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*“Those who lose
dreaming are lost.”*

Australian Aboriginal proverb

Dear traveller,

With Abercrombie & Kent, the entire world is your oyster. We take the world's most discerning travellers, including many Australians and New Zealanders, on luxury adventures to more than 100 countries and on all seven continents.

Antipodeans are renowned around the world as great travellers. Yet some of the world's most extraordinary travel experiences, like some of the world's finest oysters, can be found right in your own backyard.

The extraordinary quality and diversity of the travel experience Down Under is perfectly captured in this brochure, which includes a selection of the very best Australasian destinations, accommodations and recreations. Tropical islands, red deserts, windswept beaches and snow-capped mountains. Glaciers and fiords, world-class wineries and sumptuous regional produce. Other-worldly golf courses, bracing eco walks, private cycling tours and bragworthy fly fishing. Swimming with whale sharks or relaxing in front of an open fire, gazing out over Kings Canyon, the Marlborough Sounds or the Southern Ocean.

Whether you're looking for a gourmet getaway, an expedition cruise, a private island, some family time on a road trip, or you're just ready to reward yourself with a memorable short break somewhere amazing, there's something here for you, close to home and yet a world away from the everyday.

Happy exploring!

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Australia & New Zealand

Abercrombie & Kent has been crafting exquisite luxury adventures in Australia and New Zealand for more than 30 years. With A&K, you can choose your own adventure – physical, intellectual, cultural – from an incredible palette of natural and enhanced ingredients: tropical islands, vast red deserts, windswept beaches and snow-capped mountains. Glaciers and fiords, world-class wineries and sumptuous regional produce. Otherworldly golf courses, bracing eco walks, private cycling tours and bragworthy fly fishing. Swimming with whale sharks, or relaxing in front of an open fire, gazing out over Kings Canyon, the Marlborough Sounds or the Southern Ocean.

Whether you want to go escape into the backcountry of the New Zealand Alps, visit the studios of acclaimed contemporary artists or walk the sacred lands of the world's oldest continuous culture in the company of an elder, meet the maker of your next favourite varietal wine or swim alongside magnificent whale sharks, A&K can make it happen, tailoring a remarkable journey just for you, filled with unforgettable moments and ample time to relax and recharge, right here in our two incomparable island nations.





Why Choose an A&K Journey

Abercrombie & Kent takes you to the heart of a destination in extraordinary style and comfort, with authentic local insight, unforgettable encounters, and exclusive access privilege.

The Leader in Luxury Travel Experiences

For over 60 years, Abercrombie & Kent has been a pioneer in the world of luxury travel, redefining the notion of what is possible on holiday and delivering travel experiences that change the way travellers see the world, and themselves. We've made it our business to specialise in destinations and itineraries that are extraordinary, creating exquisite adventures handcrafted to exceed the expectations of even the most discerning travellers.

Our People

A&K works tirelessly to design adventures you won't see from any other travel company, backed up by the most robust support network, including over 55 offices in more than 30 countries around the world. Unlike other operators, we recruit, train and manage our own full-time staff, orchestrating every aspect of your journey with precision and flexibility, down to the last detail. Whether it's the seamless flow of an A&K itinerary or the prompt attention paid to an unexpected request, you can be sure that our global family is the driving force making it happen.

A&K's Journey Designers

Our Journey Designers are exceptionally well-travelled individuals who regard travel not as an occasional diversion, but as a calling that stimulates the mind and nourishes the spirit. Your Journey Designer also gets to know you as an individual, either through your travel advisor or directly with you, one traveller to another, to make sure your journey is everything you want it to be, and to ensure it flows seamlessly from start to finish. We use only hand-picked and deeply researched accommodation, whether high-end luxury hotels, intimate boutique inns or independently-owned lodgings, and weave quintessential destination experiences into every journey.

Local Presence & Privileges

When you travel with A&K, we don't just take you to the front of the line, we take you into the places not typically open to visitors – behind the scenes of an important national treasure, into the workshop of a local artisan, or out to the field with an ecologist to see how rare or endangered species are being protected. This kind of unencumbered access to the authentic heart and soul of a place – to the people and sites that exist far beyond the reach of the average traveller – is something we aim to deliver on every journey we create, whether to Australia's or New Zealand's most iconic luxury travel destinations, or to more off-the-grid and under-the-radar places and experience.

Expert Local Guides

It is often said that a guide can make or break a special journey. We agree. A&K's guides are the best in the world and deliver superlative experiences in every destination. All are blessed with extensive knowledge and the ability to bring local attractions to life. We also use local personalities and authorities in many destinations, whether a published local historian, esteemed curator, the local rock star, or a local football champion who can tell the true stories of the Yawuru people of the West Kimberley.

A Long-Standing Commitment to Local Communities

Conservation and philanthropy have been integral parts of A&K's operations for decades, long before they became *de rigueur* for other operators. Working hand-in-hand with local villages and communities, we fund schools and clinics and generate opportunities for employment that make a real difference. Grassroots Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy projects like these are included on several of our journeys across Asia, welcoming our guests to participate in travel that changes lives. See page 74 for more information.

Safety You Can Trust

With experience comes excellence and reliability, and with A&K this translates to peace of mind and security. The safety of our guests is always our priority. Our network of local offices and long-established relationships in every region in which we operate, allows us to keep our finger on the pulse of local dynamics and developments. If unexpected events occur, A&K has resources at the ready to ensure your wellbeing and allow you to safely continue your journey. We adhere to the world's best practices for cleanliness and disinfection; and our local guides and staff follow rigorous health and safety protocols. Our local offices are experienced in handling any situation and have the contacts and knowledge to support guests 24/7.





Discover Australia & New Zealand on a Journey Made Just For You

Your ideal journey starts with a dream, and a deep desire to experience a part of the world in a new way or for the first time. And our Journey Designers are here to create itineraries perfectly suited to your style, your interests and your budget.

Seamless, Ready-to-Travel Suggested Journeys

In this brochure, and in more detail on our website, you will find a range of suggested itineraries exclusively designed by our experts. Each element of each itinerary is carefully considered in terms of guest enjoyment, travel logistics, and how it fits in the overall pace and flow of the journey. Each one is travelled and tested, to ensure we present the destination in the best possible manner in seamless style and comfort. These suggested journeys are all designed to give you an incomparable travel experience and are operated on a private basis for you and your travelling companions. Each is ready-to-book and ready-to-travel on dates to suit you.

Find Your Inspiration

Decades of in-country expertise mean our Journey Designers can curate exceptional activities and experiences for you that are beyond the reach of the average traveller. In each destination, a list of some of these unique experiences is featured. Some of these appear in our suggested journeys, but they can also be pieced together to form the framework for your own bespoke adventure.

No Two Holidays are the Same

Our suggested journeys are just that, suggested. Should you need to deviate from the proposed route, add a different focus or start from scratch, our Journey Designers are poised to start the conversation with you, or your travel specialist, to craft the holiday of your dreams. It's simple: tell us where and how you'd like to travel and we'll create or curate

a journey to match, with as much or as little direction from you, and drawing on the expertise of locals from our offices throughout Australia and New Zealand. By tailor-making your journey with an A&K Journey Designer, you are assured a unique experience from booking to boarding and beyond.

Itineraries You Won't Find Anywhere Else

With our unrivalled knowledge, A&K can create journeys that feature iconic destinations and perfect pacing, all seamlessly orchestrated for the luxury traveller. These are journeys that unfold with the narrative flow of a good book or a great film. Our approach and network advantages also bring practical benefits, including tailored transfer and flight routings to allow for extra time exploring, and longer stops in the places you most want to see.

Genuine, Cultural Immersion

We ensure every one of our journeys includes authentic cultural encounters. Imagine visiting a community in Arnhem Land in the company of a friendly local – your A&K guide – who grew up in the area and has probably known some of the locals here their entire life. They make warm introductions to local traditional artists, and suddenly you are witnessing them in action creating extraordinary works. Next up you are visiting an ancient rock art site, with our guides offering the kind of insight into local culture that can only come from deep knowledge and in this case countless generations of lived experience. The result is a journey that reveals the real spirit of the people, and the place, in a way you'll never forget.

Four Steps to Your Inspiring Journey

1. Tell Us About Your Ideal Journey

It starts with an A&K Journey Designer, who works with you or your travel professional to open your eyes to the possibilities of travel with A&K – a world of inspiring destinations and exclusive insider access.

2. Make Your Journey Your Own

The Journey Designer creates a detailed proposal for your journey, complete with touring, hotels and insider access activities arranged specially for you, refining the itinerary until it's exactly what you're looking for.

3. Let Us Handle the Details

Your journey is planned – now it's time to sit back and let us finalise the details, as well as provide all the information you need to prepare for your journey.

4. Travel with Around-the-Clock A&K Support

Once you arrive at your destination, we manage everything behind the scenes, leaving you to enjoy every inspiring moment for as long as you travel with us. This is travel as it is meant to be.

Experience the Journey of Your Dreams

Contact A&K at 1300 583 901, visit www.abercrombiekent.com.au or speak to your travel advisor to start planning your bespoke journey today.



Truly Luxurious Accommodations That Inspire, Enhance & Delight

The quality of the accommodation we use is one of the many things that sets an A&K journey apart. On all handcrafted tailor-made and Small Group Journeys, we select only the most remarkable hotels, boutique lodges and luxury small ships, each of which must combine superior service, a sense of place, local character and unanticipated luxuries.

Award-Winning, Iconic Hotels

When luxury is what you're looking for, there's no reason to settle for second-best. Our local experts choose only the very best hotels in a given destination. In many cases, their choice will be the undisputed local favourite, synonymous with five-star style, often a *Condé Nast Traveler Gold List* or *Travel + Leisure World's Best* property. But the choice might also be a whispered secret, a better option, a small but perfectly-formed boutique property with a certain significant atmospheric, experiential or locational advantage. This firsthand knowledge allows us to recommend the perfect fit for you and your itinerary.

One-of-a-Kind Locations

When considering a hotel, our experts look at more than just the rooms. Wherever possible, we arrange for you to stay close to the places you most want to see, close to the people you'll most enjoy meeting, and close to the experiences you'll most enjoy discovering. We'll choose the right option from within the region's best properties, whether historically iconic, coveted high-design or supremely located on the edge of a wilderness.

Stylish Expedition Vessels And Small Ships

Our commitment to luxury doesn't stop at the water's edge. When it comes to cruising with A&K, step aboard knowing you'll experience the same comfort, service and style you would on land, all while discovering the beauty of life on the water.



Longitude 131°, Uluru



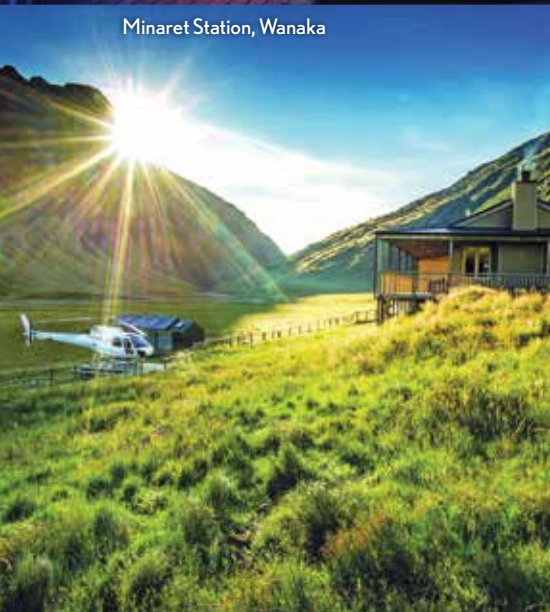
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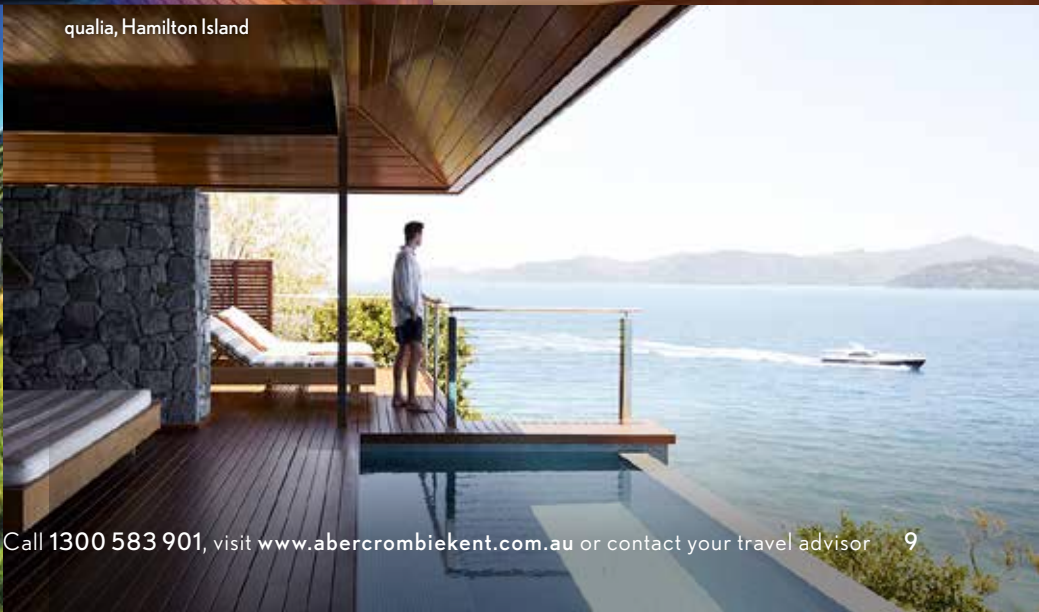
Arkaba Walk, Flinders Ranges



Azur Lodge, Queenstown



Minaret Station, Wanaka



qualia, Hamilton Island



Discover wild and beautiful landscapes,
a rich history and a relaxed island lifestyle.

