

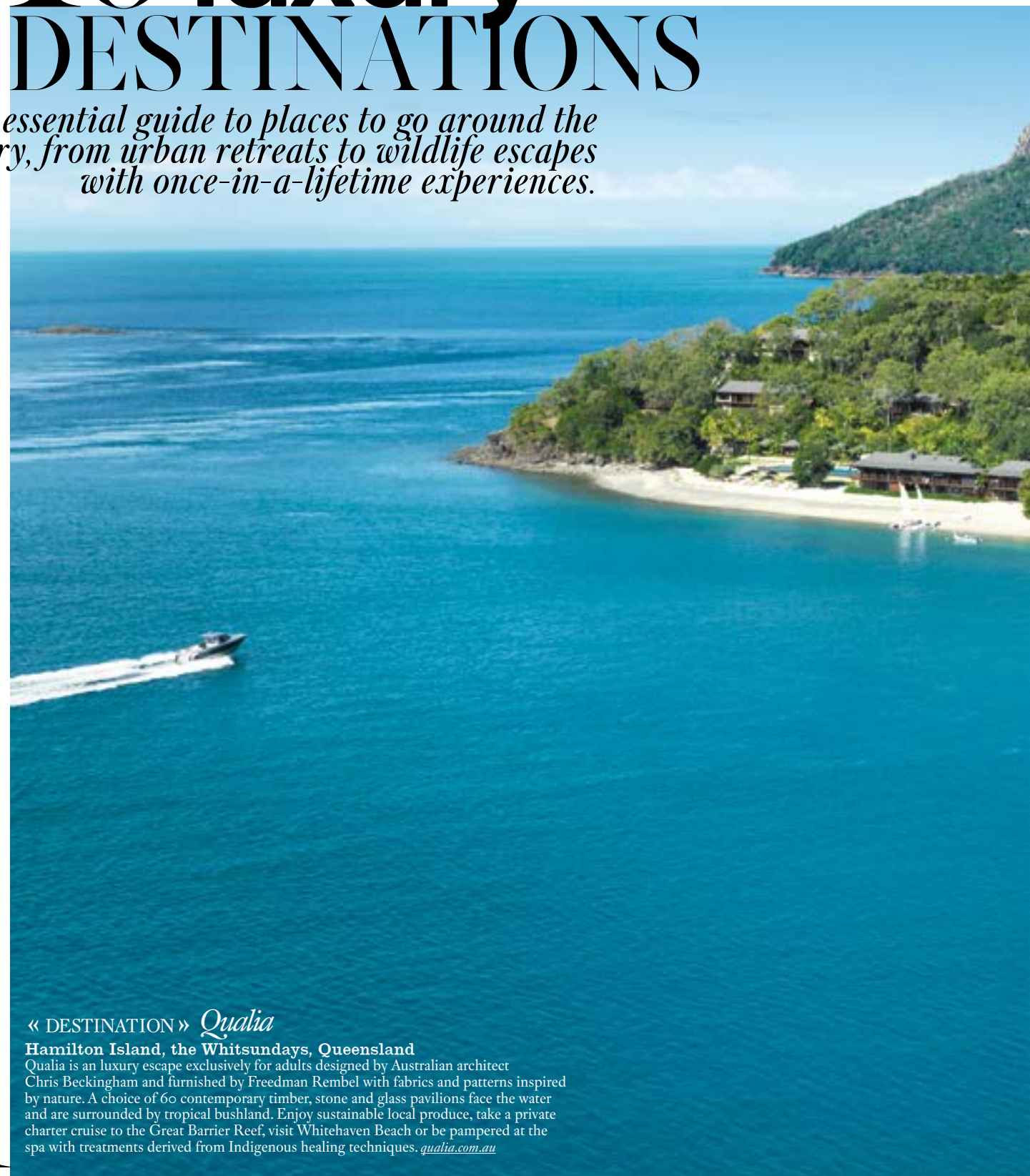
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# 10 TOP AUSTRALIAN luxury DESTINATIONS

*Our essential guide to places to go around the country, from urban retreats to wildlife escapes with once-in-a-lifetime experiences.*



