Luxury Lodges of Australia MEDIA BACKGROUNDERS: NEWS

# Seasonal Update

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| This **Media News and Emerging Trends** is aspringboard for conversations around emerging travel trends plus a roundup of newsworthy developments, new experiences, upcoming events and seasonal promotions from across the Luxury Lodges of Australia collection. | | |
| Luxury Lodges of Australia Resources | | |
| New WebsiteMedia and Trade PortalMedia Backgrounders | | * The completely new look site is a one-stop distillation of travel information, advice and insider tips for the 19 lodges, their 350+ experiences, their regions and essential destination information for high end travellers. It showcases the rich and diverse visuals of the places, experiences and people of the Luxury Lodges of Australia. [www.luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au](http://www.luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au) * Our media and trade portal provides easy access to a comprehensive set of media resources and assets. A simple signup is required for privacy and IP reasons. <http://www.luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/trade-media> Be sure to have a browse and bookmark this page as it is updated regularly. * A suite of [media backgrounders](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/trade-media-downloads/#media-backgrounders) includes a roundup of media bites with links to more detail across diverse and current themes including food and wine, environmental and cultural sustainability, First Nations experiences, architecture, art & design, our people and [more](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/trade-media-downloads/#media-backgrounders). |
| Key Travel Trends and Conversation Launch Points | | |
| Luxury Lodges of Australia celebrates 15 years New for February 2025 -  Orpheus Island Lodge and Pelorus Private Island Join as Newest Luxury Lodges of Australia Members Getting under the skin of the Australia you don’t knowAccessing the vast unexplored North West corner of Australia | | 2025 marks 15 years since the Luxury Lodges of Australia membership association was formed and launched in 2010. Key to Luxury Lodges of Australia’s success is its adherence to core DNA guidelines for membership including the member lodges’ extraordinary locations, rare or privileged access to place, experience and people (the lodges are much more than just a place to stay and collectively deliver more than 350 experiences across Australia), their connection to community and culture resulting in regional economic benefit or ‘halo effect’ for local producers, guides, growers, winemakers and artists, which all together creates an experience that is distinctively and exclusively Australian.  Luxury Lodges of Australia is proud to announce the addition of [Orpheus Island Lodge](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/orpheus-island-lodge/) and the ultra-luxury Pelorus Private Island to its distinguished collection. Just 15 minutes apart by private boat, both islands are situated within the World Heritage-listed [Great Barrier Reef](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/destinations/great-barrier-reef-orpheus-island-pelorus-island/). These exclusive retreats – part of the esteemed Morris Escapes portfolio – offer an unparalleled opportunity to experience one of the world’s most biodiverse marine environments. Orpheus and Pelorus Islands emerge from the northernmost peaks of the Great Palm Archipelago. They are accessible via a scenic 30-minute helicopter flight from Townsville or a longer helicopter transfer from the international air hub of Cairns. They provide guests of all ages, front-row access to pristine and complex fringing reef systems along the protected Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. The region’s azure waters are home to colourful corals and a rich diversity of marine life including manta rays, turtles, dugongs and whales.  Australia is vast, the same size as the USA and not a one-trip destination. The concept of ‘cluster itineraries’ makes tackling Australia’s enormous diversity of experience and the discovery of relatively unexplored regions highly appealing. Improved direct air access to regional airports has made these itineraries even easier to do.  In line with the growing desire to travel slower and more deeply, these itineraries offer a deeper discovery of a region and its diverse landscapes, people, produce and culture. Examples include South Australia’s [The Louise](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/thelouise/), [Southern Ocean Lodge](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/southernoceanlodge/) and [Arkaba Conservancy](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/arkaba/), Tropical North Queensland’s Trifecta [Silky Oaks Lodge](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/silkyoakslodge/), [Lizard Island](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/lizardisland/) and [Mount Mulligan Lodge](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/mtmulliganlodge/) and the great North West’s [Bullo River Station](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/bullo-river-station/), [El Questro Homestead](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/elquestrohomestead/), [Bamurru Plains](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/bamurru/) and [True North Adventure Cruises](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/truenorth/).  New to the Luxury Lodges of Australia website is a wonderful selection of these [cluster itineraries](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/plan/itineraries/), many along special intertest themes or destinations.  