Tasmania



Separated from mainland Australia by the 240-kilometre stretch of Bass Strait, Tasmania is a land apart. Hobart, the state capital, is the second oldest city in Australia. It sits on the banks of the glassy Derwent River with the lofty peaks of Mt Wellington rising up in the background. There's plenty to see including Salamanca Markets, the Cascade Brewery and the waterfront is a favourite spot for many.

A guided or self-drive exploration of Tasmania is a great way to get to know the island. Dense rainforests, mountain peaks and great lakes are all easily accessible by car with world class walks and hiking on offer. It can be a few hours drive between the main attractions, but it's well worth the effort. Other places to take in include the white-sand beach at Wineglass Bay, the world's best little town, Strahan, and the Tarkine wilderness.

Not to be Missed

- Be indulged at Tasmania's luxury coastal sanctuary, Saffire Freycinet
- Discover the bizarre and brilliant at MONA
- Get a behind-the-scenes experience at the AKP supported Raptor Refuge – exclusive to A&K
- Tour the gourmet havens of Bruny Island and the Huon Valley
- Tee off at one of Australia's top golf destinations, Barnbougle
- Embark on a small group guided walk along the iconic Bay of Fires
- Explore pristine beaches and secluded coves
- Stay at the architect-designed Bay of Fires Lodge



Tasmania

Our local presence in Tasmania allows our Journey Designers to include exceptional activities and experiences that are beyond the reach of the average traveller. Talk to an A&K Journey Designer about incorporating an extraordinary experience into your Tasmanian journey. Here are just a few examples.

Extraordinary Ways to Experience Tasmania

Raptor Refuge

Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy is proud to support Tasmania's Raptor Refuge. Exclusive to A&K guests, you can enjoy an inspirational behind-the-scenes experience where you are invited to observe how precious and endangered birds of prey are being rehabilitated and returned to the wild.

Bruny Island & Huon Valley Tour

Board a ferry to Bruny Island where you'll enjoy stunning scenery and indulge in quality local produce including freshly shucked oysters, homebrewed beer and freshly baked bread. Afterwards, head to Adventure Bay and walk up the Truganini steps for unforgettable views before returning to the mainland to travel south to Cygnet where you will sample locally produced cider, enjoy a gourmet lunch at the award-winning Home Hill Winery, and visit the first alembic copper still in Australia, purpose-built for making apple brandy.

Quoll Patrol

Discover the wilderness, wildlife and tastes of Tasmania. With Forester kangaroos as your dinner companions, enjoy the ambience of campfire dining with a four-course dinner, featuring a wonderful 'after dark' wildlife show which focuses on the antics of the eastern quoll in its natural habitat.

MONA Discovery

Hop aboard a fast ferry to MONA, Hobart's breathtaking and utterly brilliant art museum. Lose yourself in the contemporary collection of art and antiquities that never fails to inspire and challenge. Afterwards, enjoy a private, vineyard tour of Moorilla with wine tastings before a delicious two-course lunch of seasonal local produce with matched wines at MONA's stellar restaurant.





Suggested Tailor-Made Itineraries

Tasmania in Style

7 days

Hobart – Freycinet National Park – Hobart

Discover the extraordinary sights, sounds and tastes of Tasmania on this leisurely self-drive journey from Hobart to Freycinet National Park. Explore the attractions of Hobart, including an A&K-exclusive visit to the Raptor Refuge, featuring three of the largest raptor flight aviaries in the Southern Hemisphere. Then continue on to revel in the stunning beauty of Freycinet National Park from the intimate seclusion of Saffire Freycinet, framed by the pink granite peaks of the Hazards. Here you can choose from an array of activities, including private wine tastings, a guided walk to Wineglass Bay, fishing, kayaking or mountain bike riding.

[Please click here to view detailed itinerary.](#)

Barnbogle to the Bay of Fires

7 days

Launceston – Bridport – Bay of Fires – Launceston

Discover Tasmania's northeast on this active adventure. Tee off on the world-renowned Barnbogle golf courses. Traverse the remote coastal wilderness of the Bay of Fires on an unforgettable four-day walking tour. And savour the surprising luxury of the Bay of Fires Lodge.

[Please click here to view detailed itinerary.](#)

Wildlife & Wandering: Maria Island

6 days

Hobart – Maria Island – Hobart

Explore World Heritage-listed Maria Island, renowned for its natural beauty and unspoilt tranquillity. Travel with local guides, walking along pristine beaches and through ancient blue gum forests by day and by night, savouring gourmet local fare. Uncover fascinating history and observe an abundance of rare birds and captivating wildlife. Includes 2 nights at MACq 01, located on Hobart's iconic waterfront.

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Tasmania Hotels & Resorts

Some of our preferred accommodation options, hand-picked for you.

Saffire Freycinet

Freycinet Peninsula

This intimate sanctuary on Tasmania's East Coast delivers sophisticated coastal style and inspiring experiences. Overlooking the Hazards Mountains and the pristine waters of Great Oyster Bay, the hotel sits cleverly within its natural surrounds. Each of the 20 luxurious suites is bright and spacious maximising the view, some with private courtyard and plunge pool. An exclusive day spa and famed restaurant Palate, with its gourmet menus and matching wines, are major drawcards.

MACq 01

Hobart

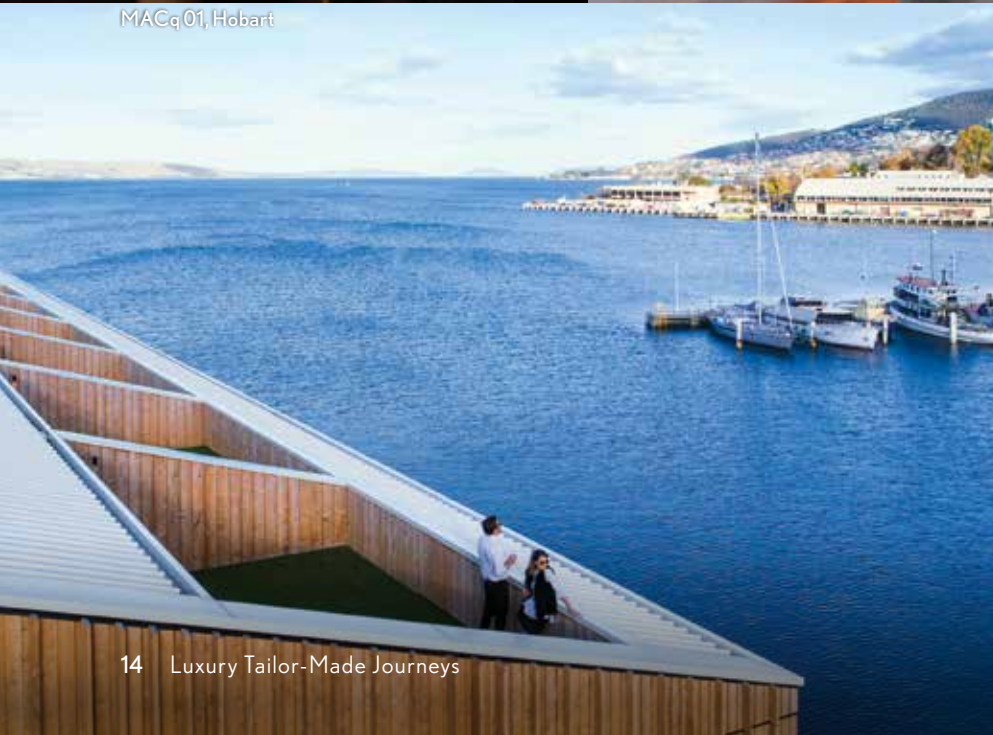
The ultra-exclusive MACq 01 on Hobart's Waterfront is inspired by the stories of Tasmania, its storytelling theme revealing local characters, past and present, with 114 spacious rooms telling 114 stories. Informally luxurious, the white cypress clad exterior is a nod to Nordic design boasting views over the Derwent River and Mount Wellington. Dining in Old Wharf Restaurant showcases the bountiful local seafood while sharing a drink by the circular open fire in the Lounge is a storyteller's delight.



Saffire Freycinet, Freycinet Peninsula



Saffire Freycinet, Freycinet Peninsula



MACq 01, Hobart



MACq 01, Hobart





Deserts, gorges, beaches, whale sharks,
and the lovable quokka hiding in the scrub.

Western Australia



A world away from its East Coast counterparts, Western Australia is vast and remote with unspoilt beaches and a spectacular coastline, diverse terrain and endless blue skies offering plenty of chances to get away from it all. And there's plenty of cultural excitement too with a rich sporting heritage, vibrant art scene and inventive food and wine from boutique providers.

Perth, the state's capital, ranks in the world's top 10 most liveable cities. With 19 stunning beaches and an impressive cityscape, it is a city that is equal parts cool and cultured. Nearby Fremantle offers a chance to discover the maritime and colonial history of the area, while on a boat tour of nearby Rottnest Island you can also seek out the quokka, a lovable little scrub-living marsupial.

To the south is Margaret River, a spellbinding culinary destination and world-renowned wine area. In the north of the state lies Ningaloo Reef for up-close encounters with the mighty whale shark. Broome, famous for its white sandy beaches, which provide a dramatic backdrop to stunning sunsets, and the Kimberley, a vast, untouched wilderness of rugged escarpments, coral reefs, tidal waterfalls and a rich Indigenous history.

Not to be Missed

- Discover the wonderful wildlife, captivating coastlines and haunting historic sites of Rottnest Island
- Enjoy exploring the world class wineries of Margaret River
- Swim with the majestic whale shark or humpback whales
- Fly over the stripey sandstone domes of the Bungle Bungles
- Watch sunrise over the Timor Sea and sunset over the Berkeley River
- Swim in a secluded waterhole and hike to Casuarina Falls
- Ride a camel along Cable Beach at sunset
- Witness Broome's beautiful 'Staircase to the Moon' as a full moon rises over the exposed tidal flats of Roebuck Bay
- Admire amazing wildflowers in one of the largest floral shows on earth
- Gain insight into the modern cultured pearling process
- Join a bushwalk to discover ancient traditions before exploring ancient Ngilgi Cave to enjoy a didgeridoo performance deep inside the Earth

Western Australia

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Extraordinary Ways to Experience Western Australia

Discover Rottnest Island

This remarkable destination is packed with beautiful beaches, endemic flora, and the rare native marsupial, the Quokka. Learn a little about the island's past with visits to a number of historic sites before enjoying the fantastic Quokka Walk, taking you to the heart of this creature's habitat.

Margaret River Rambling

Spend four days walking through the Margaret River region, one of Australia's most spellbinding culinary destinations and a world-renowned wine area. Keen ramblers and foodies can revel in fine dining and gourmet picnics with plenty of wine tastings along the way and picture postcard coastal scenery.

Swim with Whale Sharks

The pristine Ningaloo Reef offers the chance to snorkel or scuba dive with the dazzling marine life of Australia's western coast. From mid-March to July, you may even get to swim alongside a whale shark, one of the world's largest species of fish. Between August and October, spy humpback whales on their migration south to Antarctica.

Soar Over the Bungle Bungle Range

Take a scenic flight over one of the most fascinating geological landscapes in Western Australia, the stripey beehive domes of the Bungle Bungles. From the air, marvel at huge rolling ridges of rock and endless expanses of rippled ochre-red earth.

Witness the Majestic Horizontal Falls Up Close

Described by David Attenborough as one of the world's greatest natural wonders, soar over the otherworldly Horizontal Falls on a thrilling seaplane adventure, before landing effortlessly on the water and experiencing the majesty up close on an exhilarating jetboat ride, in awe of the thundering waterfalls and monumental rock walls that rise up around you.

Taste and Tour at the Margaret River's Founding Wine Estate

Experience the natural wonders of the Margaret River cape up close on a guided walking tour before indulging the senses at the region's founding wine estate, Vasse Felix. Here, meet winemakers, tour the vineyard and savour a multi-course tasting menu pairing celebrated regional produce with some of the best cellar door drops





Suggested Tailor-Made Itineraries

Pristine Waters of Ningaloo Reef

6 days

Perth – Ningaloo Reef – Perth

From cosmopolitan Perth journey to Ningaloo Reef where you'll take a front-row seat at one of the most biodiverse coral reefs in the world. Fly over Cape Range National Park to your exclusive wilderness camp Sal Salis, just moments from the shore. Snorkel or kayak through turquoise waters, spot dolphins, dugongs and manta rays, swim with whale sharks (mid March-July), and keep your eyes peeled for majestic humpback whales (August-October). At night be awed by my uninterrupted views of the milky way in your own designated Dark Sky reserve.

