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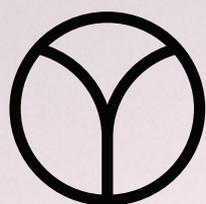
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THE **ULTIMATE** GUIDE TO PLANNING YOUR POST-ISOLATION ESCAPE

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plus so much more!



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TO YOU, *from our GM*



HELLO AND WELCOME to our first edition of *Go Beyond!* *Go Beyond Magazine* explores a range of domestic and international travel destinations including Turkey, Iceland and the Middle East. We take a peek at some of Australia's famous island destinations, making them a fantastic option as we move towards winter.

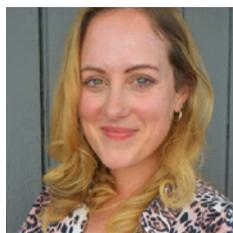
This year has witnessed a significant slowdown and uncertainty in the global economy and the travel industry has undoubtedly been turned on its head. The impact of COVID 19 will be felt for years to come but we eagerly look toward the horizon when we all can fulfill our wanderlust once more. Our ultimate guide to preparing your next getaway will assist with organising your escape post-COVID. Several new, luxurious properties opened their doors despite uncertain times. Many hoteliers are offers amazing prices to encourage tourism.

Though international destinations will have to wait a bit longer, Australia has ample attractions, culture and history to satisfy any itinerary. And there is no better time to explore your own backyard than right now. From sparse desert dunes, rugged bushland, bustling cities, white sandy beaches, crystal waters and tropical rainforest – Australia has it all. It's why we're one of the world's most loved destinations. So be a tourist at home and enjoy this wonderful land we live in.

Rebecca



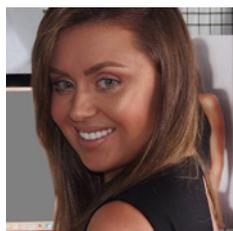
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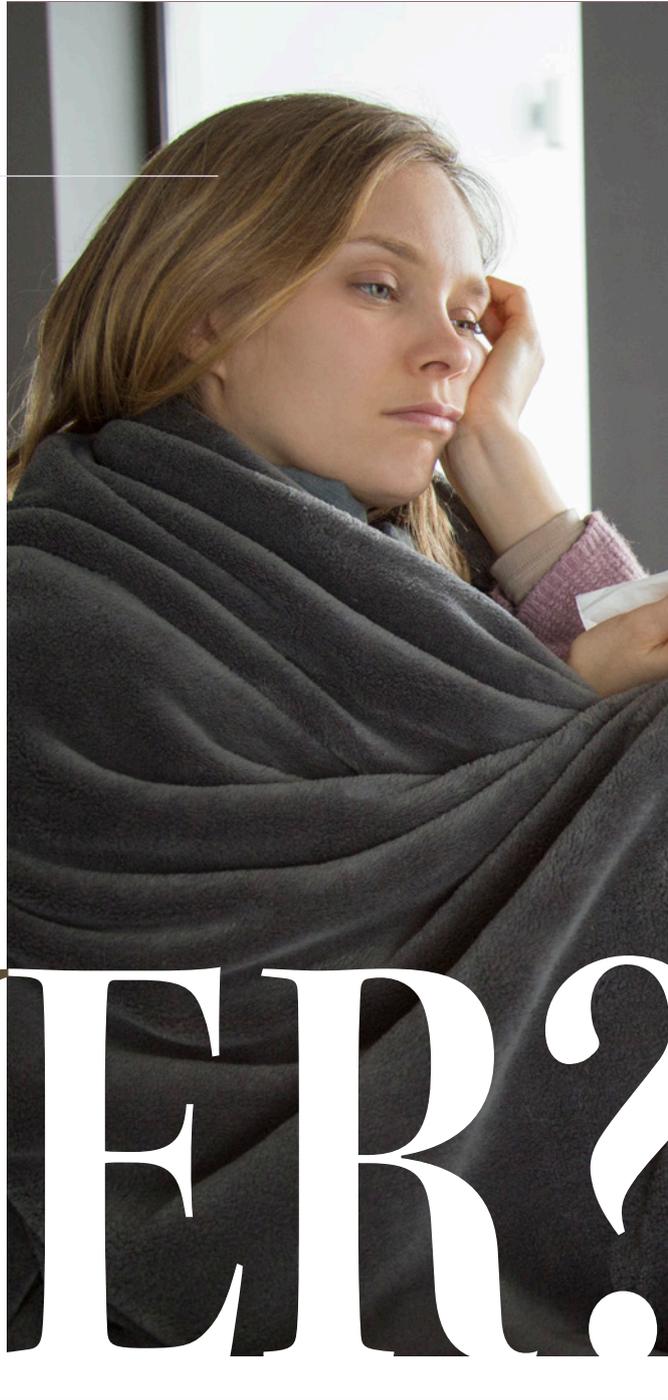
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Nesuto. stay real.

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ISO NEED A HOLIDAY
KEEPING THE TRAVEL DREAM ALIVE MID-PANDEMIC

WHEN WILL THIS BE OVER?



I type this into Google as my leg jiggles up and down under the desk. Eyes dart from wall to wall, thoughts play tennis in my mind. The results, grim - looks like we won't be travelling any time soon.

SOME OF US LIVE IN THE HOPE that our rescheduled or upcoming international travel plans might still go ahead, however when the Minister for Tourism says now is the time to dream but not execute travel plans, these walls seem smaller than ever. Like others, spare time in ISO means I'm using it to research and tentatively plan my escape as soon as the borders open. So how does one plan for travel post pandemic? Well, here's a taste - and most of it involves being hyper prepared for the first nanosecond I can book.

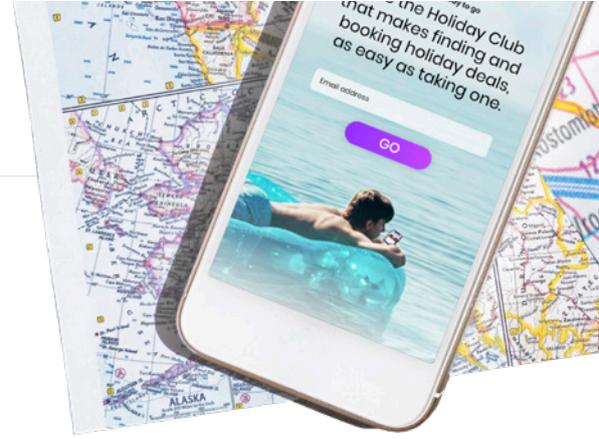
Read on for tips on how to plan a post-iso vacay.





ABOVE
Netflix stocks have soared since the beginning of the pandemic as people practising self-isolation have turned to their TVs for comfort
KATEMANGOSTAR | FREEPIK

LEFT
Social isolation and loneliness can have serious health consequences that may be exacerbated during the coronavirus outbreak.
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Create travel albums on Social Media

Whether it's Instagram or Pinterest, these platforms allow you to curate inspirational travel albums at the double tap of a fingertip. Create by destination or by entire holidays themselves - you'll be delighted by how much inspiration you'll soak up just by scrolling.

Join a travel-related Facebook Group

Not only do FB groups double as great search/research tools, you can always ask for travel recommendations from locals within the group. Girls Love Travel is one of my personal favourites. You'll find emotional support there too! Psst, while you're there follow us here:
facebook.com/affordableholidays

Set up flight price alerts

Even without a pandemic this is a great travel tip. Map out your flights using Skyscanner and hit the 'Get Price Alerts' button to keep track of prices. If they do fluctuate you'll be alerted by email - allowing you to book in a few clicks once this is over. Hot tip: go 'incognito' on your web browser to cross-check prices as they can differ.

Join holiday membership programs

Not only will you have a team of consultants who'll deliver deals as soon as they land, being part of an awesome travel membership program means you'll often have other benefits to keep you busy in addition to discounted accommodation around the world. Personally I love combing the list of restaurant deals near me with the Affordable Holidays Silver Membership. The weekly inspiration in my inbox also keeps my wanderlust alive and well.

Create your dream itineraries

Warning - this can chew up hours of your time in ISO - but the fun you'll have more than makes up for it. Log into your Google Account and search your holiday destination. Zoom in and explore! Like the look of a restaurant or national park? Click on it and hit 'Save' on the right-side panel. Customise your lists however you'd like.

Now that you're set for tactics, let's talk about destinations...

If your wanderlust is a little... lost, no worries! In anticipation of international travel being out for a while, Australian adventures are now wide open. It's time to really explore our wonderful backyard.

The Whitsundays

With news of the Great Barrier Reef suffering through its third mass bleaching in five years, it's time to show our support. The Whitsundays' is the sort of destination that cements its place in your mind forever - the immense size of the GBR is enough to floor even the most jaded nature lover. Water sport fiends and mermaids, rejoice! The diving and snorkelling here is world renown for a reason. Landlubbers are also in for a treat, with plenty of adventure activities like bushwalking and fine dining options a plenty.

Bushfire affected areas

One could say it's been a tough time for our regional towns. With consecutive natural disasters, areas that usually go-off over the holidays are instead, ghostly. The siren call of weekend road trips to regional towns has never been louder, so whether it's zipping to the Blue Mountains for the day or spending a long weekend in the Adelaide Hills, it's time to support local, by travelling local.

Conclusion:

While we wait for this pandemic to pass, put those empty Google searches to bed. The best way to ease the wandering mind is to put that energy to good use. The time we have now is best spent on R&D for our upcoming ISO vacays and shouldn't be taken for granted -dream now - travel later.

So if you'll excuse me, I've got a vacay to plan!

MITZI WILSON



PARADISE ON A PINCH

SUNSHINE STATE ACTIVITIES THAT'LL COST YOU ZILCH

Not much comes close to the joy you feel when you find out something is FREE. A pulse of motivation hits you - yes I want that useless keyring. YES, I need to hightail towards that person giving out free samples.

AS A TOURIST THOUGH, you don't get *free* much. But when it does come along, it's bloody great. Queensland has got it going on when it comes to free things to do - let's go through ten of the top free things to do in the sunny state.

