner awaits. The next day is spent exploring Millar Vale Creek, popular with birdlife and kangaroos, before returning to another mouth-watering meal. On day 3, follow an isolated trail through dense rainforest to reach lofty Spicers Peak Lodge (p36), home to a renowned restaurant. There's time on your final morning for a rejuvenating massage at Spicers signature Spa Anise or a thrilling scenic flight (both optional).



Spicers Canopy Eco-Tent



Arriving at Spicers Peak Lodge



The Arkaba Walk

THE ARKABA WALK



**SMALL GROUP TOUR
4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS
DEPARTS EX ARKABA STATION**

HIGHLIGHTS

- An intimate journey into the South Australian outback
- Visit a wonderful private wildlife conservancy
- See impressive Wilpena Pound
- Spend two nights sleeping under the stars
- Spend the final night in a beautifully restored 19th century homestead
- Carry nothing more than a day pack each day
- Gourmet meals and premium beverages throughout the expedition
- Hot water bucket showers at camp
- Inspiring scenery and pristine wilderness
- Plentiful native wildlife including kangaroos, wallabies and emus

This intimate journey through the ancient Flinders Ranges takes in iconic Australian outback landscapes, a private wildlife conservancy, prolific animal and bird life as well as the impressive Wilpena Pound. Spend two nights slumbering in deluxe swags set up on signature star beds. On your final night, sleep in a beautifully restored 19th century homestead at Arkaba (p41).

SAMPLE ITINERARY

Day 1 Arkaba
Meet your guide at Arkaba homestead and begin walking at Wilpena Pound Resort. Hike to the basin of Wilpena Pound, before descending to your campsite for a well-deserved hot shower and three-course al fresco dinner with wine.

Day 2 Black's Gap Camp to Elder Camp
Cross gurgling creeks and traverse undulating landscapes - today's challenging terrain offers the most scenic views. You might uncover common native species such as emu and kangaroo as you continue on to your second, equally comfortable campsite.

Day 3 Elder Camp to Arkaba
The final leg of your journey takes you to a scenic ridge overlooking the Red Range. Follow picturesque gum-fringed Arkaba Creek all the way back to the heritage homestead, where a celebratory evening meal awaits.

Day 4 Tour ends
After breakfast, there's time for an optional scenic flight or a self-guided stroll to historic Arkaba Woolshed whose walls are etched with names of shearers past. Check out at 11am.



A gourmet picnic lunch - The Arkaba Walk



Signature star beds - The Arkaba Walk



Flinders Ranges wildlife encounter - The Arkaba Walk



Sailing on the open sea - Wineglass Bay Sail Walk

WINEGLASS BAY SAIL WALK



**SMALL GROUP TOUR
4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS
DEPARTS EX HOBART**

HIGHLIGHTS

- A voyage aboard the luxurious 23-metre Lady Eugenie
- Drop anchor at various points along Tasmania's stunning east coast
- Maria Island, home to a historic penal settlement and national park
- The imposing dolomite columns of Bishop & Clerk
- The dramatic sandstone Painted Cliffs
- An Australian fur seal colony at Isle du Phoques
- Stunning Schouten Island
- Shorebirds and native animals such as wombats and echidnas
- Flawless Wineglass Bay
- Exceptional food and wine throughout journey

Combining the adrenaline of exploring breathtaking landscapes on foot with the thrill of being out on open water, this incredible walk takes you aboard the luxurious Lady Eugenie, your home for the next three nights. Cross the Mercury Passage to visit Maria Island, a former penal settlement and home to wonderfully preserved old buildings, a wildlife-filled national park and incredible geological formations. Drop anchor again at Schouten Island, whose surrounding waters are a favourite haunt of Australian fur seals. Your final day is spent around Wineglass Bay, whose flawless contours have earned it worldwide fame.

SAMPLE ITINERARY - SMALL GROUP TOUR

- Day 1 Hobart to Maria Island**
Meet your guide at photographic Battery Point, then board your 23-metre ketch and set sail for Maria Island. Wander the heritage town of Darlington and climb the towering dolomite columns of Bishop & Clerk.
- Day 2 Maria Island to Schouten Island**
Observe the resident seals of Isle du Phoques, before disembarking at Schouten Island. Trek Bear Hill, then simply relax on deck, snorkel or swim.
- Day 3 Schouten Island to Wineglass Bay**
Take the challenging but stunning inland route over mountains or follow an easier but equally gorgeous coastal circuit to Tasmania's most famous natural attraction. There's time for a refreshing dip before tea.
- Day 4 Wineglass Bay to Hobart/Tour ends**
Enjoy a final walk through the dusky pink Hazards Mountains before returning by road to Hobart.



Zodiac transfer - Wineglass Bay Sail Walk



Beachside dining - Wineglass Bay Sail Walk



Wilderness walking - Wineglass Bay Sail Walk



Bay of Fires Lodge Walk

BAY OF FIRES LODGE WALK



**SMALL GROUP TOUR
4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS
DEPARTS EX LAUNCESTON**

Wander through some of Tasmania's most pristine and inspiring environments, led by passionate, knowledgeable guides.

The walk begins at Mt William National Park, home to secluded Forester Beach Camp, where you sleep under canvas for one night.

On day 2, experience the immense solitude of the Bay of Fires as you explore surrounding beaches, sandy dunes and the grassy hinterland. The hike concludes at the stunning Bay of Fires Lodge, your base for the next two nights. The third day is entirely at leisure to enjoy your natural surrounds; rise early for the best bird-watching, kayak or snorkel. There's time for a final swim, short stroll or relaxing spa treatment on day 4 before bidding the lodge farewell.



Bay of Fires Spa - Bay of Fires Lodge Walk



Kayaking Ansons River - Bay of Fires Lodge Walk



Twelve Apostles

TWELVE APOSTLES LODGE WALK



**SMALL GROUP TOUR
4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS
DEPARTS EX TWELVE APOSTLES
WALKING LODGE**

This inspiring walking tour takes you along some of the most beautiful sections of the renowned Great Ocean Walk.

Beginning at Castle Cove, you meander past grass trees and other fascinating native flora en route to picturesque Johanna Beach.

On day 2, expect challenging terrain once past Milanesia Beach - however, the views are worth it. Your third day begins at The Gables lookout and concludes on the banks of the Gellibrand River. The final leg of the trek slowly reveals the majestic Twelve Apostles, with a 10-minute helicopter joyride constituting the grand finale. Bed down each night in an exclusive walkers-only lodge, where you'll find indulgent foot spas and a convivial central dining room.



Twelve Apostles Walking Lodge - Twelve Apostles Lodge Walk



Exploring the coastline - Twelve Apostles Lodge Walk

AUSTRALIAN LUXURY ESCAPES & SHORT-STAY GETAWAYS

Some travellers love long holidays and fitting in as much as possible into their valuable time off. Others prefer shorter, more relaxed getaways, spending the entire duration of their trip in one destination, perhaps at just one individual resort.

On these two pages we've handpicked 12 of the most luxurious short-stay options in a dozen of Australia's most breathtaking destinations and displayed prices for 4 days – ideal for a long weekend away. From exclusive tented camps and acclaimed island resorts overlooking some of Australia's most iconic natural attractions to boutique wilderness lodges and legendary rural restaurant-hotels, we've showcased some of the country's best accommodations for a brief escape here. We can also take care of any required flights and private transfers, so all you have to worry about is what to pack.

Of course if your plan is for more extended explorations of the country – use both these pages for inspiration!

Whether you're honeymooning, holidaying with friends, travelling with family, going solo or simply wanting to see more of your own backyard, we can help create an itinerary that combines Australia's greatest sights, once-in-a-lifetime experiences and mouth-watering cuisine while staying at unforgettable hotels and resorts throughout your journey.

Call our travel consultants to discuss your travel plans, or contact your travel agent. Call us now on 1300 363 302 or e-mail info@awsnfs.com



EMIRATES ONE&ONLY WOLGAN VALLEY RESORT

Blue Mountains - New South Wales

This superb resort in the Blue Mountains takes conservation and comfort to new levels. Take guided walks, 4WD safaris or help plant trees before retiring to your lavish villa, equipped with private pool and fireplace.



PRETTY BEACH HOUSE

Central Coast - New South Wales

This gorgeous Central Coast guesthouse is nestled on the spectacular Bouddi Peninsula. Participate in an indigenous welcome ceremony, indulge in mouth-watering banquets and explore the stunning surrounding coastal rainforest. There's also an indulgent day spa onsite.



CAPELLA

Lord Howe Island - New South Wales

Relaxed sophistication, first-name service and fabulous cuisine are hallmarks of this exclusive Lord Howe Island boutique hotel. Adult mountain bikes, snorkelling gear and backpacks are provided so you can explore this unspoilt paradise at your own pace.



BAMURRU PLAINS

Mary River - Northern Territory

A profusion of bird and wildlife are at the doorstep of this unique Mary River eco-lodge. Nature-based excursions, bush-inspired fare and open-sided safari bungalows guarantee an unparalleled experience of one of Australia's most beautiful wilderness areas.



