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# Our Seasons: Must-Dos in Summer

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| The 19 Luxury Lodges of Australia properties are located across the length and breadth of the country. Between them, the lodges offer some 300+ experiences, with continuous innovation leading regularly to new experiences. The changing Australian seasons mean there’s something new to explore in each destination, depending on the time of travel. LLoA’s [‘What to Do When guide for Summer’](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/plan/what-to-do-when-summer/) is an essential reference tool when planning a trip to make the most of the season and its key experiences in each lodge and location. Summer in Australia is typified by long lazy days spent by the coast, where dining al fresco on long lunches or as the sun sets is a lifestyle essential. For Summer (December to February) the must-do experiences include: | |
| Emirates One&Only Wolgan ValleyBlue Mountains, NSW | Summer in the Blue Mountains area is mild with temperatures averaging a pleasant 26°C. A quick 90-minute drive from Sydney transports guests to a vast wilderness where options abound for hiking, horse riding, four-wheel-drive and spectacular heli expeditions – each with a chance to [spot thriving native wildlife](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/activity/signature-wildlife-and-sundowners-tour/). For families, summer is a great season to get involved in hands-on [conservation activities](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/activity/conservation-activity/) before watching the sun set over the mountains and the moon and stars rise in an inky sky, just perfect for [stargazing](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/activity/stargazing-blue-mountains/). |
| Pretty Beach HouseSydney Surrounds, NSW | Summer on the NSW coast is shaped by long days spent by the beach, making the most of marine and boating adventures and lazy outdoor dining with a view. All this and more is possible at Pretty Beach House, ideally located on a coastal ridge ready to catch the summer breeze and overlooking Brisbane Waters and the Bouddi National Park. From the four private luxury pavilions, summertime adventures include boating for fishing or to find a perfect picnic spot, learning to surf or [snorkelling the wreck](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/activity/shipwreck-diving-off-avoca-beach/) at nearby Avoca Beach. A [private cruise](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/activity/group-charter-boat/) on the MV Zephyr - a beautiful old classic timber cruiser, is ideal for a celebration or gathering. |
| Spicers Peak LodgeHigh Country, QLD | Queensland’s hinterland welcomes [warm summer days bookended by balmy nights](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/spicerspeak/our-seasons/summer/), a chance to escape the heat and retreat to the mountaintop for memorable summer sunsets as the sun’s rays filter through the forest, setting it alight with colour. Summer is the season to explore the cool rainforest on guided walks, on horseback or e-bike, make peace with body and spirit on a cool forest bathing retreat, or opt for adrenaline-filled wilderness adventures on a sunset 4WD or [ATV tour](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/activity/atv-adventures/). |
| Capella LodgeLord Howe Island, NSW | With white-sanded beaches, shells for beachcombing and a calm, pine tree-lined lagoon, Lord howe Island is the quintessential [summer holiday destination](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/capellalodge/our-seasons/summer/). Visitors are limited to just 400 at any one time to this tiny island rising from the Pacific Ocean some 600km off the east coast of Australia, so although there’s am almost year-round holiday vibe, there are no crowds on Lord Howe. Located at the excusive southern end of the island with views direct to Mount Gower and Lidgbird, Capella Lodge is positioned to make the most of the summer season with bikes, snorkelling gear, [kayaks and SUPs](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/activity/kayaking-stand-up-paddle-board/) the tickets to an easy island holiday. Guests wander direct from the beach to discover the magnificence of the world’s southernmost coral reef, enjoying clear waters blissfully free of marine stingers warmed by the Coral Sea to the north. |