MITZI WILSON

DAISY HILL KOALA CENTRE

Gah, cuteness overload! Roll up to the Daisy Hill Koala Centre to see our nation's favourite furry creature nice and close. Free entry and good for a few hours, the kids will love watching the Koalas snack on eucalyptus leaves and use branches as tightropes to find their ideal napping spot. Be sure to take your time and read your way through the centre to educate yourself on how to care for injured Koalas and how we can make their lives easier in the future.



KOALA
IMAGE BY KERIN GEDGE

PICNIC AT KANGAROO POINT CLIFFS, BRISBANE

Flick out your picnic rug down by the banks of the Brown Snake or on top of the cliffs (near where all the rock-climbers are). The views of the city sparkling as the sun goes down will have you snapping the same pic over and over. If you're lucky (and in a post-covid world), there might even be a concert on at the Riverstage and trust us, the sound carries. Thank you free concert!



KANGAROO POINT CLIFFS
IMAGE BY BRISBANE LOCAL MARKETING



SWIM AT LAKE MCKENZIE ON FRASER ISLAND

Admittedly, it will cost you some coin to get out to Fraser Island (permits required for the vehicle ferry) but, the pièce de résistance - Lake McKenzie is yours to explore freely. Ask anyone who's been there and they'll tell you it's worth diving headfirst into - the water so pure and the sand, so soft and squishy. Plus it makes for a great travel pic!

ABOVE

Referred to as Boorangoora (meaning waters of wisdom) by traditional owners of the land, the Butchulla people, Lake McKenzie's famous turquoise swirls have earned it the title of jewel of the Fraser Island.

JOSE MIZRAHI



CASSOWARY
IMAGE BY GILLES ROLLAND

VISIT ANY NATIONAL PARK FOR THE DAY

Calling all nature nerds! A day trip to a national park in QLD is a great way to spend time outdoors and entry is free! (Please keep in mind if you're camping overnight, you'll need to purchase a permit.) So take your pick from waterfalls and rainforest at Springbrook National Park or granite boulders the size of small buildings at the Girraween National Park. Head north of Townsville to see the morning mists at Paluma Range National Park, inland to see the Carnarvan Gorge or Port Douglas to explore the Daintree.

ENJOY A FREE EXHIBITION AT QAGOMA

Suss out the Queensland Art Gallery of Modern Art free exhibitions to enhance your perspective and level up in the cultural stakes. After your art awakening, stroll outside to enjoy Southbank Parklands' gardens - also free.

WATCH THE SUNSET AT THE RAINBOW BEACH CARLO SAND BLOW

A 19 minute walk from the Rainbow Beach carpark, you'll be forgiven for thinking you're in the middle of a desert in Dubai. This epic sand dune has the goods for an exhilarating sand slide and provides the ultimate sunset siesta spot. Pack a few snacks and it'll be an afternoon to remember.

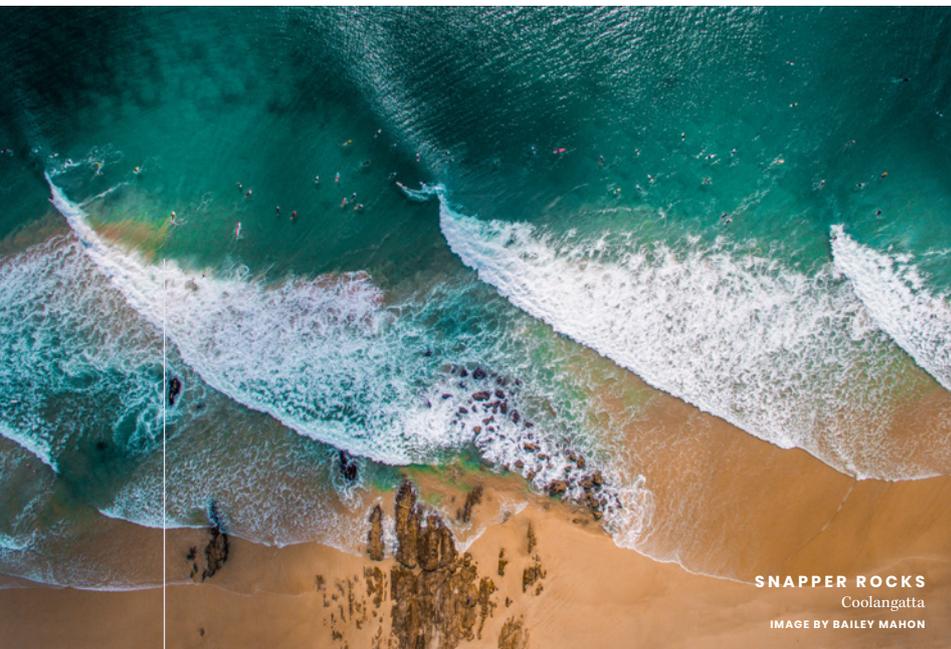


CAIRNS LAGOON AND ESPLANADE
Splash the day away at the lagoon or head north
along the beachfront for Muddy's Playground.

TOURISM AND EVENTS QUEENSLAND

SPLASH THE DAY AWAY AT MUDDY'S PLAYGROUND IN CAIRNS

Florals, florals everywhere! Toowoomba is BEAUTIFUL - seriously, there's something about the tree-lined streets and country-style architecture that gives it such a lovely vibe. And those vibes continue at the Botanic Gardens, with 25 hectares of landscaped gardens to explore. Bring your own BBQ supplies and voila, you have yourself a fab day out.



SNAPPER ROCKS
Coolangatta
IMAGE BY BAILEY MAHON

QUEEN'S PARK BOTANIC GARDENS TOOWOOMBA

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COMPLETE THE GOLDEN FOUR BEACH WALK AT COOLANGATTA

Assemble your activewear, it's time to move those legs. This speccy 12 kilometre walk will take you from Kirra Point north through Bilinga, Tugun and ends at Currumbin Rock. A great way to explore the Southern GC and burn some calories.

Have we missed any?

Let us know via the Affordable Holidays Facebook Page.

SPECIAL MENTIONS:

Take the City Hopper ferry
in Brisbane

Blues on Broadbeach
Festival

Spot a platypus at Broken
River, Eungella

Walk up Castle Hill in
Townsville

IT'S A
BEAUTIFUL
PLACE
TO
HOLIDAY
HERE

HOLIDAY
QUEENSLAND
here THIS YEAR

HEART ISLAND
Qualia, Great Barrier Reef
HAMILTON ISLAND



DESTINATION: FAMILY *fun*

GOLD COAST

PARADISE RESORT

SURFERS PARADISE, QUEENSLAND

PARADISE RESORT GOLD COAST is renowned as a “heaven for kids and a paradise for parents!” Proudly holding the title of Australia’s only family resort with a waterpark, ice-rink and kids club all under one roof, there is no need to leave this family accommodation on the Gold Coast.

Located a few minutes walk from the beach and heart of Surfers Paradise, Paradise Resort Gold Coast caters for all families with babies and toddlers through to children 12 years of age.

With many family friendly facilities including a real ice-skating rink, giant waterpark, Zone 4 Kids club, lagoon pool and spa, convenience store, bistro,

cafe and bar, and an unrivalled daily activity and entertainment program - it’s school holidays everyday at this Gold Coast family resort!

Parents love the complimentary child supervision with every accommodation booking at Paradise Resort Gold Coast! Every child has access to for up 4 hours of fun in the Zone for Kids Club - every day, for free! Meanwhile, you can enjoy the precious time utilising our Zone 4 Adults areas and activities including live music, wine and beer tasting and cooking demonstrations.

With something for everyone, the whole family will find their perfect Gold Coast holiday haven.



ABOVE

Aerial view of Paradise Resort, only a short walk to the beach or the heart of Surfers Paradise. With public transport and shuttle service right outside the doorstep.



WHERE TO EAT

DOMANIS CAFE RESTAURANT

MAIN BEACH

Domanis award winning menu has a great selection of fresh local seafood, tender mouthwatering steaks and a variety of delicious pastas.

SAVE UP TO \$30 OFF ONE MAIN COURSE*

MECCA BAH - BROADBEACH

BROADBEACH

Step off the busy Broadbeach streets and watch our chefs recreate the delicious flavours of Morocco, Turkey and the Middle East. SAVE 25% OFF THE TOTAL BILL*

YELLOWFIN SEAFOOD RESTAURANT

BROADBEACH

With an extensive wine list, Yellowfin Seafood Restaurant offers a truly memorable wine and food experience enhanced by fantastic service.

SAVE UP TO \$20 OFF ONE MAIN COURSE*

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BUNKHOUSES

Paradise Resort is all about putting 'kids first.' When the kids are entertained and happy, Mum and Dad can relax! Junior, Superior and King bunkhouse rooms all feature bright and energetic painted bunk beds with TV and Xbox 360 or Sony Playstation 2. All specifically designed for the youngest family members.

PLAY AT PARADISE RESORT

Paradise Resort is almost a destination in itself! Kids can get wet and wild at the Zone 4Kids Waterpark complete with waterjets, hoses and a giant tipping bucket. The resort's, Planet Chill, is an all-weather ice-skating rink which can be enjoyed all year round. Dusty's Outdoor Adventure Playground is the perfect place to burn off energy and the Indoor Jungle Gym turns your little ones into explorers as they climb through mazes and traverse roped walkways. If that's not enough to entertain the kids, the resort also includes laser tag, arcade and 9-metre climbing wall!

YONDA Q&A WITH DAVID BROOK

We sat down with David Brook, GM of the Paradise Resort Gold Coast to chat about the upcoming resort renovations and what the future holds for this GC hotel post-COVID.

It's very exciting that Paradise Resort Gold Coast is undergoing such a large renovation, can you share details on the full plans?

I wish I could share the full renovation plans but they change so quickly, with more and more facilities, services, activities and entertainment added daily! Our owner, Dr Jerry is such an incredible man with a passion for exceeding guest's expectations in every area of the hotel, to the extent that even our 40 year old kitchen is being totally gutted with all new equipment including range hoods and air-conditioning. But as a brief summary, there will not be one stone unturned - from a new lobby and reception, to the new-look bistro, café and kids' pool area. We're hoping to complete all facilities by this Christmas and the guest rooms within the next three years.

When was the last time the hotel underwent renovation?

The last time was in 2010 when I first commenced at the property under the ownership of the Zagame Family. At that time we refurbished 100 guest rooms, added the waterslides, and revamped the café, bistro and retail shop.