[Please click here to view detailed itinerary.](#)

The Kimberley: Beaches & Boabs

7 days

Kununurra – El Questro – Broome

Travel deep into one of the world's most pristine and remote wilderness areas, the Kimberley, where spectacular gorges, rugged ranges, cascading waterfalls and endless beaches define the landscape. Be spoiled by the warm outback hospitality at El Questro Homestead, located on 700,000 acres of ancient Kimberley landscape, and marvel at the contrasting white sand and turquoise sea from your luxury beachfront hideaway, Cable Beach Club.

[Please click here to view detailed itinerary.](#)

The Gourmet South West

7 days

Perth – Margaret River – Pemberton – Albany – Perth

Welcome to Australia's South West, where mouth-watering produce, world-class wine and ancient forests hide around every corner. Gain an in-depth and unique insight into the renowned Margaret River wine region, on this self-drive gourmand's adventure: uncover secrets from master winemakers, experience the art of fine food and wine matching, and explore the stunning Indian Ocean coastline. Then continue on to discover Albany's incredible past and wander through the centuries-old Valley of the Giants. Western Australia has never been more enticing.

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Western Australia Hotels & Resorts

Some of our preferred accommodation options, hand-picked for you.

Como The Treasury

Perth

COMO The Treasury is an elegant urban hotel located within Cathedral Square, in the heart of Perth. Standing alongside the iconic St George's Cathedral, the hotel is housed in the 19th century State Buildings which played an important role in Perth's history, serving as a post office, land titles office and state treasury. A meticulous restoration has revealed a grand Victorian-era façade, while contemporary style permeates the 48 spacious rooms and suites. Each functions as a serene retreat decorated in neutral tones with limed oak furniture, pale travertine, and bronze and leather trim. Dining options include the rooftop restaurant, Wildflower, serving a menu revolving around the Indigenous six seasons, and Post, an all-day osteria serving Italian classics, while the Cape Arid Rooms are the elegant, inviting home of COMO The Treasury's celebrated afternoon tea. Wellbeing is at the core of the COMO Shambhala Urban Escape where guests can enjoy a comprehensive range of holistic therapies as well as a pool and gym.

Sal Salis

Ningaloo Reef

Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef is an exclusive beach safari camp nestled in the dunes of the Cape Range National Park. With just fifteen eco-luxe wilderness tents and one honeymoon tent, all overlooking Ningaloo Reef, Sal Salis provides a unique place from which to explore Western Australia's coral coast – one of Australia's best kept natural secrets. Just a few metres off shore, the reef is home to a huge array of vibrant coral species and marine residents, and is well known as the best place in the world to swim with whale sharks. This eco-luxe safari camp has all the key comforts needed for a relaxing and unforgettable stay: plush beds, en suite eco-bathrooms, delicious locally sourced food, a generous self-serve bar and impeccable service

The Homestead at El Questro

Kimberley

At 700,000 acres, El Questro is one of Western Australia's largest and most loved destinations. At El Questro Homestead, guests enjoy rare luxury – a contrast in among the rugged Kimberley landscape. The Homestead (catering for a maximum of 20 guests) is an exclusive retreat cantilevered over the magnificent Chamberlain Gorge and featuring a swimming pool and tennis court.

Take a gourmet picnic to a pristine rock pool, share a bottle of Champagne by a cascading waterfall or explore the station on one of the Homestead's complimentary tours. A stay at El Questro Homestead includes all gourmet cuisine and selected beverages and selected tours.

The Homestead at El Questro, Kimberley





COMO The Treasury, Perth



COMO The Treasury, Perth



Sal Salis, Ningaloo Reef



Sal Salis, Ningaloo Reef



Zebedee Springs, El Questro, Kimberley



The Homestead at El Questro, Kimberley



Discover Australia's outback,
a land of colour and contrast.



Vast and uncompromising, the Northern Territory is blessed with an abundance of outstanding natural environments. It's a land that ebbs and flows with the seasons, a region of contrast and colour, where change is the only constant.

Introduce yourself to iconic wonders such as the World Heritage National Parks of Kakadu and Uluru-Kata Tjuta (Ayers Rock and the Olgas). The flora and fauna is fascinatingly diverse with desert blooms and lotus lilies suddenly flowering amidst the dust and rock. There is all manner of wildlife too including the fearsome saltwater crocodile and the elegant brolga.

The Indigenous Aboriginal people hold a deeply spiritual connection to the land that dates back hundreds of thousands of years. Walks in the desert in search of bush tucker, visits to the ancient rock art galleries dotted around the region or storytelling sessions around the campfire are just some of the ways to experience it. These are highlights of any Northern Territory journey.

Not to be Missed

- Witness the ever-changing colours of Uluru and Kata Tjuta
- Set sail on a 'ship of the desert' with a sunset camel ride
- Get up close to the striking wilderness and culture of the Top End
- Cruise through waters teeming with saltwater crocodiles, birds and barramundi
- See Australia's best Aboriginal rock art and meet local artists
- Journey to another world in Arnhem Land
- Enjoy an unforgettable gastronomic experience under a canopy of stars without the distraction of city lights
- Swim under waterfalls and in the clear, natural pools of Litchfield National Park

Northern Territory

Our local presence in the Northern Territory allows our Journey Designers to include exceptional activities and experiences that are beyond the reach of the average traveller. Talk to an A&K Journey Designer about incorporating an extraordinary experience into your Northern Territory journey. Here are just a few examples.

Extraordinary Ways to Experience the Northern Territory

The Field of Light at Uluru

The sun setting to the music of a lone didgeridoo, enjoy gourmet canapés and sparkling wine, watching 50,000 glass spheres gently come to life. Savour three courses infused with bush tucker flavours as the resident star talker decodes the night sky, before exploring the sparkling Field of Light.

Visit Sacred Arnhem Land

Enjoy a rare opportunity to view Aboriginal rock art in Arnhem Land. Trace Aboriginal history through some of the finest galleries depicting hunting images and scenes of European colonisation etched in the stone escarpment. Visit the Gunbalanya Aboriginal community for an opportunity to meet traditional local artists.

Mary River Airboat Safari

An airboat safari is utterly exhilarating and the only way to truly experience the floodplain wetlands of the Mary River catchment, some of the most important in the country. Gain a hands on demonstration of the many uses of the flora from the wetlands, keep an eye out for crocodiles and look on in awe as flocks of birds, sometimes numbering in their thousands take flight as you zip across the floodplains on your airboat.

Float Over the Outback in a Hot Air Balloon

Experience the Outback from a new perspective, floating above the rugged and untouched landscapes in your own hot air balloon as the morning light illuminates the monumental MacDonnell Ranges. Keep your eyes peeled for kangaroos and other native wildlife as you drift along, cocooned in uninterrupted serenity.

Be Immersed in Indigenous Culture in Litchfield National Park

Bring the country to life on an Aboriginal-guided discovery of Litchfield National Park. Discover magnificent scenery, fascinating pioneer heritage and a rich Aboriginal tradition as you wander through ancient rainforest and unspoilt woodland, swimming in sparkling waterfalls and natural pools, learning their history and cultural significance as you explore.

Bask in the Mythical Beauty of Wintjiri Wiru

Wintjiri Wiru, meaning 'beautiful view out to the horizon' in the local Pitjantjatjara dialect, is a breathtaking cultural storytelling experience that brings to life a chapter of the ancestral Mala story through choreographed drones, lasers and projections that illuminate the starry night sky of Uluru.





Suggested Tailor-Made Itineraries

Australia's Red Heart

7 days

Alice Springs – Kings Canyon – Uluru

Explore the spirit of the Red Centre on this inspiring adventure from Alice Springs and Kings Canyon to Uluru. Delve into the rugged heart of the West MacDonnell Ranges with your private First Nations guide, and admire the ancient landscapes of Kings Canyon before descending into the Garden of Eden, a natural waterhole surrounded by ancient and exotic plant life. Marvel at the epic Field of Light and Light Towers art installations – an ode to the beauty and mystery of Australia's red heart – and witness the everchanging colours of Uluru and Kata Tjuta. This is a stunning self-drive journey to feel the power of the Outback.

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Top End Rock Art & Wilderness

7 days

Darwin – Kakadu – Arnhem Land – Mary River – Darwin

Immerse yourself in the ancient cultures and impossibly beautiful wilderness of Australia's Top End. Venture into rugged terrain teeming with native wildlife and birds. Unearth the stories of ancient rock art and meet traditional local artists. Stay in 'wild bush luxury' on the coastal floodplains of the Mary River on the edge of Kakadu National Park, and experience the adventure of outback camping at a permanent bush camp.

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Remote Kakadu Glamping

3 days

Darwin – Kakadu – Darwin

Explore one of the jewels of the Top End – World Heritage-listed Kakadu National Park – on an exclusive glamping adventure. Discover a pristine wilderness teeming with native birds and wildlife. Admire extraordinary Aboriginal artists at work and learn the stories of the Dreaming as told in ancient rock art galleries.

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Northern Territory Hotels & Resorts

Some of our preferred accommodation options, hand-picked for you.

Longitude 131°

Uluru

With views of Uluru from the end of your bed, Longitude 131° delivers a new era of outback luxury lodging. The Dune House combines restaurant, lounge and help-yourself bar while up on the Dune Top, guests can rock-gaze in between cooling dips in the plunge pool. Contemporary pavilions feature commissioned Indigenous artworks, a premium bar and the option to sleep under the stars. Each of the 15 luxury tents has a white dome roof with flowing fabric draped to create the illusion of camping, whilst large windows reveal astonishing views, including the spectacular moods of Uluru at sunrise. All feature crisp white linen on king sized beds and plush five-star furnishings. The walls of each tent narrate fascinating stories of real outback pioneers. Tempting as it is to hunker down here, venture beyond the lodge for signature excursions exploring the wilderness of Uluru-Kata Tjuta.

Kings Canyon Resort

Watarrka National Park

Kings Canyon Resort is an oasis ideally located between Uluru and Alice Springs. Sensitively designed, the resort has been built to blend harmoniously with the surroundings – the spectacular Watarrka National Park. All rooms are tastefully decorated, spacious and comfortable, with separate en suite bathrooms. The Deluxe Rooms include a spacious bathtub and private balconies offering magnificent views of a rocky escarpment which is dramatically lit at night.

Bamurru Plains

Mary River

The focus of a stay at Bamurru is the camp environment and the wildlife that calls it home. Each of the 10 safari bungalows is designed to blend with the surrounding landscape which allows guests to appreciate the sights and sounds of the bush, whether it is the raucous cacophony from the blue-winged kookaburras as dawn breaks or the sound of a full grown buffalo splashing its way through the floodplains. Without modern distractions, the focus here is on creature comforts – a supremely comfortable bed, 100% cotton bedlinen, large soft bath towels, a high pressure shower and plenty of space to just breathe.



Longitude 131°, Uluru



Longitude 131°, Uluru



Kings Canyon Resort, Watarrka National Park



Kings Canyon Resort, Watarrka National Park



Bamurru Plains, Mary River



Bamurru Plains, Mary River



Enter a world of pristine islands,
emerald rainforests and bone-white sands.

Queensland



Queensland is a rugged and sprawling amalgam of landscapes, including the Great Barrier Reef, Daintree Rainforest and the vast outback. White sandy beaches grace almost the entire coastline and a string of islands and coral atolls dangle just off shore.

Brisbane, the state capital brims with style, while situated to the south of it, the Scenic Rim region is a thriving rural paradise set in the foothills of the Great Dividing Range and surrounded by World Heritage-listed national parks. Travel north and you'll be tempted by one tropical island after another until you hit the cluster of 74 that makes up the Whitsunday and Cumberland groups. Back on dry land, you'll enter a place where rainforest, mountains, and rivers unite. Green sugarcane fields are everywhere. Cairns has rainforest hills and villages to explore. And there's a harbour full of boats waiting to take you to the Great Barrier Reef for a snorkel or dive amongst myriad colourful fish and multi-hued corals. Savvy travellers head north to Port Douglas, gateway to the Daintree rainforest. Inland, the landscape surrounding majestic Mt Mulligan offers the opportunity to experience the spirit of the North Queensland back-country through a captivating terrain with indigenous significance dating back 37,000 years.

Join our guides and find out why Queensland is one of Australia's most popular holiday destinations.

