

LUXURY LODGES OF AUSTRALIA

Luxury Lodges of Australia is a collection of luxe lodges, destination restaurants with rooms, high-end bush camps and private wildlife conservancies offering unforgettable experiences in some of Australia's most inspiring landscapes.

CAPE LODGE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Located on its own seven-acre vineyard and forty acres of parkland and sweeping gardens in Western Australia's Margaret River wine region, the ocean and beaches nearby, Cape Lodge is like staying at a private country estate, with all the facilities of a world-class boutique hotel. Designed for couples, there are 22 romantically secluded rooms and suites spread around the lake and throughout the estate. The award-winning restaurant is one of Australia's finest dining rooms, boasting a 14,000-bottle cellar and seasonal menu showcasing the best of regional produce.

Access: 3 hour drive from Perth, helicopter transfers or charter flights from Perth available

EL QUESTRO, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The luxury of the El Questro Homestead sits in stark contrast to its rugged Kimberley landscape. Perched on a cliff top overlooking the stunning Chamberlain Gorge, the homestead offers luxury accommodation for just eighteen guests (nine rooms) expeditions and activities with expert guides exploring the 700,000+ acre wilderness park. Take a scenic flight to the World heritage-listed Bungle Bungle Range in Purnululu National Park.

Access: 90 minute drive from Kununurra or access via private airstrip

SAL SALIS, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The fifteen eco-friendly wilderness tents of Sal Salis are just a few steps away from World Heritage-listed Ningaloo Reef, one of the best places in the world to swim with whale sharks (April-July) and humpback whales (August-October). Hidden amongst sand dunes Sal Salis offers more than just a touch of luxe safari style to this remote and beautiful wilderness. This is where the outback meets the reef. The nearby Cape Range National Park has multiple hiking trails, with spectacular views of the range, reef and ocean beyond; and abounds with Australian wildlife, including black-footed rock wallabies.

Access: 1.5 hour drive from Exmouth airport
Seasonal closure: mid-January- mid-March

TRUE NORTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Experience luxury on the water aboard the 18-cabin adventure cruise ship True North. An unbeatable way to discover the rivers, gorges and wilderness of the remote Kimberley coastline of Australia. There is an on-board helicopter and 6 expedition boats for daily adventures. An Australian crew of 20+ provide outstanding insights to this remote land, personalized service and superb dining for a maximum of 36 guests. Spacious cabins offer modern decor, en-suites, satellite telephones and

in-cabin entertainment. Daily activities can include scenic walks, fishing, snorkelling, diving, picnics and cultural events.

Access: Cruises depart Broome or Wyndham (Kununurra)

BAMURRU PLAINS, NORTHERN TERRITORY

Bamurru Plains is an exclusive ten-bungalow camp offering guests a touch of 'wild bush luxury' on the Mary River floodplain, adjacent to Kakadu National Park. Guests experience personalized guided activities, including airboat safaris, crocodile-spotting and bird-watching tours, fishing trips, four-wheel drive safaris, guided bush walks and quad-bike safaris, helicopter flights and guided tours to the rock art galleries of Arnhem Land.

Access: 25 minute flight from Darwin by light aircraft or 3 hour drive from Darwin
Seasonal Closure: 1st December- 31st January
Between Feb and Apr Bamurru Plains operates as a dedicated fishing lodge



LONGITUDE 131°, NORTHERN TERRITORY

Longitude 131° is a gathering of luxury pavilions overlooking the World Heritage-listed Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. Fifteen canopied suites with private balconies have unique views of Uluru and guests can enjoy the awe-inspiring changing colours of the landscape as the sun rises and sets. Dine at Table 131 in the desert under a glittering canopy of stars and take exclusive tours with the lodge's expert guides to discover the spiritual and geographical heart of Australia and indigenous culture of the desert.

Access: complimentary transfers from Ayers Rock Airport

ARKABA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

With a backdrop of the Flinders Ranges, Arkaba's 60,000-acre private wildlife conservancy is home to a wondrous variety of bird and wildlife and a remarkable conservation story. The 1850's Homestead has just five guest rooms, and the real luxury at Arkaba is sharing this spectacular landscape and conservancy with just a

handful of other guests. Take a scenic flight over Wilpena Pound, a guided day or night walk or a ridge-top safari drive to truly experience the outback and its wildlife. The Homestead is also base camp for the Arkaba Walk.