SILKY OAKS

Daintree Rainforest - Queensland

This luxurious rainforest retreat sits peacefully beside the Daintree's crystalline Mossman River. Spend your time here on guided walks, cycling, canoeing and swimming. Alternatively, relax in the serene day spa, practise yoga or dine in the romantic open-air restaurant.



SAL SALIS

Ningaloo Reef - Western Australia

This remote, beachside safari camp bestows a magical introduction to Western Australia's natural beauty. Snorkel teeming Ningaloo Reef, swim with whale sharks and humpback whales (seasonal) or seek out wallabies amid the dramatic gorges of Cape Range National Park.



LONGITUDE 131°

Uluru - Northern Territory

Positioned in the shadow of Uluru, this ultra-luxury property offers views of the sacred red rock from your bed. Feast beneath the soaring canopy of Dune House or under a billion stars, and enjoy small-group tours such as guided walks around Uluru's folds.



THE LOUISE

Barossa Valley - South Australia

Home to the legendary Appellation restaurant, this lovely property specialises in indulgent accommodation and memorable gourmet experiences in the world-renowned Barossa Valley, including wine-tasting, cooking master classes and breakfasts with wild kangaroos.



LAKE HOUSE

Daylesford - Victoria

Every meal at this enduring hotel on the shores of Lake Daylesford is an unforgettable trip to the farms, paddocks and orchards of rural Australia. An award-winning day spa and sumptuous, art-filled suites invite guests to return time and time again.



QUALIA RESORT

Great Barrier Reef - Queensland

A world-class luxury resort in the Whitsundays, Qualia promises multi-sensory perfection on the Great Barrier Reef. Expect fine dining in stunning surrounds, dreamtime-inspired spa treatments, intuitive service and secluded beach "drop offs", a Qualia specialty.



SOUTHERN OCEAN LODGE

Kangaroo Island - South Australia

A sanctuary of style and comfort on a rugged stretch of coast, this superlative Kangaroo Island property provides iconic accommodation, impressive South Australian cuisine and personalised excursions to the many attractions of Australia's very own Galapagos.



SAFFIRE FREYCINET

Freyenet Peninsula - Tasmania

With a breathtaking location, brilliant restaurant and beautiful modern suites, this celebrated Freycinet Peninsula lodge is bound to exceed expectations. Complimentary activities include visits to Saffire's own Tasmanian devil enclosure and the Freycinet Marine Oyster Farm.

SYDNEY - NEW SOUTH WALES

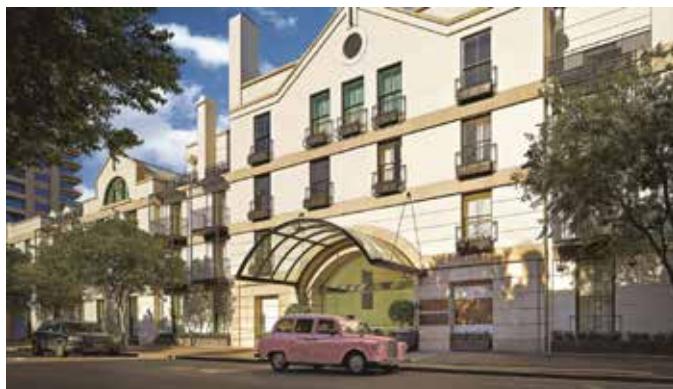
Preferred Hotels & Resorts



FOUR SEASONS HOTEL SYDNEY

Four Seasons hotels worldwide are synonymous with location, style and service, and the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney is no exception.

This particular Four Seasons property has Circular Quay, the Harbour Bridge and Opera House at its doorstep. The 531 elegant guestrooms have all the amenities expected of a five-star global hotel, with luxe extras such as twice-daily housekeeping and Les Clefs d'Or concierge service provided by three dedicated full-time staff. Dine at the hotel's highly rated onsite restaurant or enjoy a cocktail in the sleek wood-panelled bar. The Four Seasons Hotel Sydney is also home to Sydney's largest outdoor pool, a whirlpool, gym-with-a-view as well as an award-winning spa with an extensive treatment menu.



THE LANGHAM, SYDNEY

Everything about The Langham, Sydney is distinct yet discreet, from its secluded The Rocks location to its pink classic London cabs.

Minutes from Darling Harbour and Pitt Street Mall, The Langham, Sydney boasts the largest entry-level rooms of all five-star hotels in the city. Inspired by upscale residences in New York, Paris and London, the high-ceilinged guestrooms are havens of bespoke luxury and the only pet-friendly ones in all of Sydney. Enjoy access to a lavish day spa, state-of-the-art health club, floodlit tennis court and indoor pool, famous for its star-spangled ceiling. Feast at the onsite restaurant, then savour signature afternoon tea in a sunny dining room which transforms into a cocktail bar at sunset.



INTERCONTINENTAL SYDNEY

The gracious InterContinental Sydney is an architectural icon as well as one of Sydney's top luxury hotels since 1985.

Across the road from the Royal Botanic Gardens, the InterContinental Sydney soars some 30 storeys above the beautifully restored 19th century former Treasury Building, whose light-filled atrium now houses reception. The 509 plush rooms at this old-world hotel come with picture windows, a pillow menu and turndown service, with Executive Room guests enjoying all the perks of Club InterContinental, including exclusive access to Sydney's only VIP rooftop lounge with an outdoor terrace overlooking the Harbour Bridge and Opera House. There are a range of dining options onsite along with a heated pool, gym and beauty salon.



BLUE MOUNTAINS & HUNTER VALLEY - NEW SOUTH WALES

Preferred Hotels & Resorts



EMIRATES ONE&ONLY WOLGAN VALLEY

The much lauded Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley Resort offers absolute luxury and total seclusion in the heart of the Australian bush.

This award-winning resort is located in the unspoilt Wolgan Valley, nestled between Wollemi and Blue Mountains national parks. Built around the historic Wallerawang Homestead, the property offers accommodation in freestanding villas, equipped with fireplaces, private temperature-controlled pools and mountain bikes. Enjoy a bite at one of the several dining establishments onsite, before exploring the resort's 7,000 exclusive acres. Bushwalks, 4WD tours, tennis and archery are all popular activities on the pristine grounds while interactive conservation programs provide an opportunity to get your hands dirty at this carbon-neutral family-friendly destination.



SPICERS VINEYARD ESTATE

Fabulous accommodation and fine dining are the hallmarks of any Spicers experience and Spicers Vineyard Estate is no exception.

This romantic rural retreat is an excellent base to explore the wineries of the Hunter Valley or simply a very lovely setting to eat well, rest and rejuvenate. There are just 12 exceedingly comfortable guestrooms here, fitted with open fireplaces, decadent rain showers and jetted tubs. Spicers' signature Spa Anise provides the requisite pampering, while the wonderful onsite restaurant prepares deliciously fresh fare. Wander the peaceful nature trails criss-crossing this 8-acre property, swim in the sparkling outdoor pool or curl up with a good book in a hanging wicker chair, when you aren't visiting the region's many cellar doors.



CENTRAL & SOUTH COAST - NEW SOUTH WALES

Preferred Hotels & Resorts



PRETTY BEACH HOUSE

Perched on an escarpment above a sparkling bay, Pretty Beach House sets the standard for Australian beachside boutique hotels.

Nestled amid towering stands of eucalypts in Bouddi National Park, Pretty Beach House is a haven of seclusion overlooking the eponymous beach. Designed with the quintessential Australian beach house in mind, this intimate property has just four guest pavilions that are ultra-stylish yet utterly relaxed. An all-inclusive tariff ensures you sample the esteemed restaurant's modern Australian fare, served with hand-picked vintages. Also included are mountain biking, a meal at a nearby sister property and participation in a nightly indigenous didgeridoo smoking ceremony. Staff can also arrange additional activities such as cooking classes and golf.



BELLS AT KILLCARE

With its country estate charm, manicured lawns and navy, white and grey palette, Bells at Killcare is the Aussie-Italian incarnation of a beach house in the Hamptons.

Located in the peaceful seaside village of Killcare on the Bouddi Peninsula, Bells at Killcare comprises of one sensational Italian restaurant, a divine day spa and 25 cottages embodying coastal chic. Expect indulgent bedding, snuggly throws and plenty of comfortable spaces to unwind. Don't miss a meal at the much lauded Manfredi at Bells Restaurant, which boasts a custom-built wine cellar. There's morning yoga most Saturdays during high season, while croquet sets and boules kits are available year-round for light exercise. Bushwalkers can also pick up trail maps.



CALABASH BAY LODGE

Experience absolute waterfront living at Calabash Bay Lodge, a unique and exclusive Hawkesbury River retreat accessible only by boat or seaplane.

This ultra-stylish property offers privileged waterfront living without the multi-million dollar price tag. Available only for exclusive use, Calabash Bay Lodge is a four-bedroom luxury holiday home with its own private jetty. Get there by water taxi from Berowra Waters or charter a seaplane from Rose Bay or Palm Beach.

