A COLLECTION OF INDEPENDENT LUXURY LODGES AND CAMPS
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MOST INSPIRING AND EXTRAORDINARY LOCATIONS
Luxury Lodges of Australia

A collection of independent luxury lodges and camps offering unforgettable experiences in Australia’s most inspiring and extraordinary locations. Australia’s luxury lodge destinations are exclusive by virtue of their access to unique locations, people and experiences, and the small number of guests they accommodate at any one time. Australia’s sun, sand, diverse landscapes and wide open spaces are luxuries of an increasingly rare kind. The experiences offered by the lodges represent a new style of distinctively Australian, elegant and experiential luxury.

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

Australia now boasts a critical mass of experience-based luxury properties to appeal to upscale global travellers and adventure seekers. Formed in 2010, Luxury Lodges of Australia is a membership association offering a collective voice for these lodges and camps. It is a central point of reference for anyone searching for high-end Australian travel experiences.

The lodges in this collection are independently owned and operated. But this is no ordinary hotel ‘group’. This is a collection of like-minded entrepreneurs, each passionate enough about a unique region of Australia to invest deeply in creating the kind of upscale but intimate lodging and bespoke experiences they know sophisticated global travellers seek.

Each lodge has signature experiences and activities to showcase the special aspects of its region – pristine natural landscapes, wildlife, indigenous heritage, nature, food and wine and more. It is these experiences that define the new Australian luxury and showcase Australia’s extraordinary diversity. There is particular focus on signature experiences that delve into the rich and diverse food and wine culture of Australia. Collectively, they represent a new style of distinctively Australian casual elegance and luxury.

The lodges are all about delivering a sense of place and connecting guests to their region. It is not about how much the same the lodges are, but how different, and how they reflect the diversity and authenticity of the Australian experience – whether it be coastal, desert, reef, island or wilderness lodges, luxe outback camps, vineyard retreats or culinary destinations.

The lodges are so much more than just a place to stay. These are destinations with great appeal for the often time-poor, experience-seeking travellers for whom time-out and a genuine, memorable, often life-changing experience, is the real luxury.

For anyone who thinks they know Australia, but haven’t visited recently, or at all, take note. The Australian travel landscape has come of age. This vast continent has seen the creation of a new breed of exceptional lodges and camps in some of its most beautiful and uniquely Australian regions.
Arkaba

An ancient landscape moulded by millions of years of geological activity, the Ikara-Flinders Ranges offers some of Australia’s most striking outback scenery. Arkaba’s former sheep station turned thriving wildlife conservancy is home to a wondrous variety of bird and wildlife. The real luxury at Arkaba comes in the privilege of sharing this spectacular 60,000 acre private conservancy with just ten guests.

Arkaba’s homestead pays homage to a rich pastoral heritage in a style that is rustic chic and utterly exclusive. The homestead’s five rooms provide an oasis of comfort and style amidst a harsh and rugged landscape, where guests enjoy a taste of classic Australian country hospitality on a fully hosted, expertly guided Wild Bush Luxury experience in the outback.

Bush walks take you on a visible journey through time among creek beds riveted with seemingly immortal River Red Gums. Safari drives reveal craggy sandstone bluffs and the beauty of prehistoric mountain ranges. Track native wildlife with one of Arkaba’s conservationists or take a walk with one of the first inhabitants, the Adnamatna people, who have a connection with the land that emanates long before any European explorers or settlers appeared. Take a scenic flight over the ancient raptuents of Wilpena Pound and the salt pans of Lake Torrens or embrace your inner explorer and Heli-Hike along the spine of Arkaba’s rainbow-hued Elder Range. Swag out under star studded skies on an overnight Heli-Swag experience or enjoy a sundowner drink atop your own mountain as the sun sinks behind one of the world’s most incredible land formations: Wilpena Pound.

