

# True Wild Bush Luxury



## Suggested itinerary duration:

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

Some people refer to it as 'glamping' but with a focus on environmental sustainability these eco-sensitive and romantic wilderness lodges join forces to showcase Australia's unique style of sophisticated, barefoot, experiential luxury. The aim of the below itinerary is to entice, inspire and connect guests to the outback, bush and desert through experiences that are exclusive, natural and quintessentially Australian. The true luxury here is in the private exclusivity of the camps and lodges, and the rare privilege of being in these places.

From Adelaide, 4.5hr drive to Arkaba or arrange to arrive via scenic flight.

## 1 Arkaba

Ikara-Flinders Ranges, South Australia

3 nights

**Arkaba's** true luxury lies in the fact that its 60,000 acres are shared by just 10 guests, taking the definition of exclusivity to a new level in Australia. Located in the ancient and awe-inspiring scale landscape of the **Ikara-Flinders Ranges**, Arkaba provides the opportunity for guests to immerse themselves in the story of the bush – its ancient geology, diverse wildlife and the chance to understand the conservation challenges that Australia faces.

### What will I do there?

- Aboriginal culture – immerse in Adnyamathanha culture with a local guide and connect to the stories of the First Nations people who have long looked after the landscape and wildlife of Ikara-Flinders Ranges.
- 4WD safari – day trip into neighbouring Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park and drive through the Brachina and Bunyerroo Gorges, visiting the old mining town of Blinman and lunch at an outback pub hotel.
- Evening terrace dining – with the ever-changing light and sounds of the bush all around, this is a special and uniquely Australian experience.



4.5hr drive to Adelaide Airport, 2hr flight to Alice Springs Airport, connect to 1hr flight to Uluru (Connellan Airport), 15min hosted drive to Longitude 131° or arrange to arrive via scenic flight.

## 2 Longitude 131°

Uluru, Northern Territory

3 nights

Located in the heart of Australia and facing majestic **Uluru, Longitude 131°** offers a uniquely personal experience, complete with pampering accommodation in luxury tents (canopied suites) with private views of the changing colours of Uluru as the sun rises and sets across the desert landscape.

### 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.
- Braving a night in the great outdoors offers unparalleled starry views from the warmth of a luxury swag unfurled on your private balcony in the cool night air.
- Discover the Anangu stories and vibrant Aboriginal artworks alongside relics from the region's early European explorers.



15min hosted drive to Uluru (Connellan Airport), 1hr flight to Alice Springs Airport, transfer to 2hr flight to Darwin Airport, 20min private flight to private airstrip, 15 min hosted drive to Bamurru Plains or 2.5 self drive from Darwin.

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### Bamurru Plains

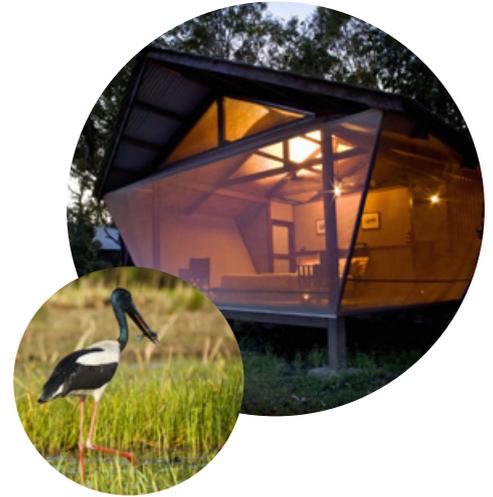
Top End, Northern Territory

3 nights

**Bamurru Plains** is an extraordinary bush experience adjacent to **Kakadu National Park** in Australia's Northern Territory. The coastal floodplains are home to prolific bird and wildlife (Australia's answer to the Okavango Delta) whilst Kakadu and Arnhem Land are the heartland of the country's Aboriginal culture.

#### What will I do there?

- Airboat tour – a trip out on the floodplain of the Mary River catchment in an airboat is an exhilarating way to experience this natural environment.
- 4WD safaris – with the recession of the waters from much of the floodplain in the dry season, the plains become accessible to 4WD vehicles and an afternoon out with one of the guides will provide a unique insight to this fragile yet very important environment.
- Bird watching – The Mary River catchment is home to some 236 species of birds, many of which congregates in extraordinary numbers rarely seen elsewhere in Australia.



*Optional* - A natural extension to this wild bush luxury safari across Australia is a stay at Mt Mulligan Lodge. Modern laid-back luxury in the untamed and rugged outback environment of Northern Queensland.

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### Mt Mulligan Lodge

Northern Outback, Queensland

3 nights

Quintessentially Australian, **Mt Mulligan Lodge** offers modern laidback luxury in the untamed outback environment of **Northern Outback Queensland**. Set on a 28,000-hectare outback cattle station, the luxury lodge is situated on a secluded site, in the shadow of majestic Ngarrabullgan – Mount Mulligan. Discover a range of handcrafted 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.
- Stand-up paddle board - enjoy some light exercise whilst taking in the scenery on the weir. You might even be lucky enough to sight a platypus!
- 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.



*Did you know?* 'The bush' is a term in the Australian vernacular that can refer to any natural, undeveloped landscape. The term 'gone bush' typically means to leave the city and embrace a simpler, more rural lifestyle.

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](http://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au)