Not to be Missed

- Cruise over the azure waters of the Whitsundays on a glass-bottomed boat
- Discover the beauty of Mount Mulligan weir and its surrounding riparian flora and fauna species from a kayak
- Swim with turtles in the crystal-clear waters of Lizard Island
- Camp under the stars on Aboriginal lands learning about The Dreaming
- Breathe in the ancient air of World Heritage-listed Daintree Rainforest
- Marvel at the paradisiacal Great Barrier Reef on a snorkelling odyssey
- Immerse yourself in a traditional Kuku Yalanji smoking ceremony
- Tee off on Australia's only 18-hole golf course on its own private island
- Experience an exclusive tour of the Lizard Island Research Station, a world-leading coral reef research facility

Queensland

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Extraordinary Ways to Experience Queensland

Heart Island Reef Experience

Enjoy an exhilarating helicopter flight to Heart Island before discovering the Heart Reef up close. Spot wildlife, snorkel in the lagoon and explore aboard a glass-bottomed boat.

Fly by Helicopter to a Private Island Picnic

Soar over the Coral Sea by helicopter, admiring the tropical rainforest-dotted coastline and azure waters, eyes peeled for turtles, dolphins, manta rays and even humpback whales. Touch down on idyllic Vlasoff Cay, a jewel in the heart of Australia's heritage-listed Great Barrier Reef and your perfect private haven for a gourmet island picnic.

Experience an Immersion into Aboriginal Art & Culture

Visit the Janbal Gallery in Mossman to learn how ancient Dreaming stories and Aboriginal history is shared through art from local Aboriginal artist and co-owner of gallery, Brian "Binna" Swindley. Learn the stories and meanings behind some of Binna's paintings, and create your own unique souvenir to take home with you under the guidance of Binna.

Aboriginal Walkabout

Travel with a guide through the ancestral country of the Kuku Yalanji people around Daintree and down to Port Douglas. They will share the stories, history, culture and traditions of their people, show you the way of the land, and take you to many culturally significant sites. A fantastic interactive experience that is perfect for families.

Marvel at the Underwater Wonders of Mossman Gorge

Admire the wildlife of the biodiverse Mossman River up close on a guided snorkelling tour. Keep your eyes peeled for turtles, water dragons and the elusive platypus as you drift with the current before an enthralling indigenous Smoking Ceremony, and an interpretive walk through the Daintree, learning the history and stories of the land.

Master Flavours from Around the World at Tamarind Cooking School

Travel with your tastebuds and learn the secrets of worldly cuisines under the guidance of talented chefs at Tamarind Cooking School. Overlooking inspirational gardens in the heart of a rainforest, try your hand at authentic Asian staples, flavourful French fare or delicious Italian dishes, and enjoy the fruits of your labour for lunch.

Play a Round on Dent Island in the Whitsundays

Tee off on Australia's only 18-hole championship golf course on its own island. Hamilton Island Golf Club is located on Dent Island, alongside Hamilton Island, in the magnificent Whitsundays, offering some of the most spectacular views and settings of any golf course in the world.





Suggested Tailor-Made Itineraries

Scenic Rim Discovery Hike

10 days

Brisbane – Scenic Rim – Brisbane

Embark on an unforgettable Scenic Rim hiking adventure in an intimate group with expert guides. You'll venture off the beaten track, hearing fascinating stories of the landscape and its unique evolution, as you explore the Great Dividing Range and World Heritage-listed Gondwana National Park. Spend each evening in luxury Spicers Retreats, enjoying delicious group feasts around open fires under the star-speckled sky.

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Rainforest to Reef

7 days

Cairns – Mossman – Lizard Island

Explore World Heritage-listed Daintree Rainforest's ancient ecosystem with your own personal guide, while indulging your senses at Silky Oaks Lodge – the ultimate luxury hideaway on the banks of the Mossman River. Next, it's on to the truly secluded Lizard Island where you can design your own romantic escape. Delight in deserted palm-fringed beaches, bleeding sunsets, all-inclusive food and drink, and the vibrant 500,000-year-old Great Barrier Reef.

Please click here to view detailed itinerary.

Outback & Island Escape

7 days

Cairns – Mount Mulligan – Orpheus Island – Townsville

Contrast Queensland's rich outback spirit with the pristine natural wonders of the Great Barrier Reef, combining the ancient landscapes and untamed wilderness of Mount Mulligan – a working cattle station in remote Far North Queensland – with the rich marine life of paradisiacal Orpheus Island. Discover the historic Mount Mulligan coal mine and abandoned township, enjoy escarpment sundowners and scenic flights along a coastline of virgin rainforest, before retiring to your exclusive island retreat – a private beachfront with snorkelling and scuba diving on the azure-blue waters of the reef.

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Queensland Hotels & Resorts

Some of our preferred accommodation options, hand-picked for you.

qualia

Hamilton Island, Great Barrier Reef

'qualia' – referring to one's deep sensory experience – is a world class luxury resort situated in the heart of the Great Barrier Reef on the pristine northern tip of Hamilton Island. qualia's sun-drenched seclusion provides the ideal location to appreciate the pristine natural surrounds, with a choice of 60 individual pavilions, some incorporating private plunge pools. For a lap of true luxury, guests can experience the uncompromising privacy of the Beach House with its own guest pavilion. Additional facilities at this exclusive adults-only resort include two pools, a library, private dining room, two bars and restaurants, a fitness centre, and indulgent Spa qualia.

Lizard Island

Lizard Island, Great Barrier Reef

Lizard Island, Australia's northernmost island resort on the Great Barrier Reef, is a one hour scenic flight over the reef from Cairns. Interiors reflect pared back luxury and sit as one with the beauty of the tropical beach backdrop. Its 40 suites and villas are understated and elegant with a feeling of contemporary beach chic and glorious views of Anchor Bay or Sunset Beach. The island boasts 24 pristine private beaches, perfect for picnicking and snorkelling in the turquoise waters where coral and marine life are abundant. Dining on Lizard Island is simple and relaxed, with menus inspired by the freshest local produce.

InterContinental Hayman Island Resort

Hayman Island, Great Barrier Reef

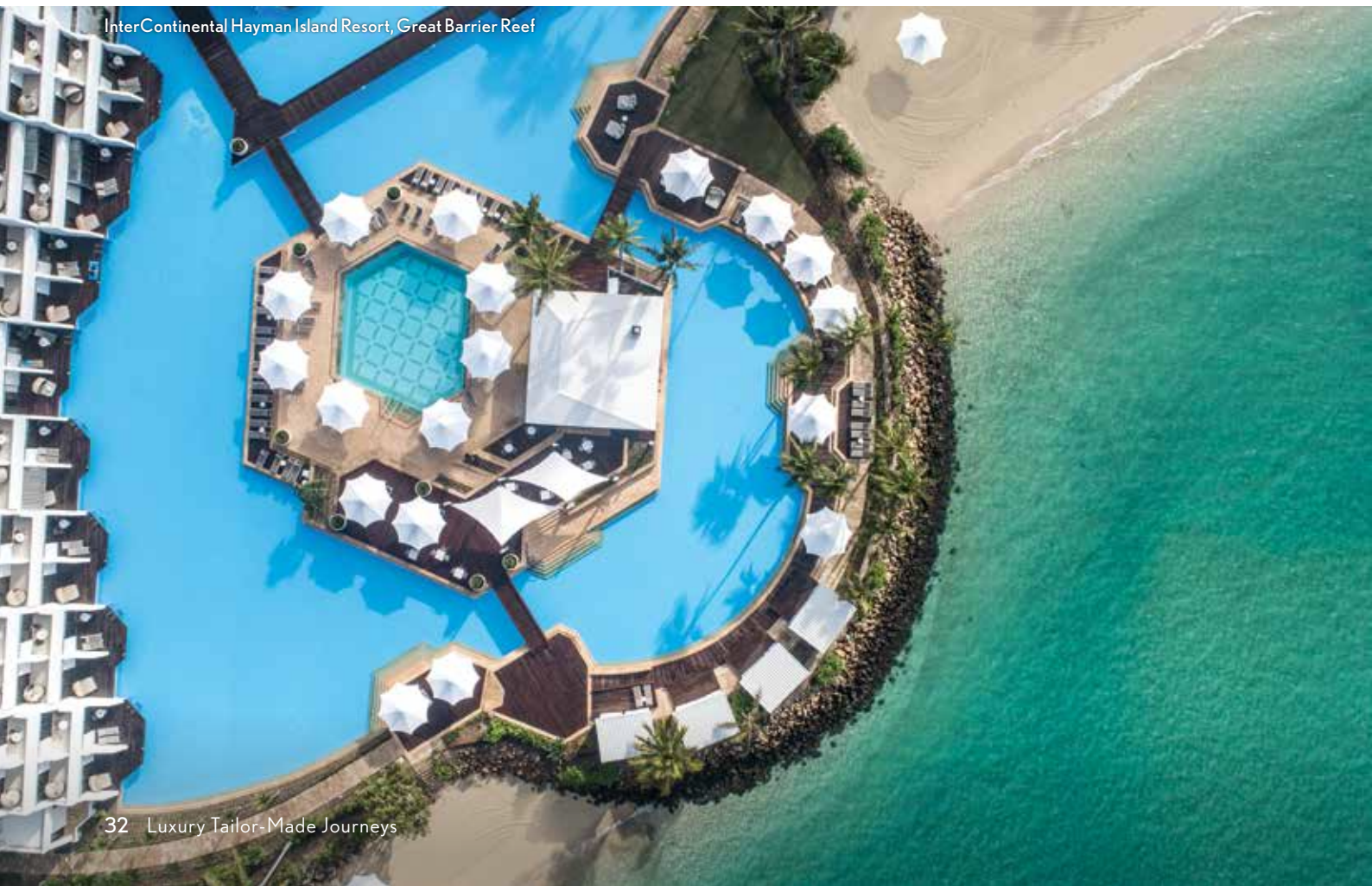
InterContinental Hayman Island Resort welcomes a new era of immersive luxury in the heart of the Great Barrier Reef, inviting you to discover the breathtaking beauty of the Whitsundays, iconic private island experiences and sacred moments of connection with family, friends and yourself. From the moment you step off your helicopter or luxury catamaran, you will discover an idyllic destination of privacy and pampering; where 182 rooms, suites, villas and residences await alongside five restaurants and bars, soulful spa treatments, a destination-inspired activity collection and more.

Mount Mulligan Lodge

Mount Mulligan

Located on an entirely private 28,000-hectare working cattle station and heritage site, Mount Mulligan Lodge offers boutique accommodation in the shadow of majestic Mount Mulligan. Ensuring an intimate escape, the lodge accommodates just 28 guests at any one time and features luxurious and contemporary rooms, a beautifully designed main pavilion for guest meals and relaxation, an infinity pool and sunset bar. Each guest room is also assigned its own electric buggy to explore the expansive property with ease. Experience the spirit of the North Queensland backcountry through a captivating landscape with Indigenous significance dating back 37,000 years.

InterContinental Hayman Island Resort, Great Barrier Reef





InterContinental Hayman Island Resort



Windward Pavilion, qualia, Great Barrier Reef



Windward Pavilion, qualia, Great Barrier Reef



Lizard Island, Great Barrier Reef



Lizard Island, Great Barrier Reef
Mount Mulligan Lodge, Mount Mulligan



Mount Mulligan Lodge, Mount Mulligan





From the buzz of glittering Sydney
to the eucalypt-laden Blue Mountains.

New South Wales & ACT



In New South Wales you'll enjoy the big city buzz of Sydney and its famous harbour. Or relaxing amongst the free-spirited beach vibe of Byron Bay. Hike through the tranquil Blue Mountains, discover a gourmand's paradise in the enchanting Hunter Valley, or journey to the island paradise that is Lord Howe.

In Sydney, national parks, harbour and sun-drenched beaches are all around. Wherever you look, there is an amazing view – ocean, forests or spectacular skylines alongside iconic landmarks. The city is also home to cosmopolitan clubs, lively bars, eclectic dining, festivals, museums and world-class art galleries.

Beyond the city, the Blue Mountains National Park is packed with excellent hiking trails and abundant wildlife. North of the city, the Hunter Valley is one of Australia's oldest premier wine growing regions. Further afield is Lord Howe Island, a UNESCO World Heritage-listed paradise where you can experience some of the world's best day hikes, snorkelling on a coral reef, and much more.

Not to be Missed

- Experience face-to-face encounters with Australia's iconic native wildlife, and gain fascinating insights from expert guides at Taronga Zoo
- Cruise round the harbour or take a tour of the Sydney Opera House to learn the stories, history and magic of the world-famous landmark
- Be part of your own operatic performance on stage with Opera Australia at the Sydney Opera House
- Appreciate abundant flora and wildlife encounters on a nature walk through the unrivalled scenery of the Blue Mountains
- Mount up for a scenic ride across Wolgan Valley's grassy plains
- Enjoy a private picnic overlooking mountain ranges and vineyards in the Hunter Valley
- Snorkel above colourful coral and fish in Lord Howe's pristine waters

New South Wales

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Extraordinary Ways to Experience New South Wales

Sydney Harbour Coastal Walk and Cruise

Join a charming local guide for a day out exploring spectacular harbour wonders. Enjoy Sydney's most scenic harbourside bushwalk followed by a privately hosted BBQ lunch. Then take to the water, boarding their 'gentleman's cruiser' for a private tour past Sydney Harbour's bays, beaches and waterfront properties.

