

Ultimate Catch Fishing Expedition



Suggested itinerary duration:

13 nights, plus a night or two at your arrival or departure destination as desired.

A must do for fishermen (avid or aspiring) and a unique and diverse Australian angling experience in some of the world's last great wild fisheries. From world-class reef fishing, to the excitement of game fishing. No matter what your level of experience, this itinerary will seduce hook, line and sinker!

Although each lodge does keep the occasional catch for the dinner table, they are committed to responsible fishing and a 'catch and release' policy is practised.

From Cairns Airport, 1hr flight to Lizard Island Airport, 5min hosted drive to Lizard Island Resort.

1 Lizard Island

Great Barrier Reef, Queensland

3 nights

On the northern-most tip of the **Great Barrier Reef**, the surrounding waters of **Lizard Island** resort boast some of the most exciting game fishing in the world. All fishing is conducted in accordance with the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority's zoning.

What will I do there?

- Black Marlin fishing season is from September - December. The famous Lizard Island Classic is held in October, for 7 days and each year fish weighing a massive 1,000 pounds are caught, tagged and released.
- Expect to catch anything from Spanish mackerel to tuna, queenfish, trevally, Mahi-mahi, giant dart, sailfish or coral trout and red emperor.
- Private Fishing Charter - The MV Fascination III is a 51 foot Riviera Platinum Model Flybridge Cruiser that has a cruise speed of 20 knots and can take up to 10 passengers (including crew). These charters are flexible and fully geared to your choice of activity. You may choose to combine fishing with snorkelling or diving or maybe visit a nearby coral island for the day.



Hosted transfer to Lizard island Airport, 1hr flight to Cairns Airport, connect to 2.5hr flight to Darwin Airport, overnight Friday evening in Darwin. Next day, 3hr flight to Broome Airport, hosted transfer to Broome Pier for 5pm Saturday sailing on board True North.

2 True North

The Kimberley, Western Australia

7 nights

Long revered as one of Australia's outstanding adventures, **True North** offers access to wilderness and goes where no other ship can go. Spacious cabins feature modern décor with ensuites. Expert crew, on-board helicopter and dedicated adventure boats provide guests with a range of outstanding fishing experiences in **The Kimberley** and wild coastal regions.

What will I do there?

- Do battle with the iconic barramundi, the elusive mangrove jack, finger mark bream, golden snapper, jewfish, pink snapper, whiting and even mighty sailfish.
- Land the catch of the day and then stay alongside as the chef demonstrates the processes involved in preparing the evening meal.
- The luxury of so many tenders means you can fish in comfort and receive individual attention.



From Broome Airport, 3hr flight to Darwin Airport, 3hr self drive or private transfer to 20min private flight to private airstrip, 15min hosted drive to Bamurru Plains.

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Bamurru Plains

Top End, Northern Territory

3 nights

The **Top End** of Australia is renowned for its spectacular coastal floodplains, billabongs and mangrove fringed tidal rivers and of course the mighty barramundi. **Bamurru Plains** is a safari-style camp that exudes 'Wild Bush Luxury' ensuring that guests are introduced to the sights and sounds of this immersive environment. The safari lodge and 300 square kilometres of surrounding country are exclusively for in-house guests, assuring a quiet, privileged outback experience.

What will I do there?

- Escape by helicopter to remote fishing locations and tackle the mighty barramundi. View the vast expanse of floodplains, the coastal beaches, billabongs and the numerous estuarine creeks from the air.
- Local fishing spots that are accessible from Bamurru Plains include Shady Camp, Corroboree Billabong and the Tommycut and Sampan Creeks.
- Take an exhilarating airboat ride to secluded spots and throw your lure in prime fishing waters only accessible by camp guests.



Optional - a natural extension to this fishing adventure would be a stay at Capella Lodge on Lord Howe Island at the beginning of the itinerary. From Sydney Airport, 2hr flight to Lord Howe Island Airport.

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Capella Lodge

Lord Howe Island, New South Wales

3 nights

Capella Lodge is **Lord Howe Island's** luxury retreat, offering the ideal island castaway escape. Surrounded by marine park and with no commercial fishery, the diversity of species, terrain, methods and the sheer abundance of fish, rank Lord Howe among the world's top fishing destinations.

What will I do there?

- World Class Game Fishing - hook black, blue and striped marlin, as little as half an hour from the jetty.
- Fish one of the dozens of hot spots for monster pelagic species such as Lord Howe kingfish, yellowfin tuna and wahoo.
- The local sport fishing 'grand slam' is to catch a trevally, silver drummer, bluefish and the endemic double-header wrasse in one session of sight-casting in the shallow waters of the Lagoon.



Travel tip For further inspiration, our colleagues at **Great Fishing Adventures of Australia** provide saltwater, freshwater and fly fishing in some of the most diverse environments the world has to offer.

The **Luxury Lodges of Australia** are more than just a place to stay. They are devoted to connecting their guests with an experience of place, reflecting their region and the depth and diversity of Australia's luxury. These **itineraries** are a guide only as transport options and desired number of nights may vary. Prior to or upon arrival, a personalised itinerary can be created by expert lodge hosts. **Planning Tips:** Take a look at these resources to assist with planning: **what's included** at each lodge, **what to do when** at specific times of the year and to identify additional **experiences** available. **How to Book:** For availability, rates and to book, contact each lodge individually or speak to your trusted travel advisor. Find out more at luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au