Aquatic and Coastal

Australia’s mainland coastline covers more than 25,000km and is surrounded by thousands of islands plus a myriad of wetlands, lakes and waterways dotted across the continent. The diverse beauty of Australia’s coastal regions is a key part of the character of the country, its people and its native wildlife. From diving the Great Barrier Reef to surfing off the coast of the Margaret River region or hiking the Great Ocean Walk, the opportunities for adventure along Australia’s unique coastline are limitless.

Luxury Lodges of Australia, Great Golf Courses of Australia, Great Walks of Australia, and Ultimate Winery Experiences Australia bring together some of Australia’s most aspirational holidays that immerse visitors in our world class beauty and natural landscapes.

The following aquatic and coastal experiences feature spectacular coastlines and landscapes, outstanding food and wine and a genuine and welcoming hospitality, highlighting that Australia isn’t just a place you see, it’s a place you feel.

Western Australia

- **Margaret River**: Margaret River experiences the unique combination of a Mediterranean climate, maritime influence and ancient gravel-loam soils making it ideal for growing Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay. Over 40 wineries are producing world renowned wines on this stunning coast.

- **Leeuwin Estate**: Leeuwin Estate is a family winery that celebrates fine wine, food and its long association with the arts. Leeuwin has earned an international reputation for producing outstanding wines, and is also home to a private art gallery and an award-winning restaurant.

- **Vasse Felix**: Vasse Felix was established in 1967 and is Margaret River’s founding wine estate. It is regarded as one of Australia’s draw-card winery destination experiences and includes a restaurant, cellar door and art gallery.

- **Voyager Estate**: Voyager Estate is devoted to the production of outstanding wines skilfully matched with the finest local produce. Voyager regularly hosts in depth masterclasses focusing on iconic Margaret River wines including Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon.

- **Cape Lodge**: One of Australia’s finest gourmet establishments and private boutique hotel. Cape Lodge sits within 40 acres on its own vineyard in the heart of Margaret River wine country.

- **True North, The Kimberley**: Long regarded as one of Australia’s outstanding adventure tourism experiences, True North Cruises is activity based and designed for the most discerning traveller wanting to experience the destination in one of Australia’s most remote, awe-inspiring and hard to access coastal regions.

- **Sal Salis, Ningaloo Reef**: Where the outback meets the reef, and the best place in Australia to swim with whale sharks and humpback whales. Sixteen wilderness tents and a team of passionate guides at Sal Salis offer an exclusive luxe wilderness experience.

- **Margaret River Cape to Cape Walk**: This stunning piece of coastline is showcased on the 4 day/3 night walk hosted by Walk into Luxury. Beaches, forests and limestone caves are highlights with opportunities for swimming along the way. Guests can enjoy a taste of the region at Cape Lodge and Will’s Domain, whilst accommodation is at Injidup Spa Retreat overlooking the Indian Ocean.
VICTORIA

- The Lake House, Daylesford: Located at the foothills of the Great Dividing Range, this region is famed for its high concentration of naturally occurring mineral springs and exquisite local produce. Close to the town centre is Lake Daylesford, perfect for a picnic or walk. The Lake House is an acclaimed dining and accommodation destination located on the shores of the lake.

- Montalto Vineyard & Olive Grove: Visit Montalto on the stunning Mornington Peninsula and you get much more than wine - the estate is also renowned for its welcoming ambience, relaxed Australian architecture, intimate cellar door, and the beauty of its grounds that include an olive grove, acclaimed restaurant and café, sculpture walk and wetlands.

- The National Golf Club, Cape Schank: With four exceptional and highly regarded 18 hole golf courses: the Old, the Moonah, The Ocean and Long Island, The National Golf Club is one of the best pieces of golf real estate in the country. Discover the Mornington Peninsula on the Cape Schanck site, with three courses to choose from, or visit the Long Island course and experience the sandy soil of the Melbourne Sandbelt region.

- Twelve Apostles Lodge Walk: Explore cool climate rainforest, remote beaches and coastal cliff tops on this 4 day/3 night walk. Guests relax in comfort at the exclusive lodge and enjoy local food and wine. A scenic helicopter ride completes the spectacular experience.

TASMANIA

- The Maria Island Walk: A national park island adventure exploring white sand beaches and heritage-listed convict settlement. Guests will see rare wildlife and enjoy local gourmet food.