The resort is family focussed; will this still be the case once renovations are completed?

Very much so! However we have had feedback from grandparents and corporate travellers to provide a higher level of accommodation so the first 66 rooms will be designed more with this focus, whereas the next 100 rooms will all be converted to Junior Bunk rooms featuring a divided section of the room with a kids' bunk bed and a separate TV.

WHAT TO DO ON THE GOLD COAST



AQUADUCK SAFARIS

SURFERS PARADISE

The Aquaduck in Surfers Paradise allows you to discover the Gold Coast by land and sea without even leaving your seat! Your return journey will begin in the heart of Surfers Paradise, taking in views of the famous, golden Gold Coast beaches while waddling along the beachfront. **SAVE 10%***



AUSTRALIAN OUTBACK SPECTACULAR

HELENSVALE

The Outback Spectacular is a live theatre, horse riding, music and drama all combined into one. Follow the expert riders and stockmen/women, as well as the animal stars, as you're taken on a journey that combines death-defying stunts, aerial performances and special effects. **SAVE 10%***

BALLOON ALOFT GOLD COAST

SURFERS PARADISE

See the best of south-east QLD from the air with an incredible Gold Coast sunrise hot air ballooning adventure with an emphasis on the iconic Surfers Paradise skyline! Nothing surpasses the beauty of experiencing the sun rise over the fabulous Gold Coast. **SAVE 10%***



LUXURY WHALE WATCHING CHARTER

MAIN BEACH

Board our spacious, modern luxury flybridge cruising catamaran for a spectacular two hour whale watching charter cruise departing from Main Beach. Not too big, not too small; this spacious cat specialises in small group cruises offering the most luxurious way to see the migrating whales of the Gold Coast from the water, assisted by our experienced crew. **SAVE 12%***

DRACULAS GOLD COAST

BROADBEACH

For a ghoulishly good time with both friends and family, Dracula's is a humorous tribute to the B-grade horror genre that incorporates entertaining musical productions alongside side-splitting comedy to provide a truly memorable evening! **SAVE 10%***

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We hear you're building an adults-only wing! Can you share some details?

Other than the rooms, we're adding an additional adults-only swimming pool, bar with tapas-style menu, a dedicated entertainment precinct within this area and rooms that walk straight out onto sunbeds.

Can you share a sneaky insight on one new feature you're adding to the property?

There are so many! Apart from the high-speed (and free!) WiFi throughout the hotel and the ability to Chromecast content, there's even a Planet Chill ice-rink for guests to enjoy with LEDs under the ice which glow and flash to the music!

So exciting! With the property currently closed, when can our guests expect to experience the all new Paradise Resort?

We're hoping to reopen as soon as

possible. Safe to say that over the next few years, every time you walk through the doors there will be something new and exciting added. Whether it's an added attraction, additional service or improved entertainment offerings.

Keen to find out more?

Call our reservations' team on **1800 773 656.**

BURLEIGH HEADS, GOLD COAST

The picturesque Burleigh foreshore is one of the most scenic places to take the family for a picnic or barbecue. The pine tree lined parklands is also the ideal spot for the local art and craft markets, where you haggle for unique homewares and gifts. Absolute oceanfront dining provides amazing views of Surfers Paradise and the freshest seafood on offer. You'll think it jumped right from the ocean onto your plate! Burleigh Heads is also home to the Gold Coast's trendiest cafés, boutique fashion shops and eclectic culture.

IMAGE BY TOURISM AUSTRALIA



DESTINATION: REST AND *relax*

BELOW
Noosa Beach House
Restaurant

NOOSA

SOFITEL NOOSA PACIFIC RESORT

NOOSA HEADS, QUEENSLAND

LOCATED IN THE HEART OF NOOSA on Hastings Street, Sofitel Noosa Pacific Resort is the only luxury 5-star hotel in Noosa. Discover a world of shopping and dining experiences, indulge at one of Noosa's best day spas or visit one of the many pristine beaches that make Noosa famous. Explore this beautiful part of the Sunshine Coast and feel welcome at our Noosa luxury resort. All guests will experience the finest in luxury Noosa accommodation when staying at the Sofitel Noosa Pacific Resort.

This luxury accommodation offers 176 studios, suites & villas. There are a lot of activities available for guests including swimming pool, fitness centre and private boat rental to explore beautiful Noosa Heads. At Sofitel Noosa, your business is our pleasure. With 8 meeting rooms in Noosa all with natural light, you'll find the ideal venue for business meetings, events & celebrations with a capacity of up to 200 and floor space spanning over 720 square metres.



WHAT TO DO

NOOSA BREWERY TOUR

MAROOCHYDORE

Go behind the scenes at Noosa's top breweries. Learn about the brewing process from your guide, a beer expert. **SAVE 12% OFF***

SWIM WITH THE WHALES

MOOLOOLABA

Get the opportunity to swim with these majestic creatures. An experience you will never forget!

SAVE 12% OFF*

MOTORCYCLE CRUISER HIRE

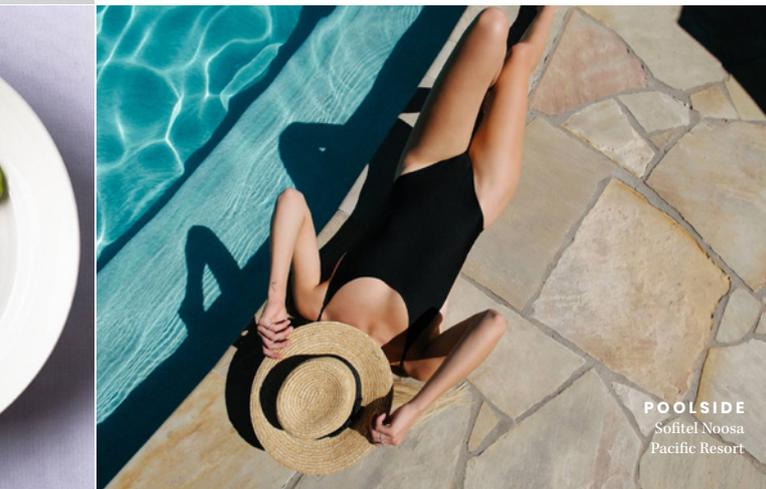
SUNRISE BEACH

Ride a Harley or Triumph and enjoy the Sunshine Coast at your own pace. Take in amazing scenery on some of Queensland's best roads. **SAVE 12% OFF***

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CABANAS
Sofitel Noosa
Pacific Resort



POOLSIDE
Sofitel Noosa
Pacific Resort



WHERE TO EAT

BRASSERIE CENT SIX

MOOLOOLABA

The focus is fine French-style cuisine. With Stephen's English/French family roots, he brings a unique blend of influences, flavours and style to every dish. **SAVE 25% OFF***

THE ORIGINAL MONTEZUMAS

MOOLOOLABA

Whether it's nachos you are craving or one of the combination dinners, Montezumas is sure to satisfy your appetite with the best value for money food around. **ONE COMPLIMENTARY MAIN COURSE***

SEE RESTAURANT & BAR

MOOLOOLABA

See Restaurant is situated in the heart of Mooloolaba, at the Wharf, with guaranteed 180 degree waterfront views. It offers a variety of fresh local seafood and produce and an extensive wine list to match. The unique location sets the tone for a wonderful dining experience. **SAVE 25% OFF***

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DESTINATION: REST AND RELAX

TEA TREE BAY
Noosa National Park
TOURISM AUSTRALIA



LEFT

HASTINGS STREET is the heart of Noosa Heads and is known for its wonderful mix of beachside luxury and laid-back holiday vibes.

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RIGHT

NOOSA EAT & DRINK FESTIVAL gets bigger and more delicious each year. Combining wine tastings, craft beers and ciders, live music and cooking demonstrations from Australia's most accomplished chefs, it truly is a feast for the senses.

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BELOW

BERARDOS BISTRO ON THE BEACH is the perfect place to sit back and watch the waves roll in. Pop in for a coffee after your morning walk, or sip a cocktail over dinner and watch the sunset.

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NOOSA EAT AND DRINK FESTIVAL
TOURISM AUSTRALIA

NOOSA SUNSET

You can't get more relaxing than taking leisurely stroll along Noosa's famous shoreline: fresh air, light breeze and the gentle waves crashing against a beautiful Sunshine Coast sunset.

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DESTINATION: ADVENTURE *awaits*



QUEENSTOWN

QT QUEENSTOWN

QUEENSTOWN SOUTH ISLAND, NEW ZEALAND

THIS IS THE DREAMING ISLAND, South of South. QT Queenstown is a bedtime story that turned out to be true, amidst painted mountains all the more remarkable for being real. A reflection in Lake Wakatipu, where the sky is down and the fun is up.

Discover cosy marketplace dining at the peak. Sample après-ski for the avantgarde. Surprise yourself with the impossible, and risk it all for the beautiful moment. Come stay with us in an artwork that invites you to step through the frame.

We're snowing you under in alpine divine. When you wake up and spy the majestic mountains – let's call it Remarkable comfort. Luxury is truly elevated in your Queenstown hotel room; think impeccably styled lakeside heaven with a little added quirk. When your accommodation in Queenstown surrounds you with Wakatipu's visual magic, you'll be dreaming big.

Keen to find out more?

Call our reservations' team on
1800 773 656.



QT KING ROOM
QT Queenstown





THE LODGE BAR
Pork chop, layered potato, and leafy salad
DANIEL SORTINO



RĀTĀ



FERGBURGER
hamburger with everything!

WHERE TO EAT A DAY ON A PLATE

With so much to do... and eat, Rebecca Dickson explore's Queenstown's culinary scene from AM to PM.

THE AIR IS FRESH, crisp, and cool. You take a deep breath in. As you inhale the air, you too take in the breathtaking picturesque landscape- rolling mountains, white peaks, and the juxtaposition of the chilly lake lapping against a cluster of pebbles -welcoming the dwellers and tourists alike to join and soak in the stunning day ahead. Good morning, you've woken up in Queenstown.

If you're anything like me, you live to eat. You wake to eat. You sleep, purely so you can pass the boredom of starvation for 8 hours, to then wake the next day, to eat. And, of course, you travel to eat. Food is the essence of joy- and Queenstown serves it up one glorious mouthful at a time. What better way to ensure the foodie experience isn't missed by having an entire day dedicated to the art of eating. Here's my AM to PM Queenstown Day on a Plate.