Feed the Fish at Lord Howe Island

Walk across golden sands and wade into the sparkling water at Ned's Beach to hand feed a colourful kaleidoscope of fish along a fringing coral reef. You will instantly be surrounded by a feeding frenzy of mullet, wrasse, garfish, Silver-drummer, spangled emperor and kingfish.

Seaplane to Cottage Point

Travel in spectacular style by seaplane to Cottage Point Inn, perched on the water's edge in the heart of the Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, where an unforgettable dining experience awaits. After a leisurely lunch see Sydney's icons from the air, flying over the Harbour Bridge and Opera House before landing at Rose Bay.

Follow in the Footsteps of Darwin in the Blue Mountains

Discover Australia's unique ecology through the eyes of Charles Darwin in the company of his fascinating great, great grandson, Chris Darwin. Gain an insight into the unique flora and fauna of Australia that so influenced his forebear who visited the Blue Mountains in 1836, passing through Eucalypt forests and visiting Wentworth Falls before enjoying a wonderful 2-course gourmet lunch with Chris.

Taste the Best of Byron on a Guided Gastronomic Adventure

Taste your way through one of the country's most celebrated growing and eating regions - the gorgeous Byron Shire. Experience fresh, locally sourced produce and delights straight from the hands of the makers, including local cheeses and fresh seafood. Explore local farmers markets, enjoy farmgate tastings, and visit vibrant villages as well as waterfalls, rivers, lakes and beaches.





Suggested Tailor-Made Itineraries

Sydney & Lord Howe Island

6 days

Sydney – Lord Howe Island – Sydney

Explore Sydney Harbour's cosmopolitan delights, basing yourself in the historic Rocks area at the Four Seasons Hotel. Cross the iconic bridge to the Northern Beaches for a surprising coastal bush walk and lunch in a private home. Contrast Sydney's urban delights with an intimate stay at Capella Lodge on World Heritage-listed Lord Howe Island. Revel in the island's many natural wonders, including rare birds, plants, abundant marine life, stunning vistas and the world's southernmost coral reef.

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Blue Mountains to the Hunter Valley

5 days

Blue Mountains – Hunter Valley

Cruise around the most exquisite mountain range in NSW, the Blue Mountains, on a self-drive luxury journey. You'll enjoy towering native bushland, scenic nature walks, secluded picnics and 360-degree panoramic views. Continue to the famed Hunter Valley region where rolling vineyards invite indulgent tastings. At night, bed down at the award-winning Spicers Retreats with their inviting pools, fireplaces, walking trails and tranquil day spas.

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Canberra Revealed

3 days

Canberra

See fascinating Canberra through fresh eyes on this perfect long-weekend getaway. Learn about the Australian War Memorial and explore the National Museum's BIGGEST histories on a private tour with a museum curator. Go behind the scenes at Parliament House with privileged access and a private gin tasting. From politics and art, to history and fine dining, you'll be delighted by this much underrated Australian gem.

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Capella Lodge, Lord Howe Island

New South Wales Hotels & Resorts

Some of our preferred accommodation options, hand-picked for you.

Capella Lodge

Lord Howe Island

Inspired by the Australian beach house and refreshingly off-grid, Capella Lodge is Lord Howe Island's premium retreat. It is the only island accommodation that commands spectacular views of the ocean and awe-inspiring twin peaks, Mounts Gower and Lidgbird. A sense of barefoot luxury extends from the nine contemporary suites featuring island-themed artworks and kentia palm-fringed decks. Innovative fine dining showcases a bounty of local seafood and fresh regional produce. Activities include mountain walks, relaxing on white sandy beaches and exploring the world's southernmost coral reef.

Spicers Sangoma Retreat

Blue Mountains

Named after the Zulu word for healer, Sangoma is a secret haven of calm, restoration and seduction perched on the eastern edges of the dramatic Blue Mountain ranges. The eight private suites capture the beauty of the natural surrounds and provide the ultimate romantic escape, with custom-designed king-size beds, bold artwork, deep baths, warming fireplaces and private outdoor area. Other features of this eco-certified retreat include sauna facilities, infinity lap pool, open plan lounge and on-site restaurant with a generous bar serving gourmet meals made with only the freshest local organic produce available.

Capella

Sydney

A visionary experience awaits at the new Capella, offering guests a multi-layered journey through Sydney's storied history. Discover a hidden oasis of elegance in this heritage-listed building, showcasing curated artwork, original craftsmanship and intriguing objet d'art. Refined and exclusive, the masterfully designed 192 guestrooms and suites exude sophistication, with an aesthetic of walnut and marble, and deluxe textiles that cushion guests from the bustle of the city. Capella Sydney also features the bespoke holistic Auriga Spa, and the signature restaurant Brasserie 1930 and McRae Bar. Don't miss the nightly 'Echoes of Eternity' cold-brew cocktail tasting, an ode to street poet Arthur Stace.

Park Hyatt

Sydney

This luxurious hotel, located on the very edge of Sydney Harbour, with spectacular views of the Bridge and the Opera House, sets a benchmark in contemporary luxury. 'High design' guest rooms feature floor-to-ceiling glass that open onto private balconies to make the most of the harbourfront location. The room interiors feature luxurious furnishings and fittings, naturally-textured fabrics, plush carpets and modern, spacious bathrooms. Facilities include a restaurant and bar, rooftop pool and sundeck, whilst the The Spa at Park Hyatt Sydney offers the ultimate in beauty and body treatments.



Capella Lodge, Lord Howe Island



Spicers Sangoma Retreat, Blue Mountains



Spicers Sangoma Retreat, Blue Mountains



Capella Sydney



Capella Sydney

Park Hyatt, Sydney



Park Hyatt, Sydney



Awe-inspiring scenery, a wild coastline, a premier wine region and the country's culinary capital. Victoria ticks all the boxes.



Travel in Victoria is astoundingly diverse. Within its borders lie an abundance of national parks that encompass every possible terrain you could imagine. You can travel to Victoria's rainforests, its mountain ranges, the sun-baked outback and along its coastline, where waves crash dramatically onto rugged sandstone.

Melbourne, the state's capital, is full of cosmopolitan streets that are lined with fashionable cutting-edge restaurants. You can hop on its iconic trams to admire the Victorian architecture, be immersed in the vibrant arts scene or access world-class sporting venues.

Further afield, one of Victoria's top attractions awaits. The Great Ocean Road offers a clifftop coastal drive that is unsurpassed. We'll arrange a hire car and bespoke self-drive itinerary that shows off the best of the coastline. We can also arrange tours to the mountains of the Grampians National Park, the rolling vineyards of the Yarra Valley, or to explore the culinary delights of the Mornington Peninsula.

Not to be Missed

- Take to Melbourne's laneways and uncover their epicurean secrets
- Savour the ultimate in gastronomy at the Yarra Valley's Oakridge Estate
- Enjoy an exclusive Montalto Estate to Plate experience on the beautiful Mornington Peninsula, as well as the chance to meet local growers, artisan producers, and sample local wine and produce
- Drink in spectacular views and crashing waves on one of the world's most iconic drives along the Great Ocean Road
- Discover Melbourne's past and present through the eyes of its First Nations people
- Unwind in natural hot springs on the Mornington Peninsula
- Explore the many museums, galleries & art houses

Victoria

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Extraordinary Ways to Experience Victoria

Unwind on the Great Ocean Road

Experience the very best of the Great Ocean Road, including a short walk at Kennett River where you are almost guaranteed to spot koalas, a chance to say hello to eastern grey kangaroos, and an unforgettable scenic flight over the Twelve Apostles, Moonlight Head, Cape Otway Lighthouse, Gibson's Steps and Loch Ard Gorge.

Gain a Bird's-Eye View of the Twelve Apostles

Climb above the crowds to experience the best of Victoria's Shipwreck Coast. Soak up the dramatic scenery listening to tales of days gone by on an unforgettable scenic flight over the Twelve Apostles, Moonlight Head, Cape Otway Lighthouse, Gibson's Steps and Loch Ard Gorge.

Enjoy a Guided Tour of the Acclaimed NGV International

Be enthralled by one of the most impressive art collections in the Southern Hemisphere on a private tour of the oldest and largest public art gallery in Australia, NGV International. Admire works by Gian Lorenzo Bernini, Marco Palmezzano, Rembrandt, Monet, and more, led by passionate experts on an artistic education.

Enjoy the Ultimate Wine Lover's Experience with Lunch and Matched Wines

Immerse yourself in an exclusive and private behind-the-scenes tour of the De Bortoli Yarra Valley vineyard and winery. Tour the wine making facilities, enjoy the spectacular views of the vineyard, learn about viticultural practices, indulge in a decadent gourmet cheese and wine tasting, and enjoy the opportunity to sample wines from barrels, tanks, the reserve as well as vintage varietals from the museum. Afterwards, enjoy a 3 course Italian-inspired lunch with matched wines.

Explore Melbourne's Bluestone Laneways & Indigenous Heritage

View the quirky street art of Melbourne's famous bluestone lanes and marvel at the historic sights on this city tour. Alternatively, embark on a private journey discovering the region's First Nation's peoples and their significant cultural sites accompanied with an expert Indigenous guide.

Mornington Peninsula Wine & Culinary Tour

Sample unique wines and fresh artisan food as you discover all the culinary delights of the Mornington Peninsula. Enjoy private barrel-room tastings, a multi-course gourmet lunch paired with wines, and time to explore the coves and beaches at leisure.





Suggested Tailor-Made Itineraries

Gourmet Secrets of Victoria

5 days

Melbourne – Yarra Valley – Mornington Peninsula

Indulge in an epicurean exploration of Victoria's best-kept secrets. Uncover treasures tucked away in the laneways of Australia's culinary capital. Experience a cornucopia of exceptional food and wine in the Yarra Valley. And savour the flavours from orchards, olive growers and cheesemongers in the Mornington Peninsula.

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Great Ocean Road to the Grampians

7 days

Apollo Bay – Port Fairy – Dunkeld

Embark on one of the country's greatest road trips when you head for the spell-binding Great Ocean Road. Take a salt-air breather at the charming 'Captains' in Apollo Bay, hug the spectacular coastline of Port Campbell, witness the legendary Twelve Apostles towering starkly in the sea, before relaxing in Port Fairy at boutique bolthole, the Drift House. Next, head inland to the breathtaking Grampians and the award-winning Royal Mail Hotel.

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Melbourne Uncovered

4 days

Melbourne

Explore Australia's capital of culture on this captivating three-day odyssey. Gain an insider's perspective of Melbourne's most atmospheric arcades and alleyways, vibrant street art, live performances, stunning Victorian architecture and monumental landmark buildings – while enjoying delectable culinary delights. Be invited into the private home of passionate art collectors and be immersed in Melbourne's iconic night life with a private Melbourne After Dark walking tour.

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Jackalope Hotel, Mornington Peninsula

Victoria Hotels & Resorts

Some of our preferred accommodation options, hand-picked for you.

Jackalope Hotel

Mornington Peninsula

Set on a pristine vineyard in the world-renowned Mornington Peninsula wine region, intoxicating rural acreage frames a state-of-the-art hotel, unique in both destination and design. A new standard in Australian luxury accommodation, Jackalope Hotels' debut property promises an experience to remember, delivering a delicate interplay between the ideal and the surreal.

Rooms are generously sized, with floor-to-ceiling windows and private terraces connecting guests to the stunning surrounds. King-sized beds and rain showers are standard, while select rooms feature black, deep-soak Japanese baths. Overlooking the hotel's 30-metre infinity pool, Jackalope's signature suites –Lairs – feature loft ceilings, a terrace overlooking the vines, double-sided indoor/outdoor fireplace and kitchenette.

Jackalope offers immersive food and wine experiences delivered through its two restaurants, cocktail lounge, winery and cellar door. Set under the arresting canopy of a slowly twinkling 10,000-globe chandelier, the hotel's headline dining act, Doot Doot Doot, presents the region's finest produce paired with a daring selection of single vineyard wines.

Just one hour from Melbourne, the Mornington Peninsula offers some of Australia's best food and wine, golf, adventure and leisure activities. Over 50 cellar doors dot the rolling hills nearby while the region's beaches, natural hot springs, and national parks deliver the perfect mix of coast and country.

Park Hyatt

Melbourne

Sophisticated and contemporary, Park Hyatt Melbourne offers an exclusive sanctuary in the heart of Melbourne. Overlooking a district awash with Victorian architecture, the rooms are havens of luxury amidst the bustle of historic Melbourne, featuring Madrona panelled walls and rich furnishings with a hint of Art Deco. Room amenities reflect the hotel's exceptional standards and include plush beds, beautiful furniture and Italian marble bathrooms with deep soaking tub and walk-in shower. The sleek radii restaurant & bar is a dining experience unlike any other, offering creative, contemporary cuisine, while the Park Club Health and Day Spa offers the ultimate escape with a 60-minute deep relaxation massage for your complete indulgence.

