

# australia & the south pacific

From the spectacular phenomena that is The Great Barrier Reef, to the starkly beautiful dunes of Western Australia, a wonderful island nature reserve in the Southern Ocean and, far from land in the Pacific, the paradise islands of Fiji and French Polynesia, the resorts of the southern hemisphere are every bit as enticing as their better-known counterparts elsewhere in the world. Whether a chic boutique resort, a simple but stylish camp or a remote island outpost, they offer exceptional hospitality in remarkably beautiful surroundings.





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## australia

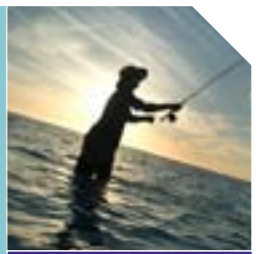
With an enviable climate, a diverse and beautiful landscape, and iconic natural and man-made sights, Australia is one of the most attractive destinations in the southern hemisphere. There is something for everyone here, not least around its 21,000-mile coastline. Apart from some of the best beaches in the world, Australia also has nine coastal World Heritage Sites, the most famous of which is the Great Barrier Reef with its idyllic islands and rich marine life. On the opposite side of the country, the harshly beautiful coastline of Western Australia has unspoiled landscape and wildlife on both land and sea, as does Kangaroo Island off the south coast. Acclaimed as Australia's Galapagos, this unique environment is home to an abundance of fauna, flora and natural attractions. Different from the normal beach perhaps, but equally enticing.

## fiji

The islands of Fiji are quite simply perfect. Often mountainous and covered with lush tropical forest, they are fringed with pristine white sand lapped by startling azure water. Offshore, spectacular coral reefs teeming with marine life are a diver's paradise and shield placid lagoons from the ocean beyond. But there is more than just beauty and a balmy climate to recommend these remote outposts. Situated at the crossroads of the Pacific, Fiji's culture is a rich mosaic of indigenous tradition and legend mixed with Chinese, Indian and European influences. This is reflected in the exceptional resorts across the archipelago, which have embraced traditional architecture, crafts, food and hospitality, and offer the visitor a unique and unforgettable experience.

## french polynesia

Spread across the eastern South Pacific the volcanic islands and atolls of French Polynesia, a French 'overseas collectivity', have captured the imagination since the day they were first discovered by the explorers of yesteryear. Of the six island groups that make up French Polynesia, The Society Islands, which include Tahiti and Bora Bora, are the most famous. These distant outposts have allured, inspired and enamoured adventurers, artists and travellers alike. It is not simply their spectacular beauty and the warmth of the proud Polynesian people, but also the atmosphere – the gentle pace of life, temperate breezes heavy with the scent of tropical flowers and romantic fiery sunsets at the end of each day. Welcome to paradise.





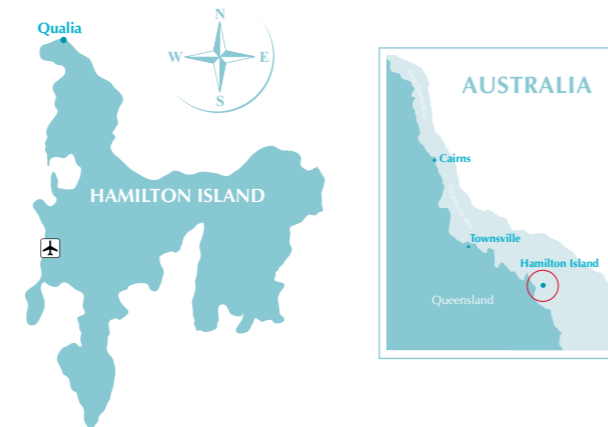
## Qualia, Hamilton Island

Located on the secluded northern tip of Hamilton Island in the Whitsunday Islands on Great Barrier Reef, Qualia is a unique expression of Australian luxury. It offers indulgent luxury, relaxing the mind and spoiling the senses in a setting of rare natural beauty. Visually the resort is 100% tropical Australia, with glimpses of corrugated iron, wide eaves, ventilation slats and breezeways shimmering through a lacework of eucalyptus and flowering melaleucas. However, the elegance of its interiors and fittings, and the excellence of its amenities and services, places it among the best of international resorts.