Fishing rods, kayaks and hammocks are provided to enjoy your peaceful natural surroundings. Indoors, a full complement of 21st century comforts is available from Wi-Fi access and a cutting-edge entertainment setup to laundry facilities, barbecue grills and a full entertainer's kitchen.



PAPERBARK CAMP

Conceived on a safari holiday in Africa, Paperbark Camp is a luxury bush camp close to Jervis Bay, often said to have the whitest sand in the world.

Spread out beneath stringy paperbark and fragrant eucalyptus trees, Paperbark Camp is three hours south of Sydney. One of Australia's first luxury camps, this eco-conscious property comprises a dozen canvas-clad structures and a central lodge known as The Gunyah, meaning "the meeting place" in local Aboriginal dialect. Proper beds and an open-air hot water shower are found in every tent, while The Gunyah is the location of power points, Wi-Fi, meals and guest lounge. Bicycles and canoes are available throughout your stay, whilst gourmet breakfasts and delectable dinners are served daily in the treetop dining room.



LORD HOWE ISLAND - NEW SOUTH WALES

Preferred Hotels & Resorts



CAPELLA LODGE

With a stunning view overlooking Lord Howe Island's two highest peaks, Capella Lodge is a stylish retreat set at the edge of tiny, secluded Lovers Beach.

The only hotel south of the island, Capella Lodge is a gorgeous property with just nine bright, airy suites featuring sublime views of Lord Howe's two highest mountains and the adjacent turquoise lagoon. Snorkelling equipment, kayaks and mountain bikes are provided free of charge. Breakfast, dinner and sundowner drinks are included in the tariff, with only the finest, freshest produce from Lord Howe Island and New South Wales used in the preparation of meals. There is a day spa onsite, daily laundry service and an electric buggy available for hire.



ARAJILLA RETREAT

Nestled at the edge of an idyllic lagoon, Arajilla Retreat is a beautiful boutique hotel shaded by a canopy of Kentia palms and banyan trees in the island's north.

Surrounded by subtropical gardens and close to picturesque Old Settlement Beach, family-run Arajilla Retreat offers just 12 beautifully appointed suites, personalised service and the island's only Ayurvedic spa. Bicycles, snorkelling gear and fishing rods are provided free of charge, while guests also enjoy complimentary pre-dinner drinks and canapés before an indulgent three-course dinner at the restaurant. Packed lunches and barbecue hampers are also available should you wish to take a day trip or spread a blanket under swaying palms for a romantic picnic by the sea.



DARWIN, ARNHEM LAND & KAKADU - NORTHERN TERRITORY

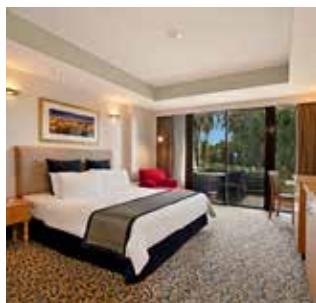
Preferred Hotels & Resorts



SKYCITY

Darwin's premier hotel, SKYCITY Darwin is located within the city's biggest entertainment venue.

Most Top End adventures begin in the capital, so why not consider SKYCITY Darwin? This boutique hotel offers both smartly decorated traditional hotel rooms and resort-style suites, with access to a lagoon pool, lap pool, day spa, fitness centre and private stretch of beach. When you're ready for food and excitement, choose from the plethora of dining and drinking establishments in the adjoining entertainment complex. Alternatively, stroll to the famous open-air Mindil Beach Sunset Markets (Thu/Sun) or chic Cullen Bay Marina, both conveniently close to the property. There are also bicycles for hire should you wish to travel further afield.



CICADA LODGE

A sophisticated eco-friendly property inside Nitmiluk National Park, Cicada Lodge provides a wonderful base to explore the ancient landscape.

Indigenous-owned and managed, the architecturally splendid Cicada Lodge is set on an escarpment overlooking age-old Jawoyn traditional lands. Activities here include helicopter drop-offs at secret waterfalls, rock art gallery visits and scenic flights over neighbouring Kakadu National Park. Nitmiluk's crowning glory is Katherine Gorge, which can be explored on foot or by canoe from your base at this spacious property. The lodge restaurant is licensed and features a unique menu showcasing local foods and bush spices. For recreation, there is an outdoor pool, around which sunset cocktails and canapes are regularly enjoyed.



DAVIDSON'S ARNHEM LAND ECO LODGE

Discover ancient history at sacred Aboriginal sites and in the primordial wilderness surrounding you at Davidson's Arnhem Land Safaris Eco Lodge.

Set in a rugged, exclusively leased concession at Mt Borradaile in Arnhem Land, this low-impact bush lodge sleeps around 40 guests but endeavours to keep numbers down to ensure an intimate wilderness experience. Cabins provide present-day comforts such as walk-in showers and Wi-Fi connectivity amid primordial wilderness. The main lodge is home to a bar, dining room, pool and sundeck. Spend your time here on croc-spotting safaris, cruising billabongs and inspecting prehistoric Aboriginal rock art galleries. Itineraries are relaxed and entirely flexible so you can pack in a lot or do nothing at all.



DARWIN, ARNHEM LAND & KAKADU - NORTHERN TERRITORY

Preferred Hotels & Resorts



BAMURRU PLAINS

A little west of World Heritage-listed Kakadu National Park, Bamurru Plains offers some of Australia's richest wildlife viewing in comfort and style.

Situated on a far-flung, ever-changing floodplain in the Mary River catchment area, Bamurru Plains immerses guests in the Northern Territory's pristine wilderness with minimal impact on the fragile environment. Built at the edge of bushland, the ten eco-luxe bungalows are powered by whisper-quiet solar panels. Bore water is filtered for drinking, whilst linens are organic and soaps entirely chemical free. Camp activities focus on wildlife; observe birdlife from the 6 metre-high Hide, explore waterways by airboat or reel in prized barramundi. Menus feature locally sourced ingredients such as finger limes and macadamia nuts.



WILDMAN WILDERNESS LODGE

Environmentally sensitive Wildman Wilderness Lodge offers a high-end safari experience in the teeming floodplains around the pristine Mary River.

Remote yet easily accessible by road or air, Wildman Wilderness Lodge is located in untouched wilderness about halfway between Darwin and Kakadu. Choose an upscale permanent cabin known as a "Habitat" or opt for a comfortable safari-style canvas-clad tent – both options have proper beds and access to a private ensuite bathroom. Activities are completely dependent on the weather and environment; cruises and airboat excursions take place when water levels are high enough, while walks are possible when bush trails are dry. The property also has a central restaurant, bar, swimming pool and outdoor lounge.



ULURU (AYERS ROCK) - NORTHERN TERRITORY

Preferred Hotels & Resorts



LONGITUDE 131°

Awaken to the sight of majestic Uluru at Longitude 131°, the closest accommodation to Australia's best known geographical formation.

Positioned in the shadow of Uluru, Longitude 131° is the premier base to explore the magical landscapes of Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park and to absorb the isolation of the outback. Tented guest cabins feature floor-to-ceiling windows so the first thing you see upon awakening is Ayers Rock. Décor is a quirky mix of turn-of-the-century explorer and contemporary design, but room amenities are purely 21st century - expect for instance, a sliding wall panel so you can see Uluru as you shower. Central Dune House is where you'll find a restaurant, library, day spa, swimming pool and terrace.



SAILS IN THE DESERT

A modern sanctuary shaded by soaring white canvas, Sails in the Desert offers a cool setting to rest, revive and relax in between explorations of Australia's Red Centre.

Sails in the Desert sits at the gateway to Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. A stay here provides local employment while funding worthwhile community projects. Guests have access to a range of dining outlets in the resort complex, a pool, day spa and free shuttle bus to the town centre. Gain insight into traditional Anangu culture by participating in complimentary activities such as guided walks and cultural dance performances. Follow raised platforms into the national park for different perspectives of the towering monolith or see it from a plane or helicopter.





BRISBANE & THE SCENIC RIM - QUEENSLAND

Preferred Hotels & Resorts



SPICERS BALFOUR

Behind the doors of a classic Queenslander lies Brisbane's best boutique hotel – Spicers Balfour.

Located in hip inner-city New Farm, Spicers Balfour is a seriously fashionable boutique hotel just 15 minutes' walk from Brisbane's CBD. The onsite bistro is popular with locals and guests alike, serving modern Australian fare all day on the property's breezy wraparound veranda, while the pocket-sized rooftop bar offers cocktails, canapés and sweeping views of Story Bridge. Just outside your door are an array of high-end boutiques, upscale eateries, art galleries and trendy cafes. Follow eclectic Brunswick Street all the way to Fortitude Valley famous for its thriving nightlife, or venture into the city for retail therapy along Queen Street Mall.



SPICERS PEAK LODGE

Be on top of the world at Spicers Peak Lodge, Queensland's loftiest mountain retreat.

