



LUXURY  
LODGES  
OF AUSTRALIA



# Luxury Lodges of Australia

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

spa treatments, retreat to your own exclusive piece of luxury in the Outback.

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

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

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

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





# Bamurru Plains

Bamurru Plains on the Mary River floodplains is Australia's answer to the Okavango Delta. These coastal floodplains are home to prolific bird and wildlife, whilst nearby Kakadu and Arnhem Land are the heartland of Australia's indigenous culture. This is the setting for a mesmerising wilderness experience.

Nine safari suites blend seamlessly with the surrounding bush and focus on key luxury comforts: a supremely comfortable bed, innovative cuisine and premium wines. Bamurru Plains deliberately tries not to be a typical luxury hotel room in the bush, but a haven from which to closely connect with a unique Top End wilderness.

Bamurru Plains offers one of Australia's richest wildlife experiences: tens of thousands of Magpie Geese mingle with kites, egrets, herons and buffalo on the floodplain. Kookaburras, parrots, cockatoos and Agile Wallabies inhabit the fringing woodlands. Bamurru's expert guides offer exhilarating airboat trips on the floodplains, fishing trips, four-wheel drive safaris, scenic helicopter flights, and tours to the rock art galleries of Arnhem Land.

In the heat of the day, relax in the pool looking out over the floodplains as buffalo wallow. In the evening sit back with a sundowner drink and enjoy the soft 'Wild Bush Luxury' touches. Bamurru Plains lodge and 300km<sup>2</sup> of country are exclusively for in-house guests, assuring a quiet, privileged outback experience.

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



**Bamurru Plains**  
Top End  
Northern Territory

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**BAMURRU PLAINS**

Wild Bush Luxury







# Capella Lodge

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Lord Howe Island  
New South Wales  
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# Cape Lodge

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

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

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

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

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

- Easily one of the best meals we've had.
- Ever. Anywhere. A Margaret River must.
- **The Robb Report**

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Margaret River  
Western Australia

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# El Questro Homestead

El Questro Homestead is an outstanding blend of remote regional hospitality and the exploration of the beautiful outback wilderness landscape of the Kimberley region of Western Australia. El Questro Wilderness Park is one million acres in size and really is one of the world's last true frontiers with rugged sandstone ranges, gorges, waterfalls and abundant wildlife.

At the heart of the property lies El Questro Homestead, a boutique oasis, perched atop a cliff with birds-eye views of The Chamberlain River. It is private, understated, exclusive.

With one million acres to explore, the extensive experiences menu is key to the Homestead offering and includes guided drives, bush, culture and nature tours, bird-watching, gorge hikes, swimming at pristine waterfalls and rock pools, scenic flights, remote picnics and fishing excursions. This is personalised and intimate touring with knowledgeable guides.

After exploring this dramatic land of extremes, guests may soak in the thermal Zebedee Springs, curl up under an ancient Boab tree with a book, or simply join the local wallaby population and lounge in the shade. The Homestead is renowned for serving premium cuisine in dramatic locations, from a secluded cliff top table to the Homestead's spacious verandas.

The Homestead is an easy 90-minute drive from the nearest town of Kununurra, or may be accessed via private airstrip. It offers six suites and three Cliff Side Retreats, hosting a maximum of 18 guests at any time.

- El Questro Homestead is certainly the most
- covetable getaway in The Kimberley.
- A stay here is all you need to provide you
- with an awe-inspiring life experience.
- **Elisabeth Knowles, Australian Traveller Magazine**

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# Lake House

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

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

Included in Tatler's 101 Best Hotels in the World list for 2012, Lake House is a popular haunt for culinary nomads. It boasts one of Australia's top restaurants and a New York Wine Spectator award winning wine list of some 10,000 bottles. The menu offers modern Australian cuisine paying homage to the region's excellent seasonal produce.