The addition of [Bullo River Station](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/bullo-river-station/) in 2024 and its blended focus on the sustainable coexistence of agriculture, tourism and conservation has added another dimension to the great north western corner of Australia – and is a great complement to those at [Bamurru Plains](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/bamurru/), [El Questro Homestead](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/elquestrohomestead/) and [True North](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/truenorth/) in the vast Kimberley and Top End regions.  New quality airline scheduling has never made it easier to seamlessly access this remote part of Australia: Daily direct Singapore – Darwin with Singapore Airlines and from March 2025 five times a week with Qantas is a game changer for access to one of the most remote and extraordinary wilderness areas in Australia, if not the world. This access makes a seamless itinerary across up to four diverse lodges, accessible in a way that has never been seen before. |
| DarkSky and astro awarenessMore than just a hot-spot for eventsVillas within lodges – meeting the rising trend for extended family and friend travel | | * Australia is a veritable dark sky hot spot for major astro-events over the next 15 years. Darkness is disappearing across the globe. Reclaim the wonder of darkness in Australia where the night sky paints a picture that has been interpreted by our First Nations people for over 60,000 years; where the moon cycle simulates growth for our incredible food and produce and pulls the enormous tides of the western coastline and much more. * The country’s vast land and skyscape, untainted by urban sky glow, provides some of the most exceptional celestial clarity experienced by stargazers past and present. The remote, regional locations of the lodges provide unparalleled access to these night skies in different ways. Dinners under the stars, expert guides interpreting constellations, luxury ‘swag’ sleepouts, nocturnal wildlife watching, art installations. See more [here](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/experiences/stargazing/) * We live in a world of increasing longevity, and as many as seven generations of people are now travelling – often together. The rise and rise of extended family and friend travel, multi-generational and multi-family gatherings is creating a new dynamic for small luxury properties. Travel has become the keystone for marking connection between people who matter most to each other but may be scattered all over the world, celebrations of time and events, escapes and those all-important zero birthdays. * The ‘[Villa within a Luxury Lodge’](https://emag.lodgelife.com.au/issue-2/lodge-villas), positioned in prime ‘wow’ locations, with all the experiential offerings, hospitality excellence and personalised service and amenities of a luxury lodge is super-appealing for travellers on ‘celebration escapes’ and small groups of friends and multi-family, or multi-generation gatherings. Private luxury villas in the collection include: * Dairy Flat Lodge, [Lake House](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/lakehouse/), Daylesford VIC * Baillie Pavilion, [Southern Ocean Lodge](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/southernoceanlodge/), Kangaroo Island SA * The Residence, [qualia](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/qualia/), Great Barrier Reef, QLD * The House at [Lizard Island](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/lizardisland/), Great Barrier Reef QLD * Daintree Pavilion, [Silky Oaks Lodge](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/silkyoakslodge/), Tropical North QLD * Dune Pavilion, [Longitude 131°](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/longitude131/), Uluru NT * Outback Pavilion, [Mt Mulligan Lodge](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/mtmulliganlodge/), Northern Outback QLD * Private Lodge, [Spicers Peak Lodge](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/spicerspeak/), Scenic Rim QLD * Jabiru Suite, [Bamurru Plains](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/bamurru/), Top End, NT * Around half of the lodges have between 4 – 16 guest suites and their layout and operational style are suited to small group bookings or a full property buyout that suit the dynamic of these extended friend and family gatherings. |
| Wellness and the deep desire to connect with natureOur reconnection withhow the land nourishes usAustralia, the antidote to overcrowded, overheated and overpricedOur Halo Effect Sustainability & positive impact  Value proposition  Continuous investment | | * Our awareness that our own wellbeing is linked to the health of the planet is rising, and experiences in nature have always been amongst the major reasons for travel. Now wellbeing and nature are being appreciated in their simplest but most luxurious form. We carry our wellbeing practices with us when we travel. And when we practice them in a new environment, they seem all the more enriching and restorative, whether it be hiking the forests, yoga on the beach, a massage overlooking the outback… * There was a saying, ‘don’t eat what your grandmother wouldn’t recognise as food…’ Today much of the lustre of travel is linked to the moments we reconnect with the land, and discovering how the land nourishes us. A trend in what we eat and drink as we travel has long been local, local, local. However, with the desire to connect with nature, there is also a rise in appreciation of provenance and flavour over fussy, formal dining as well as a chance to meet the people of the place, the producers, the farmers, the distillers, the makers. The lodges collectively partner with over 4000 local