The Royal Mail Hotel

Dunkeld

Dunkeld's Royal Mail Hotel on the doorstep of the Southern Grampians in Western Victoria is designed to capture the stunning natural surrounds with sweeping mountain views. The contemporary styled rooms are comfortable with en suite bathrooms and all with varying mountain views. Dining is a highlight here with Chef Robin Wickens at the helm of two hatted Wickens at Royal Mail Hotel dishing up creative degustation menus from seasonal locally grown produce. Alternately guests can dine at the more casual Parker Street Project. There is a 30,000-bottle cellar on site and an extensive kitchen garden.



Jackalope Hotel, Morrinton Peninsula



Jackalope Hotel, Morrinton Peninsula



Park Hyatt, Melbourne



Park Hyatt, Melbourne

The Royal Mail Hotel, Dunkeld

The Royal Mail Hotel, Dunkeld





With its rugged red outback, dramatic coastline, world-class vineyards, and historic towns, South Australia is unforgettable.

South Australia



There is certainly plenty of space when you visit Australia's third largest state. You can explore stunning landscapes, including the vast wilderness of the Flinders Ranges, sample world-famous wines and epicurean delights, and explore dramatic coastlines. This region is easy to explore on your own, or accompanied by one of our experienced guides.

South Australia is home to the stunning Flinders Ranges. The largest mountains in the state, they date back some 540 million years. We'll arrange a scenic flight to take you over Wilpena Pound, a natural amphitheatre of red sandstone that makes this national park famous.

The third largest island in Australia, unique Kangaroo Island is a conservation hub, home to seal and penguin colonies and, as its name suggests, kangaroo. Alternatively if you're looking to access world-class vineyards in one of the most picturesque wine regions in the world, the Barossa Valley north of Adelaide features more than 150 wineries and around 80 cellar doors.

Not to be Missed

- Immerse yourself in the rugged Flinders Ranges on a guided hike
- Camp under the stars in luxury swag tents
- Choose from a wide range of activities at The Frames in the Riverland, including a sunset gondola cruise, a wetland and wildlife safari, a behind-the-scenes local culinary tour, or an eco-cultural experience
- Pedal through the Barossa Valley on a private cycling tour
- Meet boutique vintners for wine tastings
- Discover Kangaroo Island's extraordinary landscape
- Explore Adelaide's burgeoning laneway bars and incredible restaurants
- Gain a bird's-eye-view of Australia's largest lake, Lake Eyre on an unforgettable scenic flight
- Visit Australia's famous underground town, Coober Pedy
- Explore Port Lincoln; Australia's seafood capital

South Australia

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Extraordinary Ways to Experience South Australia

Support Arkaba's Rewilding Project

Stay at eco-friendly Arkaba in the Flinders Ranges and join their mission to restore biodiversity across their private conservancy with some hands-on conservation activities. These can include tracking a radio-collared feral cat with a telemetry device, setting up the trip cameras that monitor key sites across the property, looking for signs of vegetation critical to endangered animals, or joining a biologist on land surveys.

'Make Your Own Blend'

Enjoy a Penfolds 'Make Your Own Blend' Tour – an immersive experience for any budding winemaker. After a winery tour and tastings, guests are invited to the Winemakers Laboratory to try their hand at making their own wine from Grenache, Shiraz and Mataro, just like Penfold's celebrated Bin 138.

Experience Kangaroo Island's Natural Wonders

Appreciate the scenic beauty and diverse wildlife of Kangaroo Island on a guided day tour. Start with a visit to a colony of endangered sea lion at Seal Bay followed by lunch at Vivonne Bay General Store before continuing on to the famous Flinders Chase National Park. Stop at Remarkable Rocks and spend time at Cape Du Couedic, Weirs Cove and Admirals Arch all while spotting native wildlife. Conclude the day with a swim or a short walk at one of the many picturesque beaches.

Gorge, Coast and Winery Tour

Experience the very finest elements of McLaren Vale and its surrounds all brought together – the coast, wine, food, and nature. Highlights of this one day tour include ancient Onkaparinga Gorge, the Wirra Wirra ironstone winery, and lunch at top 100 Australian restaurant, The Salopian Inn, followed by a masterclass at Bekkers Fine Wine. Finish up with a majestic beach drive to witness the spectacular coastline followed by a trip to the region's most famous pub to see its secret cellar.

Catch a glimpse on underground life in Coober Pedy

Tour the underground town of Coober Pedy on a truly unusual adventure. Guided by local experts, experiences the cave-like homes and opal mining past, be enthralled by the history and unique lifestyle, and witness first-hand the rugged beauty of the region; from the multi-coloured marvel of the Breakaways to the majestic Moon Plain.

Swim the Sea Lions in Port Lincoln

Take to the crystal-clear waters of Seal Cove and be enchanted by an up-close encounter with the endangered Australian Sea Lions who call it home. Friendly and curious, watch the animals at play, performing acrobatic feats sure to leave you smiling.





Suggested Tailor-Made Itineraries

Flinders Ranges to the Fleurieu

8 days

Adelaide – Flinders Ranges – Adelaide – Fleurieu Peninsula

Explore the spirit of Outback Australia on a guided hike unveiling layers of history hidden within the Flinders Ranges. Traverse ancient landscapes and experience deluxe swag camping and gracious hospitality. Then, discover the extraordinary coastal, scenic and culinary experiences of Fleurieu Peninsula, including the internationally renowned McLaren Vale wineries.

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Boutique Barossa & Kangaroo Island

7 days

Adelaide – Barossa Valley – Kangaroo Island – Adelaide

Toast the magnificent wines, epicurean delights, and natural beauty of the Barossa Valley. Cycle with your guide through some of the region's oldest vineyards, while indulging in luxury vineyard accommodation at The Louise. Finish your adventure in South Australia by visiting Kangaroo Island, with its dramatic landscapes and native wildlife found nowhere else on earth.

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Murray River Eco Experience

7 days

Renmark – Murray River – Paringa

Discover South Australia's rural Riverland district and the mighty Murray River on an eco-experience like no other. Combine multi-day hiking along stunning trails, cliffs and forests, and a houseboating experience with a luxury riverside retreat on the rustic Murray River. Unearth its stunning landscapes of ochre-coloured sandstone cliffs, ancient red gum forests, floodplains and quaint river towns. Conclude with two nights in Paringa at the award-winning retreat, The Frames.

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Arkaba, Flinders Ranges

South Australia Hotels & Resorts

Some of our preferred accommodation options, hand-picked for you.

Arkaba

Flinders Ranges

Arkaba – saving wildlife through immersive outback safaris – invite you to discover one of the most exclusive stays in Australia, a wild bush luxury property in the Flinders Ranges. Just ten guests at a time share this remote 60,000-acre wildlife conservancy dedicated to the conservation of Australia's unique wildlife and birds. Your resident chef uses foraged bush tomatoes, piquant quandongs, native pears and acacia pods to make the most upscale bush tucker imaginable, and the homestead has a cellar of premium South Australian wines. Mobs of kangaroos, emus and other abundant wildlife will delight you on safaris through spectacular ancient landscapes, where expert field guides will immerse you in the story of the bush.

Sequoia Lodge

Adelaide Hills

Set in the Adelaide Hills on the Mt Lofty Estate, luxurious Sequoia Lodge offers a truly intimate and immersive experience. Sequoia has 14 contemporary suites each featuring unparalleled tree top views over the Piccadilly Valley, vineyards, villages, and bushland, as well as a sunken lounge, a large balcony with an expansive daybed, a gas fireplace, a ceiling fan, a hidden TV, a large bathtub, and a wonderful wellness shower. For dining, the neighbouring Mount Lofty Estate is home to Hardy's Verandah Restaurant, one of Australia's most acclaimed fine-dining restaurants. There is also a relaxed bar, artesian spring-fed hot pools, an infinity pool, and onsite Gatekeeper's Day Spa offering a wide range of relaxing, rejuvenating and energising treatments.

The Frames

Paringa

Elevated in a secluded location above a bend in the Murray River at Paringa in South Australia, architecturally-designed The Frames offers boutique accommodation in three luxury self-contained retreats with the river and its breathtaking scenery taking centre stage. Each retreat is individually conceived and decorated in earthy tones with private pools and balconies opening onto the Riverland. Dining is tailored to suit each guest with gourmet deals delivered to the retreat or cooked by the chef on site. In 'villa' gourmet barbecues come highly recommended.

ONE KI

Kangaroo Island

Quite simply, ONE KI offers the most exclusive, luxury retreat on Kangaroo Island. Surrounded by natural beauty, this eco-retreat offers space in abundance with five double king bedrooms, four ensuites, two living areas and multiple decks all providing breathtaking views and hosting up to 10 guests. Lavish outdoor bath and shower areas overlooking the ocean epitomise the complete serenity of this private paradise. Savour three-course dinners prepared by private chefs, and immerse yourself in the spectacular landscapes as you swim, snorkel, kayak, paddleboard, birdwatch, collect shells, or watch the dolphins and eagle rays from your idyllic beach with private access.



Arkaba, Flinders Ranges



The Frames, Paringa



The Frames, Paringa



Sequoia Lodge, Adelaide Hills



Sequoia Lodge, Adelaide Hills



ONEKI, Kangaroo Island

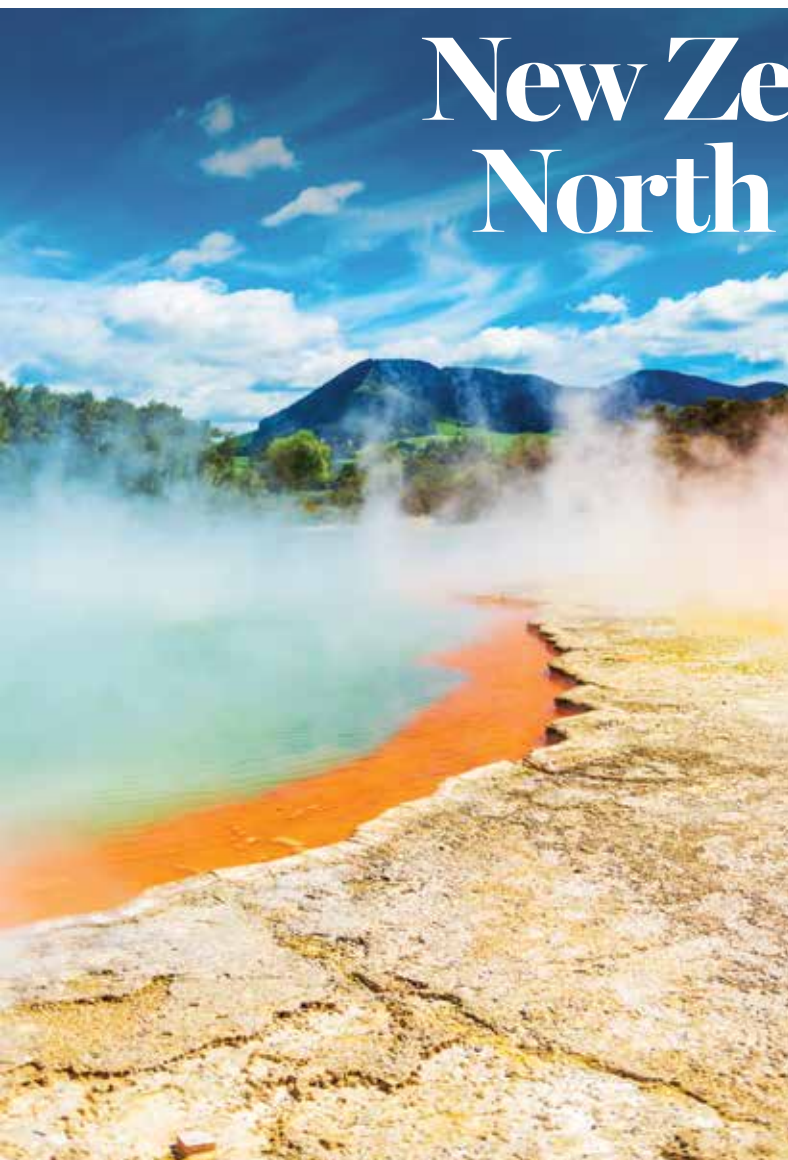


ONEKI, Kangaroo Island



Immerse yourself in Maori culture, soak in geothermal waters, and sample award-winning vintages in New Zealand's oldest wine region.

New Zealand – North Island



New Zealand's North Island is best known for its Maori heritage, dramatic landscapes, charming cities, outdoor pursuits and world-class food. Explore Rotorua's geothermal areas where the astonishing power of what lies beneath comes to the surface, and discover the unique culture of the Maori people, sharing their triumphs, tragedies, loves and losses.

Hawke's Bay is one of the highlights of the North Island. It is New Zealand's oldest wine region and remains a top wine producer while the North Island's main city, Napier, is renowned for its Art Deco architecture.

Cosmopolitan and energetic, New Zealand's capital Wellington has an edgy creative vibe fuelled by great food, wine and craft beer. See museum highlights, indulge in a private gourmet immersion and take a fascinating behind-the-scenes film studio tour.