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

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

- ...Wolf-Tasker understands that haute cuisine is
- best achieved with haute ingredients, and that
- when you marry technical accomplishment to
- an understanding of the essence of flavour,
- you've got yourself one helluva plate of food.
- **The Weekend Australian Magazine A-List**
- **50 Great Australian Restaurants**

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# Lizard Island

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

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

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

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

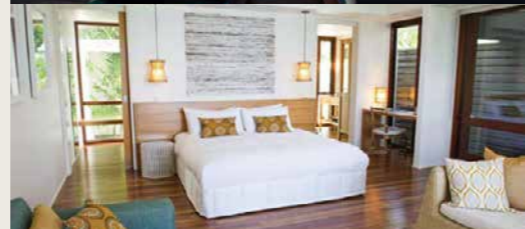
- This is really, seriously, died-and-gone-to-heaven
- fantastic. The scenery, the beach, the rooms,
- the food, the heat....Sunset Point Villas have
- the view, but it's a clean, cool, Scandinavian
- styled Anchor Bay Suite you want.

• **Australian Gourmet Traveller**

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Great Barrier Reef  
Queensland

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# Longitude 131°

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

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

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

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

Longitude 131° - an amazing experience of discovery.

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

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Ayers Rock (Uluru)  
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# Pretty Beach House

An extraordinary, quintessentially Australian, super sophisticated guest house, perched high on the escarpment at Pretty Beach, on the New South Wales Bouddi Peninsula. Just 100 kilometres north of Sydney, Pretty Beach House offers a new style of pavilion accommodation with all inclusive rates and around the clock butler service.

Guests arrive at the top of the steep winding driveway and discover a forest of ancient angophora eucalypts leading to the main guesthouse and atrium dining room, which opens to the infinity pool deck and sparkling water views. Surrounding this sanctuary are three private pavilions, each with its own heated plunge pool, lounge areas, outdoor day beds and generous private decks. By appointment, a personalized in house Spa treatment service is available for massage and beauty treatments in the privacy of each pavilion.

Guests experience exceptional dining under the guidance of one of Australia's most celebrated chefs, Italian born Stefano Manfredi. The main house is the centre of activity, with seasonal daily menus, morning and afternoon teas provided by Manfredi's expert team. Recognised internationally as a master of modern Italian cuisine, Manfredi has influenced the way we eat in Australia since first opening The Restaurant Manfredi in 1983. With chefs always on hand, guests can learn the secrets of the Manfredi kitchen using locally harvested seasonal produce. Hands on private cooking classes can be arranged with appropriate notice.

The serene Australian coastal bush setting at Pretty Beach House offers rest and relaxation, however it can also become the centre of a full expedition experience. Excursions can be as simple as a guided bush walk with many well-marked coastal trails in the surrounding Bouddi National Park. Tailored expeditions aboard the 'Pretty Beach' 38 foot Cabo Sports Cruiser can be pre-arranged incorporating game fishing, leisurely sight-seeing and picnics or transfers along the coast to and from Sydney.

- A Love Nest in the Treetops...The exclusive Pretty Beach House,
- tucked away in a bush paradise is perfect for romance.
- **Belinda Kontominas, Travel Weekender, The Sun Herald**

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# qualia

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

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

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

Facilities include two serene pools, a fitness centre, a library, private dining room, two bars and restaurants exclusive to in-house guests, offering fine, fresh and innovative food.

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

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

- This utopia sits in sublime isolation on the
- northern-most tip of Hamilton Island in the
- Whitsundays, overlooking the Coral Sea.
- **Condé Nast Traveller who named**
- **qualia 'Best Resort in the World' in the**
- **2012 Reader's Choice Awards**

