

AUSTRALIA

HOROSCOPE
SPECIAL
SUSAN MILLER
FORECASTS
YOUR YEAR
AHEAD

January 2016

THE BEST
BEAUTY
PRODUCTS
ON EARTH
RIGHT NOW

(*& you can win them!*)
TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLY. SEE P147 FOR DETAILS.

**Jessica
Marais**
*in fame,
family &
new beginnings*

WHAT
YOU NEED
TO KNOW
IN 2016

EVERYTHING TO DO,
SEE, BUY, DRINK
& MORE!

WILL YOU
EVER BE
TRULY
HAPPY?

PLUS: THE
BS-FREE GUIDE
TO TRYING

fresh-start

FASHION

THE 9 ESSENTIAL WARDROBE UPDATES

FOR YOUR MOST STYLISH YEAR YET

\$8.50
\$9.20 (inc GST)



HIP HOTEL

southern ocean lodge



It may be in remote surrounds, but this *Kangaroo Island* stay offers blissful luxury and a happy hunting ground for gourmet geeks

WILD THINGS

If you're less beach bum, more winter bunny, forgo summer dips in the island's turquoise beaches and time your visit during the cooler months so you can visit Seal Bay, Australia's third-largest colony of sea lions. This is when the residents are at their friskiest – and you'll melt in a puddle over the adorable saucer-eyed pups. The island is dotted with its namesake fauna – a subspecies called the sooty kangaroo – plus keep your eyes peeled for koalas and echidnas.

WORDS: NATALIE REEVES
PHOTOGRAPHY: GETTY IMAGES

GRUB CRAWL

A heads-up to foodies: Southern Ocean Lodge is the perfect base for providore hopping. Crumpet fiends can stock up on raw, organic Liguarian honey at Island Beehive and seafood fetishists should make a shucking pit-stop at The Oyster Farm Shop. Kangaroo Island is also a mecca for lovers of a tippie: pimp up your home cocktail trolley with Kangaroo Island Spirits' gin, flavoured with native juniper.

↑ island-beehive.com.au; kispirits.com.au



FREE SPIRIT

It may be miles from the nearest pub but fear not: you'll still spend quality time at the Lodge's jaw-dropping (open) bar, lined with glittering bottles of top-shelf drops. Sink back in furniture created by Adelaide designer Khai Liew and sip an "Old Rowley" shiraz grenache viognier blend from local vineyard The Islander, or a cocktail made from Baillies 9, a bespoke gin created for the Lodge by Kangaroo Island Spirits.

SUITE TALK

Sunken lounges, open fireplaces, limestone feature walls... the 21 luxe suites, designed by South Australian architect Max Pritchard, make you feel like you've stepped onto an aching chic '60s film set (but with high-tech touches). Our pick: the Osprey Pavilion with its private plunge spa and granite bathtub (below). Room tariffs also include all delicious meals, from buttermilk pancakes at breakfast to dinner choices such as petite king crab salad or house-made gnocchi infused with samphire, a salty native plant.



TRANQUIL TIME

Even the most jaded spa snob will have excitement butterflies over the Southern Spa, perched on top of limestone cliffs and reached via a boardwalk leading up from the Lodge (below). Try out their latest treatment, the youth-boosting 90-minute Dihlbi Bio Active Facial with Kakadu plum and native banksia and fragonia flowers, while you listen to the soundtrack of ocean waves. Top it off with a session in the chill lounge and steam room.

Rooms start from \$1,100 twin share including all meals, an open bar, signature experiences and airport transfers; southernoceanlodge.com.au