businesses, whose character is integral to what it means to be Australian. * The highly publicised reaction to overtourism around the world and an increasing desire to avoid crowds is redefining seasonality and inspiring interest to travel deeper in a destination. Australia’s natural isolation, demonstrated by the luxury lodges collective has always been the antithesis to travelling with crowds of tourists. * Each of the lodges seeks to partner as extensively as possible, often exclusively, with local producers of food and drinks, designers, artists, creators and spa experts as well as local tour operators and tradespeople. The influence of one luxury lodge can have a significant an exponential effect on the economy of the region they are located in.   19 member lodges collectively offer more than 350 experiences, partnering with more than 4000 other small, local Australian businesses. From local specialist guides to suppliers, the small scale, often sustainable or regenerative food producers, fishers, cheesemongers, winemakers, distillers and brewers who together bring a fresh innovative taste of the location to the daily changing menus, to local artists and artisans from all disciplines.  This sustained economic support for suppliers acts as further incentive for small businesses to set up in nearby regional locations, enriching the community and offering a genuine sense of place for visiting guests.  The term ‘halo effect’ describes the rich tapestry of experience created for guests that extends beyond just a stay, but shines the light on all the components that are intrinsic contributors to the rich, dynamic character of a lodge.  A great example is the [Lake House](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/lakehouse/) in Victoria’s Daylesford spa country, where the restaurant’s exclusive use of local and sustainably produced ingredients led to a proliferation of small and artisan producers, which in turn has contributed to the region’s growth and appeal as a food-tourism destination. In addition, guests are able to visit Dairy Flat Farm by [Lake House](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/lakehouse/), their own regenerative farm, to taste, see and learn about provenance, flavour, nutrition and the passion for these suppliers for regenerative, sustainable farming. Guests are connecting with and supporting the local community just by staying at the lodge. [More](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/trade-media-downloads/#media-backgrounders)   * Making a positive impact is core to the ‘why’ of each lodge’s contribution to and protection of the ecological and cultural sustainability of the environments and communities in which they operate. Operating sustainably is essential to the ongoing appeal of a destination and ultimately to the sustained success of the business. Sustainable operation and indeed regenerative impact are rising fast as consumer expectations. Travellers are conscious of the impact of their travel on the places they visit, and so [‘travel with purpose’](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/sustainability/) is a principal focus for each lodge. The initiatives in place vary according to the destination, its natural environment, wildlife, community and culture. ‘Citizen science’ opportunities that are both educational and enriching for guests are increasingly popular as guests seek a more active, positive connection with the environment. Visit the dedicated sustainability page with up-to-date information on each of the lodges here: <https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/sustainability/> * As we reflect on the travel trends off the back of the pandemic, geo-political unrest and conflict, and cost-of-living crises globally, the cost and quality of travel continues to shock many. As we look ahead, the value proposition offered by Australia and the Luxury Lodges is compelling. The inclusive rate structures and seamless offering of experiences of the destination, of excellent, local produce-led dining and wines and natural isolation and exclusivity of access to place will once again appeal to those looking to connect with each other, and with the people and places they’re visiting on holidays. * A common theme of each of the 19 LLoA members across its 15-year history is one of continuous innovation and investment. This investment is in response to respond to changes in surrounding physical circumstances like climate, innovation in experience development and deepened engagement with the local community, and in response to evolving traveller trends.   Upcoming works include:   * [Bullo River Station](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/bullo-river-station/) is excited to share that it will embark on a thoughtful redevelopment to further [enhance its homestead](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/news-offers-events/bullo-announces-redevelopment-plans/) and guest wing in 2026, reopening in time for the 2027 season.   - [Saffire Freycinet](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/saffire-freycinet/) announces plans for a [super-premium villa](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/news-offers-events/new-super-premium-saffire-villa/) opening 2026.  **Recent highlights include:**  - [Mt Mulligan Lodge](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/mtmulliganlodge/) – refurbishment and new spa tent, reopened March 2024  - [Longitude 131°](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/longitude131/) – significant soft refurbishment, February 2024 closure, reopened March 2024.  - [Southern Ocean Lodge](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/southernoceanlodge/) - $55 million rebuild, opened December 2023  - [Lake House](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/lakehouse/) - reface July 2023  - [qualia](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/qualia/) – guest spaces refurbishment July 2023, addition of The Residence  - [On Board](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/on-board/) – brand new expedition vessel launched March 2023 |