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# Saffire

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

• **Bill Tikos, The Coolhunter online guru**

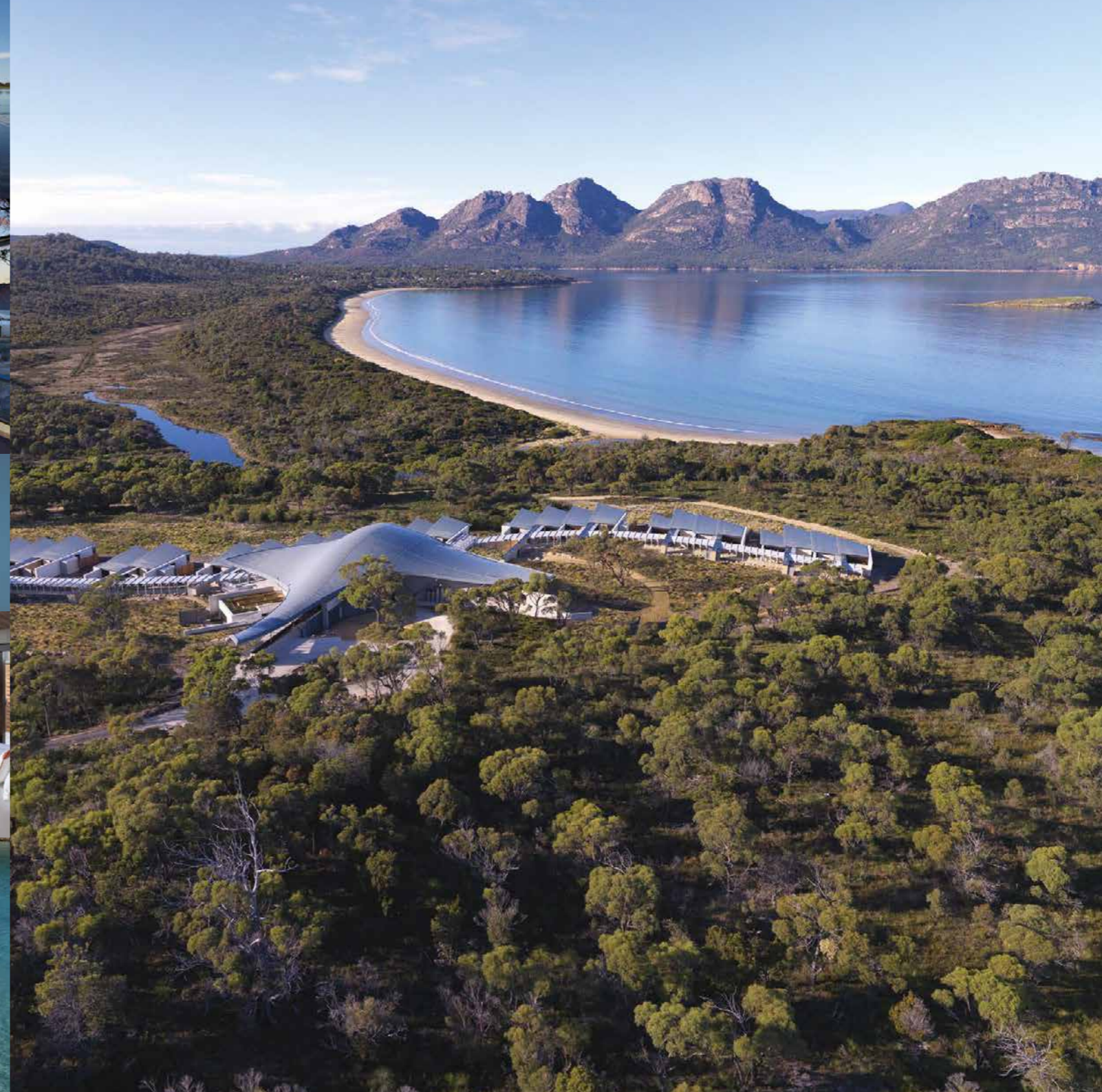
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**Saffire**  
FREYCINET







# Sal Salis

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

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

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

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

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

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Ningaloo Reef  
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**SAL SALIS**  
NINGALOO REEF  
Wild Bush Luxury







# Silky Oaks Lodge

Silky Oaks Lodge is located in a stunning riverside location adjoining the oldest living rainforests the World Heritage listed Daintree National Park. The modernised and elegant Far North Queensland styled lodge offers ecological and culturally sensitive experiences, adventure or indulgent leisure. The surrounding region is diverse featuring lush tropical rainforests, vast savannahs, lava caves, unique river excursions as well as the nearby Great Barrier Reef. Just over an hour drive from Cairns Airport and 20 minutes from Port Douglas, the journey by road takes in the gorgeous scenery of sealed coastal road meandering along deserted beach vistas and the sparkling waters of the Coral Sea.