Access: 5 hours drive from Adelaide, 3 hours drive from the Clare Valley wine region, 1.5 hours from Port Augusta

SOUTHERN OCEAN LODGE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Offering a unique fusion of extraordinary location, organic design, nature and sheer understated luxury, Southern Ocean Lodge is the ultimate Kangaroo Island experience. This multi-award winning lodge is regarded amongst the finest in the world. The 21 luxury suites command spectacular views over the Southern Ocean and natural wilderness. All-inclusive rates, first name service and a personalised experiential itinerary allows for extensive exploration of the wonders of the island and close-up wildlife encounters.

Access: Kangaroo Island is a 30-minute flight from Adelaide, or a 90-minute drive from Cape Jervis followed by a 50-minute ferry crossing to Penneshaw

Southern Ocean Lodge is a 50-minute drive from Kingscote airport or 90 minutes from the ferry terminal. Complimentary transfers from Kingscote Airport provided.

THE LOUISE, BAROSSA VALLEY, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The Louise boasts 15 luxuriously appointed suites, each with its own terrace overlooking the surrounding vineyards of the Barossa Valley. The daily Chef's Tasting Menu of the award-winning destination restaurant Appellation has received national and international acclaim and continues to be a magnet for culinary nomads. Private winemaker introductions and other bespoke activities may be arranged for guests to discover the people, produce and sense of place that is The Barossa.

Access: The Louise is an easy one hour drive from Adelaide Airport and CBD



LIZARD ISLAND, QUEENSLAND

Australia's northern-most island resort on the Great Barrier Reef, Lizard Island offers the only accommodation on the island and the quintessential active reef experience. Stay in one of the 40 private suites, The Pavilion or The Villa and enjoy superb cuisine and indulgent spa treatments. Explore the 24 pristine white sand beaches, dive or snorkel amongst coral reefs and brightly coloured tropical fish, dive the world-famous Cod Hole and discover the giant clam garden.

Access: 60 minute flight from Cairns, scheduled and charter flights available

QUALIA, QUEENSLAND

qualia (pronounced kwah-lee-ah), meaning "a collection of deeper sensory experiences" is located on the secluded northern tip of Hamilton Island on the Great Barrier Reef and acclaimed as one of the best luxe resorts in the world.

qualia has a choice of 60 private standalone pavilions, many with plunge pools and natural outdoor showers. Guests can enjoy a wide range of water-based

activities from snorkelling and diving the Great Barrier Reef, to sailing the Whitsunday Islands or playing a round at Australia's only island championship golf course, the Hamilton Island Golf Club.

Access: Hamilton Island is serviced by daily direct flights from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Cairns

SILKY OAKS LODGE, QUEENSLAND

Silky Oaks is set in 80 acres bordering the World Heritage Listed Daintree National Park, overlooking the mineral rich and crystal clear waters of the Mossman River. There are forty rooms and suites with large spa baths and balconies looking out to the river or rainforest. The Silky Oaks Safari offers a guided introduction to this ancient rainforest. Guests can enjoy fine dining, early morning yoga classes, treatments at the Healing Waters Spa, lazy swims in the Billabong, guided or unguided rainforest hikes, day trips to nearby Port Douglas and the Great Barrier Reef, or simply enjoy the stunning forest and river vistas.

Access: Just over an hour drive from Cairns Airport and 20 minutes from Port Douglas

CRYSTALBROOK LODGE, QUEENSLAND

Hidden in the rugged outback of North Queensland, Crystalbrook Lodge, is part of an historic 85,000-acre working cattle station. Catering for just 10 guests in 5 courtyard suites the lodge is an outback oasis of luxury perched over the spectacular 300-acre freshwater Crystalbrook Lake, which acts as a magnet for bird and wildlife. The lodge offers activities for guests from hiking trails, scenic helicopter flights, fishing, bird-watching, photography, all within Crystalbrook station, or excursions to nearby outback town Chillagoe for one of the best pub hamburgers around.