The Bay of Islands is the ultimate maritime playground. Blessed with sheltered coves and powder-white beaches, it's the perfect place for boating, fishing and dolphin spotting.

Not to be Missed

- Lose yourself in Tolkien's world on a tour of Hobbiton
- Witness Rotorua's boiling mud pools and world-famous geysers
- Meet New Zealand's endangered kiwis at the AKP supported National Kiwi Hatchery Aotearoa
- Savour artisan flavours on Waiheke Island
- Join the crew of an America's Cup yacht to sail Auckland Harbour
- Discover a fly-fishing paradise on the world-famous Tongariro River
- Seek cliff-top adventures at Rosewood Cape Kidnappers
- Embark on a scenic helicopter ride over high peaks and volcanic craters
- Play world-renowned golf courses at Kauri Cliffs and Cape Kidnappers
- Dig your own hot pool metres from the Pacific Ocean at world-famous Hot Water Beach



New Zealand North Island

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Extraordinary Ways to Experience the North Island

Te Papa Behind the Scenes

The Taonga Maori Tour takes you to the heart of the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa. Your hosted cultural tour will weave you through the Maori exhibition spaces displaying New Zealand's unique history through stories and objects, as well as provide behind-the-scenes access to Maori taonga (treasures) close up.

Tongariro Alpine Crossing

For some of the most dramatic landscapes you will ever see, lace up your walking shoes for a privately guided hike on the Tongariro Alpine Crossing in Tongariro National Park, one of New Zealand's most spectacular tramping tracks. This 19.4 km walk is renowned for its barren yet beautiful 'moon like' volcanic landscape, unusual geological features, and views of the surrounding countryside below.

America's Cup Yachting Experience

Take the helm of an America's Cup superyacht on an exhilarating sailing adventure in Auckland's beautiful Waitemata Harbour. Trim the sails, work the grinders or simply sit back and marvel at the capability of your sleek vessel and the yachties who crew it.

Meet the Endangered Kiwi Bird

Gain a fascinating insight into New Zealand's iconic endangered kiwi at the Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy supported National Kiwi Hatchery Aotearoa. See the incubation room, hatchery and nursery where this extraordinary project is increasing the kiwi count.





Witness the Iconic Hole in the Rock on a Heli-Adventure

Experience New Zealand's Hole in the Rock up close on this thrilling helicopter experience. Soar over this dramatic icon, enjoying a privileged chance to land on the island surrounded by towering cliffs and spectacular views of Cape Brett, paired perfectly with a lunch at Paroa Bay winery.

Encounter the Cape Kidnappers Gannet Colony

Watch the sun rise out of the ocean as you enjoy an up-close encounter with the renowned Cape Kidnappers gannet colony. Spellbound by the natural beauty and these charming birds, enjoy a delicious breakfast as the sun begins to kiss the bay below.

Experience Taupo's Renowned Trout Fishing Legacy

Experience the scenes of Lake Taupo on a trout fishing cruise, with the chance for keen anglers to try catching these local treasures. Enjoy your catch prepared onboard for a delicious snack, or simply sit back and take in the landscapes as you drift along.

New Zealand North Island

Suggested Tailor-Made Itineraries

Connoisseur's North Island

8 days

Waiheke Island – Taupo – Hawke's Bay

Fishing, wine and gourmet food – this exclusive self-drive journey through the North Island has it all. Discover firsthand why the Tongariro River is the country's fly-fishing capital. View the world's biggest mainland colony of gannets at Cape Kidnappers and experience a thrilling jet-boat ride at the thunderous Huka Falls.

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Adventure to Middle Earth

6 days

Auckland – Rotorua

Discover New Zealand's North Island where world-famous vineyards vie with extraordinary volcanic terrain, on this self-drive journey to Rotorua. Sample artisan cheeses and freshly shucked oysters straight from Te Matuku Bay in Waiheke Island. Wander through 'the Shire' at Hobbiton, soar over hidden crater lakes by helicopter, get up-close to the precious kiwi bird, and hear ancient stories of Maori ancestors. From giant Redwood forests to the geothermal wonderland of Te Puia, this adventure to Middle Earth is an unparalleled journey onto Maori land.

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New Zealand Golfing Getaway

9 days

Bay of Islands – Cape Kidnappers – Queenstown

This journey is a golf enthusiast's dream travelling from the North Island to the South playing four of the country's finest courses. Test your skill on clifftop fairways and lightning-fast greens, immerse yourself in the country's finest fresh produce and epicurean delights, and enjoy nights spent in elegant style at three of the country's most outstanding lodges – Rosewood Kauri Cliffs, Rosewood Cape Kidnappers and Queenstown's Azur Lodge.

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Wellington & Martinborough Epicurean Escape

5 days

Wellington – Martinborough – Wellington

Escape to cosmopolitan Wellington on this self-drive epicurean adventure. Discover Wellington's thriving arts scene, romantic harbour setting and diverse culinary delights. Explore the historic Martinborough wine region, sampling some of the renowned local drops.

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Bay of Islands Coastal Escape

5 days

Explore the fairytale coastal landscapes of New Zealand's Bay of Islands on this idyllic escape. Sail through the glistening bay, uncovering hidden island wonders on a shared catamaran cruise. Enjoy panoramic views on exhilarating aerial explorations with a landing on the iconic Hole in the Rock paired with luxury vineyard dining. Based at the luxurious hill side haven of Eagles Nest, this indulgent escape offers the perfect dose of romance and relaxation.

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New Zealand North Island Hotels & Resorts

Some of our preferred accommodation options, hand-picked for you.

Park Hyatt

Auckland

Overlooking Waitemata Harbour, Park Hyatt Auckland is a sophisticated, waterfront residence that enriches guests with authentic and intimate experiences. Stylish and spacious guest rooms feature elegant marble en suite bathrooms, and incorporate Maori accents such as custom designed tukutuku panels and rugs, made from New Zealand wool. Gourmands and gourmets alike can savour a delectable meal in one of the four restaurants and bars. The hotel's signature restaurant, Onemata, is a vibrant space with harbour views and an open kitchen showcasing the finest seasonal produce from land and sea. Guests can unwind at The Spa at Park Hyatt Auckland, an intimate sanctuary of calm and relaxation, or take a refreshing dip in the 25-metre infinity pool.

Huka Lodge

Taupo

Huka Lodge has enjoyed a location of great natural beauty, on the banks of the mighty Waikato River, since it was founded as a very simple trout fishing camp, in 1924. This legendary retreat continues to define absolute style, while offering privacy and relaxation, with authentic outdoor adventure, for those who appreciate exquisite cuisine, personal service and unique experiences.

With just 20 suites along with two owners' residences, within 17-acres of magnificent grounds, this is truly an exclusive experience. Huka Lodge proudly takes its place amongst the world's best retreats – with its reputation and awards all richly deserved.

Solitaire Lodge

Rotorua

Solitaire Lodge enjoys breathtaking views over Lake Tarawera, surrounded by natural bush and a staggering volcanic landscape. Styled for supreme comfort and privacy with just nine luxury suites – all feature panoramic views over Lake Tarawera's still waters and freestanding baths that allow views over the lake while soaking. The pre-dinner cocktails and canapés are a highlight, while talented chefs excite every palate with delicious five-course dinners, handpicked for their unmistakable local flavours, and paired with cellared New Zealand wines.

Right at your doorstep discover the essence of unspoiled Lake Tarawera which offers an array of premium activities, such as lake cruises, visits to secluded private bays, rigorous hikes to plunging waterfalls, and natural thermal hot springs. Perhaps take a scenic helicopter flight over the surrounding volcanic landscape, catch a giant rainbow trout for dinner, or explore tranquil waters in a kayak. The lodge is also the perfect place to simply relax, indulge and rejuvenate, left in the capable hands of your warm and friendly Kiwi hosts.

Solitaire Lodge, Rotorua





Park Hyatt, Auckland



Park Hyatt, Auckland



Huka Lodge, Taupo



Huka Lodge, Taupo

Solitaire Lodge, Rotorua

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Eagles Nest, Bay of Islands



Eagles Nest, Bay of Islands



Rosewood Kauri Cliffs, Bay of Islands



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Rosewood Cape Kidnappers, Hawke's Bay



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Eagles Nest, Bay of Islands

New Zealand North Island Hotels & Resorts

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Eagles Nest

Bay Of Islands

Winner of the World's Leading Boutique Villa Resort in 2022, Eagles Nest luxury retreat is set atop its own private ridgeline offering spectacular views of the Bay of Islands – New Zealand's ultimate maritime playground.

Designed with massive windows to enhance the view, and elegant and cosy interiors, four of the five ultra-luxury villas have heated horizon-edged pools, all have private jacuzzies, original artworks, home theatre, Ecostore amenities and fully equipped gourmet kitchens. Spa therapists are available for exquisite in-villa treatments and a resident personal trainer can help maintain or enhance your regimen. Eagles Nest chefs create world-class dining experiences with freshly caught fish, crayfish (lobster), venison, lamb, and more, with an inspired wine cellar and all prepared within the sanctuary of your own villa.

The Bay of Islands is world-renowned for every water sport known to man. World class big game fishing, scenic cruising, sailing, diving, kayaking, bush walking, mountain biking, helicopter flights, and romantic picnics are but some of the many options available. This is as close to heaven as luxury accommodation gets.

Rosewood Kauri Cliffs

Bay of Islands

Rosewood Kauri Cliffs rests on 6,000 acres of untouched coastline with panoramic views of the Cavalli Islands and Cape Brett. With three pristine private beaches, Kauri Cliffs is experiential travel at its best. Activities abound with an award-winning golf course, immersive local heritage tours, bountiful fishing, and a spa sanctuary hidden within native forest. Accommodation is offered in 22 luxury suites also set in the native forest, as well as two- and four-bedroom villas, which offer space, privacy and stunning views of the vast Pacific Ocean.

Rosewood Cape Kidnappers

Hawke's Bay

Rosewood Cape Kidnappers sits atop rolling farmland and rugged cliffs that give way to vast sea views. Its 22 generous suites and four-bedroom Owner's Cottage deliver comfort and awe-inspiring views, with private balconies, walk-in wardrobes and luxurious bathrooms. This unique property also boasts the awarded-winning Tom Doak-designed golf course, an eco-sanctuary, and a working farm. Rosewood Cape Kidnappers delivers exclusive guest experiences including Can-Am Exploration, Kiwi Discovery Walk and wildlife tours.



Be in awe of dramatic landscapes, towering mountains, fiords, formidable coastlines, glaciers and lakes.

New Zealand – South Island



With spectacular glaciers, coastlines and a mountain railway, New Zealand's South Island promises adventures at every turn. Ride on the world-famous TranzAlpine from Christchurch to Greymouth, come face-to-face with a dramatic glacier, and discover the adventure capital of the world, Queenstown.

You may choose to traverse the South Island from coast to coast unlocking a hidden world of sweeping landscapes, extraordinary wildlife and world-famous wine; or, perhaps marvel at Milford Sound from the skies, witness wild fur seal colonies, linger in the cellars of world-class wineries, visit magnificent castles in Dunedin or get up-close to the wildlife of the Otago Peninsula.

With all this landscape to enjoy, it's easy to forget the cities too. Discover Christchurch's British colonial architecture, Dunedin, known as the Edinburgh of New Zealand with its rolling hills, as well as bohemian Nelson, the sunniest place in the country. Whatever your interests are, we can arrange unforgettable experiences.

Not to be Missed

- Witness Milford Sound from above on a private helicopter tour
- Land amongst the ancient ice floes of the Fiordland glaciers
- Savour world-class wines in Central Otago
- Cruise the blue waters through the magical Queen Charlotte Sound
- Drive the rugged and untamed West Coast
- Discover spectacular Franz Josef and Fox Glaciers
- Sign up for an adrenalin rush in Queenstown
- Kayak the Abel Tasman National Park's crystal clear waters set against a backdrop of lush native rainforest
- Heli-ski on private, back-country slopes
- Gain insights into the art of carving New Zealand Jade (greenstone) from master carver Aden Hoglund in Hokitika



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Extraordinary Ways to Experience the South Island

Routeburn Track

Experience one of New Zealand's great walks on a guided hike. Walk alongside magnificent Routeburn River, and through a beech forest rich in birdlife, with stunning mountain views.

Exclusive South Island Wine Experience

Central Otago is famous for its delicate, elegant Pinot Noir wine. You will enjoy a private tasting session exploring the different approaches to wine production undertaken in the region, before creating your own blend, and designing your very own label concept.

Glacier Heli Adventure

Drink in the spectacular landscapes of the South Island's West Coast on a private helicopter adventure over snow capped mountains, glaciers, lakes, and ancient river valleys. Stand atop a remote glacier, and fly the length of majestic Milford Sound before descending into Fiordland Lodge for your delicious lunch of crayfish, freshly caught en route during a stop on a remote beach. Continue by air over the pristine landscapes this area is famous for before returning to Queenstown.