Perched on a mountaintop overlooking World Heritage-listed Main Range National Park, Spicers Peak Lodge is just two hours from Brisbane but feels like worlds away. Star-gazing, spa treatments and sumptuous dining are de rigueur here, and you can be as active or relaxed as you like. Tariffs include all meals and basic beverages, served in the acclaimed onsite restaurant. The purpose-built day spa tailors treatments to suit the seasons. This property can be incorporated into a multi-day walking itinerary which also includes a night at Spicers Canopy, a luxurious tented camp situated in complete wilderness (see p22).



SUNSHINE COAST - QUEENSLAND

Preferred Hotels & Resorts



SPICERS TAMARIND RETREAT

Spicers Tamarind Retreat is an Asian-inspired sanctum set at the edge of tropical rainforest in the Sunshine Coast's alluring hinterland.

Just a short drive outside Maleny, tranquil Spicers Tamarind Retreat is comprised of 14 standalone villas, a celebrated restaurant, day spa and first rate cooking school. Come here to reconnect with your other half, to find inner peace, to hone your culinary skills or for all of the above. Guest villas are designed to induce calm and solitude, some with a fireplace, others with a hot tub. Close by, you'll find popular Australia Zoo, the newly completed Maleny Golf Course, ethereal Gardners Falls as well as an extensive network of hiking and biking trails.



SPICERS CLOVELLY ESTATE

You'll be transported to Provence at Spicers Clovelly Estate, a lovely French provincial homestead set on 22 acres of beguiling, landscaped gardens.

Shaded by stately magnolias and jacarandas, Spicers Clovelly Estate is an enchanting combination of sophisticated guestrooms, award-winning cuisine and indulgent spa treatments. Enjoy a meal at the celebrated restaurant housed in the main lodge, or indulge in a decadent treatment at the onsite day spa. If you're keen to hone your culinary skills, cooking lessons can be arranged at nearby Spicers Tamarind Retreat. The property's sprawling grounds are all yours to explore, while there are national parks, beautiful beaches and creative towns literally at your doorstep.



GREAT BARRIER REEF - QUEENSLAND

Preferred Hotels & Resorts



QUALIA

A unique Australian expression of luxury, qualia is nestled in the most pristine and secluded position on Hamilton Island. It's a truly special place where everything has been meticulously considered to relax the mind yet completely spoil the senses.

Feel time unravel in exquisitely appointed pavilions that sit in perfect harmony with the rare, natural beauty of the Great Barrier Reef. Once inside, two exclusive restaurants provide the ideal stage to whet the appetite with the fresh and innovative. And for a truly memorable experience step inside Spa qualia, which offers an extensive range of luxurious local and international treatments.



LIZARD ISLAND

The epitome of barefoot luxury, Lizard Island offers idyllic beachside accommodation right on the Great Barrier Reef.

Located on an island sharing its name, Lizard Island offers all-inclusive stays amid coral cays, powdery beaches and a national park teeming with yellow-spotted monitors and seabird nesting sites. The embodiment of relaxed coastal chic, this resort is the Great Barrier Reef's northernmost offering. Its isolation guarantees incomparable snorkelling, diving and fishing. Free activities include tennis and sailing, while picnic hampers can be organised if you're planning a full day out. Lizard Island also has a pool, day spa and kids' club. Mobile coverage is blissfully non-existent, but there is limited Wi-Fi access.



CAIRNS & THE TROPICAL NORTH - QUEENSLAND

Preferred Hotels & Resorts



SILKY OAKS LODGE

Situated at the edge of the World Heritage-listed Daintree National Park, Silky Oaks Lodge is Queensland's most unique rainforest sanctuary.

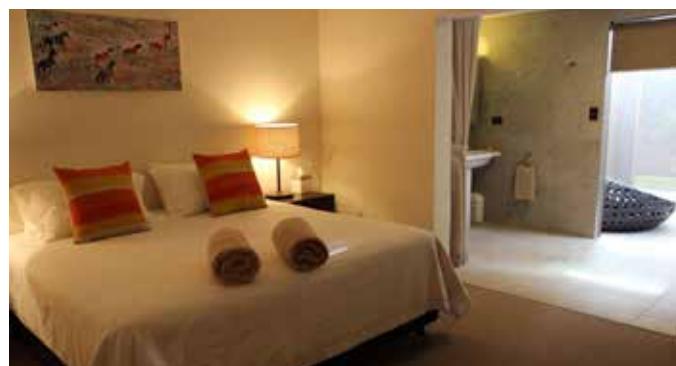
Built on 34 hectares of former farmland, this highly regarded eco-lodge is committed to sustainability and staff have spent the past 15 years replanting native species on its grounds. Guests are housed in standalone retreats and enjoy luxuries such as organic bath products and purified water, provision of which has been carefully designed for minimal impact on the natural surroundings. The adults-only day spa provides superb treatments while the romantic riverside restaurant delivers standout fare. Practise yoga, participate in a guided excursion or grab a map and explore the network of trails leading into the rainforest reserve on your own.



CRYSTALBROOK LODGE

See the great Australian outback in style at Crystalbrook Lodge, where fishing beneath big skies and photographing native wildlife are all in a day's work.

Part of an 85,000 acre working cattle farm, Crystalbrook Lodge offers an unparalleled outback experience to just ten privileged guests at a time. 180km west of Cairns, this utterly remote property is surrounded by sunburnt red soils, lily-choked waterways and endless horizons synonymous with the native Australian bush. Spend your days boating, fishing, kayaking and exploring the wild landscape on foot. There are also opportunities to witness cattle mustering. A guided day trip to the limestone caverns and ancient rock art galleries at nearby Chillagoe completes your expedition.



ADELAIDE & THE BAROSSA VALLEY - SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Preferred Hotels & Resorts



MAYFAIR HOTEL

A welcome addition to the Adelaide luxury hotel scene, the boutique Mayfair Hotel is a top choice for travellers seeking comfort and service in the heart of the city.

Located in a beautifully restored 19th century building at the crossroads of Adelaide's main shopping, dining and entertainment districts, the Mayfair Hotel is literally a short walk to everything. No two guestrooms are the same given the building's heritage character, but all are designed for absolute comfort. The Mayflower Restaurant proudly upholds the city's reputation for good food, serving classic fare and traditional afternoon tea. There is also a classy rooftop bar onsite, as well as a cafe which provides healthy meals in a casual setting.



KINGSFORD HOMESTEAD

Best known for its role as 'Drover's Run' in the hit TV show McLeod's Daughters, Kingsford Homestead is as intriguing as it is romantic.

Commissioned by one of Gawler's earliest settlers, Kingsford Homestead is said to have been carved out of Edinburgh sandstone used as ship's ballast. Many original period features remain, and the seven guest suites are named after people or things connected to the property's history. Expect luxuries such as a pillow menu, designer toiletries and dressing gowns. The cellar door is always open for tastings while special vintages can be purchased. Breakfast and dinner are part of the tariff, as is the homestead's signature outdoor bath experience, where the tub fits two!



THE LOUISE

A brilliant place to begin your explorations of the Barossa Valley, The Louise is all about exquisite accommodation and to-die-for epicurean experiences.

Cloistered amid gnarled grapevines and revered vineyards, The Louise is a hilltop hideaway with just fifteen spacious suites. Complimentary port, fresh fruit and homemade cookies welcome you on arrival, and there are Nespresso machines and tea bags provided for obligatory afternoon cuppas. No stay is complete without a meal at the celebrated onsite restaurant, whose ever-evolving menu advocates seasonal eating. Recreational facilities include a fitness centre, infinity pool and sauna, while a range of personalised activities can be arranged from private wine tastings to cooking classes and breakfast with kangaroos.



FLINDERS RANGES & KANGAROO ISLAND - SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Preferred Hotels & Resorts



ARKABA STATION

Some of the country's best bush walking can be found at historic Arkaba, a 19th century homestead situated in South Australia's Flinders Ranges.

Originally a sheep station, Arkaba is the name of a sprawling wildlife conservancy as well as the historic homestead at its heart, now carefully converted into a romantic boutique hotel. Dining takes place on the homestead terrace, with meals served on an old wool-sorting table. Proceeds from Arkaba go towards wildlife conservation and every aspect of your stay is carefully managed to ensure minimal impact on the fragile ecosystem. Things to do here include guided visits to remote Aboriginal rock art sites, multi-day overland walks and sleep-outs beneath the stars.



SOUTHERN OCEAN LODGE

One of Australia's finest luxury hotels, the Southern Ocean Lodge embodies all the things that make Kangaroo Island the ultimate travel destination.

Carefully constructed to blend into a rugged limestone ridge, Southern Ocean Lodge commands unobstructed views of stunning Hanson Bay and the surrounding wilderness. Life here revolves around the Great Room, whose huge windows and suspended fireplace invite guests to read, relax or refuel while nature's drama unfolds outside. Lavish suites also encourage a connection with the external environment, featuring huge picture windows, free-to-use backpacks and large terraces furnished with day beds. Daily menus place emphasis on excellent local and South Australian produce, while activities highlight attractions such as Kangaroo Island's incredible wildlife.



PERTH & MARGARET RIVER - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Preferred Hotels & Resorts



THE RICHARDSON HOTEL & SPA

The Richardson Hotel & Spa offers comfortable accommodation, fine dining and an award-winning spa in the heart of sunny Perth.