9 AM FERGBAKER

I'd be lying if I said the day only started here. Let's face it, after a night of money shots (a QT rite of passage) and copious amounts of

Central Otago Pinot Noir, a swift walk past and ignoring the smell of meat pies and sausage rolls on the way home at 2am isn't reality. However, if midnight carb-loading is not your style, a morning pick-me-up is.

FERGBURGER, a 14-year run burger joint that sits along the main intersection of Shotover Street, became famous for serving up the best old-school burgers in town, or anywhere for that matter. Open 21 hours a day and growing in popularity for mouth-watering, juicy burgers such as "Sweet Bambi" (Fiordland Deer) and "The Cockadoodle Oink" (Crumbed Chook and Bacon), the folks at Fergburger



FERGBAKER
Vanilla slice

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40 Shotover Street, Queenstown Town Centre
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WWW.FERGBURGER.COM

RĀTĀ
Te Nuku, 43 Ballarat St,
Queenstown
WWW.RATADINING.CO.NZ

LITTLE BLACKWOOD
88 Beach Street,
Queenstown
WWW.LITTLEBLACKWOOD.COM

THE LODGE BAR
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WWW.RODDANDGUNN.COM/AU/THE-LODGE-BAR

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graciously extended their talents to take over a shopfront next door, FERGBAKER.

A walk past a rather classic, non-descript bakery would get only a sideways glimpse if it wasn't for the aromas of fresh, warm pastry wafting out onto the street. Hard to miss, and ever so tempting, the cool morning air calls for it. Every morning a crowd gathers, and a line extends of those patiently awaiting their AM croissant, or as I suggest for your first morning in QT, a Venison and Portobello mushroom homemade pie, Pork sausage roll, or both.

Known for their array of traditional pie crowd pleasers, and FB originals such as Beef Cheek, and Prawn and Chorizo, as well as the classic Kiwi filling of choice, Mince and Cheese, Fergbaker proves it's hard to beat that flaky pastry, warm gravy, and tender meat, soft enough to slice with a spoon. A short stroll means you're only metres away from one of the best breakfast views- the Lakefront is the perfect morning spot to people watch, take in that Queenstown scenery and get stuck into those baked goods. Just watch out for the seagulls, they know a quality pastry when they smell it...

12PM RĀTĀ

After a morning of exploring around the lake on foot or on bike, at this point you've burned off that guilt-free pie. Trust me, calories don't count when you're walking up and down 45 degree hills. Lunchtime calls, and it's pretty hard to beat Rata.

Tucked away in heart of the city centre, and surrounded by lush native greenery towering over the establishment, Michelin chef, Josh Emmett serves up New Zealand produce, done exquisitely well. Native and locally sourced ingredients are the heroes of the menu, with diverse and unexpected flavour combinations that add a robustness and welcomed complexity to otherwise simple and home grown favourite fare.

New Zealand produce is hard to beat, up amongst the best in the world, and Rata is a celebration of it. Sourcing quality produce and ingredients from the region, Rata's commitment to organic fare and sustainable practices make this an essential experience to tick off your QT Food Bucket List. Menus change daily due to the nature of sourcing only

WHAT TO DO

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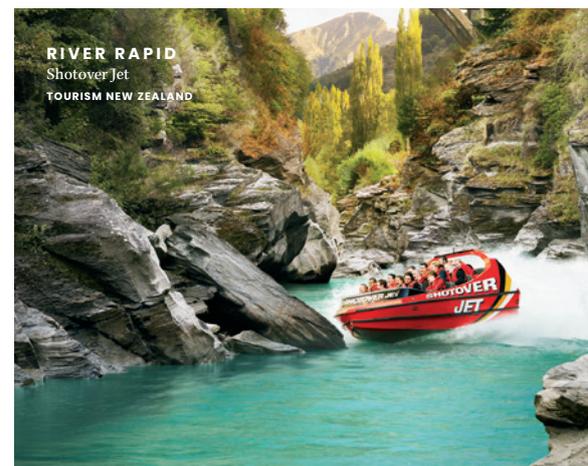
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the freshest ingredients, and did I mention they preserve, ferment, and dehydrate seasonal produce to ensure you're getting the native and local flavours you came for all year round.

Modern, light-filled and a backdrop of historic buildings, it's not hard to see why this charming eatery is a Foodie's quintessential Queenstown pit-stop.

4PM LITTLE BLACKWOOD

Sitting on the famous Steamer Wharf Waterfront, a stroll from a long lunch at Rata to Little Blackwood is a scenic route along the lakefront necessary for Queenstown first-timers. With breath-taking views of The Remarkables and surrounding mountains, what better way to ease yourself into the sunset than a cocktail or five. Don't worry, with a roaring open fire, and plenty of beers for the boys, LITTLE BLACKWOOD is a warm welcome from the crisp sunset breeze picking up off the lake. Also a heated deck overlooking the stunning view, for those voyeurs that enjoy watching the wine-fuelled passers-by head home after a long day of winery tours.

With a menu aplenty with some of the best cocktails in Queenstown (as touted by true locals), seasonal wine offerings, and live music, at LITTLE BLACKWOOD it's easy to linger for a few extra hours than anticipated. And if you're feeling like a day of walking, biking, and drinking robust reds

and craft beers is starting to take its toll, the Artisan Charcuterie boards and Gibbston Valley cheese platters are your best friend.

Oh and their take on the classic Espresso Martini. "Rich and Famous" as self-described, and oh so satisfyingly one of the best Espresso Martinis you'll have, with a touch of their house made cinnamon syrup to spice things up even more. Just don't blame me if the cocktails, music and food force you to stay a few extra hours past your bedtime.

8PM THE LODGE BAR

I know, I know...I bet you're thinking you just can't fit another thing in...think again. If you've managed to escape the steady decline of the LITTLE BLACKWOOD Espresso Martini vortex, then your last, and certainly not least, stop is The Lodge Bar.

Sitting on the lakefront- a hop, skip and jump past the Eichardt's Hotel (also a noteworthy drink spot), lies this Aspen Ski Chalet-esque slash Fox Hunter's cavern, cosy, late night culinary hot spot. Presented by the fashion forward crew behind Rodd and Gunn, The Lodge Bar is just what you would expect. This little gem offers a quiet, cosy spot to unwind after a long day exploring all that is Queenstown, with a wine list that makes you pretty content to

stay awhile. Overlooking the lake and snow-capped mountains, it's pretty easy to see why you could linger here for a bit, and you'd be forgiven for mistaken you're in Vale or The Swiss Alps, the fit-out as much a part of the experience as the food. Think fur covered seating, leather chesterfields and parquet-panelled walls- you might even spot the Deer head casually overlooking the dining room sitting perched above the fireplace.

THE LODGE BAR offers locally sourced produce, done simplistically yet flavourfully- a quintessential Queenstown experience. Michelin starred-Kiwi chef Matt Lambert of The Musket Room NYC fame, designed and curated the menu- The Lodge Bar highlights local Central Otago produce offering it in a clean, simple and approachable way. Just the snack menu alone will pique your interest, and I suggest you don't go past The Meat Pie Croquette and Sourdough Toast offerings. Amazing morsels of goodness that will leave you eyeing off the rest of the menu.

At THE LODGE BAR, a late-night supper never looked, and tasted, so good. As you sink deep into a leather Chesterfield, taking your last sip of Pinot Noir and overlooking the magic that is the lakefront and The Remarkables, you'll wish you could stay forever. Especially because that diet is waiting for you at home. Until again.

REBECCA DICKSON

"Amazing morsels of goodness that will leave you eyeing off the rest of the menu."

"at Little Blackwood it's easy to linger for a few extra hours than anticipated"



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Seven rides make up the Queenstown Trail collection. Beginners can enjoy the easy Lake Wakatipu Ride (15km) and Arrow River Bridges Ride (16km). Those with more experience will love the Twin Rivers, Countryside Ride, Gibbston River Ride and Lake Hayes Circuit (pictured). And advanced riders can tackle the Jacks Point Ride its not for the fainthearted!

IMAGE BY MILES HOLDEN



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TOP BUCKET LIST DESTINATION

MITZI WILSON



BLACK SAND & SEA STACKS
The basalt columns Garðar provide for stunning pillars of elemental rock formations.
IMAGE BY ROSS HUGHES



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ICELAND

FEW DESTINATIONS GET THE HEART PUMPING LIKE ICELAND

KEEN TO MAKE your Icelandic dreams a reality? This volcanic, treeless country between the UK and Greenland has been attracting off-the-beaten-track tourists for decades. With incredible black beaches that go on forever, glacial mountain ranges that look like the movies and charming locals, Iceland is the stuff of ultimate bucket-lists. Trust us, one trip to Iceland will change your travel perspective and have you recounting your travel tales for years to come.

Base yourself in Reykjavik and the country is yours to explore. Iceland's position inside the Arctic Circle means it's primed to see both the Midnight Sun and the Northern Lights - either way the sleep deprivation is worth it (and a given) in both summer and winter to see these phenomena light up the skies.

Foodies are also in for a treat here - with a number of erm, delicacies on the Icelandic menu. Fermented Shark anyone? How about sheep's head (eyes and all?) You can't beat Icelandic Skyr for brekkie and you'll also find Bill Clinton's favourite hotdogs here, too!

Think you've got a trip to Iceland in you? Go on, you'll love it!