Otago Peninsula Eco-Experience

Enjoy a full day discovering the beautiful scenery of the Otago Peninsula on the southern edge of Dunedin's harbour. Hike to clifftop viewpoints, marvel at extraordinary rock formations and get up close to the yellow-eyed penguin, Hooker's sea lion, fur seals and the royal albatross.





Tee Off on a Queenstown Heli Golf Experience

Nestled at 1,370 metres up in the Southern Alps is the ultimate altitude golfing experience. Soaring to your tee by private helicopter flight, land on this spectacular stage and take a swing at the unique par 3 course, the picturesque panoramas of Queenstown below.

Be Charmed by Constellations in Tekapo's Dark Sky Reserve

One of the world's largest Dark Sky Reserves, be captivated by the sparkling night sky on this enchanting experience. Embark on a journey 13.8 billion years in the making, learning from experts as they combine science, Maori heritage and fascinating multi-media installations.

Enjoy a Farm-to-Table Epicurean Education in Hapuku

Indulge in an unforgettable cooking class at Fiona Read's family-run Hapuku Cooking School, creating a selection of stunning dishes using produce from the thriving farm around you. Enjoy your flavourful local fare accompanied with regional wine or beer..

New Zealand South Island

Suggested Tailor-Made Itineraries

Best of the Marlborough Sounds

7 days

Blenheim – Bay Of Many Coves – Blenheim

Kia ora, and welcome to Marlborough, New Zealand's premier wine region and an adventurer's dream, with the intricate waterways and breathtaking mountain landscapes of the Marlborough Sounds. Relax in true luxury, staying amid the rolling vineyards of Marlborough Lodge and find a luxurious bush paradise at Bay of Many Coves.

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New Zealand: Alpine Adventure

7 days

Queenstown – Minaret Station – Blanket Bay – Queenstown

Unearth the magnificent mountain peaks and rolling valleys of New Zealand's alpine region. Immerse yourself in scenic luxury with stays in Minaret Station, a wilderness paradise accessible only by helicopter, and award-winning Blanket Bay, set amid the marvels of Lake Wakatipu. A journey for those with an adventurous heart, enjoy opportunities to hike, horseride, cycle and ski amongst some of New Zealand's most unforgettable high-altitude landscapes.

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South Island Discovery

9 days

Christchurch – Lake Tekapo – Ahuriri Valley – Queenstown

New Zealand's South Island is home to wild and sweeping landscapes of gushing rivers and epic rainforests, glaciers and fjords. On this spellbinding self-drive adventure discover the spectacular Ahuriri Valley, carved out by millions of years of glacial movement, with a stay at The Lindis, where luxury is in harmony with the land. Admire magnificent Milford Sound from above, cruise through the country's most breathtaking fjord and revel in a rare star-gazing odyssey at the summit of Mount John.

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Queenstown to Wanaka: Wilderness Escape

5 days

Queenstown

Witness the natural wonders of Queenstown and nearby Wanaka on this active five-day escape. Immerse yourself in the stunning scenery of the renowned Routeburn Track and hike magnificent Mount Iron, taking in the region's breathtaking beauty from a myriad of angles. Paired with an artistic appreciation of the quaint town of Cromwell, known for its local art and handicrafts, all while staying in a luxurious lakeside haven – this is a truly unforgettable adventure.

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West Coast Glacier Experience

8 days

Christchurch – Franz Josef – Queenstown

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South Island Family Discovery

10 days

Christchurch – Mt. Cook – Wanaka – Queenstown

Embark on this self-drive discovery of New Zealand's spectacular South Island, road tripping from Christchurch to Queenstown. You'll uncover a kaleidoscope of active experiences, wildlife encounters and natural wonders from Mount Cook/Aoraki to Lake Wakatipu and Mt Aspiring National Park, bedding down each night in some of the region's best luxury havens. Exploring by boat, kayak, and zipline to name a few, you'll see the island from every angle on this journey sure to surprise and delight.

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South Island Uncovered

10 days

Nelson – Kaikoura – Queenstown

Discover the best of New Zealand's South Island on this unforgettable self-drive escape. Journey from charming Nelson to the adventurer's paradise of Queenstown, immersing yourself in breathtaking landscapes, magnificent national park panoramas, sumptuous dining experiences and stays at some of the island's most luxurious lodges.

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New Zealand South Island Hotels & Resorts

Some of our preferred accommodation options, hand-picked for you.

Annandale

Pigeon Bay

In an area of outstanding beauty and off the tourist trail lies Annandale, an iconic sheep and cattle farm offering four distinctive award-winning luxury villas. Annandale boasts 4,000 acres of rugged hills and private bays across 10 kilometres of dramatic coastline. Bespoke farm-to-table restaurant quality dishes, using produce sourced at the farm or within a 50km footprint can be enjoyed either fully prepared by a private chef, or created and delivered directly to your villa for enjoyment at your leisure. Activities including hiking and biking, cooking classes, swimming with the protected Hector's dolphin, a private kayaking picnic trip, fishing trips or hands-on experiences on the farm.

The Lindis

Ahuriri Valley

The Lindis is a beautifully modern lodge residence, nestled almost imperceptibly in the Ahuriri Valley in the New Zealand's south, and is architecturally designed to mimic the rolling contours of the high-country valley floor. The lodge features two spacious master suites, three luxurious lodge suites, three pods, the spectacular Great Hall for dining, a bar, lounge areas, a games room, and a billiards room, all finished in the same beautiful aesthetic and designed for the utmost comfort and luxury. The menu highlights unique and distinguished natural ingredients such as locally foraged porcini mushrooms, and wild Fiordland Venison, creating contemporary and refined dining experiences.

Eichardt's Private Hotel

Queenstown

This historic Queenstown icon, situated in a premium lakefront position, provides fine accommodation in seven luxurious hotel suites at the heart of the vibrant café and restaurant precinct. Eichardt's sets its own standard for gracious, luxury accommodation with the confident strokes and flawless symmetry that is the hallmark of New Zealand designer Virginia Fisher, married seamlessly with every amenity you would expect in a world-class hotel. Eichardt's Bar offers guests the ideal setting for breakfast, with awe-inspiring views over Lake Wakatipu. A pre-dinner drink is enjoyed amidst a background of exquisite antiques and objets d'art.

A further four apartment suites and a three bedroom Residence (each just moments away from the main building) offer superb flexibility in accommodation for families, groups or couples. For those who demand the height of excellence, The Penthouse is the ultimate in luxury and sophistication. Overlooking the shores of Lake Wakatipu and surrounds, The Penthouse tops the iconic Eichardt's Private Hotel in pure indulgence. Eichardt's iconic Bar and popular restaurant The Grille complete the offering in the elegant style associated with the various accommodations. Having Queenstown's best loved dining destinations onsite will satisfy even the most discerning foodie or cocktail connoisseur! Enhance your stay in Queenstown with a charter cruise aboard Eichardt's own luxury yacht, Pacific Jemm. Glide along Queenstown's idyllic Lake Wakatipu enveloped by the towering mountain ranges, while sipping cocktails and feasting on canapés.

Eichardt's Private Hotel, Queenstown





Annandale, Pigeon Bay



Annandale, Pigeon Bay



The Lindis, Ahuriri Valley



The Lindis, Ahuriri Valley

Eichardt's Private Hotel, Queenstown



Pacific Jemm, Queenstown





Azur Lodge, Queenstown



Azur Lodge, Queenstown



Rosewood Matakauri, Queenstown



Rosewood Matakauri, Queenstown



Mahu Whenua, Wanaka



Mahu Whenua, Wanaka



Azur Lodge, Queenstown

New Zealand South Island Hotels & Resorts

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Azur Lodge

Queenstown

Relish the experience at Azur Lodge, flanked by Queenstown's alps and perched on a hilltop overlooking some of the most spectacular scenery in the world. Expertly designed to let you absorb the incredible views in chic luxury and total privacy, cosy-up in one of only nine state-of-the-art villas. All have 79 sqm of open-plan living, fireplace, private view-intensive balcony and sun deck, separate king bedroom and indoor private spa tubs set against floor to ceiling windows providing exceptional views of Lake Wakatipu. Breakfast, afternoon tea and pre-dinner drinks and canapés are also included. Queenstown has a delightful range of award-winning restaurants, and the Azur team will gladly assist with recommendations. Azur is known for its privacy and discretion with staff who pride themselves on genuinely connecting with their guests and sharing their local knowledge to ensure a unique and memorable experience.

Rosewood Matakauri

Queenstown

Situated on Lake Wakatipu and offering stunning views of The Remarkables mountain range, Rosewood Matakauri is a Relais & Châteaux property offering luxury accommodation in 12 exclusive rooms and suites, as well as a four-bedroom Owner's Cottage. With clean lines in glass, stone and timber, Matakauri's own take on luxury is understated and welcoming, styled by acclaimed interior designer Virginia Fisher. Superb food and wines are part of the experience and the service exemplary. Facilities include a full service luxury spa, swimming pool with spa and a fully equipped fitness centre. Located just seven minutes' drive from Queenstown, it is within easy reach of several ski fields, charming vineyards, and all the adventure sports and outdoor activities for which the town is famous.

Mahu Whenua

Wanaka

Mahu Whenua offers a truly private, luxurious escape with unforgettable experiences and exquisite cuisine set amongst 136,000 acres of dramatic alpine scenery stretching between Wanaka and Queenstown. Available for exclusive booking for up to 12 people, guests will enjoy all of the Homestead facilities in total privacy, including two fireplaces, a large open living area with expansive views and a fully equipped farmhouse kitchen. Contemporary art on stone walls complements the huge windows framing ever-changing views of Lake Wanaka. Outside, you'll find several spots to unwind – two dining areas, a heated pool, sheltered swimming pool and large deck. All food and drink are included with your stay, including an extensive wine collection. Popular activities include e-biking, horse riding, yoga, skiing and hiking.

A Rewards Programme for Repeat Travellers

Experience the Marco Polo Club

Created to recognise and reward our most loyal guests, the Marco Polo Club® is open to everyone who travels on three or more journeys with Abercrombie & Kent.

Marco Polo Club members enjoy benefits including special discounts, priority waitlist for sold-out journeys, a members-only onboard reception on A&K Luxury Expedition Cruises, and a variety of exclusive communications and events.

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Celebrate Family and Friends

At A&K, we're all about creating lasting memories for you, your family and your friends, spending time away together in the world's most special places.

A&K Celebrations

Take your family or friends to extraordinary heights on a captivating tailor-made journey to inspire seasoned travellers and curious young minds.

Whether you're making up for lost time after a spell apart or celebrating an important milestone, making school and university holidays more memorable or simply taking the opportunity to reconnect and experience life-changing adventures in extraordinary places, a holiday with family or friends is a special event that should be cherished.

And A&K recognises that time is a precious commodity and places great importance on the value of shared special moments between family members. An A&K holiday not only allows treasured time with your tribe but it also enables everyone to switch off from the everyday, encounter new things, learn more about the world (and themselves), and make lifelong memories.

Multi-Generational & Family Holidays

Travelling with your extended family – whether it's with your grandchildren, kids, parents, grandparents, aunt and uncle or siblings – can be a hugely rewarding experience. It offers an opportunity to reconnect, and bond over the excitement of shared discoveries and experiences.

Snorkelling with majestic green sea turtles on the Great Barrier Reef, sand dune cycling on Kangaroo Island, or hand-feeding fish at Ned's Beach on Lord Howe Island – these adventures create lasting, collective family memories.

Our Journey Designers can tailor design a multi-generation journey or family holiday designed with the right balance of activities, culture and relaxation to appeal to everyone.





A deep-rooted consideration for the natural world infuses each and every Abercrombie & Kent journey.

A&K believes passionately that travel should both respect the natural environment and benefit the peoples whose lands we visit. For over 30 years, A&K has been intimately involved in the support of these communities, their environments and their ecosystems.

Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy (AKP), guided by Vice Chairman Jorie Butler Kent, facilitates our commitment to socially and ecologically responsible travel worldwide, as well as helping our guests to become actively involved in these efforts. Every Abercrombie & Kent office plays an important hands-on role in its community, proudly sponsoring projects directly benefiting the local people and environment.

AKP Helps Protect the Endangered Kiwi

National Kiwi Hatchery Aotearoa at Rainbow Springs Nature Park in Rotorua is helping to increase numbers of the beloved icon of New Zealand, one of the most unusual birds in the world. The endangered kiwi was on the brink of extinction, but Conservation in Action is now bringing it back. Since 1995, National Kiwi Hatchery Aotearoa has hatched more than 1,800 kiwi chicks. AKP has been supporting their remarkable work since 2009.

AKP Supports Tasmanian Raptor Rehabilitation

The one-of-a-kind Raptor Refuge south of Hobart is doing incredible work taking in injured birds of prey and rehabilitating them for return to the wild. Threatened by power lines, farming, habitat loss and wind farms, more than a hundred raptors are killed each year and there are less than 120 breeding pairs of wedge-tailed eagles left in Tasmania, making them a threatened species. At the refuge, large flight aviaries, veterinary facilities and an educational centre provide a solid foundation for the important conservation work being undertaken.



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