Arkaba
Ikara-Flinders Ranges, South Australia
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Wild Bush Luxury Experiences
wildbushluxury

Arkaba

Nearest domestic airport: Port Augusta
Time to lodge: 75 minute drive

Nearest international airport: Adelaide
Time to lodge: 5 hour drive or 1 hour private charter flight from Adelaide or 1.5 hours from Kangaroo Island direct

Number of rooms/suites: 5
Welcomes guests with children 8 years and over

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Arkaba

“The isolation and the presence of an expert guide ensures swift immersion in the fascinating ecology and human history of the ranges”

Helen Anderson, Australian Gourmet Traveller
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, with almost a third of Australia’s species present, whilst nearby Kakadu and Arnhem Land are the heartland of Australia’s indigenous culture. This is the setting for a mesmerising Wild Bush Luxury experience.

Bamurru Plains offers one of Australia’s richest wildlife experiences: tens of thousands of magpie goose 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, safaris by open-top 4WD vehicles, fishing trips, quad bike safaris, guided wilderness walks, crocodile-spotting river cruises and excursions to ancient rock art galleries in Kakadu.

Wake to the call of magpie geese and watch the parade of wildlife emerge from the comfort of your bed. Spot wildlife from six metres high in the treetops from the ‘hide’, and sit back with a drink and enjoy the soft ‘Wild Bush Luxury’ touches. The safari lodge and 300 square kilometres of surrounding country are exclusively for in-house guests, assuring a quiet, privileged outback experience.

Bamurru’s team of passionate field guides focus on immersing guests in the story of the bush while the lodge provides a haven from which to closely connect with a unique Top End wilderness and with just ten safari suites blending seamlessly into the surrounding bush, you’ll forget there is an outside world.
Capella Lodge

A close-kept secret among stylish insiders, Capella Lodge is Lord Howe Island’s premium luxury retreat. A short flight from Australia’s east coast transports visitors to a real ‘treasure island’, a paradise lost in time and perfectly preserved.

Gently melding modern design into glorious natural surroundings, Capella’s underplayed raw-teak-and-white-linen aesthetic lets the true star shine: views of the jaw-droppingly dramatic Mounts Gower and Lidgbird. A feeling of relaxed sophistication flows throughout with beach-chic furnishings, island-themed artworks and kentia palm fringed decks creating an easy ambience and barefoot luxury.

Fine dining is a drawcard and the innovative menu showcases a bounty of local seafood and fresh regional produce. The simple pleasure of a long and lazy barbecue lunch enjoyed alfresco is a favourite Lord Howe tradition with fish feeding on the white gold sands of Neds Beach not to be missed.

The verdant World Heritage site is a paradise of rainforests, reefs and beaches and is home to hundreds of rare and endemic species. Walking tracks scope subtropical forests and remote coves alive with magnificent birdlife. Down below, the world’s southern-most coral reef is ablaze with kaleidoscopic colour and a riot of fish, perfect to discover by snorkel or glass bottom-boat.

Inspired by the carefree spirit of the Australian beach house, Capella Lodge brings the ultimate castaway escape to life.

Nearest domestic airport:
Lord Howe Island
- Time to lodge: 5 minute drive

Nearest international airport: Sydney
- Time to lodge: 2 hour flight + 5 minute drive

Number of suites: 9
- Welcomes guests with children 10 years and over

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

Marion Hume, Time Magazine
Sitting on forty acres of manicured gardens, vineyard and native bushland within earshot of the sparkling Indian Ocean, Cape Lodge attracts those seeking a sophisticated retreat with all the trappings of a private country house hotel.

A home away from home guests can while away the day away with a book under the shade of a peppermint tree, by the pool or for those with an energetic inclination there is tennis, croquet and hotel bikes for use to visit neighbouring vineyards, boutique breweries and artisan chocolate makers.

Dining at the restaurant is a highlight of a stay at Cape Lodge. Menus feature local and home grown produce plucked from nearby oceans, local farms and the kitchen garden creating fresh, innovative cuisine.

The Margaret River Region is one of the most naturally beautiful wine regions in the World with over 160km of pristine coastline and beaches, karri forests and limestone caves. World class surfing, swimming, abseiling, mountain biking, golf and coastal hiking are nearby as well as a rich array of art galleries, farms shops and produce stores.