A short walk from Kings Park and the CBD, this understated hotel provides a perfect starting point for Perth explorations. Rooms and suites are amongst the city's largest, equipped with thick terry bathrobes, pillow menus, premium bedding and a minibar. Facilities include a gym, sauna, heated indoor pool and day spa. An array of dining options is available from 24-hour room service to an elegant dinner restaurant popular with locals, whose menu features French, Asian and Australian influences. There is also a classy bar onsite, offering light snacks and a variety of cocktails.



THE TERRACE

Fusing heritage elegance and modern luxury, Perth's Terrace Hotel is a sophisticated choice for visitors seeking a boutique base in the CBD.

Situated in a handsome 19th century heritage property constructed in Federation Queen Anne architectural style, the Terrace Hotel houses some of Perth's most sumptuous guestrooms. Think Egyptian cotton sheets, cutting-edge entertainment systems and black marble bathrooms in combination with Victorian occasional chairs and Oriental-style lacquered armoires. The acclaimed onsite restaurant serves three meals a day, enjoyed in the formal dining room or on the sundrenched terrace, while the bar boasts an extraordinary wine list, an impressive mahogany-panelled counter and crystal chandeliers.



CAPE LODGE

Premium wines and distinguished cuisine place Cape Lodge at the forefront of Margaret River wine country stays.

While the venerated onsite restaurant is the property's biggest drawcard, Cape Lodge's opulent guestrooms also help upkeep its reputation as one of the region's finest establishments. Look forward to artful dishes crafted with organic produce, grain-fed beef and line-caught fish. There are cosy rooms within the main lodge, grand lake or garden-facing suites in separate buildings, as well as an exclusive three-bedroom residence with its own discreet private entry and helipad. Recreational facilities include a day spa, freeform pool and cooking school, where lessons are followed by a convivial long table lunch.



INJIDUP SPA RETREAT

Set at the edge of the Indian Ocean, the secluded, adults-only Injidup Spa Retreat will take your breath away in more ways than one.

Nestled on a spectacular bush-clad escarpment overlooking the water, Injidup Spa Retreat comprises of a peaceful day spa and ten self-contained stylish chalets. Light, bright living spaces open out to timber sundecks complete with barbecue grills, private plunge pools and breathtaking ocean views. Enjoy a selection of breakfast goodies provided on arrival. You can also have gourmet meals delivered each day. This stunning property sits along the renowned Cape-to-Cape Track, and can be incorporated into a splendid multi-day walking itinerary, which covers the most stunning sections of this coastal trail (p22).



THE KIMBERLEY & NINGALOO REEF - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Preferred Hotels & Resorts



EL QUESTRO HOMESTEAD

A glamorous oasis in the remote and rugged Kimberley region, El Questro Homestead is a diamond in the rough.

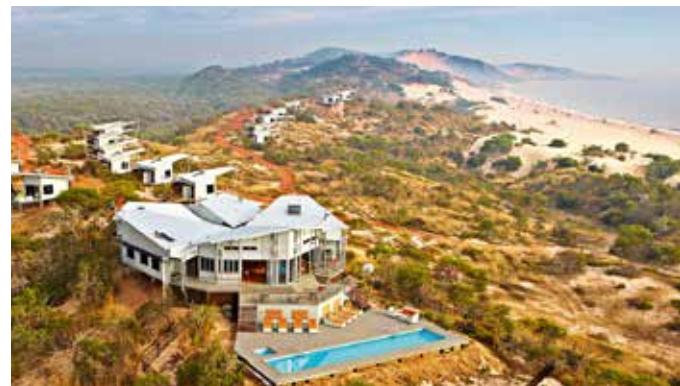
Daintily balanced along the steep sides of the Chamberlain River, isolated El Questro Homestead consists of nine thoughtfully appointed suites, a swimming pool and tennis court, surrounded by a million acres of wilderness.

The nearest major settlement –

Kununurra – is 110km west. After a hearty breakfast, an ordinary day might begin with a walk to scenic Emma Gorge, followed by a swim at Zebedee Springs. A helicopter drop-off at Miri Miri Falls is highly recommended.

Lunch and dinner are social occasions.

At the end of each day, retire to your air-conditioned suite. Rates include all meals and selected guided tours.



BERKELEY RIVER LODGE

Accessible only by float plane or boat, Berkeley River Lodge could very well be Australia's most far-flung luxury getaway.

Sandwiched between sand dunes and the turquoise Timor Sea, Berkeley River Lodge is situated on the Kimberley's unexplored north-east coast. This exclusive beachside property accommodates just 40 guests in total, in glass-fronted villas with panoramic vistas of the surrounding gulf. The focus here is nature and the activities list is as varied as the property's environs. River cruises, fishing, bush walks, helicopter flights and seasonal turtle-viewing are amongst the options available. Dining involves quality ingredients sourced from all over the country; eat at the restaurant, order room service or have the kitchen pack you a portable feast.



TRUE NORTH KIMBERLEY CRUISE

Specially designed to navigate shallow waters, True North is the ideal choice for exploring the untouched rivers, coral reefs and waterfalls along the Kimberley coast.

Aside from having six custom-made expedition boats on board, True North is also the only vessel in the southern hemisphere that carries a helicopter. The sleek chopper is air-conditioned, seats six facing forward and offers a unique perspective of the region. Passengers sleep in luxurious cabins spread over three levels and are accompanied throughout the voyage by knowledgeable naturalists. Fishing for 'sport species' such as barramundi is a highlight, as is onboard fare, crafted fresh daily, featuring sustainable local ingredients.



SAL SALIS

Half-hidden amongst sand dunes in Cape Range National Park, Sal Salis is an eco-friendly entry point to the World Heritage-listed Ningaloo Reef.

A section of Ningaloo's coral fringe is just 100m offshore of Sal Salis, so masks and fins are provided for guests to snorkel as much as they wish. From April to July, whale sharks congregate here and Sal Salis offers a unique opportunity to swim with them. Kayak out to sheltered lagoons or explore the stunning gorge behind the campsite on foot. Turtles come ashore to lay eggs towards the end of the year, while migrating whales are seen from August to October. Expect solar-powered lamps and hot water showers but no other technological distractions.



MELBOURNE & DAYLESFORD - VICTORIA

Preferred Hotels & Resorts



GRAND HYATT MELBOURNE

The gracious Grand Hyatt Melbourne is as distinctive in form as it is in service, style and hospitality at the prestigious top end of Collins Street.

Surrounded by upscale boutiques, the Grand Hyatt Melbourne holds its own with its warmly lit polished stone lobbies, impressive artworks, imposing porte cochere and array of fine dining establishments – a notable feat, given the high calibre of restaurants and bars nearby.

Guestrooms epitomise luxury, with deep-pile carpets, silky Egyptian linen and opulent marble bathrooms. Convenient facilities such as the one-stop fitness centre as well as an impressive 31st floor executive lounge with all-day refreshments and jaw-dropping views will draw you back every time you visit this city.

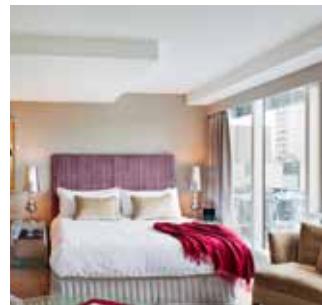


THE BLACKMAN

Off a tree-lined boulevard just outside Melbourne's CBD, The Blackman enjoys a peaceful location while still being close to all the action of the city and the inner bayside suburbs.

Adorned with the works of celebrated artist Charles Blackman, this boutique property has all the facilities of a hotel with the space and amenity of a residential apartment.

Guests have access to a gym, room service and concierge, while other little extras that set The Blackman apart include art tours led by an in-house curator, as well as bicycles, Smart Cars and prams for hire. Pick up a pastry and coffee at the popular ground-floor cafe, or enjoy authentic Italian cuisine at intimate Classico, next to reception.



THE LAKE HOUSE

Set on the tranquil shores of Lake Daylesford, the Lake House is a winning combination of country-style comfort, decadent spa treatments and delectable cuisine.

A collection of 33 unique suites, an excellent restaurant and an avant-garde day spa, the Lake House continues to enthrall guests 30 years on. Spend hours exploring the property and its sprawling grounds; there are plenty of walking trails, a well-tended kitchen garden, a library, cosy lounge and classic movie repository. Recreational amenities include a tennis court, whirlpool and sauna. Guests get priority reservations at the nationally acclaimed Lake House Restaurant, where almost every ingredient is locally grown or sourced. Salus Spa is another must-visit, with its extensive menu of nourishing therapies.



WINE COUNTRY - VICTORIA

Preferred Hotels & Resorts



WOODMAN ESTATE

Renowned for its rural grandeur and traditional English gardens, Woodman Estate is also well known for gracious rural hospitality. A favourite with both visitors to the Mornington Peninsula and locals, Woodman Estate is set on 50-acres of manicured landscaping and cultivated meadows. Accommodation is located within the heritage manor house and in elegant outlying buildings. The property is home to a day spa, lakefront restaurant and a sunny atrium where traditional high tea is served on Sunday afternoons. Guests enjoy a range of recreational facilities including tennis courts, billiards and a rowboat, with farmers markets, vineyards and hot springs at their doorstep.



