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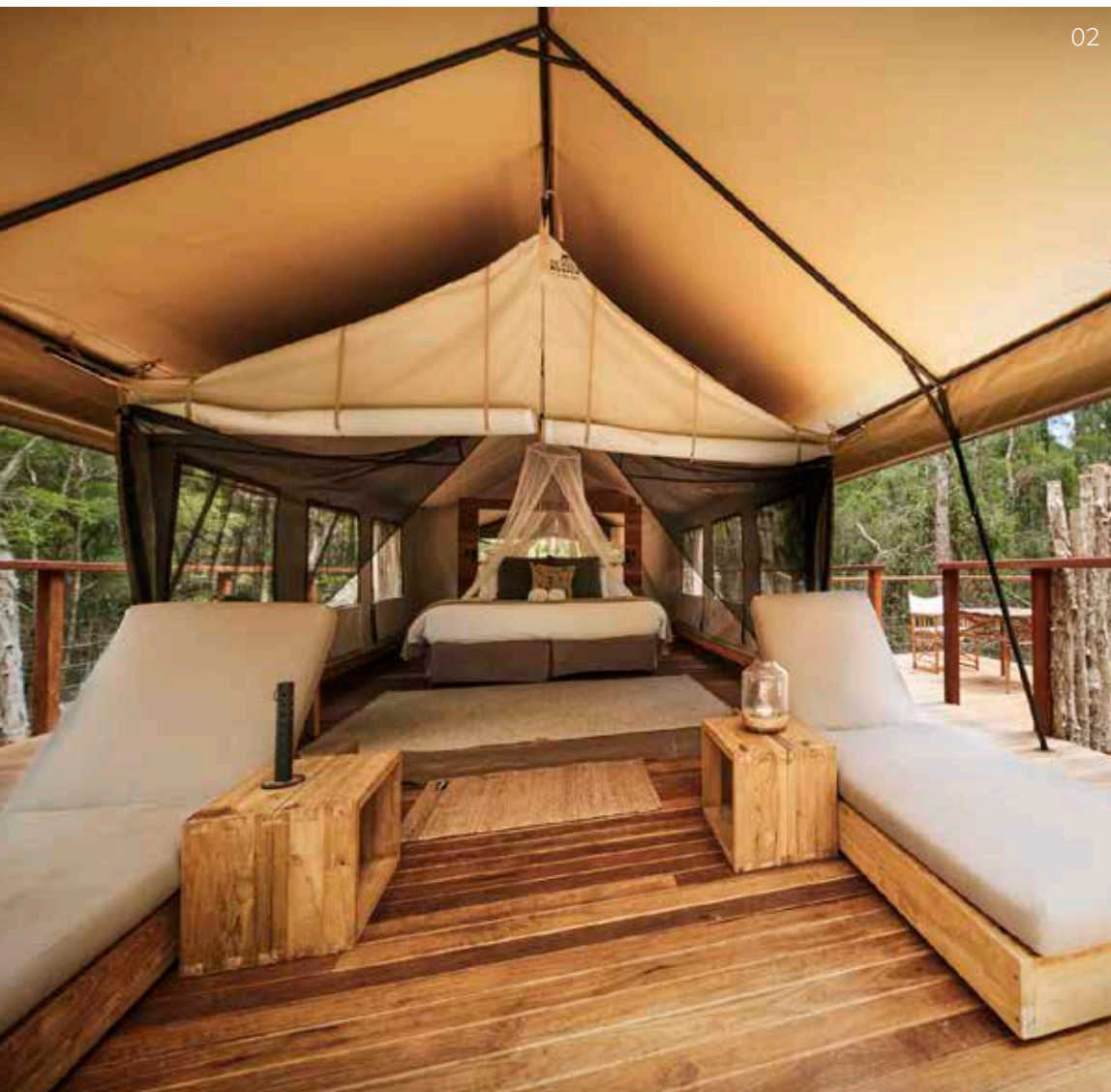
Glampers, here's where to book your next stay. From tented suites enveloped by lush rainforest to scenic oceanside camps, Lisa Perkovic finds solitude, serenity and self isolation in the Australian wilderness.



Longitude 131°, Uluru, NT

BEST FOR *Outback adventures*

If Uluru is on your bucket list, Longitude 131° should be, too. This patch of the Red Centre is all-inclusive, next-level luxury, but at the end of the day it's all about view. Many guests skip the tent for a night and instead take in the stars from the day bed of their private deck.



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Paperbark Camp, Jervis Bay, NSW

BEST FOR *Fine dining under the gum trees*

Forget the campfire – when you stay at Paperbark, settle around a candlelit table for a three-course meal. That's after a soak in your enormous tub. New supersized safari tents are on their way from Africa to cater for families of four.

Sal Salis, Exmouth, WA

BEST FOR *Beachfront bliss*

There's not much between you and the horizon when you spend the night at the all-inclusive Sal Salis. Wilderness tents blend into the dunes along the Ningaloo Coast, letting the location and the locals steal the show – in winter months, it's all about the whale sharks.



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Sanctuary by Sirromet, Mount Cotton, Qld

BEST FOR *A quick city escape*

Just 30 minutes from Brisbane, Queensland-meets-canvas in these elevated pavilion-style tents at Sirromet Winery. Hide away in your tent for a day or two, before venturing out for a wine tasting or long lunch at the on-site, and award-winning, Restaurant Lurleen's.