This private country estate has twenty-two secluded rooms and suites, a four bedroom private residence and its own eight acre vineyard producing some of Margaret River’s finest handcrafted Sauvignon Blanc and Shiraz exclusively for guests of the lodge.

Cape Lodge
Caves Road, Margaret River, Western Australia
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Cape Lodge continues to deliver a sophisticated and easy-going charm in the forest, a luxury oasis in the beautiful Margaret River wine region.
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 is almost 700,000 acres in size and really is one of the world’s last true frontiers with rugged sandstone ranges, gorges, waterfalls and abundant wildlife.

El Questro Homestead, a boutique oasis, perched atop a cliff with birds-eye views of The Chamberlain River and Gorge. It is private, understated and exclusive.

The extensive list of experiences is key to The Homestead offering and includes guided 4WD drives, bush, culture and nature tours, bird-watching, gorge hikes, swimming at pristine waterfalls and rock pools, scenic flights, remote picnics and fishing excursions.

After exploring this dramatic land, guests may soak in the thermal Zebedee Springs, curl up under an ancient Boab tree with a book, swim in the pool overlooking The Chamberlain Gorge or simply join the local wallaby population and lounge in the shade. The Homestead is renowned for serving premium cuisine and wine in your choice of setting, from a secluded cliff top table to The Homestead’s spacious verandahs.

The Homestead is an easy ninety minute drive from the nearest town of Kununurra, or may be accessed via private airstrip. It offers nine rooms and suites, hosting a maximum of eighteen guests at any time.

Nearest domestic airport: Kununurra
Time to lodge: 30 minute charter flight or 90 minute drive

Nearest international airport: Darwin
Time to lodge: 1 hour flight + 90 minute drive or 1.5 hour charter flight

Number of suites: 9
Welcomes guests with children 16 years and over

El Questro Homestead
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“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
Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley

Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley is an ultra-luxury retreat, located 2.5 hours northwest of Sydney in the majestic World Heritage-listed Greater Blue Mountains region. Set on 7000 acres of carbon-neutral conservation and wildlife reserve, the resort blends absolute luxury and seclusion with a quintessentially Australian bush experience.

Nestled between two national parks, the resort offers a unique blend of solitude, native wildlife, dramatic natural beauty, conservation and heritage combined with unsurpassed facilities and outstanding food and wine. Occupying just one per cent of the total land area, the resort features forty elegantly appointed, free-standing villas, each with its own swimming pool, double-sided fireplace and private verandah with stunning views of the Wolgan Valley and rugged sandstone escarpments. At the centre of the resort sits the Main Homestead with several dining settings, a heritage precinct, and the One&Only Spa – a pampering sanctuary, featuring Australian Sodashi skin care. The resort's impressive assortment of native wildlife, dramatic landscapes and heritage, can be explored through a range of activities including wildlife safaris, nature walks, mountain biking and horse riding. Guests are also invited to take part in the daily Conservation Activity, working alongside passionate field guides to help preserve this distinctive environment for the future.

Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley offers the rare opportunity to experience true luxury in the spectacular Australian bush.

- Nearest domestic airport: Sydney
- Time to lodge: 2.5 hour drive
- Nearest international airport: Sydney
- Time to lodge: 2.5 hour drive
- Number of villas: 40
-Welcomes guests with children of all ages

Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley
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Wolgan Valley, New South Wales
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“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 and Andrew Upton,
Mr & Mrs Smith review
Culinary excellence, art, natural beauty and world class service. Welcome to Lake House, Daylesford.

Good food and wine are consuming passions here. A team of talented hospitality professionals with industry legend Culinary Director Alla Wolf-Tasker at the helm, deliver beautiful cutting edge menus and wines from the acclaimed cellar.

Regarded as one of the Best Restaurants in Australia, Lake House has two Chefs Hats and has topped many respected restaurant lists including The Hot 50, Wine List of the Year and Australia’s Best Food & Wine Experience.