TUSSIE MUSSIE VINEYARD RETREAT

Leave the worries of city living behind as soon as you enter the wrought iron gates of Tussie Mussie Vineyard Retreat.

This peaceful Mornington Peninsula property offers gorgeous self-catering lodgings set upon a lush private estate reminiscent of a French provincial farm. Choose from three standalone options, all equally romantic and exquisitely decorated. Enjoy convivial spaces to relax or relish meals, including a terrace with its own pizza oven, a sun-drenched furnished veranda and a wonderful al fresco dining area known as "The Long Table". Pick fresh herbs or heirloom vegies from the kitchen garden to supplement your lunch, or lounge on delightful grounds frequented by native birdlife.



CHATEAU YERING

A gracious historic homestead reborn as a five-star boutique hotel, Chateau Yering is a unique place to commence your Yarra Valley explorations.

Built in 1854, the elegant mansion in which this hotel is situated once hosted parties attended by Victorian high society. Decorated in the style of the romantic original building, the 32 suites have charming period features such as four-poster beds, claw-footed tubs and wrought iron fireplaces. All enjoy the luxury of a private modern ensuite. While here, don't miss a fine dining experience at the celebrated Eleonore's Restaurant. Wine tours are practically compulsory in the Yarra Valley, while other attractions in the area include the Healesville Sanctuary and plentiful walking trails.



THE GRAMPIANS - VICTORIA

Preferred Hotels & Resorts



DULC CABINS

Architecturally designed cabins in a splendidly wild setting, DULC takes eco-luxury to a whole new level in Victoria's stunning Grampians.

DULC stands for "Down Under Log Cabins", but its simple name belies the amount of thought and skill poured into the minimalist cabins that contain every conceivable comfort a traveller could need in the Grampian's unspoilt wilderness. Designed to blend into the bush, the three seemingly basic structures contain gas log fires, deep spa baths and quality stainless steel kitchens. Bathing areas are separated from nature by little more than a pane of glass so you can maintain your connection with the outdoors while relaxing in a tub filled with deliciously scented bubbles.



MERINGA SPRINGS

A small, family-owned lodge overlooking the remote Wartook Valley, Meringa Springs is Grampians accommodation at its finest.

Located in an isolated valley with a maximum capacity of just ten guests, Meringa Springs assures a very secluded stay. Guestrooms in this low-slung lodge contain plenty of thoughtful details from ample storage space to heated floors. The family who own this property are Swiss, so expect a menu peppered with European inspirations at the restaurant. There is a sparkling infinity-edge pool overlooking the picturesque grounds, as well as a patio where pre-dinner drinks can be enjoyed. Regional attractions in close proximity include Mackenzie Falls, Lake Wartook and plenty of notable wineries, including the esteemed Norton Estate.



HOBART & FREYCINET PENINSULA - TASMANIA

Preferred Hotels & Resorts



HENRY JONES ART HOTEL

Australia's first dedicated art hotel, The Henry Jones Art Hotel is a masterpiece of contemporary comfort incorporated into a 200-year old refurbished jam warehouse.

The hotel's namesake began his career aged 12 sticking labels onto jam tins, eventually saving enough to buy the factory he worked in. Inside this harbourfront property, you'll find original time-worn roof timbers and elegant Victorian wall panelling. Guestrooms are named after people or things connected to Henry Jones' successful business, while his former home and the ice house have been converted into luxurious suites. Moodily lit artworks adorn walls and corridors throughout the building, with special exhibitions occasionally presented in public spaces.



ISLINGTON HOTEL

Housed in a stately Regency-era property, the Islington Hotel combines nostalgic elements of a bygone era with contemporary comforts we couldn't live without.

Built by a wealthy family in the mid-19th century, the Islington Hotel has long been one of Hobart's most distinguished addresses. This boutique establishment is recognised as one of Tasmania's finest small hotels, with just eleven sumptuous rooms, each unique in design yet united in their celebration of the past. Within the grand main house, you'll find a library and parlour featuring an inviting log fireplace. However, its centrepiece is the two-storey conservatory, which opens out onto a terrace, infinity pool and well-groomed gardens.



SAFFIRE FREYCINET

A constant fixture on both national and global accommodation as well as architecture awards lists, Saffire Freycinet is quite possibly the country's best boutique hotel.

Fabricated with Tasmanian timbers, anti-reflective glass and smooth natural stone, the stingray-shaped Saffire Freycinet is organic in concept. The building's flowing lines reflect the curves of Great Oyster Bay in the foreground, while taking nothing away from the Hazards Mountains backdrop. Complimentary activities at this property include guided walks to Wineglass Bay and canoeing explorations of wildlife-rich Swanport Estuary. Saffire Freycinet also has its own open-range Tasmanian devil enclosure where you can observe the endangered marsupials.



FREYCINET LODGE

The environmentally-sensitive Freycinet Lodge provides an immersive experience of the surrounding national park while leaving little more than footprints on the pristine environment.

Envision a handful of low-slung timber cabins scattered beneath native tea trees, sandwiched by dusky pink peaks on one side and crystalline waters on the other - this is Freycinet Lodge. Comfortable cabins are linked by raised boardwalks to prevent delicate undergrowth from being trampled. Guests here can spend their days exploring white sand beaches and secret coves, before sampling the Freycinet Peninsula's noteworthy wines and deliciously fresh seafood. The lodge is surrounded by phenomenal walking trails, along where you might spot native wildlife.



NEW ZEALAND LUXURY HOLIDAY SUGGESTED ITINERARIES AND PREFERRED RESORTS

Comprised of two islands, New Zealand is a postcard-perfect nation of glistening glaciers, snow-capped mountains, glimmering lakes and white, sandy beaches. With a network of excellent roads and well-maintained facilities, the country is ideal for self-driving holidays.

The two sample itineraries featured in this brochure showcase the unspoilt South Island, where world-class wineries and luxury hotels meet with dramatic landscapes such as the drowned valleys of Marlborough Sound and the rugged foothills of New Zealand's highest mountain, Aoraki Mount Cook. We also mention some of the many activities available in each destination, from fjord cruising to flight-seeing.

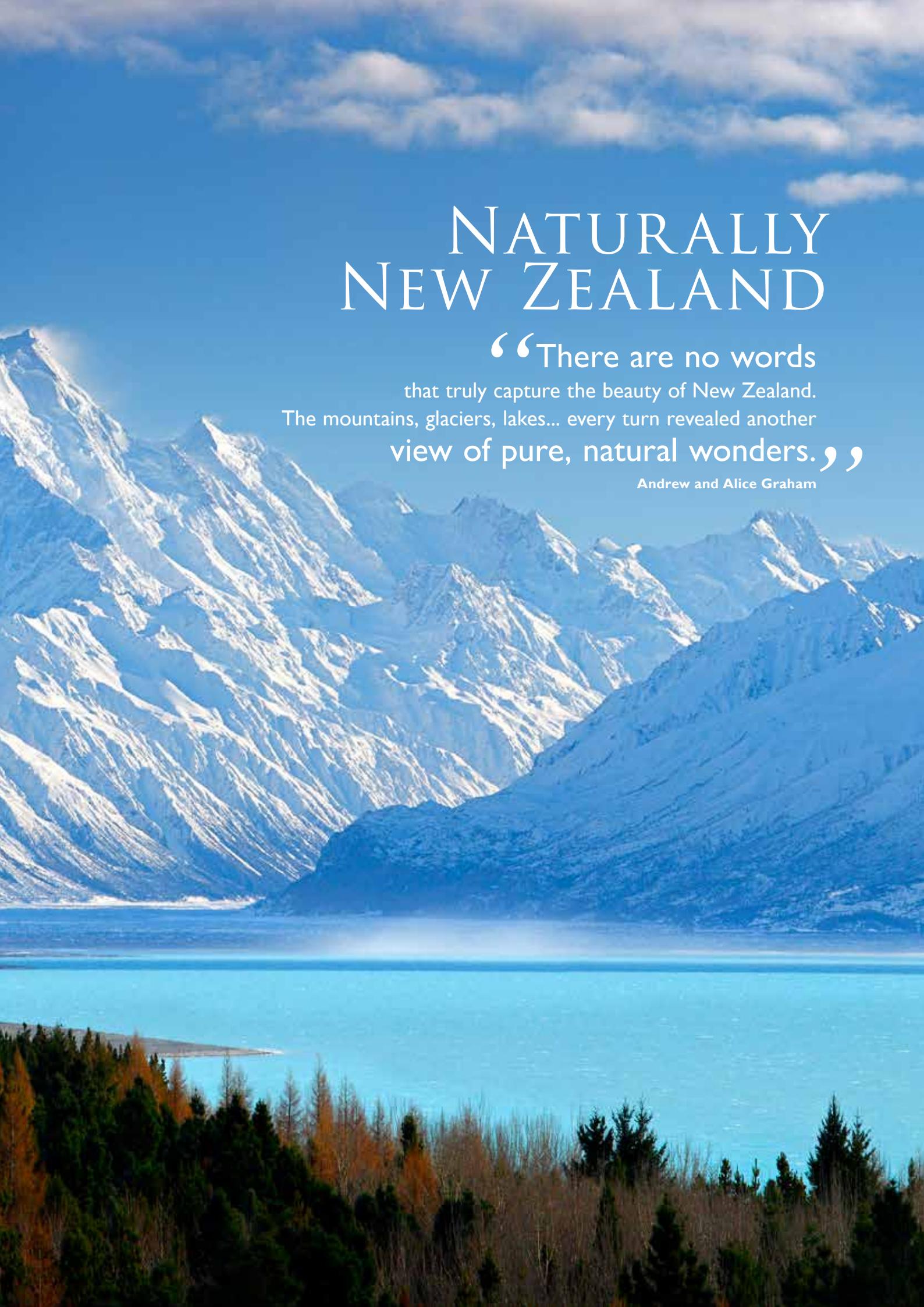
Tell us your travel style, when you plan to go and what your approximate budget is so we can put together a bespoke New Zealand travel itinerary for you. Mix and match driving with flying or skiing with swimming – there's something for everyone in this rich, varied land.

