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# Our Seasons: Must-Dos in Winter

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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 Winter’](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/plan/what-to-do-when-winter/) 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. Winter in Australia is an ideal time to visit the tropical north, across Queensland, the Top End and Western Australia’s vast Kimberley region. For Winter (June to August in Australia) some of the must-do experiences include:  |
| Bamurru Plains Top End, NT | The Australian cool season offers a world of opportunity wildlife encounters, from hiding out in ‘the hide’ for a chance to sneak a peek at water buffalo and a cacophony of birds to the rush of an [airboat safari](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/activity/airboat-safari/) through the Mary River floodplains. |
| El Questro HomesteadThe Kimberley, WA | With warm, clear days averaging 31°C and cool nights averaging 16°C, winter is also known as the dry season and a wonderful time to visit the Kimberley. It’s ideal for [self-guided or guided hikes](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/activity/self-guided-hikes-2/) of the Kimberley’s many gorges – from the accessible Emma Gorge to the more challenging El Questro Gorge with The Homestead as luxury base. A sunset 4WD safari to Buddys Lookout, a cruise through Chamberlain Gorge and an exclusive soaking session at Zebedee Springs are all part of an unforgettable winter’s adventure in the Kimberley. [More](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/elquestrohomestead/our-seasons/winter/) |
| True North Adventure CruisesThe Kimberley, WA | The [Kimberley Ultimate](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/activity/the-kimberley-ultimate/), True North’s flagship two-week adventure operates throughout winter, taking in the region’s spectacular highlights departing from Kununurra and exploring the Kimberley waterways by luxurious expedition cruise. It’s a prime season for catching prized barramundi, choosing a remote location for a heli picnic, cruising the King George, Eagle and spectacular Horizontal Falls and discovering remote and rarely seen Aboriginal rock art. The adventure concludes with a flyout from the pearl-rich township of Broome on the Kimberley coast.  |
| Sal SalisNingaloo Reef, WA | Two headline wildlife acts occur in the cool season at Sal Salis: the chance to [swim with the whale sharks](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/activity/swimming-with-whale-sharks/) – the ocean’s gentle giants, from April – July, and from July to November there’s an unforgettable experience of swimming with humpback whales as they migrate along the coast.  |
| Longitude 131˚Uluru, NT | Winter brings cold nights and mild days to the outback. It’s a peak time to visit Uluru Kata Tjuta and ideal for taking on the various [self-guided or guided walks](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/activity/guided-and-self-guided-hikes/) through the World Heritage-listed natural icons like the [Uluru base walk](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/activity/uluru-basewalk/) or the wonderful Valley of the Winds hike through Kata Tjuta. Clear nights are perfect for exploring the southern skies from outdoor dune top dining experience [Table 131º](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/activity/table-131/) and for wandering through the swaying blooms of the [Field of Light](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/activity/field-of-light/) installation. |
| Silky Oaks LodgeThe Daintree, QLD | With mild daytime temperatures and cool nights, winter is an ideal time to visit Tropical North Queensland; it’s also a time when the humidity recedes and the rains ease. Winter is the perfect season to take an Indigenous guided tour of the Daintree with First Nations Walkabout Tours or the Mossman Gorge Visitors Centre for a change to learn about ‘nature’s supermarket and pharmacy’ – bush foods and medicines available ripe for the picking. [More](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/silkyoakslodge/our-seasons/winter/)  |
| qualiaHamilton Island, QLD | The land and water temperatures in Tropical North Queensland remain mild throughout winter, making it a great time to enjoy sunny days with a chance to swim. qualia’s exclusive [Heart Island fly-boat adventure](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/activity/dive-or-snorkel-the-great-barrier-reef-by-helicopter/) is a must-do for a special occasion with a loved one while the [Hamilton Island Race week](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/activity/hamilton-island-race-week/) runs each August with a dedicated following on and offshore. |