

A Break From The City



Suggested itinerary duration:

2 - 3 nights at each property for a well-rounded minibreak.

Which Australian city do you live, work or do business in? Create an unforgettable (and well-deserved) minibreak at these luxury lodges that seamlessly blend sophisticated design with pristine natural environments, outstanding food and wine, and bespoke experiences - all with the added bonus of being located within easy driving distance from one of Australia's major cities.

From Adelaide, 1hr drive to The Louise or arrange to arrive via scenic flight.

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The Louise

Barossa Valley, South Australia

2 - 3 nights

The Louise is an idyllic luxury vineyard retreat, encompassing acclaimed restaurant Appellation. It is situated on a gentle hill surrounded by hundreds of acres of vines, with breathtaking vistas across the world-renowned **Barossa Valley**. A small number of luxuriously appointed, contemporary styled suites, each with its own terrace, are sited to provide guests with complete privacy.

What will I do there?

- Spend a Saturday morning at the Barossa Farmer's Market to share in the delight for the food of the region with the local community.
- Hot Air Ballooning - float over the wide valley floor with its mosaic of vineyards and orchards bound by the rolling hills leading up to Eden Valley. Relish an experience of a lifetime as the sun rises on a new day in the Barossa.
- Cruise through the seemingly endless rows of vineyards on an e-bike experience, visiting local wineries, cafés and even stop for a spot of croquet on the greens.



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Spicers Peak Lodge

High Country, Queensland

2 - 3 nights

Located on 8,000 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 and only a 2hr drive from Brisbane. Mountain-biking, hiking and wildlife discovery give the opportunity to suck in the pure mountain air, while two-hatted restaurant, The Peak and Spa Anise make the lodge an ideal place for some much deserved R&R.

What will I do there?

- Scenic Picnics - a table can be set in the wilderness so you can arrive after a bike ride or hike to chilled champagne, stunning views and nothing to unpack.
- Spa Anise - an hour with a professional therapist is sure to ease away the tensions of everyday city living.
- By night sample fine food and wine at the two-hatted restaurant The Peak, relax by the fire or take a moment to look up and enjoy stargazing in the clear mountain skies.



From Melbourne, 1.5hr drive to Lake House or arrange to arrive via scenic flight.

3 Lake House

Daylesford, Victoria

2 - 3 nights

Lake House lies on the shores of idyllic **Lake Daylesford** in the heart of Victoria's Spa Country just 90 minutes Melbourne. Lake House is justly regarded as one of Australia's outstanding sustained regional dining experiences and the region is a mecca for foodies and culinary nomads. Boasting more mineral water springs than anywhere else in the southern hemisphere with an eclectic mix of artists' studios, cafés and surrounded by the Wombat State Forest – Daylesford exudes a sophisticated bohemian feel.

What will I do there?

- Signature Spa Experience – Private Treetop Mineral Spa, using 100% pure Daylesford mineral water and set in a magical location, private circular spa tubs sit in secluded tree top cabins and look out through the waterfront willow trees.
- Farm Gate & Winery Tour – head out for the day with a local guide and meet the farmers, producers and winemakers who passionately connect the 'paddock to plate'. There's organic and biodynamic producers, rare breed farmers, producers of goat and sheep's milk cheese, cider, beer & winemakers, bakers and more.
- Dine at the multi-award winning Lake House Restaurant. The kitchen works from the ground up producing virtually everything, from house baked breads to an extensive charcuterie range, on the nearby Dairy Flat Farm premises, Lake House simply oozes food integrity and flavour.



From Sydney, 2hr drive to Pretty Beach House or arrange to arrive via scenic flight.

4 Pretty Beach House

Sydney Surrounds, New South Wales

2 - 3 nights

Pretty Beach House is the epitome of relaxed luxury. The lodge is 90 minute drive or short sea-plane flight from the centre of Sydney to the **Bouddi Peninsula**. With just four beautifully appointed pavilions, it is intimate and laid-back, sophisticated and friendly, with personalised service offering a quintessential luxe Australian coastal experience. Perched high on the escarpment at Pretty Beach, the lodge is enveloped an ancient angophora forest with views over the glistening waters of Broken Bay.

What will I do there?

- A leisurely 20 minute stroll through untouched native flora to the tip of the Aboriginal Dreaming sacred site of Box Head is breathtaking, with stunning 180 degree views of the five surrounding waterways including Broken Bay to Palm Beach and the Barrenjoey light house. Multiple other hikes and walks are possible too.
- Private Boating – a tailored expedition cruising the local scenic bays and golden beaches can be arranged for those who love to get out on the water. Choose from a luxurious sailing boat to a classic old timber cruiser. The team at Pretty Beach House can supply a picnic lunch along with wines and beverages to make a day of it.
- Chefs Table Dining Experience – enjoy an intimate yet informative dining experience with your very own chef, by sitting up close and personal with them at the kitchen pass. A highlight of your stay, this culinary experience is not to be missed.



From Sydney, 2.5hr drive to Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley or arrange to arrive via scenic flight.

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Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley

Blue Mountains, New South Wales

2 - 3 nights

Easily accessible with a 2.5hr drive from the cosmopolitan city of Sydney, the **Greater Blue Mountains** is a wilderness covering more than one million hectares of rainforest, canyons, eucalypt forests and heath lands. Experience the breathtaking beauty of the Australian wilderness at the conservation-led **Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley**. Nestled between two national parks, the resort offers a unique blend of native wildlife, dramatic natural beauty, conservation and heritage combined with deeply luxurious facilities and the finest food and wine.

What will I do there?

- Guided mountain bike tour – or trail ride on horseback – in Australia's Blue Mountains is the ideal way to become familiar with the land, and the types of terrain while encountering the reserve's wildlife including wombats, kangaroos and wallaroos.
- Signature Wildlife and Sundowners – conducted from the comfort of a 4WD touring vehicle, the tour begins as the sun starts its slow descent towards the horizon. Not only is this an incredibly beautiful time of the day, it is also when many of the native animals are starting to become active and easily visible.
- Enjoy a refreshing dip in your own private pool.



Road trip There is an unsurpassed sense of freedom that comes with hitting the open road, even for those who prefer not to be behind the wheel, private chauffeured transfers are available to and from the luxury lodges.

The **Luxury Lodges of Australia** are more than just a place to stay. They are devoted to connecting their guests with an experience of place, reflecting their region and the depth and diversity of Australia's luxury. These **itineraries** are a guide only as transport options and desired number of nights may vary. Prior to or upon arrival, a personalised itinerary can be created by expert lodge hosts. **Planning Tips:** Take a look at these resources to assist with planning: **what's included** at each lodge, **what to do when** at specific times of the year and to identify additional **experiences** available. **How to Book:** For availability, rates and to book, contact each lodge individually or speak to your trusted travel advisor. Find out more at luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au