Located close to the Mossman Gorge and its indigenous experiences including the Dreamtime Walk, the activities at the Lodge itself range from hiking trails, river swimming, paddling, canoeing, snorkelling, picnicking, biking excursions, guided bird walks and yoga by the river. There are thirty six designer furnished lodges with large spa baths and balconies ranging from the Billabong Suites and Family Retreat to River and Treehouses set in 80 acres of grounds adjoining The Daintree National Park.

The Treehouse Restaurant under the direction of executive chef Laurent Pedermay presents discerning diners with an exciting menu using high quality locally sourced produce. The mineral rich waters of the river provide an inspiration for the Healing Waters Spa and a wide range of treatments using the luxurious organic Sodashi products enabling a perfect therapeutic escape and total relaxation.

“There is no question of being impervious to the environment here. The lodge borders The Daintree National Park, home to 74 species of mammals, twice as many types of reptiles and amphibians, and 330 kinds of birds... It's a companionable destination of appropriate luxury and lots of creature comforts...” **Susan Kurosawa, Wish Magazine.**

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The Daintree  
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# Southern Ocean Lodge

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

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

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

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

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

- At Southern Ocean Lodge the mix of fabulousness and nature
- finds new frisson...It's bold, it's progressive, it's queen of the
- wilderness wonderland. Southern Ocean Lodge is really a pair
- of cool, calm binoculars focused on an astonishing place.
- **Melinda Stevens, Travel Editor announces Tatler 'Hotel**
- **of the Year' Winner, Southern Ocean Lodge**

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# Spicers Peak Lodge

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# The Louise

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

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

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

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

- It is bold gastronomic statements like these
- that inspire foodies to fly in from Australia,
- Japan and the United States to stay at The
- Louise and sample the food at Appellation.
- **Vinod Advani, MW Magazine**

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# True North

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# Wolgan Valley

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

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

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

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

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

- What can we say? Beautiful, and brainy, too — the world’s
- first carbonzero resort, which loses nothing to hairshirtery
- and gains everything in a real and profound engagement
- with its environment. And did we mention the staff? Going
- above and beyond the call of duty, they’re a great team full
- of personality and passion for their secret inland island.
- **Cate Blanchett & Andrew Upton, Mr and Mrs Smith review**

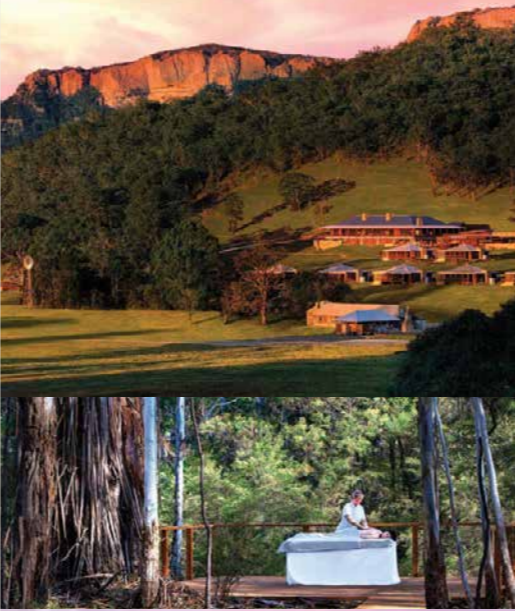
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# Australia's National Landscapes: a spectacular collection of nature's finest work.

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

Australia's National Landscapes is a collection of our most cherished national parks and their surrounds (many of which include World Heritage listed sites). They are places which offer exceptional experiences in breathtaking environments. Identified to help you discover the richness of our country.

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

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

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



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# Plan your journey

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

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

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

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



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