

# UNIQUELY AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE



**TOTAL SUGGESTED NIGHTS: 15 nights**

Plus a night on route where required.

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 for Australia's wondrous wildlife. With the continent accommodating more than 20,000 plant species and 2,300 animal and bird species, many of these endemic, this itinerary encourages complete immersion themselves in Australia's pristine natural environments and the ability to get up close and personal with our unique wildlife.



**FROM DARWIN AIRPORT, PRIVATE 20MIN FLIGHT TO PRIVATE AIRSTRIP, 15MIN HOSTED DRIVE TO BAMURRU PLAINS.**

## 1 Bamurru Plains Top End, Northern Territory (3 Nights)

**Bamurru Plains** is an extraordinary safari-style bush experience on the edge of Kakadu National Park in Australia's Northern Territory. The coastal floodplains of northern Australia are home to prolific bird and wildlife (Australia's answer to the Okavango Delta) whilst Kakadu and Arnhem Land are the heartland of the country's indigenous culture. \*Bamurru Plains is open from 1 May to 31 October.

A selection of must do's

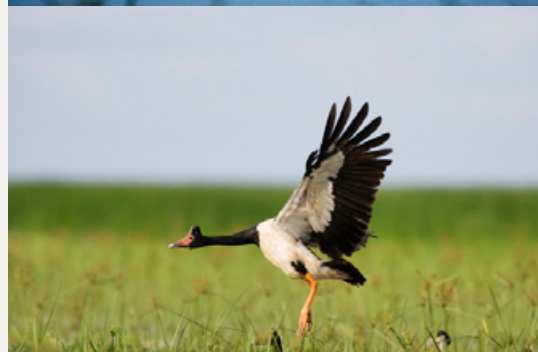
- Airboat safari - A morning trip out on the floodplain wetlands of the Mary River catchment in an airboat is utterly exhilarating and the only way to truly experience this achingly beautiful natural environment and the prolific bird and wildlife it hosts.
- 4WD safari - With the recession of the waters from much of the floodplain in the dry season, the plains become accessible to 4WD vehicles and an afternoon out with one of the guides will provide a unique insight to this fragile yet very important environment.
- Bird watching - The Mary River catchment is home to some 236 species of bird, many of which are found at Bamurru Plains. Even in the dry season the floodplains on the property still retain large areas of water to which the birdlife congregates in extraordinary numbers rarely seen elsewhere in Australia.
- Fishing - plus, with the camp being located on the edge of the floodplains it is the ideal place to hook one of Australia's great sports fish, the Barramundi.



**15MIN HOSTED DRIVE TO PRIVATE AIRSTRIP, PRIVATE 20MIN FLIGHT TO DARWIN AIRPORT GENERAL AVIATION, HOSTED TRANSFER TO MAIN TERMINAL, 4HR FLIGHT TO SYDNEY, OVERNIGHT SYDNEY, 2.5HR DRIVE TO EMIRATES ONE&ONLY WOLGAN VALLEY.**

## 2 Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley Blue Mountains, New South Wales (3 Nights)

Experience the breathtaking beauty of the Australian wilderness at the conservation-led **Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley**. With 40 stand-alone villas, each with its own private swimming pool and 7,000 acres of nature to explore, enjoy a memorable break with distinctive dining and very special wildlife experiences.



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- 4WD Tour of the Reserve – An all-encompassing tour of the Wolgan Valley reserve, guests can observe Australia's native wildlife including the rare white wallaroo. The tour concludes with canapés accompanied by a glass of sparkling wine as you watch the sun disappear over the horizon.
- Trail ride - Horse riding in Australia's Blue Mountains is the ideal way to become familiar with the bush, and the types of terrain while encountering the reserve's wildlife.
- Signature Nocturnal Wildlife Spotlighting Tour - Torchlight reveals the flashing eyes of sleepy possums, grazing wombats, wallaroos and wallabies. Lucky guests will see an albino wallaroo – one of only a handful in existence (a rare genetic strain found only at Wolgan Valley).
- Guided mountain bike tour - Following tracks and trails over largely level terrain with only the occasional small hill, the exhilarating mountain bike rides skirt a picturesque freshwater dam where wildlife is commonly seen.

2.5HR DRIVE TO SYDNEY AIRPORT, 2HR FLIGHT TO LORD HOWE ISLAND AIRPORT, 5MIN HOSTED DRIVE TO CAPELLA LODGE.

## 3 Capella Lodge Lord Howe Island, New South Wales (2-3 Nights)

Often referred to as the last paradise on earth, world heritage listed Lord Howe Island is home to [Capella Lodge](#), a contemporary luxe beach-style lodge offering an exclusive and unique island experience. Located on the world's southern most coral reef, with a mixture of temperate and tropical marine life - many endemic to the island, Lord Howe has a unique under water world to explore.