The hotel’s chic studios, suites and Retreat Villas nestle in six acres of lush gardens extending down to Lake Daylesford. Each boasts artwork from acclaimed artist and co-owner Allan Wolf-Tasker’s onsite studio.

Guests can join one of the hands on classes or demonstrations in the Cooking School; visit the Salus Day Spa; play tennis; unwind by the infinity pool; explore lake paths meandering past mineral springs into the Wombat State Forest, and enjoy the walkable proximity of the charming village itself. Kookaburras fly in for dinner. Corellas, Cockatoos and Gang Gangs are frequent visitors. Many of Australia’s native animals can be encountered along the forest tracks.

As the sun sets over the far shore of the lake, the Argyle Library Bar or the Lagoon Deck are popular places to gather with fellow guests to share tales of the day’s adventures.

Lake House

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Lake House is so intrinsically entwined with the land, the seasons, the local producers and the local artists, that it never stops evolving.

Luxury Travel Magazine
Australia’s Best Food & Wine Experience
Lizard Island

Lizard Island, Australia’s northernmost island resort on the Great Barrier Reef, is secluded from the rest of the world, accessible only by a scenic one hour flight over the reef from Cairns.

With only one resort on the island hosting forty rooms and suites – it is the tranquility and natural beauty of the island that will first greet you.

Twenty-four pristine powdery-white private beaches – literally means you can have a beach to yourself. Snorkelling straight off the beach where clam gardens, coral and marine life are abundant and diving on the inner and outer reef to some of the world’s most famous dive sites, including the famous Cod Hole.

The food philosophy is simple and embraces local, fresh produce. Menus change daily at Saltwater Restaurant, guests can also enjoy gourmet picnic lunches on secluded beaches and beachside degustation dining for two at sunset.

Essentia Day spa is luxurious and indulgent, world class fishing locations to explore, personal dinghies for you to discover your own private place and a wide choice of activities to enjoy such as Research Station tours, diving and sunset wine and cheese cruises.

With the bluest of clear blue ocean views from every angle, all of Lizard Island’s rooms and suites have been designed to be elegantly understated, allowing the natural beauty in.

Lizard Island – like nowhere else.

Nearest domestic and international airport: Cairns
Time to lodge: 1 hour scenic flight over the Great Barrier Reef
Number of rooms/suites: 40
Welcomes guests with children 10 years and over

Lizard Island
Great Barrier Reef, Queensland
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Lizard Island: “The Reef, one of the world’s great wonders, is just outside your doorstep, you can snorkel right off one of the island’s 24 private beaches or take the boat trip to the outer reef to see even more vividly colored coral and larger fish… Lizard has always exemplified luxury in the country, is still does. It’s a place you really don’t want to leave.”

Laurie Werner, forbes.com
Longitude 131°

Uluṟu has sat in the middle of Australia for hundreds of millions of years but the show it puts on changes constantly. The best venue to watch the spectacle unfold is from Longitude 131°, a gathering of luxury pavilions nestled among the rust-red landscape.

The desert base fans out from the cool sanctuary of the Dune House, site of lounging, cocktails and rock gazing. Dine overlooking the nation’s spiritual heart whilst savouring fine cuisine combining native ingredients and produce sourced from around the country. Retreat to Spa Kinara for an indigenous-inspired treatment or drink in the sunset on the Dune Top with jaw-dropping views to Uluṟu and Kata Tjuṯa.

In the spirit of the original pioneers, relax after a day’s exploring in a tent recreated for the modern traveller to meld style with sustainability. Unparalleled views of Uluṟu play out from the end of the bed or from the warmth of a bespoke swag unfurled in the cool night air. Contemporary furnishings, artworks by local indigenous artists and an array of mod cons dispel any illusion of roughing it. Tempting as it is to hunker down here, venture beyond the lodge for signature excursions exploring the dual World Heritage-listed wilderness and become acquainted with the backstory of the desert icons – not just geology but also their timeless connection to Anangu, the traditional owners.