There are 60 chic one-bedroom guest pavilions, each stylishly appointed. The north-facing Windward Pavilions have stunning ocean views and their own private plunge pool, while the west-facing Leeward Pavilions have private sun decks with open-air cloudburst showers. For something special, the two-bedroom Beach House is the ultimate in secluded luxury.

Qualia's focal point is the Long Pavilion, which has 100 folding glass doors providing panoramic views of the Whitsunday Islands. It is here that guests enjoy the ultimate in fine dining with innovative cuisine created from the freshest of ingredients. More casual dining is offered at the shoreline restaurant on Pebble Beach.

In addition to the beach, the resort has two stunning infinity edge pools. There is a gym and fitness centre with state of the art equipment and an excellent spa with six treatment rooms offering authentically Australian treatments using natural products. A variety of recreational activities include kayaking, snorkelling and catamaran sailing. For those who want to travel further afield, two-seater golf buggies are available for guest's use, and the island itself offers a variety of amenities – luxury yacht charters and helicopter excursions to Whitehaven Beach being favourites.



**accommodation**  
26 Windward Pavilions & 33 Leeward Pavilions

**access**  
flights from Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne or Cairns & 10-minute car transfer

**children**  
under 18 not accepted

**7 nights**  
from £2,517 p.p. (£250 p.p.p.n.)

**meal plan**  
breakfast included

**special offers**  
available on request

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## Lizard Island, Great Barrier Reef

Lying in the remote northerly sector of the Great Barrier Reef, Lizard Island is considered one of Australia's most stylish and luxurious island retreats. Fringed by 24 powdery white sand beaches and encircled by colourful coral reefs, this secluded island outpost is idyllic.

The resort has 39 rooms, suites and villas. Anchor Bay Rooms are set in tropical garden with easy access to the beach, Anchor Bay Suites lying in a sweeping arc along the bay and Sunset Point Villas set in native eucalyptus bush land high on a ridge. For the ultimate in privacy and comfort, The Pavilion is perched high above the Coral Sea with stunning views, every comfort and a private plunge pool. All are spacious and well appointed with décor best described a 'contemporary Australian seaside'. Each is equipped with all mod cons and has a private deck or balcony with ocean or beach views, the ideal place to while away the siesta hour.

Dining is one of Lizard Island's many pleasures, with the accent on fresh seafood and superb local produce and menus drawing on flavours from across the globe. Simple and relaxed, Ospreys Restaurant is the perfect setting to enjoy views along the shore. The kitchen will happily provide picnic hampers so you can find a private beach to spend lazy days.

Other amenities include a guest lounge and bar, a large swimming pool with sun deck, a gymnasium and the Azure Spa, which offers a range of treatments inspired by nature to nurture the mind, body and spirit. A variety of recreational activities include tennis and self-guided island walks and nature trails. However, as you might expect, the main focus here is on the Great Barrier Reef with its remarkable coral system and rich marine life. Apart from diving and snorkelling, catamaran or dinghy sailing, fishing safaris and glass-bottom paddle skis may be arranged.



**accommodation**  
40 Anchor Bay Suites, Sunset Point Villas,  
Anchor Bay Rooms & Pavilion

**access**  
60-minute flight from Cairns Airport

**children**  
under 12 years not accepted

**7 nights**  
from £3,460 p.p. (£447 p.p.p.n.)

**meal plan**  
full board & selected drinks included

**special offers**  
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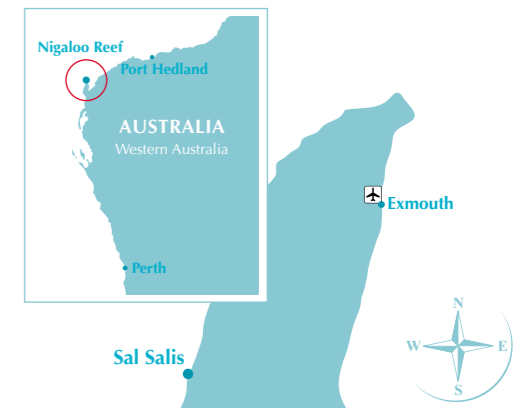
## Sal Salis, Ningaloo Reef

Stretching 280 ms along Western Australia's harsh and arid coastline, the Ningaloo Reef is an extraordinary yet strangely unknown jewel in Australia's natural heritage. Hidden in the white sand dunes of the Cape Range National Park, just metres from the waters edge and the world's greatest fringing coastal coral reef, Sal Salis is an exclusive eco-friendly tented bush camp that exudes 'Wild Bush Luxury' that brings a touch of style to a remote region.