LEFT
Fjaðrárgljúfur Canyon in Iceland.
IMAGE BY JONATHAN AUH



ABOVE
A stunning aurora display on Grotta Lighthouse Island, Reykjavik.
IMAGE BY NEIL THOMAS

RIGHT
In 1973, a United States Navy DC-3 airplane crash landed for unknown reasons. Its rusting carcass lies abandoned on Sólheimasandur's black sand and has become a tourist attraction ever since.
IMAGE BY HUGO RAMOS

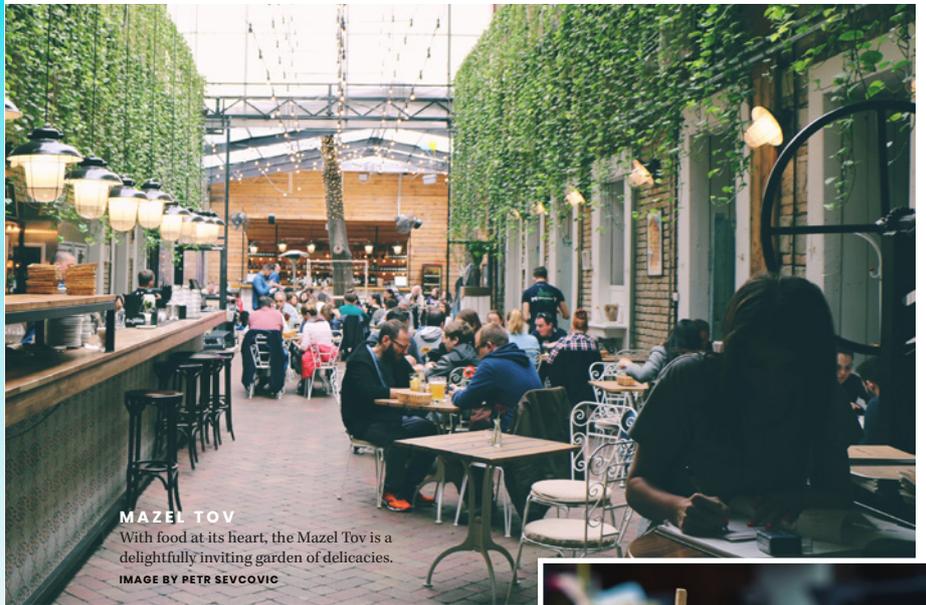




MATTHIAS CHURCH

Used over the centuries as a coronation church for the Hungarian kings, the slender and graceful architecture of this beautiful neo-Gothic church is the centerpiece in the Castle District.

IMAGE BY DANIEL HORVATH



MAZE TOV

With food at its heart, the Maze Tov is a delightfully inviting garden of delicacies.

IMAGE BY PETR SEVCOVIC



RIGHT

KAZIMÍR BISTRÓ

IMAGE BY JAKUB DZIUBAK



ABOVE

NEW YORK CAFE
IMAGE BY SORIN SIRBU

BUDAPEST

A CITY SET TO STEAL YOUR HEART

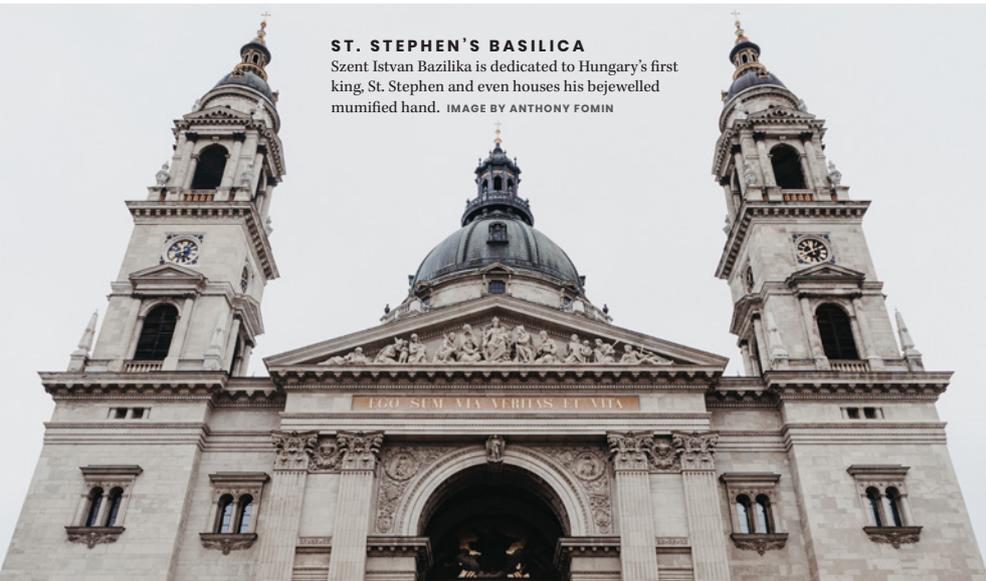
IF YOU'RE LOOKING for an affordable holiday in Europe, you can't go wrong with a trip to Hungary's capital - Budapest. Fabulous and fitting for tourists of all ages, Budapest has it all: captivating history, mind-blowing architecture, a raging party scene and delicious food to boot.

Positioned like a picture on the Danube River, the Parliament Building at night (easily one of the most awe-worthy buildings in Europe) is a must-see. A wild evening at Szimpla Kert, one of the city's renowned Ruin Bars, also comes highly recommended. But it's the city's thermal spas that will have you reminiscing for weeks after.

The Széchenyi thermal bars are as much an architectural adventure as they are a relaxing soak. Over 100 years old, the natural springs fill the baths with rich, mineral filled water, perfect for soothing tired muscles.

Food lovers will fawn over the local delicacies on offer here. From savoury Langos, a warm flat bread with cheese, to sweet Chimney cakes (you've seen them on Instagram!) to Töltött káposzta (Stuffed Cabbage), Budapest is a taste sensation.

Spend a few days here and you'll easily see why Budapest should be on everyone's bucket-list.



ST. STEPHEN'S BASILICA

Szent Istvan Bazilika is dedicated to Hungary's first king, St. Stephen and even houses his bejewelled mummified hand. IMAGE BY ANTHONY FOMIN

BELOW

One of the many local eateries. IMAGE BY ELGARITO





HUNGARIAN PARLIAMENT BUILDING

The domed neo-Gothic structure was inspired by the British House of Parliament. This landmark serves as both a government center and home to incredible works of art and is proudly perched on the banks of the Danube.

IMAGE BY KESZTHELYI TIMI

CAPPADOCIA

Known for its distinctive "fairy chimneys," tall, cone-shaped rock formations.

IMAGE BY DANIELA CUEVAS



ABOVE

Hagia Sophia Museum in Istanbul was built in AD 537, during the reign of Justinian, it was the world's largest building and an engineering marvel of its time.

IMAGE BY JEISON HIGUITA

TURKEY

SURPRISE AND (TURKISH) DELIGHT AWAITS YOU

TURKEY IS A BUCKET-LIST STAPLE. Unforgettable experiences? Most definitely. Delish food? You'll be salivating. The irresistible urge to come back? You betcha!

The wonder of Turkey lies both in its fascinating history, natural beauty and clash of cultures due to its position in the middle of Syria, Bulgaria and Greece. From Istanbul and its Blue Mosque, bustling bazaars and friendly locals to Fethiye and its laid-back coastal vibe, Turkey is the perfect destination for nomadic soloists, crazy couples and adventurous families.

Witnessing a sunrise over Cappadocia has been said to change lives. This alien-like area southeast of Ankara, is most famous for its unique geological formations called fairy chimneys and most recently - instagram images of the hot air balloon rides. It's distinctive landscape has been created over time thanks to erosion of the soft volcanic ash - some cities have even been carved into the rock, making for some spectacular photos!

If you're hungry in Turkey you'll be well looked after. Famous treats like baklava and turkish delight will destroy your memories of whatever you've had in the past - it's that good. Meanwhile savoury items like Köfte meatballs, Manti (meat-stuffed miniature raviolis) and Lahmacun pizza will keep your tummy full and satisfied.

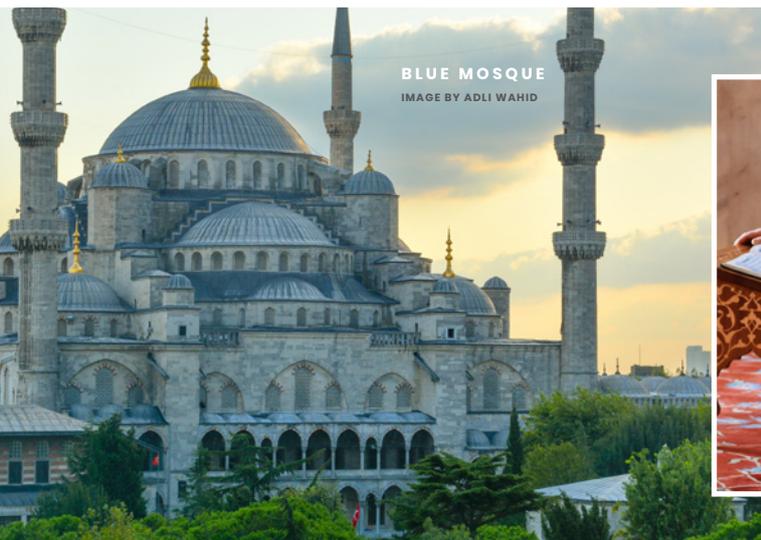
A memorable Turkey trip awaits! When will you go?



GRAND BAZAAR

THE GRAND BAZAAR in Istanbul is one of the largest and oldest covered markets in the world.

IMAGE BY XAÏNE DESGAGNES



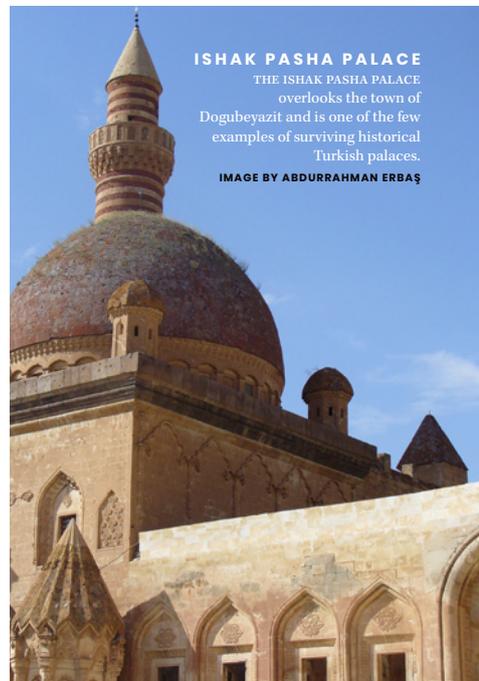
BLUE MOSQUE

IMAGE BY ADLI WAHID

BELOW

THE BLUE MOSQUE was constructed between 1609 and 1616 and remains a functioning mosque.

IMAGE BY RUMMAN AMIN



ISHAK PASHA PALACE

THE ISHAK PASHA PALACE overlooks the town of Dogubeyazit and is one of the few examples of surviving historical Turkish palaces.