| The LegacyOf continuous investment and innovation | | |
|  | These long-standing lodges operating consistently at very high levels are worthy of respect and acknowledgment. The vision to look long-term and continuously innovate to stay relevant, appealing and inspiring to the traveller of today and tomorrow should be applauded.   * [Capella Lodge](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/capellalodge/) 20th Anniversary (2024) * [Spicers Peak Lodge](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/silkyoakslodge/) 20th Anniversary (2024) * [Lake House](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/lakehouse/) 40th Anniversary (2024) * [Lizard Island](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/lizard-island/) 50th Anniversary (2025) | |
| Lodge UpdatesLodge news and story angle teasers | | |
| [Arkaba Conservancy](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/arkaba/)Flinders Rangers, SA | | * Seventeen years on record as a private wildlife conservancy. The result is a visible change to the landscape and biodiversity of flora and fauna. [More](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/arkaba/business-with-purpose/) |
| [Bamurru Plains](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/bamurru/)Top End, NT[Bullo River Station](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/bullo-river-station/), Eastern Kimberley, NT | | * Launched in April 2023, [Bamurru Plains](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/bamurru/)' Jabiru Retreat features two safari bungalows linked by a walkway to a private plunge pool and deck area, and offers king-split/twin beds with swag bedding options for children under 18, making it a perfect hideaway for two couples, multi-gen families, or honeymooners seeking privacy. [More](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/news-offers-events/bamurru-plains-new-jabiru-retreat/) * Luxury Lodges of Australia has welcomed [Bullo River Station](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/bullo-river-station/) to the collection of luxury lodges and camps offering distinctively Australian, high-end experiences and hospitality across the continent. Set on some 400,000 acres of privately owned outback country at the convergence of the Bullo and Victoria rivers in the East Kimberley, [Bullo River Station](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/bullo-river-station/) is located in the Northern Territory near the Western Australian border. * [Bullo River Station](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/bullo-river-station/) offers guests an authentic working cattle station experience that harmoniously balances pastoral, tourism and conservation activities. Guests experience the timeless spirit of an outback welcome, through hospitality and the generous surroundings of the property’s homestead. ‘Bullo’, as it’s affectionately known, is a real “home in the outback.” * Bullo is where conservation, agriculture and tourism meet on 400,000 acres of epic landscape. Explore from on high via a scenic helicopter flight and land for a secluded swim at a remote waterfall or enjoy epic views from a clifftop picnic. [More.](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/bullo-river-station/experience/) |
| [Capella Lodge](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/capellalodge/)Lord Howe Island, NSW | | * [Capella](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/capellalodge/) has celebrated 20 years of operations in September 2024, with much-loved General Managers Libby Grant and Mark MacKillop also celebrating 20 years in the post! |
| Dairy Flat Lodge  at [Lake House](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/lakehouse/)Daylesford, VIC | | * Dairy Flat Lodge and [Lake House](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/lakehouse/) guests can enjoy on-farm experiences at Dairy Flat Farm including properly fermented sourdough baking classes, beekeeping, kitchen garden growing and learning about regenerative farming. * New spa offering – The Farm Spa Experience at Dairy Flat Lodge. [More](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/news-offers-events/farm-spa-experience/) |
| [Lake House](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/lakehouse/)Daylesford, VIC | | * An evergreen leader with a legacy of over 40 years of continuous innovation, forged over decades of tireless pursuit of excellence in hospitality combined with collaboration and community building. These efforts have led to the current iteration and addition to the Lake House offering, the regenerative farm and Dairy Flat Lodge. * The [Lake House](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/lakehouse/) restaurant has been awarded two hats (taking their total to 76 hats and countless other accolades since 1984) in the Good Food Guide Awards 2023 with a score of 17.5/20. “Exacting cooking, luxe linen and gilded service fluctuate in fashion, but the Wolf-Tasker clan’s unwavering dedication to substance, classic style and grow-it-yourself dining means Daylesford’s destination fine-diner is as pertinent as ever…  So, too the unchanging package: that walk-in-cellar packed with hedonistic vintages, the all-seasons lake views, the silken service. Unbeatable, always.” [More](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/news-offers-events/lake-house-two-chefs-hats/) |