WHEN TO GO

Long days and warm weather make summer ideal for outdoor activity and water sports. Autumn is cool and quiet, with hiking trails all to yourself. Hit popular ski fields in winter, or make tracks along snow-dusted backcountry trails. Spring is quiet on the tourist front, with blossoms and newborn lambs to see.

Call our travel consultants to discuss your travel plans, or contact your travel agent. Call us now on 1300 363 302 or e-mail info@awsnfs.com



A wide-angle photograph of a mountain range. In the foreground, a dark forest of coniferous trees is visible. Beyond them is a large, vibrant turquoise lake. The background is dominated by majestic mountains, their peaks and slopes covered in white snow. The sky above is a clear, pale blue with wispy, white clouds.

NATURALLY NEW ZEALAND

“There are no words
that truly capture the beauty of New Zealand.
The mountains, glaciers, lakes... every turn revealed another
view of pure, natural wonders. , ,

Andrew and Alice Graham

DISCOVER NEW ZEALAND

Known in Maori as ‘Aotearoa’, often translated as ‘Land of the Long White Cloud’, New Zealand differs from neighbouring Australia in that its attractions are easily accessible due to the nation’s compact size.

Similar to the United Kingdom in landmass, New Zealand has just one-fourteenth of the population, mostly residing in and around the North Island capital of Auckland, so visitors enjoy much of the country to themselves.

Proximity to the coast ensures a moderate climate and evenly spread rainfall, with snow in the Southern Alps. While popular South Island has a comprehensive road network, narrow, winding highways and extreme climactic conditions can considerably increase driving times. Our travel consultants can help compose a manageable itinerary with well-spaced stops – crucial for a safe, enjoyable self-driving holiday.

TASMAN SEA



CHRISTCHURCH

South Island's largest urban settlement – Christchurch – is also the country's oldest. Rattled by major earthquakes in 2011, the city was rapidly rebuilt and is now greener and more accessible than ever. Christchurch is home to a major airport, interesting museums and numerous wildlife parks, where you can view the emblematic flightless kiwi.



DUNEDIN

The principal city of Otago, historic Dunedin is packed with prominent heritage buildings including Speight's Brewery, Larnach Castle and the railway station. To the east lies the Otago Peninsula, which shelters the world's only mainland breeding colony of royal albatross, alongside rare species such as yellow-eyed penguins and seals.



QUEENSTOWN

The undisputed adrenalin capital of New Zealand, Queenstown boasts some 220 adventure travel activities from mountain biking and jet boating to bungy jumping and skydiving. Built around idyllic Lake Wakatipu, this picturesque resort town is also a centre for snow sports in winter, with four ski fields in close proximity.



MILFORD SOUND

One of New Zealand's most visited destinations, this remote, steep-sided fjord runs 15km inland from the Tasman Sea, with two permanent waterfalls and dozens of temporary cascades after heavy rain. Most visitors cruise Milford Sound, but flight-seeing is also possible. Seals and dolphins are common, with whales making the odd appearance.



FRANZ JOSEF & MT COOK

Named after an Austrian emperor, the township of Franz Josef is gateway to two of South Island's most famous glaciers, whose ever-changing terrain can be explored on foot and by helicopter. Also known as 'Aoraki', Mount Cook is New Zealand's loftiest summit (3,724m), and is flanked by Tasman, the country's longest glacier.



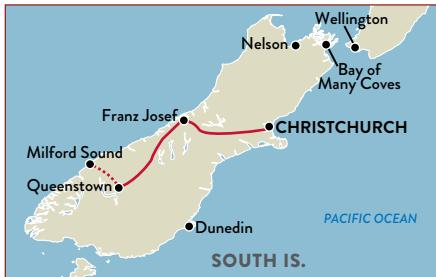
TOP OF THE SOUTH

Best known for its stunning coastline, mild climate and world-famous white wines, this region encompasses the tiny but exquisite Abel Tasman National Park and the drowned valleys of Marlborough Sounds. Stow away to secluded Arthurs Bay or savour acclaimed sauvignon blanc with sustainably caught fresh seafood in historic Nelson, South Island's oldest city.



Milford Sound

SPECTACULAR SOUTHWEST NEW ZEALAND



SELF-DRIVE TOUR 9 DAYS/8 NIGHTS DEPARTS EX CHRISTCHURCH

HIGHLIGHTS

- Christchurch, South Island's lovely capital
- Home of the International Antarctic Centre and various fascinating museums
- Franz Josef Glacier, a glistening natural wonder
- Opportunities for heli-hiking, flightseeing and ice climbing
- Queenstown, New Zealand's premier adrenalin capital
- Endless thrills from skiing and jet-boating to mountain biking
- Milford Sound, a stunning steep-sided fjord
- Cruise amid waterfalls, seals and dolphins
- See the South Island's magnificent scenery
- Immerse yourself in the country's most pristine wildernesses

The southwest of South Island brims with natural splendours such as cerulean lakes, snow-capped mountains and glistening glaciers. This exciting self-drive itinerary takes you from pretty Christchurch over the stunning Southern Alps to the remote Franz Josef Glacier, before stopping in picturesque Queenstown. Cap off the journey with a thrilling flight over Milford Sound, a gorgeous fjord dotted with waterfalls.

SAMPLE ITINERARY

Days 1/2 Christchurch

Pick up your rental car and begin your explorations. The South Island's capital has various museums worth a visit, especially the world-class International Antarctic Centre, where you can experience polar weather.

Days 3/4 Franz Josef Glacier

Traverse jaw-dropping Arthur's Pass in the Southern Alps en route to the remote Franz Josef Glacier on the island's west coast. Optional activities include ice-climbing and flight-seeing.

Days 5-8 Queenstown

Head south to the country's adrenalin capital, passing Mount Cook and Mount Aspiring national parks along the way. This is New Zealand's premier outdoor destination with skiing in winter, water sports in summer and plenty of options in-between. Early on day 8, travel to Milford Sound where you can board a scenic flight or boat to view the gorgeous fjord (not incl.).

Day 9 Tour ends

Drive to Queenstown airport to meet your onward flight. Tour ends.



Scenery outside Queenstown



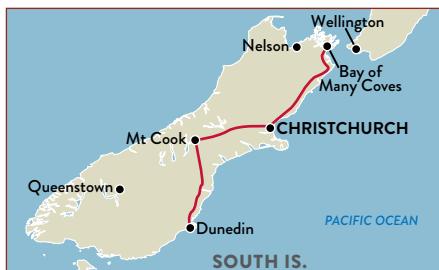
Franz Josef Glacier



Christchurch



SOUTH ISLAND ADVENTURE



**SELF-DRIVE TOUR
9 DAYS/8 NIGHTS
DEPARTS EX DUNEDIN**

HIGHLIGHTS

- Dunedin, with its charming Scottish-Maori heritage
- Beautifully preserved Victorian and Edwardian architecture
- Gateway to the bird-rich Otago Peninsula
- Mount Cook National Park, home of New Zealand's highest peak
- A chance to visit the country's largest glacier
- Endless opportunities for outdoor activity including hiking and kayaking
- Christchurch, South Island's pretty capital
- Museums, parks and opportunities to see the iconic flightless kiwi
- The secluded Bay of Many Coves Resort
- Ample free time to take in gorgeous landscapes and sample regional cuisine

This short but epic self-drive itinerary across the South Island takes in New Zealand's highest peak, its premier wine-producing region and three of its most populated cities. Enjoy unique hotels throughout and plentiful opportunities to experience the stunning landscapes, along with ample time to relax and unwind with a glass of New Zealand's finest in hand.

SAMPLE ITINERARY

Day 1 Dunedin

Collect your rental vehicle and commence your self-drive adventure in charming Dunedin, home to historic Speights Brewery and gateway to the bird-rich Otago Peninsula.