IMAGE BY ABDURRAHMAN ERBAS

BLUE MOSQUE

SULTAN AHMED MOSQUE is also known as the 'Blue Mosque' due to the hand-painted blue tiles which decorate the mosque's interior walls.

IMAGE BY EKREM OSMANOGLU





SHEIKH ZAYED MOSQUE

An impressive architectural wonder of pure white marble and colour stones which form floral vines decorating each column.

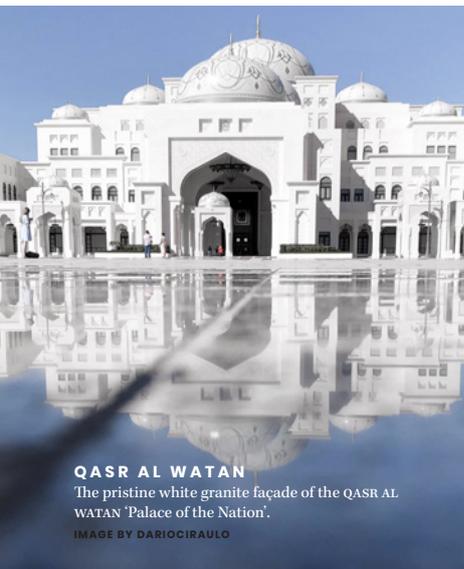
IMAGE BY RASHID KHREISS



THE EMPTY QUARTER
OR RUB AL KHALI, is the world's largest sand desert with endless dunes made famous by the British explorer Wilfred Thesiger.
IMAGE BY PHILLIP GLICKMAN



SHEIKH ZAYED MOSQUE
IMAGE BY NICK FEWINGS



QASR AL WATAN
The pristine white granite façade of the QASR AL WATAN 'Palace of the Nation'.
IMAGE BY DARIO CIRAULO

ABU DHABI

ARABIAN NIGHTS AND SAVOURY DELIGHTS IN THE UAE

FEELING THE URGE for far away places? You can't go wrong with a trip to Abu Dhabi.

So much more than a transit destination, these days Abu Dhabi is proving why this destination belongs on bucket lists everywhere. The capital of the UAE sits south of it's arguably more famous sister city, Dubai, and on an island in the Persian Gulf.

More than cashed-up sultans and bangle-spangled shoppers, Abu Dhabi is rife with adventurous activities. An adventure into the desert at night? Sign us up! Shopping spree? Thought you'd never ask. Love your cars? A visit to Ferrari World will impress even the most nonchalant car appreciator. How about art? The diversity of works on

display at the Louvre Abu Dhabi will inspire and inform.

Don't miss the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, an Islamic architectural masterpiece as grand as it is modern. 80 Macedonian marble domes, jaw-dropping mosaics and carvings make this building the biggest attraction in the city - and rightly so!

Fill your bellies with Khuzi, also known as Ghuzi - the national dish of the United Arab Emirates consisting of a bowl of lamb, spicy rice and smothered in spices. Here for a special occasion? You could see a stuffed Camel on the menu (nope, not kidding!)

With so many sights and delights, add Abu Dhabi to your bucketlist.



ABOVE
The incredible rooftop of the LOUVRE in Abu Dhabi.
IMAGE BY THOMAS DROUAULT

LEFT
An intricately decorated dome of one of a prayer room in the SHEIKH ZAYED GRAND MOSQUE.
IMAGE BY NICK FEWINGS

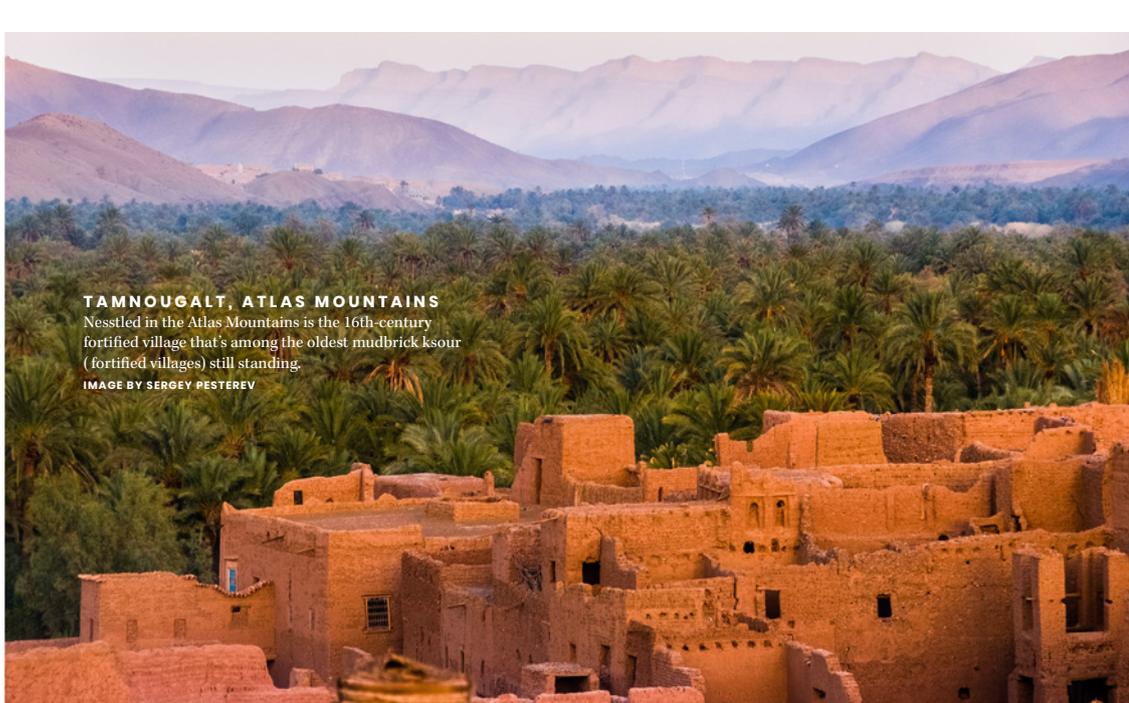




**TIN MAL
MOSQUE**

Located in the High Atlas mountains of North Africa, the TIN MAL MOSQUE was built in 1156 to honour the founder of the Berber Almohad dynasty, Mohamed Ibn Tumart.

IMAGE BY
POMMELIEN DA SILVA



TAMNOUGALT, ATLAS MOUNTAINS

Nestled in the Atlas Mountains is the 16th-century fortified village that's among the oldest mudbrick ksour (fortified villages) still standing.

IMAGE BY SERGEY PESTEREV

MOROCCO

SO MUCH MORE THAN TAGINES AND TANNERIES

IF YOU'VE MADE IT TO MOROCCO, you've done well, dear traveller.

The land of souks and snake charmers, spices and the Sahara; a visit to this North African country carries on in the mind long after you've left.

Begin your journey in the capital, the Red City of Marrakesh. Famous for its electric Souks, in particular, Jemaa el-Fnaa's market square with roaringly loud vendors selling everything from leather, spices and pots to bags and rugs. Spend a few minutes among the bustle and you'll be hustled - barter to really get amongst the action! From Marrakech, the Atlas Mountains and the Sahara desert are in reach. Make sure you experience both!

Next up, Casablanca's Hassan II Mosque has to be on the to-do list. There is nothing quite like hearing the call to prayer thundering from the top of the iconic, 210-metre tower. As with all places of religious significance, you must be dressed appropriately (ladies, please cover up).

Chefchaouen (the famous blue city you've probably seen on Instagram) is also worth a visit. The bright buildings smothered in blue are almost impossible not to photograph a thousand times.

Hungry travellers can feast on tagine and couscous, guaranteed to be on most menus. Other local dishes like Moroccan chicken bastilla and Rfissa also come highly recommended.

Morocco entices all who visit. You'll love your trip!



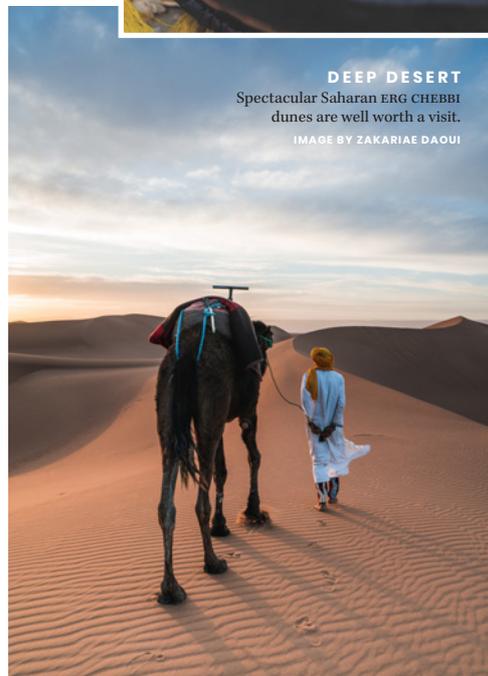
ABOVE
Marrakesh
Markets.
IMAGE BY
ANNIE SPRATT

RIGHT
Chicken
Tangine will get
your tastebuds
dancing.
IMAGE BY
THIEBAUD FAIX



LEFT
The spice stalls of the
MARRAKESH MARKETS.
IMAGE BY ZAKARIAE DAOUI

DEEP DESERT
Spectacular Saharan ERG CHEBBI
dunes are well worth a visit.
IMAGE BY ZAKARIAE DAOUI





FEELING BLUE

CHEFCHAOUEN, a city in northwest Morocco, is known for its blue buildings. It is believed the building's distinct hue is a tradition brought when an influx of Jews migrated to the area to escape the Spanish inquisition.

IMAGE BY MOHAMMED LAK



TEMPLE OF KOM OMBO

This temple is considered unusual because there were courts, halls, sanctuaries and rooms duplicated for two sets of gods. The southern side is dedicated to the crocodile god Sobek whilst the northern part of the temple is dedicated to the falcon god Horus. IMAGE BY CALIN STAN

THE PYRAMIDS OF GIZA

These monumental tombs were built constructed 4,500 years ago during Egypt's Old Kingdom. IMAGE BY SIMON BERGER



ABOVE
Drift down the NILE on a felucca.
IMAGE BY KAVYA N M

EGYPT

READY TO WALK LIKE AN EGYPTIAN?