* Nearest domestic airport: Ayers Rock
  * Time to lodge: 15 minute drive
* Nearest international airport: Sydney
  * Time to lodge: 3 hour flight + 15 minute drive
* Number of suites: 16
* Welcomes guests with children 10 years and over

Longitude 131° Ayers Rock (Uluṟu), Northern Territory
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“When it comes to killer views at the luxury lodge Longitude 131°, nestled in Australia’s red heart, it’s the premium Dune Pavilion that lets hearts aflutter.”

Sue Wallace, Robb Report
Pretty Beach House is the epitome of relaxed luxury; intimate, laid-back, with personalised service offering a quintessential luxe Australian coastal experience in a world class setting.

Perched high on the escarpment at Pretty Beach, this sophisticated lodge sits within an ancient angophora forest with water views over pristine Broken Bay, an idyllic natural wonder.

Pretty Beach House offers guests the opportunity to completely restore or explore - a very private haven and base for adventure, romance, rejuvenation or exploration.

Golden beaches and bays are easily accessible via hiking trails along coastal sandstone cliffs. Other adventure activities include cultural tours with Indigenous folk, boating and sailing, water sports, mountain biking and tennis. An indigenous welcome smoking ceremony is performed for all guests with song, dance and dreamtime stories told by an elder making for a truly unforgettable experience. This ceremony is performed near aboriginal rock art created by the local Darkinjung tribe dating back almost 10,000 years.

Truly, a rare find, with just four impeccably appointed pavilions, the lodge houses up to eight guests at one time.

Dining is a highlight at Pretty Beach House with seasonal menus prepared by highly talented chefs incorporating bush and native foods along with fresh produce straight from the kitchen garden.

All dining and beverages are included (cellar list additional) along with pavilion mini-bar, unlimited Wi-Fi and mountain bikes.

Pretty Beach House
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"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"
Located on the secluded northern-most tip of Hamilton Island and surrounded by the unsurpassed beauty of the Great Barrier Reef, qualia is a unique expression of world-class luxury and outstanding modern design. It is a truly special place where everything has been meticulously considered to relax the mind yet completely spoil the senses.

qualia’s sun-drenched northern aspect provides the ideal setting to appreciate the passing beauty of each day, with a choice of sixty individual pavilions, many of which feature a private plunge pool where guests can enjoy the breathtaking views across Whitsunday Passage.

Within the resort, qualia offers two exclusive restaurants and the alluring Spa qualia which offers an authentic Australian spa menu, incorporating a comprehensive range of invigorating treatments designed to rebalance the synergy between mind and body.

In addition to easy access to the Whitsunday region’s most desirable attractions, guests of qualia can take advantage of priority tee off at Hamilton Island’s very own championship golf course. This picturesque course is the only 18-hole golf course in Australia located on its very own Island, and provides challenging play for novices and professional golfers alike.

If time spent together is the ultimate goal, qualia staff can arrange a complimentary beach drop off service – a rare opportunity to indulge in a gourmet picnic for two on an idyllic secluded beach.

"qualia faces the calm, turquoise Coral Sea and it’s picturesque from the moment you walk into the open air lobby of the Long Pavilion. It’s even better from the plunge pools of the Windward Pavilions, spacious villas constructed of local wood and stone, decorated with the colours of nature and positioned to take in perfect sunsets over the sea."

Laurie Werner, Forbes
Saffire Freycinet is Australia’s 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, Saffire’s highly experienced team have ensured innovative dining does not compromise the true flavours of the freshest local produce. Fully inclusive dining from breakfast through to a gourmet degustation or à la carte dinner.

