

Quintessential Bush and Outback



Suggested itinerary duration:

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

Meander off the beaten track with this quintessential Australian itinerary, exploring the bush and outback with the support of a knowledgeable and passionate team of hosts and guides. This itinerary encourages guests to immerse themselves in Australia's environment, wildlife and diverse natural landscapes.

From Cairns, 3hr 4WD self drive or hosted transfer to Mt Mulligan Lodge or arrange to arrive via a 35min scenic flight.

1 Mt Mulligan Lodge

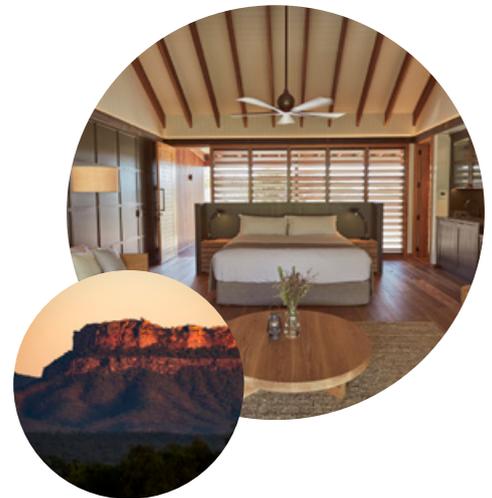
Northern Outback, Queensland

3 nights

Quintessentially Australian, Mt Mulligan Lodge offers modern laid-back luxury in the untamed outback environment of Northern Outback Queensland. Set on a 28,000-hectre outback cattle station, the luxury lodge is situated on a secluded site, in the shadow of majestic Ngarrabullgan - Mount Mulligan. Discover a range of hand-crafted experiences designed to showcase the best of the rugged and captivating landscape, steeped in gold and coal rush history.

What will I do there?

- Get behind the wheel of an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) exploring boulder-strewn creeks, navigating outback tracks before resting at the picturesque south end of Mount Mulligan to delight in a chef-prepared gourmet picnic.
- Take a 4WD safari to Tyrconnell Gold Mine where the thundering sound of Australia's oldest operating gold crusher fills your senses with what it was like to work in one of the country's most productive goldmines.
- Head up to the Mt Mulligan Lodge Sunset Bar and enjoy a sun-downer as you watch the ever changing moods of the Mount Mulligan escarpment.



3hr 4WD drive or 35min scenic flight to Cairns Airport, 3hr flight to Sydney Airport, 3hr drive to Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley or arrange to arrive via scenic helicopter transfer.

2 Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley

Blue Mountains, New South Wales

3 nights

Experience the breathtaking beauty of the Australian wilderness at award-winning, conservation-led **Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley**. With stand-alone suites, each with its own private swimming pool and 7,000 acres of carbon-neutral private conservation and wildlife reserve to explore, enjoy the seclusion and spectacular **Blue Mountains** scenery.

What will I do there?

- Trail ride - horse riding in the Blue Mountains is an ideal way to become familiar with the bush, and the types of terrain while encountering the reserve's wildlife.
- Colonial Heritage Tour - departing from the 1832 Heritage Homestead and Kitchen Garden, take a glimpse into the lives of Australia's colonists as your guide brings to life how they overcame the harshness of the bush and outback.
- Enter the nocturnal realm of the bush and watch many of the smaller, less common animals emerge from their burrows, nests, tree hollows and dens.



3hr drive to Sydney Airport, 4.5hr flight to Darwin Airport, overnight in Darwin, next morning, 1hr flight to Kununurra Airport, 2hr drive or arrange to arrive via scenic flight to El Questro Homestead.

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El Questro Homestead

The Kimberley, Western Australia

3 nights

In the middle of almost 1 million acres of wilderness park and 100km from the nearest town, the luxury of the **El Questro Homestead** sits in stark contrast to Western Australia's rugged **Kimberley** landscape. Perched on a cliff top, with vistas over the Chamberlain River, the Homestead is a relaxed retreat catering for an exclusive number of guests.

What will I do there?

- Take a guided hike into the majestic gorges and top it off with a well deserved swim in a pristine rockpool and waterfall.
- Experience World Heritage listed Purnululu - Bungle Bungles and the Argyle Diamond Mine Ground Tour with a scenic flight and take in this impressive landscape, perspectives from both land and air.
- Spend an afternoon at the Zebedee Thermal Springs - relax and rejuvenate among the lush Livistona palms after a busy day.



Optional - For a first time visitor to Australia we suggest an additional few nights at Longitude 131° to experience the spiritual and geographical heart of Australia and the desert landscapes.

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Longitude 131°

Uluru, Northern Territory

3 nights

Timeless and enriching, **Longitude 131°** lies at the gateway to the dual World Heritage listed wilderness of **Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park** offering a personal experience of Australia's spiritual heartland, a true sense of stillness and beauty in the desert landscape, rich in culture, heritage and history.

What will I do there?

- Uluru Sunrise Guided Base Walk - experience the changing colours of the desert landscape and the spectacular sight of Uluru and Kata Tjuta at dawn.
- Table 131° - prepared on a remote dune top and served under a glittering kaleidoscope of stars, a dining experience for you to discover the wonders of the southern skies and the stories that connect us to the Milky Way.
- Sunset Camel Ride - explore the great Central Australian desert at a slow and relaxed pace, accompanied by an expert guide pointing out wildlife and sharing colourful anecdotes about life in this remarkable region.



Did you know? "Cooee" is widely used in Australia as a call over long distances, especially when out in the bush. "Cooee" originates from the Dharug language of the First Nations peoples of the Sydney area and means "come here".

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