| [El Questro Homestead](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/elquestrohomestead/)The Kimberley, WA[Lizard Island](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/lizardisland/)Great Barrier Reef, QLD | | * An historic partnership announcement at [El Questro](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/elquestrohomestead/):  owners The G’day Group has announced the signing of an historic 99-year Indigenous Land Use Agreement between the Western Australian Government and the Wilinggin Aboriginal Corporation (WAC), Traditional Owners of the land on which El Questro Homestead operates. [More](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/news-offers-events/el-questro-homestead-historic-land-deal/) * New to [El Questro Homestead](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/elquestrohomestead/) in 2024, the Injiid Marlabu Calls Us immersive encounter extends a heartfelt Welcome to Country Cultural Immersion, unveiling the profound bond between the Ngarinyin Aboriginal people and the vast expanse of the Western Australia’s rugged Kimberley land and waters. [More](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/news-offers-events/unique-cultural-immersion/) * [Lizard Island](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/lizardisland/)’s first partnership with Citizens of the Great Barrier Reef took place in October 2022 as the Great Reef Census 3 recruited up to 80 boats departing from [Lizard Island](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/lizardisland/)’s Anchor Bay to survey the region’s remote reefs [More](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/news-offers-events/lizard-island-partners-with-citizens-of-the-great-barrier-reef/). The team of volunteer citizen scientists returned to the Great Barrier Reef’s remote northerly waters in late 2024, with a return partnership with [Lizard Island](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/lizardisland/) resort. * Wildlife seasonality - at [Lizard Island](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/lizardisland/) there’s a natural reason to travel in every season, from nesting migratory seabirds in February and whale spotting in June to the marlin season in September and coral spawning in November. [More](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/lizardisland/lizardisland-experience/) |
| [Longitude 131°](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/longitude131/) Uluru, NT  [Mt Mulligan Lodge](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/mtmulliganlodge/), QLD  [On Board](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/on-board/), Southwest Tasmania  [Orpheus Island Lodge and Pelorus Private Island](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/destinations/great-barrier-reef-orpheus-island-pelorus-island/), QLD  [Pretty Beach House](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/prettybeachhouse/), Sydney Surrounds  [qualia](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/qualia/), Whitsundays, QLD  [Saffire Freycinet](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/saffire/) TAS  [Sal Salis](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/salsalis/)  Ningaloo Reef, WA | | * In partnership with the Ernabella Arts Community in the APY Lands, a new series of five Aboriginal artists-in-residence visits in 2025 offers an extraordinary chance to connect with the artists and learn about their life and work. [More.](https://longitude131.com.au/journal/air-2025/) * The property completed a significant refurbishment in February 2024. * For those who love an outback adventure, nothing beats getting behind the wheel of an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) to explore boulder-strewn creeks, navigate outback tracks and meeting the bovine locals before resting at the picturesque south end of [Mount Mulligan](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/mtmulliganlodge/) to delight in a chef-prepared gourmet picnic hamper. [More](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/mtmulliganlodge/experience/) * [Mt Mulligan Lodge](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/mtmulliganlodge/)’s most recent addition is a dedicated Spa Tent. * [On Board](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/on-board/) delivers guests to Tasmania’s remote west coast on its premium expedition ship, Odalisque III. [On Board](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/on-board/)’s signature experience is a five-day discovery of Port Davey on the remote Southwest coast, a spectacular region inaccessible by road. Home to a protected marine park, the Southwest National Park and UNESCO Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area, the vast Port Davey harbour region is one of the world’s few remaining places of raw, untamed beauty and the destination for epic, unforgettable adventures. [More](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/on-board/) * Expedition inclusions encompass daily guided walks, shore excursions and wilderness cruises by tender. Tailored itineraries including walking, birdwatching, photography, beachcombing, expert local crew including interpretive guide, return scenic flights from Hobart to the southwest wilderness via seaplane. * Wade-in access to snorkelling the Great Barrier Reef * Close proximity to Hinchinbrook Island and the Underwater Museum of Art * Ideal for multi-generation families and small groups of friends travelling together. * [Pretty Beach House](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/prettybeachhouse/) offers a raft of wonderful experiences of Sydney’s Central Coast and the Bouddi National Park including a private boat charter cruising the local scenic bays and golden beaches. Guest can choose from a luxurious sailing boat to