Accommodation is in five freestanding tents set on raised platforms. Designed to blend with the dunes and low-lying coastal scrub, they are spacious, simple and naturally comfortable. Each has an en suite-bathroom with a natureloo (marketing jargon for state of the art composting loos!) and a solar hot water shower, and a deck with fabulous views of the Indian Ocean.

The social heart of Sal Salis is the Lodge Building. Raised above the sand and coastal scrub, it too has views of the reef and the breakers beyond. An open lounge area with a small reference library provides a great spot to sit out the heat of day before kangaroos and wallaroos appear from the bush for their evening graze. Guests may help themselves to a selection of beverages from the open bar and perhaps watch the resident chef as he prepares contemporary Australian cuisine with hints of bush food and native produce. Dinner is shared with other guests, your guides and hosts against a backdrop of rich orange sunsets.

Activities included in your stay are guided sea kayaking and snorkelling trips on the Reef, wildlife viewing; guided gorge walks in the Cape Range National Park and a trip to Yardie Creek for boating or walking. The camp can also arrange fishing charters, whale shark swims (in season from April to July) and reef excursions.



**accommodation**  
5 tents

**access**  
60-minute drive from Exmouth

**children**  
under 4 years not accepted

**7 nights**  
from £3,398 p.p. (£384 p.p.p.n.)

**meal plan**  
full board & selected drinks included

**special offers**  
available on request

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## Southern Ocean Lodge, Kangaroo Island

Kangaroo Island is just a 30-minute flight from Adelaide. Widely acclaimed as Australia's Galapagos, it is home to an abundance of native wildlife and natural attractions, and offers the best of the mainland on a smaller, more intimate scale. Set on a cliff top at Hanson Bay on the island's south west coast, Southern Ocean Lodge commands peerless views of the wild ocean and pristine island wilderness. It is a sanctuary of refined comfort, style and hospitality.

Each of the twenty-one luxurious suites, which stretch along the cliff, has signature design elements and contemporary bespoke furnishings and artwork. They have lavish sleeping areas, sunken seating, dramatic glass walled bathroom and a terrace with occasional seating and daybed. Stylishly appointed, added 'little touches' include complimentary room bar, under-floor heating, music system and twice-daily housekeeping. A variety of suite styles are available, with the premium Osprey Pavilion offering extra indulgences including open fire and private plunge spa.

Dining is both a delight to the senses and a gastronomic exploration of the island. Meals are taken in the restaurant, which has dramatic views over the ocean and a terrace for al fresco meals. A daily changing menu features cuisine created from the finest of local ingredients, complimented by carefully chosen Australian wines and beers.

A stay at Southern Ocean Lodge includes a personal itinerary of guided excursions, focussing on Kangaroo Island's abundant wildlife and unique natural attractions, often with exclusive access and always with a touch of style. Other activities include beach fishing (the chef will be delighted to cook your catch for you), cookery lessons focusing on island produce and fresh seafood and, for those in need of a little pampering, the Spa Retreat is an oasis of calm offering a signature menu of traditional and cutting edge treatments.

### accommodation

21 suites, retreats & pavilion

### access

flight from Adelaide Airport & 50-minute car transfer

### children

under 6 years not accepted

### 7 nights

from £3,900 p.p. (£474 p.p.p.n.)

### meal plan

full board & selected drinks included

### special offers

available on request

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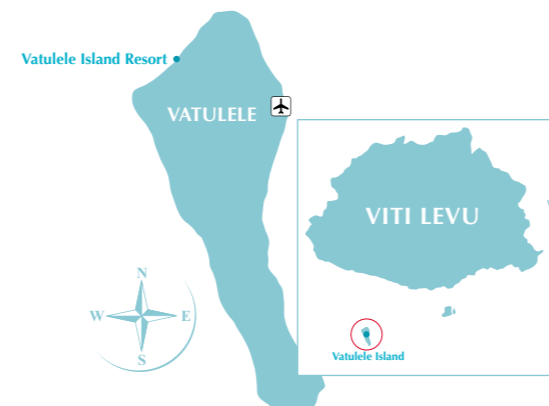
## Vatulele Island Resort, Fiji

Situated on the small island of Vatulele to the south of Viti Levu, Vatulele Island Resort is the perfect tropical escape. Its setting on a beautiful white sand beach with breathtaking views over the azure waters of a lagoon protected by a magnificent reef, is idyllic, and its stylish accommodation and attentive service superb. With no need for formal dress and footwear optional, this is barefoot luxury at its best.