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- Ball's Pyramid and surrounding sites - World class diving and species endemic to the region. Expect to see massive schools of Violet Sweep, Amberjack, Kingfish, Silver Drummer, Ballina Angelfish, Rainbow Runners, Trevally and occasionally Marlin, Dolphins and Wahoo. The dive sites average 25 metres in depth and range from drift dives, cave dives or simply following a coral wall.
- Lord Howe Island Museum - Acquaint yourself with Lord Howe's colourful past, you'll find a library, plus historical and environmental exhibitions, as well as a replica skeleton of a long-extinct giant horned turtle. At 5pm each day (except Wednesday and Saturday), local experts conduct presentations on history and the environment.
- Undertake a journey of discovery with world renowned naturalist Ian Hutton, spend a day exploring the most remote rocky coves while walking to the summit of Mt Gower rated as one of Australia's best day walks and learn all about the islands rare birds, plants, geology and marine life.
- Fish feeding - At Ned's Beach let the fish come to you! Be part of a favourite Lord Howe ritual and help feed eager mullet, wrasse, garfish, silver drummer, spangled emperor and metre-long kingfish.

5MIN HOSTED DRIVE TO LORD HOWE ISLAND AIRPORT, 2HR FLIGHT TO SYDNEY AIRPORT, CONNECT TO 2HR FLIGHT TO ADELAIDE AIRPORT, 4.5HR DRIVE (OR 65MIN PRIVATE AIR CHARTER TO HAWKER, 10MIN DRIVE) TO ARKABA.

## 4 Arkaba Flinders Ranges, South Australia (3 Nights)

Arkaba's true luxury lies in the fact that its 60,000 acres of private wildlife conservancy is shared by just 10 guests, taking the definition of exclusivity to a new level in Australia. Located in the ancient and awe-inspiring scale landscape of the Flinders Ranges, [Arkaba](#) provides the opportunity for guests to immerse themselves in the story of the bush – its ancient geology, diverse wildlife and the chance to understand the conservation challenges that Australia faces.



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- Arkaba's wildlife is prolific - with Australia's three largest macropods (Red Kangaroo, Western Grey Kangaroo and Common Wallaroo) all regular sightings. The country's most endangered macropod, the Yellow-footed Rock Wallaby, has also returned to Arkaba's range since the introduction of active conservation programs.
- For those keen to learn more of the challenges Australia faces in saving its diversity of wildlife, join one of Arkaba's field guides one evening to track a radio collared feral cat or set up the trip cameras that monitor key sites across the property. The tourism dollars that are spent at Arkaba go straight back into wildlife conservation on the property and an ever improving wilderness experience.
- Spending time with a local guide bushwalking along the dry bed of the Arkaba Creek is a great way to soak up the sounds and smells of the bush and expand your knowledge on Australian fauna and flora.

4.5HR DRIVE TO ADELAIDE AIRPORT (OR 10MIN DRIVE AND 65MIN PRIVATE AIR CHARTER FROM HAWKER), 30MIN FLIGHT TO KINGSCOTE KANGAROO ISLAND AIRPORT, 50MIN HOSTED DRIVE TO SOUTHERN OCEAN LODGE. ALTERNATIVELY, 80 MIN PRIVATE CHARTER FLIGHT TO SNUG COVE ON KANGAROO ISLAND WITH 30MIN HOSTED DRIVE TO SOUTHERN OCEAN LODGE.

#### 5 Southern Ocean Lodge Kangaroo Island, South Australia (3 Nights)

Kangaroo Island is renowned as Australia's Galapagos and nicknamed 'the zoo without fences'. It brims with diverse wildlife and natural beauty. On the island's southwest coast, globally celebrated [Southern Ocean Lodge](#) offers unrivalled luxury in a uniquely Australian setting.

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- Wonders of KI - A half-day guided journey into Flinders Chase National Park showcasing natural icons the Remarkable Rocks and Admirals Arch, home to a fur seal colony.
- Kangas & Kanapés - Signature sunset drinks experience at nearby Grassdale, a historic island property. Premium South Australian beverages, canapés and kangaroos grazing in the late afternoon sunlight.
- Explore Cape Young-husband - Trek with your naturalist guide through dense Mallee scrub and along limestone cliff tops. Spot the Osprey hovering above, the Fur Seals frolicking in the Southern Ocean waters below and the intriguing formations of the Remarkable Rocks in the distance.
- Quad Bike Safari - a fun, interpretive quad bike adventure led by the lodge naturalist guide providing insight into the local wildlife and landscape.

The Luxury Lodges of Australia are devoted to connecting their guests with a sense and experience of place. It is their signature experiences that make a visit to any of these Australian regions genuine and memorable.

The total number of suggested nights are a guide based on daily available scheduled flights and may vary. Prior to arrival, or upon arrival, at each lodge or camp, a bespoke personalised itinerary can be created with the expertise of an intuitive and knowledgeable team of hosts.

Many of the lodges offer a rate that includes accommodation, food and beverages, and importantly, signature experiences to really connect guests with an outstanding Australian region.