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. The Tasmanian Devil Experience offers guests the rare opportunity to encounter Tasmanian devils in a natural setting, and to participate in the quest to save this endangered species from extinction.
Where Australia’s outback meets the reef, Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef is an eco-luxe tented camp offering comfort and style in the World Heritage listed Cape Range National Park and overlooking the World Heritage listed Ningaloo Reef. In this pristine and beautiful wilderness region, Sal Salis takes great care to protect the fragile eco-system. Accommodation is in fifteen spacious Wilderness Tents and one Honeymoon Tent, all designed to blend with the dunes. Each has an ensuite bathroom with an eco-friendly loo and hot water shower as well as supremely comfortable beds and views of the Indian Ocean. The social heart of the camp includes lounge, bar and library areas and is raised above the coastal scrub, affording views of the reef and the breakers beyond. Chef prepared meals are served communally.

The focus of your stay is the environment and a team of passionate guides are on hand to host guided snorkelling, kayak expeditions and walks in the Ranges. Sal Salis is the perfect base from which to swim with whale sharks (April to July) and with humpback whales (August to October). At night, lie out on the beach to stare up at the Milky Way and a canopy of stars stretching across the southern night skies.

Sal Salis

Ningaloo Reef, Western Australia
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Nearest domestic airport: Exmouth (Learmonth Airport)
Time to lodge: 1.5 hour drive
Nearest international airport: Perth
Time to lodge: 2 hour flight + 1.5 hour drive
Number of suites: 15 Wilderness Tents & 1 Honeymoon Tent
Welcomes guests with children 5 years and over

Sal Salis

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Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef
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“...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
Silky Oaks Lodge

Silky Oaks Lodge is located in a stunning riverside location adjoining 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, as well as the nearby Great Barrier Reef. Just over an hour’s drive from Cairns Airport and twenty minutes from Port Douglas, the journey by road takes in the gorgeous scenery via sealed coastal road meandering along deserted beaches and the sparkling waters of the Coral Sea.

Activities at the Lodge range from hiking trails, river swimming, canoeing, snorkelling, picnicking, biking excursions, guided bird walks and yoga by the river. Nearby, the Mossman Gorge offers guided indigenous experiences including the Dreamtime Walk. The lodge, just 20 minutes drive from Port Douglas, is also a great base for exploratory day trips out to the Great Barrier Reef.

There are forty beautifully appointed Treehouses with large spa baths and balconies set in eighty acres of grounds adjoining the Daintree National Park. The Treehouse Restaurant presents diners with contemporary Australian cuisine using quality locally sourced produce. The mineral rich waters of the river provide an inspiration for the Healing Waters Spa along with a wide range of treatments using the luxurious organic Sodashi range.

*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
Celebrated as a pioneer of Australia’s new breed of luxury lodges, this retreat atop the limestone cliffs of Kangaroo Island invites a step into another world. A hop off the coast of Adelaide, ‘KI’ as the locals call it, is a true wilderness refuge, a place teeming with indigenous species and where a rugged coast offers some of the world’s most dramatic ocean views.

Southern Ocean Lodge blends pristine nature, superb fine dining and a personalised itinerary of exhilarating experiences to create a very real sense of place. From guided hikes led by naturalist guides, up-close wildlife encounters and exploration of the ‘Wonders of KI’ including a grand coastal grotto with resident fur seals, there’s an adventure for every whim.

The Great Room serves as the lodge ‘Hub’ with spectacular sweeping vistas playing backdrop for lounging by the suspended fireplace, pouring a drink from the convivial open bar and for indulging in fine food and wine with a proudly local provenance.

Contemporary suites cantilever along the curve of the clifftop each offering spectacular views of the wild Southern Ocean, while myriad thoughtful details from custom furnishings to warm limestone create a feeling of relaxed luxury.

To find a retreat this exceptional in a location this remote only adds to the wonder that is Southern Ocean Lodge.

*Melinda Stevens, Tatler
Spicers Peak Lodge

Spicers Peak Lodge is Australia’s highest mountain lodge, standing 1,100 metres above sea level, surrounded by breathtaking views of south-east Queensland’s World Heritage listed Main Range National Park, Great Dividing Range and Scenic Rim.

The lodge offers a range of activities designed to give guests an intimate opportunity to experience this strikingly beautiful part of the Australian wilderness including nature walks, 4WD discovery tours, scenic helicopter tours, star gazing, mountain biking adventures, sunset picnics.