The resort has 17 luxurious thatched *bures* set back from the beach in natural jungle. With a blend of rustic Fijian and Mediterranean architecture, they are spacious and stylish, providing a living room, bedroom, large bathroom. Each also has a generous shaded terrace, its own stretch of white sand and easy access to the water. In addition there are two even more luxurious *bures* – Vale Viqi and The Point, both of which offer extreme privacy, commanding views, dedicated staff and private plunge or swimming pools.

Vatulele has become famous for its food, which includes an eclectic variety of cuisines from around the world. Naturally there is an emphasis on seafood with other fresh ingredients are flown in daily from Australia and New Zealand. Meals are taken on the terrace of the central pavilion overlooking the lagoon or, at full moon, usually on the water's edge. A variety of private dining options may be arranged.

A variety of activities on offer include tennis, guided treks in the jungle, intimate picnics, 'Robinson Crusoe' island interludes or excursions to local villages. More importantly, the crystal waters of Vatulele invite every kind of water-based activity - the ocean here abounds with much sought-after sport fish, and the dive sites are exceptional. Sailing, game fishing, snorkelling and diving are a highlight here, and this is the only five-star island resort in Fiji with a PADI Golden Palm dive facility and resident instructors.



**accommodation**  
19 *bures*

**access**  
30-minute inter-island flight from Nadi Airport

**children**  
under 12 years only accepted during periods  
24/12 - 10/01 & 15/06 - 14/08

**7 nights**  
from £4,176 p.p. in high season (£369 p.p.p.n.)  
& £3,957 p.p. in low season (£369 p.p.p.n.)

**meal plan**  
full board included

**special offers**  
available on request

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## The Wakaya Club & Spa, Fiji

Situated on Wakaya Island, a private 2,200-acre hideaway in the Fiji islands, The Wakaya Club & Spa is a luxury private island resort unlike any other in the world. This peaceful retreat offers gracious living, sophisticated cuisine and unparalleled leisure opportunities in one of the most remote and unspoiled corners of the world. Surrounded by a protected coral reef, the island boasts serene lagoons, majestic cliffs and pristine white sand beaches. Welcome to paradise.

There are eight free-standing *bures*, six Ocean View and two Garden View, just steps from the ocean. Beautifully designed and appointed, they provide exceptional comfort with every conceivable comfort including secluded garden and two covered decks. In addition there are two additional larger and even more luxurious *bures*, The Governors and The Ambassadors, and a superb three-bedroom villa, Vale O, complete with dedicated staff and Cliffside swimming pool.

At Wakaya, dining is a distinct pleasure with meals prepared by chefs who understand that simplicity underlies sophistication. The Pacific Rim cuisine, created from fresh local produce grown, reared or caught on the island itself, includes wonderful choices, tastes and sensations. Meals are served *al fresco* overlooking the lagoon, in the Palm Grove Restaurant with its 60-foot cathedral ceiling, or in your *bure* if preferred.

Other amenities include Breeze Spa, which offers a variety of treatments and pampering in a wonderful setting overlooking the lagoon. There are also a wide array of recreational activities such as hiking and nature walks, golf, tennis, croquet, private beaches visits and picnics. However, the main focus of activities here tends to be the lagoon and reef, a marine reserve teeming with a rich variety of colourful fish and coral. Scuba diving, snorkelling, fishing, sea kayaking and glass bottom boat tours are just some of activities on offer.



