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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: | |
| The Louise, Barossa valley, South Australia | [The Barossa Valley](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/destinations/barossa-valley/) is regarded as a warm climate wine region, with temperatures in the summer often rising to 30°C. Smell the seductive bouquet of wine ageing gracefully in barrel as you enter the many wineries and cellar doors of the region. [The Louise](http://www.thelouise.com.au/) is only a few minutes’ walk, bike ride or drive from five dozen cellar doors. The busy Vintage season when the grapes are picked between January and April is a wonderful time to be part of all the action in the valley. |
| 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. |

On Board On Board’s five-day expedition to explore the state’s remote south west combines *Southwest Tasmania* with a seaplane charter for a spectacular start from Hobart in favourable weather conditions. Summertime tours offer a chance to kayak and even swim around the harbour’s quiet bays and coves, while daytime hikes traverse sun-soaked bluffs and guests can stargaze from the ship’s upper decks by night.