Sailing down the Nile on a Felucca, staring up at one of the great Pyramids of Giza, or tucking into a bowl of Koshary (read on!) in Cairo are just some of the unforgettable experiences that await you Egypt. This destination has long been on bucket-lists and with great reason.

It would be a crime to write about Egypt and not mention the Pyramids. These wonders of ancient Egypt stand at almost 150 metres tall, each cube stone identical in size, down to the millimetre. You'll be forgiven for thinking these architectural anomalies could have been built by aliens - they're immense! While you're near Cairo, pick up a souvenir at the Khan el-Khalili, one of Egypt's most famous bazaars. Get your haggle on for an authentic experience.

Next up: Luxor, a history-strewn city of souks, temples and of course, the Valley of the Kings. Whether visiting Cairo or Aswan on a boat, a cruise, or a felucca, don't leave Egypt without cruising one of the world's most famous rivers, the Nile.

Thrill seekers will love sand-dune surfing at the Great Sand Sea near Siwa Oasis - rumoured to be the best in the world. While diving aficionados can explore the Red Sea underwater.

Ta'Meya, or falafels are a staple in Egypt, as is the country's official street dish - the Koshary. Think: a bowl of macaroni pasta, lentils, chickpeas and topped with savoury, spicy sauces and caramelised onions. Interesting and surprisingly delish!

No matter what you do in Egypt, an epic adventure awaits.



ABOVE
Enjoy the ancient wonder, the GREAT PYRAMID via camel-back. Tours are conducted around Giza during sunset and sunrise and are considered a MUST-DO activity whilst holidaying in Egypt.
IMAGE BY ROSARIO JANZA

BELOW
Relax and watch the sunset from FATNAS ISLAND (Fantasy Island) in the shimmering salt lake of Birket Siwa.
IMAGE BY FLO P



ABOVE
A bread stall
KHAN EL-KHALILI.
IMAGE BY
ALEX BLOCK

EL FISHAWI CAFE

Inside the famous bazaar and souq, KHAN EL-KHALILI lies El Fishawi cafe, a perfect respite for weary shoppers.

IMAGE BY MARIAM SOLIMAN



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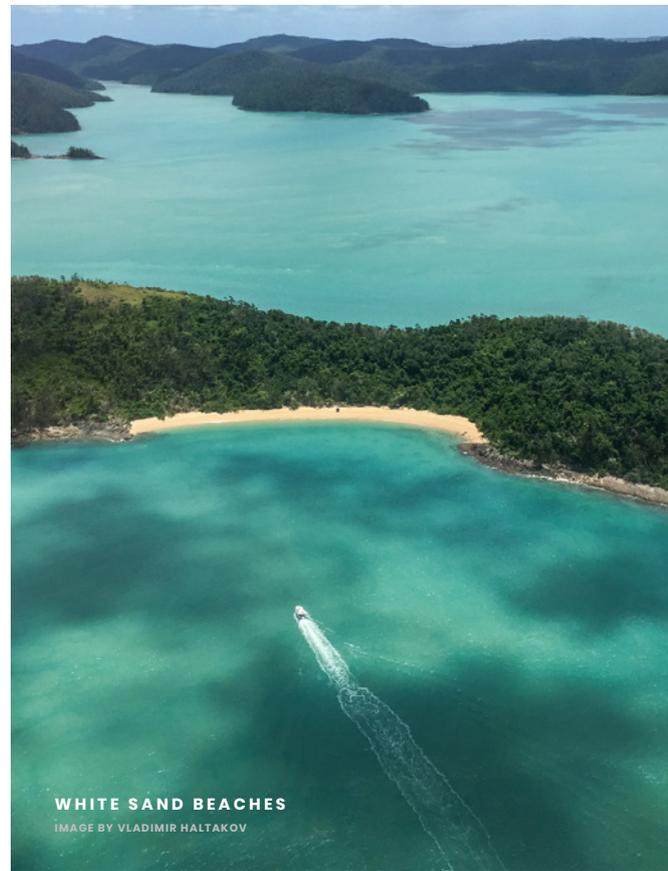
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BELOW
Beautiful food and breath-taking views.
IMAGE BY TOURISM AUSTRALIA



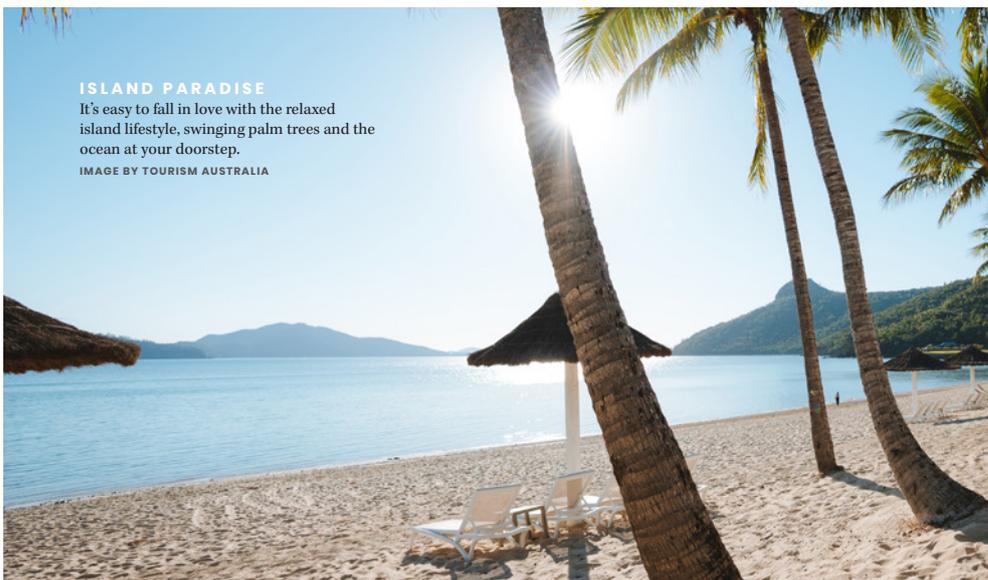
WHITE SAND BEACHES
IMAGE BY VLADIMIR HALTAKOV

HAMILTON ISLAND

A CROWD FAVOURITE and perfect for families and honeymooners, the largest island in The Whitsundays' is heaven on earth. Just a quick flight from Brisbane, Hamilton's appeal lies in its easy access (it has its own airport!) and of course, it's location on the Great Barrier Reef. With a swathe of luxury resorts to choose from, views activities for days - you'll never want to leave.



BEACH CLUB
HAMILTON ISLAND
IMAGE BY TOURISM AUSTRALIA



ISLAND PARADISE
It's easy to fall in love with the relaxed island lifestyle, swinging palm trees and the ocean at your doorstep.
IMAGE BY TOURISM AUSTRALIA



NUDEY BEACH

Fall in love with the white sand and amazing views of Fitzroy Island

IMAGE BY TOURISM AUSTRALIA

FITZROY ISLAND

A FAMILY FAVOURITE and 45 minutes from Cairns, Fitzroy Island is a nature lover's paradise. With all the island trimmings - secluded beaches, rainforest walks and coral reef, this island does it all. Be sure to check out the giant ocean trampoline which provides hours of fun for kids and adults alike.



NUDEY BEACH

IMAGE BY TOURISM AUSTRALIA



DAYDREAM ISLAND

ONE OF THE WHITSUNDAY ISLANDS, Daydream is just a short ferry (or helicopter) ride from Airlie Beach. At just 1km by 500 metres wide, this tiny yet paradisiacal island should be firmly on your travel hit list. Be sure to check out the island's Live Reef - the kids will love the interactive sessions where they're able to learn about and touch marine animals like baby rays and sea cucumbers.



SNORKELLING

Fitzroy reef lagoon allows you to get up close to the marine life and vibrant coral.

IMAGE BY TOURISM AND EVENTS QUEENSLAND



SAIL AWAY

Tour the Whitsundays and drop anchor at any of the 74 islands.

IMAGE BY TOURISM AUSTRALIA



CUTENESS

A local koala from BUNGALOW BAY KOALA VILLAGE on Magnetic Island.

IMAGE BY TOURISM AUSTRALIA

MAGNETIC ISLAND

AT JUST EIGHT KILOMETRES offshore from Townsville, Maggie Island is an adventure paradise. With all sorts of water sports, an abundance of walks and some great restaurants, Magnetic Island has got it going on! Perfect for day trips or long weekends, make sure you visit Horseshoe Bay (keep an eye out for Koalas, too!)



HERON ISLAND

AFAMILY FAVOURITE, you'll find magical Heron Island off the coast of Gladstone. Accessible by ferry (even seaplane if you're game!) at the southern end of the Great Barrier Reef, a holiday at this coral cay is one for the memory bank. With up to 100,000 nesting birds in the trees around the 4-star accommodation and coral gardens with colourful sea life just off-shore, Heron is a nature lover's paradise.



LEFT
Shipwreck brought to tHeron island by Captain Christian Poulsen in 1943.

IMAGE BY TOURISM AUSTRALIA

ABOVE CENTER
Stunning sunset over the wharf at Heron Island.

IMAGE BY TOURISM AUSTRALIA

ABOVE
One of the locals, a magestic sea turtle makes her way across the sands of Heron Island.

IMAGE TOURISM AUSTRALIA

TOP RIGHT
A beached boat on the dunes of Magnetic Island.

IMAGE BY TOWNSVILLE ENTERPRISE LTD



LORD HOWE ISLAND
Although only 11km long and 2km wide, Lord Howe is home to dozens walking trails in all degrees of difficulty - from beginner to seasoned hiker.
IMAGE BY LUXURY LODGES OF AUSTRALIA

LORD HOWE ISLAND

A NEW SOUTH WALES' island paradise, you'll find this World Heritage Listed island in the Tasman Sea. Adventure looms large at Lord Howe, with over 60 dive sites, snorkelling spots and more than enough hikes to keep you busy. Get here by plane and stay in everything from self contained apartments to tree bungalows and beach houses.