Facilities in and around the architecturally designed lodge include an infinity edge swimming pool, hot spa, tennis court, guided walking and mountain bike trails, produce gardens, outdoor campfire, secluded picnic areas, guest lounge with library and fireplace, viewing deck with telescope, on-site day spa with heated plunge pool, bar and restaurant.

The Peak Restaurant offers guests a truly gourmet dining experience, with an emphasis on respect for produce, producer and the environment. These values are blended with impeccable techniques to yield a culinary style that pleases guests and food critics alike.

With ten luxurious suites and two private lodges, Spicers Peak Lodge is a unique blend of relaxing accommodation and fine dining at the height of luxury in one of south-east Queensland High Country’s most beautiful and rugged wilderness areas.

“After a relaxing stroll through an ancient hoop pine forest Spicers Peak Lodge, Australia’s highest non-alpine retreat, appears in front of us like a mirage. It is a stunning two-storey hideaway perched above the clouds and we cannot wait to step inside.”

Tiana Templeman, Escape
The Louise

The Louise is located atop a gentle hill and surrounded by hundreds of acres of vines overlooking the world renowned Barossa Valley. Fifteen suites, each with its own private terrace and stunning views over the adjacent vineyards, feature soft contemporary design and artworks. Integral to a stay at The Louise is dining at Appellation, one of Australia’s finest regional restaurants. Appellation’s culinary team are guided by the rhythms of the season; harvesting from their kitchen garden; baking their own breads; butchering and curing their own meats; and celebrate wine and food as the most natural of partners. They are passionate advocates for freshness, seasonality and regionalism. An extensive award-winning wine list showcases the best of the Barossa, Australia and the world.

Guests may float over ancient vineyards in a hot air balloon, enjoy a sunrise picnic breakfast with kangaroos in native bushland, tour the picturesque valley in a vintage car, walk or cycle bush tracks, make their own blend of wine and have Appellation prepare a dinner to match, or join Appellation’s chef while he peruses the local farmer’s market for provisions. Guests will discover amazing wines, meet warm local characters and fall in love some of the world’s most engaging wine country.

Together, Appellation and The Louise is the food, wine and luxury accommodation destination for discerning travellers.

“Born of an holistic approach and intimate connection to the land, Appellation at The Louise brings food and wine together with a powerful guarantee of regional authenticity.”

Louise Radman, Australian Gourmet Traveller
An adventure on the True North has long been regarded as one of Australia’s most revered tourism experiences. All itineraries are activity based and designed for discerning travellers who truly want to ‘experience’ some of Australia’s most remote coastal destinations. Extended periods at sea are specifically excluded and daily activities can include walks, fishing, snorkelling, diving, picnics, natural history, cultural events and more. The True North is an Australian registered ship and not required to leave Australian waters during Australian voyages – every day on-board the True North is an activity day.

Destinations include the Kimberley, a panorama of rugged mountains, spectacular gorges and majestic waterfalls; the still-wild coast of Western Australia featuring the intriguing Abrolhos Islands, world-famous Ningaloo Reef, the Montebello Islands and the pristine Rowley Shoals; beautiful Sydney and surrounds and, a seafood safari around the Eyre Peninsula.

The True North has been designed to go where other ships cannot. Multiple adventure boats explore even further and guests experience wilderness ‘up close’. Most cruise options feature an on-board helicopter which adds another dimension to the adventure. Guest numbers are limited to thirty-six and an Australian crew of twenty two chaperones every experience. Spacious cabins feature modern décor with ensuites.

Find out why guests disembarking from the True North consistently respond with “that’s the best holiday I have ever had!”

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“Cruising along the Kimberley coast on the True North is the trip of a lifetime.”

Jerry Hall, Actress and Model
To assist in creating truly immersive, uniquely Australian itineraries, there are a number of other ‘collective’ organisations we recommend. Each of these delivers some of the best experiences in their field and are a great complement to a luxury lodge trip.
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 the logistics of 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, luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au is a great place to start.
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