1 « DESTINATION » *Qualia*

**Hamilton Island, the Whitsundays, Queensland**  
Qualia is an luxury escape exclusively for adults designed by Australian architect Chris Beckingham and furnished by Freedman Rembel with fabrics and patterns inspired by nature. A choice of 60 contemporary timber, stone and glass pavilions face the water and are surrounded by tropical bushland. Enjoy sustainable local produce, take a private charter cruise to the Great Barrier Reef, visit Whitehaven Beach or be pampered at the spa with treatments derived from Indigenous healing techniques. [qualia.com.au](http://qualia.com.au)

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« DESTINATION » *Southern Ocean Lodge*

**Kangaroo Island, South Australia**  
For an immersive wilderness experience, visit Southern Ocean Lodge, a 21-suite retreat atop the coastal cliffs of Kangaroo Island. The interiors feature local limestone walls, recycled timbers and bespoke furnishings. Daily-designed menus at the restaurant incorporate local produce such as Ligurian honey, exclusive to the island, native berries and free-roaming geese. Guided tours take guests to Seal Bay to visit a fur seal colony and to the Remarkle Rocks, one of the island's landmarks within Flinders Chase National Park. [southernoceanlodge.com.au](http://southernoceanlodge.com.au)

« DESTINATION » *Sal Salis*

**Ningaloo Reef, Western Australia**  
Swimming with whale sharks — the ocean's gentle giants — is just one of the jaw-dropping marine encounters at this beachside safari camp. The pristine Ningaloo Reef is only 10 metres from shore, a coral ecosystem visited by manta rays and turtles. Nestled in the coastal dunes of Cape Range National Park, this eco-lodge's 16 wilderness tents offer barefoot luxury, with hammocks and communal dining under the stars. [salsalis.com.au](http://salsalis.com.au)



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« DESTINATION » *QT Melbourne*

**Melbourne, Victoria**  
Channelling Melbourne's creative spirit, the 188-room boutique hotel QT Melbourne takes its cue from the city's historic fashion district, with industrial design by Nic Graham and Shelley Indyk. Minibars contain locally sourced produce, while public spaces showcase Australian art. On-site dining options include The Cake Shop, offering native teas; the Pascale Bar & Grill, which uses produce sourced from artisans and a kitchen garden; and Rooftop at QT, a terrace bar serving up cocktails and skyline views. [qtboutelsandresorts.com](http://qtboutelsandresorts.com)



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« DESTINATION » *The Louise*

**Barossa Valley, South Australia**  
The Louise, a boutique hotel with 15 secluded contemporary suites, offers views of Barossa Valley's vineyards. Enjoy picnic breakfasts with kangaroos, dine at award-winning locavore restaurant Appellation and go on exclusive tours of local wineries. The hotel offers opportunities to join the chefs gathering provisions at the local markets, and to blend your own wine with a local winemaker and then have the kitchen devise a dish to accompany it. [thelouise.com.au](http://thelouise.com.au)

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« DESTINATION » *Capella Lodge*

**Lord Howe Island, New South Wales**  
Only a two-hour flight from Sydney, Lord Howe Island is a reef-wrapped, subtropical Pacific paradise that's home to Capella Lodge. The UNESCO World Heritage-listed island is famous for seabirds, and its turquoise lagoons and the twin peaks of Mount Gower and Mount Lidgbird can be seen from Capella's restaurant or infinity pool. Nine suites, styled like a contemporary Australian beach house, offer basalt bathrooms and outdoor decks. [lordhowe.com](http://lordhowe.com)