a classic old timber cruiser, and the team at Pretty Beach House can supply a picnic lunch to make a day of it. * Coastal Bushwalking can be along many well-marked coastal walking trails in the surrounding natural wonder of the Bouddi National Park. Lobster Beach, Box Head and the surf break at Tallow Beach are all within easy walking distance, while Killcare surf beach, Maitland Bay and the seaside villages of Killcare, Wagstaffe and Hardy's Bay are close by. * Journey to the heart experience: Heart Island. qualia guests can experience unprecedented access to the iconic Heart Reef lagoon in the Great Barrier Reef, with the ‘Heart Island’ boat and heli experience. [More](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/qualia/qualia-experience/) * [Saffire](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/saffire/) has launched a swag of new experiences including a Wild Wellness Experience. [Saffire Freycinet](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/saffire/), encapsulated in Tasmania’s secluded and rugged landscape of Freycinet, offers a wellness experience that embodies tranquillity, luxury and untamed wilderness. This private coastal sanctuary is designed to rejuvenate guests with its stunning natural surroundings, luxurious accommodations, and curated wellness activities. [More](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/news-offers-events/saffire-freycinet-wild-wilderness-experience/) * A new, three-bedroom super-premium villa is planned for 2026. Set separately to the main lodge’s sixteen suites, the new accommodation option is perfect to sleep up to six adults as well as children. * Set between Australia’s third largest fringing reef, Ninglaoo and the untamed wilderness of Cape Range National Park, [Sal Salis](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/sal-salis/) sits on a delicate coastal ecosystem and is regarded as a role model for sustainable operations. [More](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/salsalis/business-with-purpose/) * Wildlife seasonality - whale sharks cruise through Ningaloo from April each year, while humpback whales migrate past from July. Explore more of nature’s calendar here: [calendar of natural events](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/salsalis/our-seasons/spring/) |
| [Silky Oaks Lodge](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/silkyoakslodge/)The Daintree, QLD | | * Silky Oaks Lodge guests have an ideal base for exploring the Daintree and Great Barrier Reef, including cruising the Mossman River on lilos with Back Country Bliss or a full day reef cruise with Sailaway including lunch. * First Nations Kuku Yalanji experiences include a 90-minute guided Ngadiku Dreamtime walk at Mossman Gorge or full day experiences of the Daintree National Park and Cape Tribulation with Walkabout Cultural Tourism. [More](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/silkyoakslodge/silky-experience/) |
| [Southern Ocean Lodge](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/southernoceanlodge/)Kangaroo Island, SA | | * [Southern Ocean Lodge](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/southernoceanlodge/) has a new approach to the included adventures reframing the guest experience to a more tailored itinerary of Kangaroo Island based on scheduled departures. Guests are encouraged to join the ‘KI Essentials’, Seal Bay and KI Wonders, which operate in the morning, while a swag of optional afternoon experiences including Kelly Hill Caves, Koalas and Kangas and Taste of SA wine sampling allow guests to discover more of the wild island or opt to spend time poolside, spa side or just taking it all in. * Baillie Pavilion Special Amenities: To reflect and acknowledge the extra special nature of a stay in the ultra-premium Baillie Pavilion (booked as one suite) at Southern Ocean Lodge, the team is pleased to reveal a suite of new bonus amenities for Pavilion guests. Special amenities included in the rates now include private sunset drinks and canapes served in-suite, along with private transfers to and from Kangaroo Island Airport, private touring on the island and a dedicated host for the duration of guests’ stay. |
| [Spicers Peak Lodge](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/spicerspeak/)High Country, QLD | | * 20 years of operations celebrated in 2024. * As eyes are turning to Brisbane in the lead up to the 2030 Olympics, Spicers Peak Lodge is easily accessible from Brisbane for a non-alpine mountain adventure with food, wine, hiking and mountain biking. [More](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/spicerspeak/) |
| [The Louise](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/thelouise/)Barossa Valley, SA | | * [The Louise](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/thelouise/) offers guests a ‘backstage pass to the Barossa Valley’ [More](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/news-offers-events/new-look-the-louise-open/) * Cheeky little sister to [Southern Ocean Lodge](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/southernoceanlodge/), offering a great combination for the wine and wildlife of South Australia. |
| [True North](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/truenorth/)  Adventure CruisesThe Kimberley, WA | | * [True North Adventure Cruises](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/truenorth/) comprises True North and True North II with signature Kimberley cruises from March – September. Featuring expedition tenders, on-board helicopter, both vessels are purpose-built for coastal exploration, including the upper reaches of shallow river systems. [More](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/truenorth/) |

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