Spicers Canopy Luxury Tents, Maryvale, Qld

BEST FOR *Serious creature comforts under canvas*

A hot waterbottle with turn down – now we're talking! Throw in bath robes, slippers and an outdoor hot tub, and you'll never pitch your own tent again. One stop on Spicer's five-day Scenic Rim Trail Walk, this takes multi-day hiking up a notch.

Bruny Island Long Weekend, Bruny Island, Tas

BEST FOR *Food straight from the source*

Go straight to source on this three-day guided walk – arrive via private boat, wade out to an oyster farm to grab lunch, shucked on the spot, and end your days eating Bruny Island cheese and drinking local drops by the fire. There's a hot waterbottle between your sheets, and the best alfresco shower you'll come across.

Flash Camp Coolendel, South Coast, NSW

BEST FOR *Getting back to nature*

Spend a night under canvas along the banks of the Shoalhaven River at these seriously slick pop-up-style bell tents. The campsites are all set up for arrival, but are unhosted, so don't forget to pack your cheese and wine and your appetite for stargazing.



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Olio Bello, Margaret River, WA

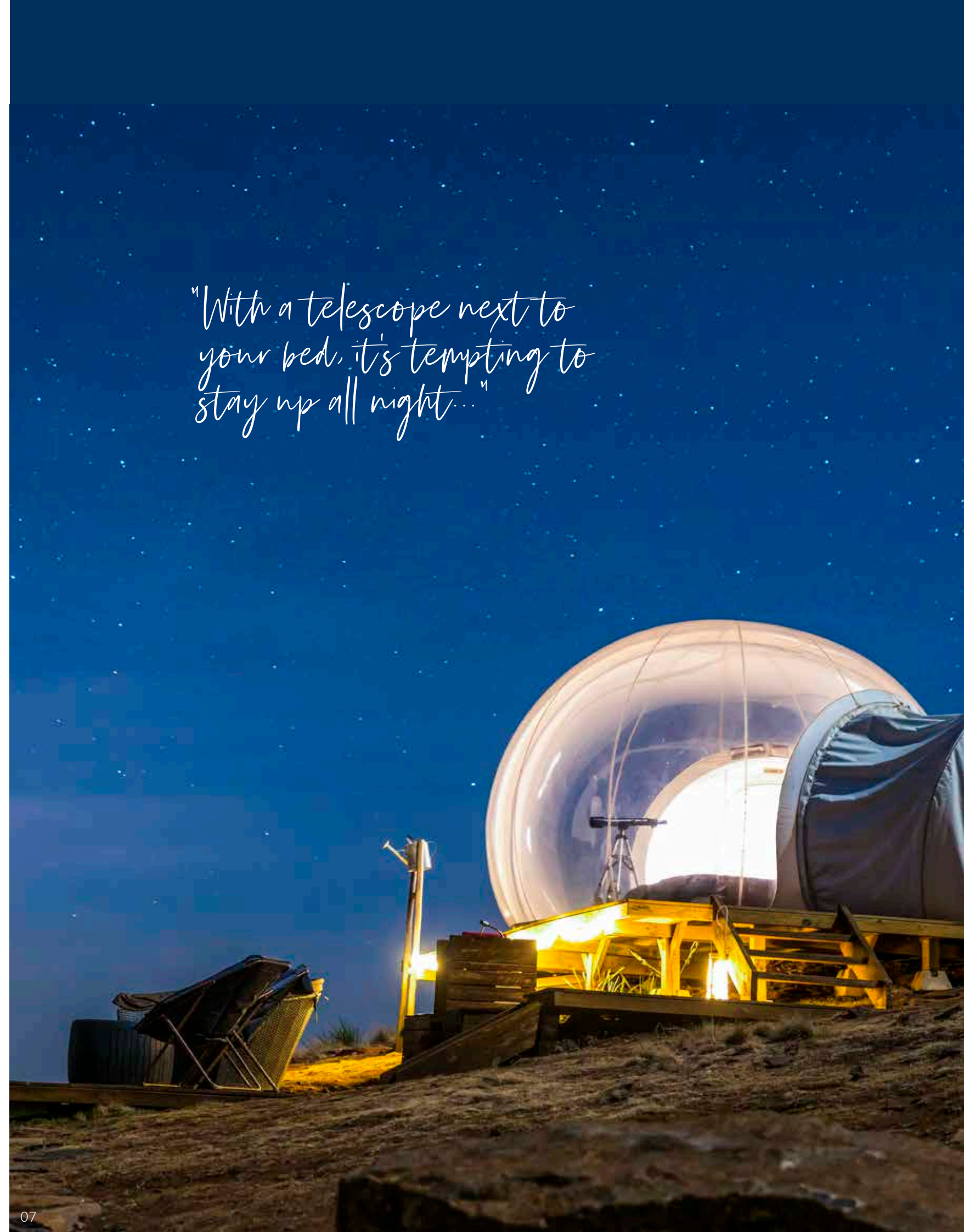
BEST FOR *Wine weekends*

Spend a few days lakeside on a working olive oil farm, where just six canvas bungalows come with all the bells and whistles of a hotel room. Dozens of wineries are on your doorstep – what could be better than a few cheeky sips before an in-tent massage with products straight from the olive grove?

Bubblentent Australia, Capertree Valley, NSW

BEST FOR *Stargazing*

Spend the night under the stars in a clear, inflatable dome tent. With a telescope next to your bed, it's tempting to stay up all night, but after a soak in your woodfired tub (outside the bubble), you'll be happy gazing skyward from your cosy bed. Galactic-inspired playlists are loaded on your tent's iPad. ◆



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