« DESTINATION » *Bamurru Plains*

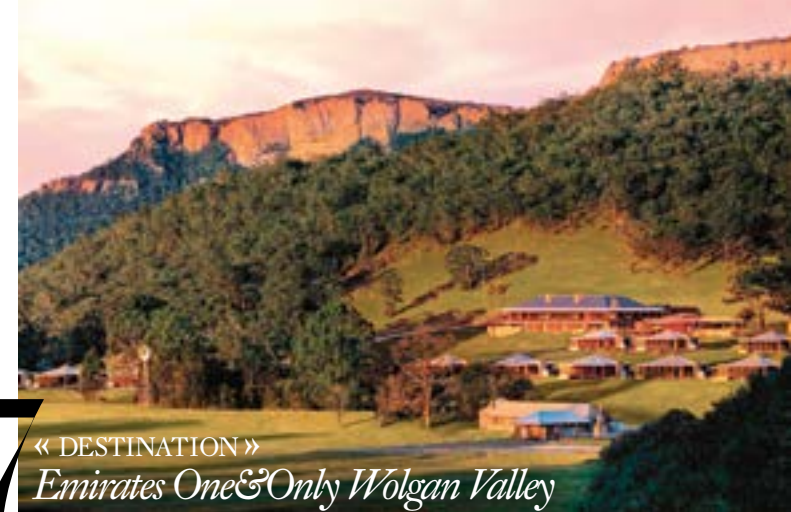
**Top End, Northern Territory**  
Bamurru Plains is a luxury lodge in a vast private buffalo property west of Kakadu National Park. A three-hour drive from Darwin, its coastal floodplains and savannah woodlands support diverse wildlife. Guided experiences include crocodile, brumbie and wallaby spotting. The 10 bungalows have mesh walls so that the surrounding wilderness can be seen and Australian bush-inspired dishes are created by the kitchen. [bamurruplains.com](http://bamurruplains.com)



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« DESTINATION » *Como The Treasury*

**Perth, Western Australia**  
Australia's first Como hotel, with a Como Shambhala spa, injects luxury into a Perth stay. This urban sanctuary is set within the revitalised 140-year-old State Buildings and was designed by Australian Kerry Hill. The 48 rooms are Minimalist, with muted colours and pale wood, and many have original high ceilings and cornicing. It has two restaurants — including Wildflower, with a menu driven by Indigenous seasons — as well as a bar and lounge while the spa's holistic pampering is sublime. [comohotels.com](http://comohotels.com)



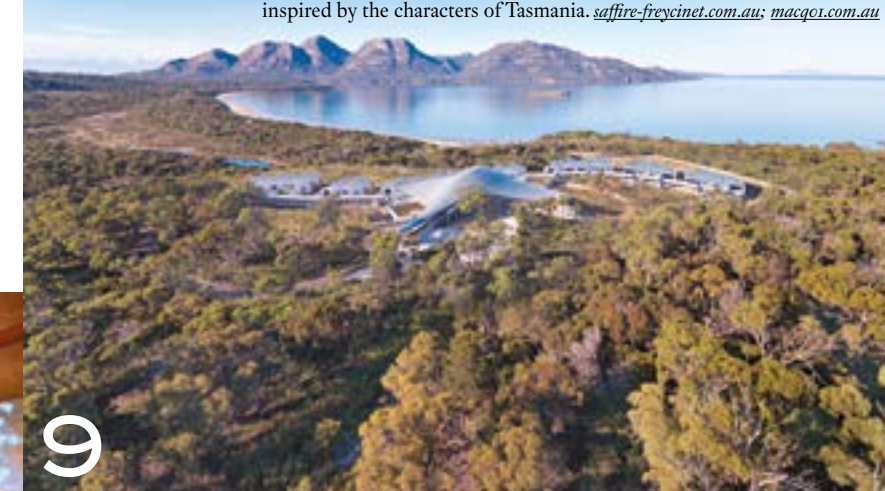
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« DESTINATION » *Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley*

**Blue Mountains, New South Wales**  
For an unforgettable Australian adventure, three hours' drive from Sydney, escape to 40-villa Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley in the Greater Blue Mountains, where hundreds of kangaroos, wallabies and wombats roam. Amid epic escarpments in 2800 hectares of conservation reserve, it offers guided wildlife safaris (including night tours), archery and horseriding, with locally sourced wine and food, a pool and indulgent spa. The top-tier Wolgan Villa has three Federation-style bedrooms, a pool and a private deck. [oneandonlyresorts.com](http://oneandonlyresorts.com)

« DESTINATION » *Saffire Freycinet*

**Coles Bay, Tasmania**  
Shaped like a sinuous manta ray, contemporary retreat Saffire Freycinet teams luxury with pure Tasmanian nature. Located midway up the east coast, its 20 suites and gourmet Palate restaurant have floor-to-ceiling windows framing panoramas of the Hazards Mountains. Tailored experiences connect guests with the environment, from visiting a marine oyster farm to boating to Schouten Island and going to Wineglass Bay. Team your trip with a visit to MACq oi, a Hobart hotel inspired by the characters of Tasmania. [saffire-freycinet.com.au](http://saffire-freycinet.com.au); [macqoi.com.au](http://macqoi.com.au)



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