Access: 3 hours drive (4WD) or 45 minute flight from Cairns, helicopter scenic flight from Cairns, Port Douglas or other destinations also available



SPICERS PEAK LODGE, QUEENSLAND

With endless views, Spicers Peak Lodge is Queensland's highest non-alpine mountain lodge, located on 8000-acres of private conservation land, and surrounded by the World Heritage-listed Main Range National Park. Stay in one of the ten suites, or one of two private lodges, each with its own infinity spa looking out into the Australian bush. Activities at the lodge include bushwalking or mountain biking, guided discovery 4WD expeditions across the ridge-tops, treatments at the Spa Anise, and outstanding dining at the much-awarded Spicers Peak restaurant.

Access: 90 minutes drive from Brisbane and 2 hours from the Gold Coast

EMIRATES ONE&ONLY WOLGAN VALLEY RESORT AND SPA, NEW SOUTH WALES

Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley Resort and Spa is located within its own 7000-acre private conservation and wildlife reserve, between two national parks in the spectacular bush setting of the World Heritage-listed Greater Blue Mountains. The lodge has 40 individual luxury villas each with a private swimming pool, distinctive regional dining, and standalone Spa. Guests enjoy a range of nature-based activities including nature walks, wildlife spotting and horse riding. All guests may join conservation hour during their stay, to plant a tree, or undertake other conservation-based activities.

Access: Less than 3 hours by road from Sydney. Helicopter transfers also available.

CAPELLA LODGE, LORD HOWE ISLAND, NEW SOUTH WALES

Lord Howe is a 'treasure island' lost in time, a pristine natural environment of rugged volcanic peaks, lush forests awash

with rare plants and birds and serene turquoise lagoons home to a kaleidoscope of marine life.

Capella Lodge has nine contemporary beach-luxe suites overlooking Lord Howe's romantic Lovers Bay, with spectacular views of the surrounding ocean and the island's two defining mountains – Gower and Lidgbird. Dining in the Lodge Restaurant showcases a bounty of local seafood and fresh regional produce. Guests can explore rainforest tracks, white-sand beaches, rare wildlife endemic to this World Heritage listed island, and swim, snorkel, dive, kayak or observe via glass-bottom boat the world's southernmost coral reef. The guided-only day hike up Mount Gower is regarded as one of Australia's most challenging and rewarding day hikes.

Access: 2 hours flight from Sydney or Brisbane

PRETTY BEACH HOUSE, NEW SOUTH WALES

Offering a new style of luxury, the exclusive Pretty Beach House has just four, one-bedroom pavilions on the seven and a half-acre property, with guests experiencing all-inclusive, personalised butler service and a superb food programme designed by acclaimed chef Stefano Manfredi. Nestled into the escarpment, high above Pretty Beach on the NSW Bouddi Peninsula, just north of Sydney, guests will discover private beaches and a tranquil coastal bush setting. Enjoy guided bushwalks, mountain-biking, aquatic adventure, spa treatments and cooking classes, and a beautiful welcome to place smoking ceremony on the night of arrival and stories shared by a local indigenous leader.

Access: 90 minutes drive north of Sydney or 20 minute seaplane or helicopter flight

LAKE HOUSE, VICTORIA

Just 90 minutes from Melbourne, the Lake House sits on the idyllic Lake Daylesford, in the heart of Victoria's Spa Country. Boasting one of Australia's most revered regional restaurants Lake House is at the heart of modern Australian cuisine. The Lake House Cooking School runs a regular program of hands on cooking classes and expeditions with revered chefs from around Australia and the globe. The lodge's 35 rooms are individually furnished with original artworks from this culturally rich region. Artists' studios, boutique day spas and its healing mineral springs, gives Daylesford its sophisticated bohemian feel.

Access: 90 minute drive from Melbourne

SAFFIRE, TASMANIA

Saffire blends barefoot luxury with the breathtaking natural beauty of the Hazards Mountains and pristine waters of Great Oyster Bay and the Freycinet Peninsula. Featuring twenty luxurious suites and a day spa, Saffire is a celebration of the art of service, wellbeing, nature and local culinary delights. Hike in the Freycinet National Park, visit Saffire's Tasmanian Devil reserve, kayak, fish, go bird-watching or don waders for a unique way to discover the delicacy of natural oysters.

Access: 2 ½ hours scenic drive from Hobart and less than 2 hour drive from Launceston

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