Days 2-4 Mount Cook National Park

Travel to The Hermitage (p54), a unique resort in the Southern Alps overlooking Aoraki Mount Cook, New Zealand's highest peak. Don't miss a visit to the gargantuan Tasman Glacier, whose accelerated calving means there are huge icebergs to be seen in its terminal lake.

Day 5 Christchurch

Hit the road to South Island's lovely capital. If you haven't yet seen the emblematic kiwi, head to Willowbank Wildlife Reserve (not incl).

Days 6-8 Bay of Many Coves

Board a water taxi at Picton to reach the secluded Bay of Many Coves Resort (p54). Explore surrounding Arthurs Bay by kayak or swim with dolphins (extra cost), and be sure to sample the Marlborough region's excellent wines.

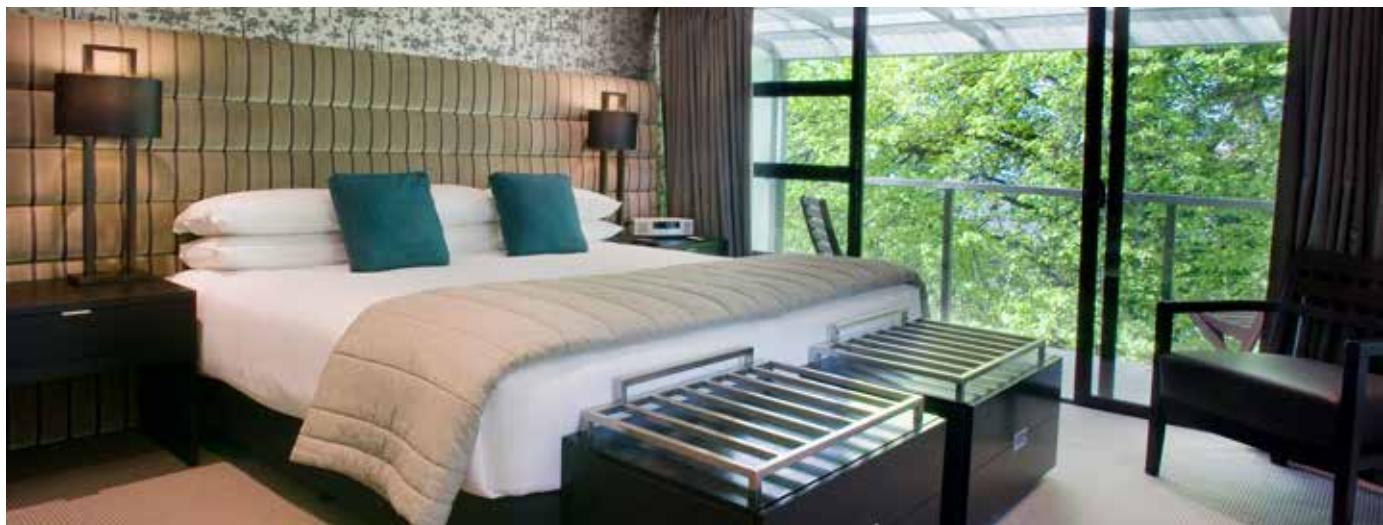
Day 9 Tour ends

Return to Picton where your holiday concludes.



SOUTH ISLAND - NEW ZEALAND

Preferred Hotels & Resorts



THE GEORGE - CHRISTCHURCH

Set in the heart of pretty Christchurch, The George is a multi-award winning hotel with an impressive one-to-one staff to guest ratio.

A haven of modern style and comfort, The George has all the attractions of the South Island capital at its doorstep, including peaceful Hagley Park, the tranquil Avon River and the country's oldest golf course. This boutique hotel offers sumptuous guestrooms, with a range of thoughtful extras that sets it apart from its competitors, such as laptop-sized safes containing power points, an in-room workout channel and complimentary mountain bike hire. Pescatore, the onsite restaurant, is amongst the country's best. Combining classic fare with the latest culinary techniques, dining at this institution is as much about the food as it is about the theatrical service.



MATAKAURI LODGE - QUEENSTOWN

Named after a mythical Maori hero, Matakauri Lodge echoes the perfect proportions of its crisp alpine surrounds.

Just seven minutes by road from youthful, vibrant Queenstown, Matakauri Lodge is by contrast, a place of serene, sybaritic pleasures. A member of the prestigious Relais & Chateaux group, this gorgeous lakeside property houses a decadent day spa and an indulgent restaurant, where fresh, flavourful dishes are masterfully paired with acclaimed New Zealand wines. There are a dozen luxury suites and a glamorous private cottage on the premises, all with sensational views of Lake Wakatipu and the snow-capped Remarkables. Activity options range from relatively sedate golf to high-octane heli-skiing.



TE WAONUI FOREST RETREAT - FRANZ JOSEF

A highly accredited luxury eco-lodge on the South Island's remote, rugged west coast, Te Waonui Forest Retreat offers rest and relaxation a stone's throw from the majestic Franz Josef Glacier.

Awaken to birdsong and mist rising over the rainforest surrounding your room - this tranquil resort was carefully constructed to have minimal impact on its pristine environment.

Guestrooms feature double-glazed windows and passive design for thermal efficiency. Yet there is no compromise on comfort; expect luxurious bedlinens, a pillow menu, entertainment system and minibar. Take advantage of your proximity to mountains, glaciers, rivers and lakes by participating in the many outdoor sports on offer, ranging from heli-hiking to whitewater rafting.



SOUTH ISLAND - NEW ZEALAND

Preferred Hotels & Resorts



DISTINCTION DUNEDIN - DUNEDIN

The city's former post office transformed, Distinction Dunedin remains a vibrant meeting place in the heart of Dunedin.

One of Dunedin's newest hotels, Distinction Dunedin has reaped the benefits of modern construction methods, boasting triple glazed windows, highly insulated walls as well as the latest interior fixtures and fittings.

Enjoy wonderfully quiet rooms, modern streamlined kitchenettes, private laundry facilities and shiny ensuite bathrooms equipped with twin shower heads. Other features include the outstanding Parcels Restaurant, a stylish bar and Distinction's signature health club, Air Fitness. The historic Speights Brewery is a short walk away, while birdlife-rich Otago Peninsula is just under an hour's drive from here.



HERMITAGE HOTEL - MT COOK

In a region of superlatives, The Hermitage somehow still manages to stand out with its upscale accommodations, delightful dining options and unique location at the base of New Zealand's highest mountain.

Established in 1884, The Hermitage has welcomed generations of adventure seekers from New Zealand and worldwide. Situated in the heart of the Southern Alps within Mount Cook National Park, this property is close to lofty Aoraki Mount Cook, the mammoth Tasman Glacier and a wealth of ethereal lakes. Start your adventure with a visit to the Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre located in the hotel's main complex, which features a planetarium and cutting-edge theatre. Outdoor activity options include heli-hiking, glacier explorations and scenic flights.



BAY OF MANY COVES - MARLBOROUGH SOUNDS

The fabulous Bay of Many Coves Resort offers luxe accommodation, an outstanding natural setting, world-class cuisine and personalised service - all characteristics that have earned the property membership to the prestigious Small Luxury Hotels of the World consortium.

Accessible only by water or air, this secluded resort kickstarts every stay with adventure. Cruise or fly into the tranquil lagoon where the Bay of Many Coves Resort is located, where you are welcomed by warm, friendly staff. A fleet of sea kayaks and dinghies are at your disposal, while there is a wide range of guided activities on offer including scenic walks along Queen Charlotte Track, visits to wildlife-rich Motuara Island and opportunities to swim with dolphins.



EDENHOUSE - NELSON

An idyllic lodge nestled in a serene valley 40 minutes outside the port town of Nelson, Edenhouse is the perfect base to explore the sundrenched beaches, wild mountains and award-winning vineyards dotting the "Top of the South".

A gracious boutique residence occupying 48 enchanting acres, Edenhouse comprises just two exquisite suites in the main lodge and a very private standalone cottage. Spend time on the grounds observing prolific native birdlife or savouring delicious meals prepared by Edenhouse's skilful team. Get to know Chilli, your friendly canine Guest Liaison Officer or make acquaintance with the healing hands of the in-house massage therapist. Nearby attractions include wineries, artists' workshops and the magnificent Abel Tasman National Park.

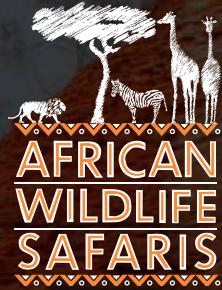




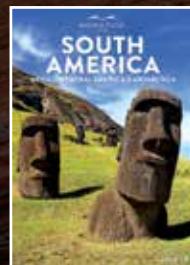
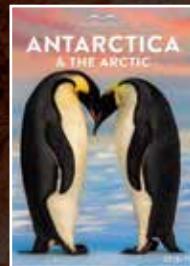
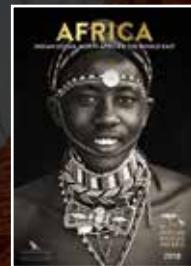


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