- Saffire, Freycinet: The national park on Tasmania’s East Coast offers clear turquoise waters perfect for sea kayaking, swimming and scuba diving. Saffire is a globally acclaimed luxury coastal sanctuary, delivering sophisticated, intimate style and an inspirational experience overlooking the mesmerising vista of Great Oyster Bay and the pink granite of the Hazards Mountains.

- Freycinet Experience Walk: This lodge-based walk takes you through the pink granite Hazard Mountains, rich coastal forests, aqua waters and white sand beaches including Wineglass Bay. Explore the region by boat and go fishing, swimming and snorkeling on this 4 day guided adventure.

- Bay of Fires Lodge Walk: Walk soft sandy beaches, explore secluded coves and kayak Ansons River. Enjoy the uncomplicated luxury of exclusive accommodation, fine food and wine and a relaxing day spa in a pristine environment on this 4 day walk.

- Barnbougle Links Golf Resort, Bridport: On the North East coast lies one of the world’s top golf destinations, Barnbougle Links Golf Resort. The Dunes and its sister course, Lost Farm, make up the stunning Barnbougle resort, considered one of the best golf retreats in the world.

- Moorilla Estate at MONA, Hobart: Small quantities of boutique cool-climate wines are produced at Moorilla, which shares a site with the infamous and thought-provoking Museum of Old and New Art (MONA) on the banks of the Derwent River.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

- d’Arenberg: Located in the world-renowned coastal wine region of McLaren Vale, d’Arenberg produces iconic wines made using traditional methods in the winery and vineyard. The cellar door, where visitors gain an in-depth understanding of the winemaking process, is located in a restored 19th century homestead overlooking McLaren Vale.

- Southern Ocean Lodge: Beautiful Kangaroo Island is located just off the mainland, south of Adelaide. The island is famous for its diverse wildlife and nature reserves, including Flinders Chase National Park home to kangaroos, wallabies, koalas and many bird species. Here discover Southern Ocean Lodge offering a unique fusion of nature and luxury.
QUEENSLAND

- **qualia**: Epitomising tranquil luxury, *qualia* is situated on the secluded northern-most tip of Hamilton Island. Sail through the famous Whitsunday passage, relax in the white sand and clear water at Whitehaven Beach, one of the World’s top 10 beaches, or enjoy spectacular heli-diving on the untouched Great Barrier Reef.

- **Hamilton Island Golf Club, Dent Island**: Perched at the edge of the Great Barrier Reef, **Hamilton Island Golf Club** is located on its very own tropical island. With views to truly take your breath away, Hamilton Island Golf Club presents a truly unique golfing experience.

- **Lizard Island**: The northern-most reef resort on the Great Barrier Reef, **Lizard Island** is surrounded by undisturbed white sand beaches and turquoise water. This tropical paradise offers the ultimate active reef experience.

NORTHERN TERRITORY

- **Longitude 131°**: Even Australia’s desert lodge, **Longitude 131°**, can introduce guests to a totally unique Australian lake adventure. The vast beauty of Lake Amadeus is best viewed from the sky. The team at Longitude 131° are delighted to arrange scenic helicopter and fixed wing flights over the Northern Territory’s largest salt lake.

- **Bamurru Plains**: The coastal floodplains of northern Australia are home to an astounding array of native birds and wildlife and form one of the most significant ecosystems in Australia. A morning trip by airboat, from luxury camp Bamurru Plains, is utterly exhilarating and the only way to truly experience this environment.

NEW SOUTH WALES

- **NSW Golf Club, Sydney**: Ranked number seven in Australia, **NSW Golf Club** overlooks the stunning Botany Bay and presents visitors with tremendous views and a series of holes built around, over and through the hills and valleys that overlook the coastline.

- **Capella Lodge, Lord Howe Island**: This World Heritage listed island is a paradise of rainforests, reefs and beaches. The island’s premium retreat, **Capella Lodge**, comprises nine luxury suites, personal service, exceptional dining and the carefree spirit of the authentic Australian beach house.

- **Pretty Beach House**: Perched high on the escarpment just 100km north of Sydney, **Pretty Beach House** offers a new style of luxury in four designer pavilions where activities such as deep sea fishing, whale watching and sailing are just a few of the activities on offer.

- **Crystalbrook Lodge**: Hidden in the rugged outback of North Queensland this **outback mecca**, catering to only 10 guests, is an oasis of luxury perched over Crystalbrook Lake, a haven to a range of wildlife including birds, freshwater crocodiles and fish. Enjoy heli-fishing, kayaking or hiking.

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