**accommodation**  
10 *bures* & 1 villa

**access**  
50-minute inter-island flight from Nadi Airport

**children**  
welcome year round

**7 nights**  
from £7,730 p.p. in high season (£754 p.p.p.n.)  
& £7,230.00 p.p. in low season (£720 p.p.p.n.)

**meal plan**  
all inclusive

**special offers**  
available on request

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## Bora Bora Lagoon Resort & Spa, Bora Bora

Set on the small island of Motu Toopua in the middle of Bora Bora's majestic lagoon, the Bora Bora Lagoon Resort & Spa is the ultimate Polynesian destination. The combination of its setting - 12 acres of lush tropical gardens, magnificent views of the iconic Mt. Otemanu and surrounded by the crystal clear blue waters of the lagoon and, and the excellence for which owners Orient-Express Hotels are renowned, make this an exceptional resort.

The resort has a total of 75 Beach, Overwater and Motu bungalows and suites together with one two-bed villa, all orientated according to view, the movement of the sun and privacy. Each is spacious and built in traditional Polynesian style with thatched roofs made of pandanus leaves, whilst interiors have authentic local furnishings and indigenous woods. They are beautifully appointed and, according to the choice of accommodation, have a variety of unique features such as private garden and plunge pool, and illuminated glass-topped coffee tables to admire the marine life below.

Dining at the Bora Bora Lagoon is some of the finest to be found in the Pacific. The Otemanu Restaurant is poised right on the water's edge with panoramic views across the lagoon to Mt. Otemanu and serves exquisite Polynesian specialties. Café Faré beside the pool offers more informal indoor / al fresco dining, serving predominantly Mediterranean cuisine. Guests may also dine in their bungalow.

A variety of amenities include a beautiful infinity pool surrounded by streams and waterfalls luxuriant with water lilies and ferns, a well-equipped fitness centre, tennis courts and the Maru Spa - a unique tree house hideaway in which to relax and enjoy a traditional Polynesian massage and other body and beauty treatments. Recreational activities include a wide array of water sports such as exceptional snorkelling and scuba diving, water skiing, jet skis and sea kayaking. In addition deep-sea fishing, jeep safaris, cruises and nature hikes may be arranged.

**accommodation**  
75 Motu Bungalows, Overwater Bungalows and Motu Suites & 1 Presidential Villa

**access**  
inter-island flight from Papeete Airport & 20-minute boat ride

**children**  
welcome year round

**7 nights**  
from £3,218 p.p. in high season (£197 p.p.p.n.) & £2,604 p.p. in low season (£170 p.p.p.n.)

**meal plan**  
no meals included

**special offers**  
available on request

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## Le Taha'a Island Resort & Spa, Taha'a

Set on the four-acre Motu Tautau off the western coast of Taha'a in the Society Islands archipelago, Le Taha'a Island Resort & Spa is one of the most exclusive resorts in French Polynesia. A member of the prestigious Relais & Chateaux, this traditional Polynesian-style resort is an exceptional paradise hideaway in a magical setting, surrounded by glistening white sand and the sparkling turquoise waters of the South Pacific.

The resort has 12 Beach Villas and 48 Over Water Suites, largely constructed and decorated with natural materials. They are spacious, comfortable and beautifully appointed with Beach Villas having a separate living area and private swimming pool, and Over Water Suites a spacious lounge and terrace and a private deck with direct access to the lagoon. All have the kind of accessories expected of a luxury resort. Certain Over Water Suites enjoy spectacular views of neighbouring Bora Bora or the magnificent daily sunsets.

There are three restaurants and two bars. La Plage, located by the pool and beachside provides casual dining, whilst the main restaurant, Vanille, and the fine dining restaurant, Ohiri, are set in the heart of the resort among the trees. Regular beach barbecues and Polynesian evenings with entertainment are held.

Other amenities include a fresh water pool and the Manea Spa, which nestles in the shade of a coconut grove and offers unique massage treatments. A variety of activities include tennis, Petanque, sea kayaking, wind surfing, outrigger canoeing and a wide variety of jeep safari and boat excursions. A highlight here is diving on the reef with its incredibly rich, varied and colourful marine life. The resort has a PADI/CMAS dive centre that offers courses for all levels, and arranges a variety of dive excursions.

**accommodation**  
60 rooms, 48 over-water suites and 12 beach & Royal Beach villas

**access**  
inter-island flight from Papeete Airport & 35-minute boat ride

**children**  
welcome year round

**7 nights**  
from £4,131 p.p. in high season (£340 p.p.p.n.) & £3,690 p.p. in low season (£307 p.p.p.n.)

**meal plan**  
no meals included

**special offers**  
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