LEFT
Amazing coral and diverse aquatic life.
IMAGE BY
CAPELLA LODGE

RIGHT
Pristine beaches of Lord Howe Island.
IMAGE BY
CAPELLA LODGE



WHERE TO STAY

FITZROY ISLAND RESORT FITZROY ISLAND, QUEENSLAND

Fitzroy Island is an unspoilt tropical paradise of rainforest and beaches within the calm sheltered waters of the Great Barrier Reef. Fitzroy Island is a National Park, discover spectacular walking trails, abundant marine life, and local wildlife.

WHERE TO STAY CONT.

WHERE TO STAY

DAYDREAM ISLAND RESORT

DAYDREAM ISLAND, WHITSUNDAYS QUEENSLAND

The refurbished DAYDREAM ISLAND RESORT is located in the heart of Queensland's Whitsunday Islands. The stylish and tranquil retreat offers modern rooms and suites with free WiFi and a full buffet breakfast. The resort features an open-air cinema, outdoor pools and three bars and restaurants.



WHERE TO STAY

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KELVIN ANDREWS

OUR FOOD AND WINE CONTRIBUTOR REBECCA DICKSON IS AT HOME WITH QUEENSLAND CHEF, KELVIN ANDREWS, TALKING ALL THINGS FINE DINING, HOME COOKING, AND CELEBRATING FAMILY ROOTS.

REBECCA DICKSON



IMAGE BY INSIDE GOLD COAST

WHEN YOU FIRST WALK into SK STEAK AND OYSTER you're immediately taken back to a time when fine dining and gastronomy was in its heyday- a long room, large windows bordering the space, with cream leather booths running along the far edge, with a view of the bustling, large open kitchen, almost theatre-like in its appearance. The décor reminiscent of a late 80s/early 90s-come-art-deco fine diner, with a modern, sleek edge. White tablecloths adorn the tables, and a dimly lit room housing a baby grand piano takes you right back to when eating out was held solely for those special occasions. They don't do restaurants like this anymore, and SK can be heralded for bringing back that urban fine eatery experience we foodies have been craving.

Housed in retro-chic-inspired THE CALILE HOTEL in Brisbane's Fortitude Valley, SK STEAK AND SYSTER has, in its very short term of existence, become the city's go-to dining experience, for business and pleasure alike. Brainchild of Simon Gloftis, of HELLENIKA fame, and NINETEEN at the Star's Chef Kelvin Andrews, this partnership is a match made in foodie heaven. "The idea behind SK was to create a proper restaurant, an institution, that will withstand the test of time. Not just be an icon for a few months and then the next best thing opens, but to create something that will be here in 20 years from now and still be a respected brand," says Kelvin. This idea has seen their team become known for the finesse and flair of the menu- with a nostalgic old-school appeal (think Prawn Cocktails, Lobster in garlic butter and truffle, lots of it). They even have a soup and salad selection, which is a course of absence on most Australian menus. And if the name didn't tip you off- they do good steak...like, really, really good.

Sitting down with Kelvin, it's obvious his passion not only lies in the food, but also in the service, "We want the best customer experience, it's all about the diner, nothing is too hard or too complicated for us. If we have it, we will do it- that's our motto." And that motto has seen them rapidly grow a following in Brisbane, Queensland, and beyond. "Our guests know that we can go to any lengths for them - it's not about saying 'no we can't do this'... we're not about that, we're about the love of hospitality."



TOP
The spirit display
at SK STEAK AND
OYSTER
IMAGE BY
INSIDE GOLD COAST

ABOVE
SK STEAK AND
OYSTER
IMAGE BY
DAVID CHATFIELD

RIGHT
Sweet corn
agnolotii with burnt
butter and sage
IMAGE BY
DAVID CHATFIELD





LEFT
A few of our favourite things
IMAGE BY
SK STEAK AND OYSTER

BELOW
SK STEAK AND OYSTER wood fire grill in action
IMAGE BY
PANDORA BRISBANE

One dish that stands out on the menu for Kelvin in particular was inspired at a very young age. His earliest food memory is when his Nonna used to make pasta for the family, a crowd favourite always being the slow cooked ragu. "Italian food [is my favourite] for sure. My family roots are Italian, so anything with pasta, or antipasti, and definitely my Nonna's slow cooked ragu." Therefore the Wagyu Beef Ragu with house made Tagliatelle has a starring role on the menu at SK. The beef, as Kelvin says, "...is the best, most consistent, ethically farmed and sustainable beef in Australia," and it is bred right here in Queensland. "I don't eat a lot of chicken as it's battery farmed, I tend to only eat organic and sustainable food at home, just like we do in the restaurant." On cooking at home, Kelvin says he leans toward a nice piece of fish or beef, "I'm loving charcoal cooking, it provides such a great flavour, also it's nice and cold at the moment, so it keeps you warm."

With great produce, a nostalgia for the dishes he serves up, and care for the way the diner takes in the entire experience, it's easy to see why SK Steak and Oyster is a true passion project for Kelvin, and the idea has been executed perfectly. And so, once your plates have been cleared, the echoing sound of the piano slowly drifting off, and you're taking that last sip of whiskey, you'll be thinking of an excuse to dine here again next week. And trust us, try the Ragu next time.



LEFT
SK SIGNATURE SEAFOOD PLATTER with oysters, prawns, bugs, mussels, marron and lobster
IMAGE BY
CAPTUREDBYSOPH

OPPOSITE PAGE

Kelvin Andrews serves up his family recipe for a mouth-watering, rich, authentic Beef Ragu, just like Nonna used to make.

"This recipe is great and my mum cooks it for me on my birthday and for the family on Christmas (as a pasta or lasagne). It brings back childhood memories and times when the whole family would get together."

KELVIN'S NONNA'S RAGU

SERVES UP TO 8 PEOPLE

INGREDIENTS

- 500g chuck steak, largely diced
- 250g pork mince
- 1L jar of passata
- 1 Tbsp. tomato paste
- 500ml good quality beef stock
- 200ml white wine
- 200ml good quality olive oil (*Kelvin recommends Joseph first run cold pressed olive oil*)
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1 tsp. Dried oregano

TO SERVE

- Freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- Fresh pasta of your choice or gnocchi
- Olive oil

In a large heavy based saucepan add the olive oil and bring up to high heat. Brown the chuck steak and remove from pan. Add the pork mince and brown.

Add the garlic and deglaze with white wine, add the chuck steak back into the pan with the tomato paste and stock.

Add passata and dried oregano, turn heat to low. At a slow simmer, cook covered for 4 hours until beef just falls apart.

Once the beef is cooked, remove the beef from the pot and put in the fridge for 5 mins to cool, then chop half with knife till small diced and shred the rest with a fork. Add back to the sauce, season with salt and pepper.

Combine sauce with fresh cooked pasta and top with freshly grated parmesan cheese and a drizzle of olive oil.



RIGHT
NONNA'S RAGU
IMAGE BY
DAVID CHATFIELD

HAVE FOLLOWERS, WILL TRAVEL

AWE-INSPIRING TRAVEL INFLUENCERS



LEFT
NEW YORK, USA
IMAGE BY
WORLD OF WANDERLUST

Get out your phone (let's be real, I'm sure it's in your hand's vicinity), cos we've hand-picked five of our favourite online personalities for your social media pleasure. Get ready to take your feed to the next level and feel the wanderlust following this lot.

WORLD OF WANDERLUST

Brooke's dreamy photos and epic storytelling will have you hooked and wanting to tag along on her next trip! She's in South Africa doing ISO now but who knows where her next adventure will be. She loves reading, cooking and writing. Get to know her here:

 [instagram.com/worldwanderlust](https://www.instagram.com/worldwanderlust)



RIGHT
VIENNA, AUSTRIA
IMAGE BY
WORLD OF WANDERLUST

JUSTIN ROSS LEE

Want your social media scrolling with a side of luxury? Justin Ross Lee is an American business owner, socialite and first-class flight critic. He and his partner, Candis globe trot and gosh they do it in style! It's outlandish, it's extravagant, it's pretentious and strangely we can't get enough. Check him out here:

 [instagram.com/justinrosslee](https://www.instagram.com/justinrosslee)



RIGHT
HYATT REGENCY OSAKA
IMAGE BY JUSTIN ROSS LEE



RIGHT
BANGKOK, THAILAND
IMAGE BY LITTLE GREY BOX

LEFT
SOUTH AFRICA
IMAGE BY
HOW FAR FROM HOME



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LITTLE GREY BOX

For useful and wholesome travel content - you can't go wrong with Phoebe and Matt from LITTLE GREY BOX. These Aussies are so laid back and their insider tip videos are binge-worthy. They're staying at their home in Brisbane for now but we hope to see them on the road again soon! Get to know them here:

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LEFT
ZANZIBAR
IMAGE BY BUCKET LIST FAMILY

THE BUCKET LIST FAMILY

For the coolest family adventures, look no further than the Bucket List Family. Garrett and Jessica Gee and their little fam have visited 65 countries and gosh do they have some stories to tell. With a wildly successful Youtube channel and an online shop - is there anything this party of five can't do? Meet the family here:

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HOW FAR FROM HOME

Stevo and Chanel are serious couple goals. Famous for their stunning travel images which almost always contained a token blackboard detailing how many miles away from home they were, more recently they celebrated a ten-day elopement deep in the Namibian desert. Check these guys out sooner than later:

 youtube.com/channel/UC1hIHwQrqINxfyvPB1a3A

RIGHT
ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK, NAMIBIA
IMAGE BY HOW FAR FROM HOME



CLOSE UP

CAPTURING THE GOLD COAST

WITH PHOTOGRAPHER
JAMES RICHARD

IF YOU ASK ANY GOLD COAST local they'll tell you that you'd be pretty hard pressed to find somewhere as stunningly beautiful and liveable as the Gold Coast. Usually thought of as Australia's nod to Miami Beach Florida, and commercialised in all its glory. For the unbeknownst traveller, and first-timer, the Gold Coast is home to some of the Country's most remarkable and breathtaking landscapes.

Photographer James Richard, has unknowingly become a Gold Coast storyteller and purveyor, of how remarkable the landscapes and scenery are. Looking through his Instagram feed, the colours, year-long sunny days, and vibrancy of the Gold Coast lifestyle, are brought to life. Posting under the pseudonym @_harrryy_, James has garnered the attention of Travel blogs, and photography enthusiasts alike.

REBECCA DICKSON



RIGHT
COOLANGATTA
IMAGE BY JAMES RICHARD

LEFT
GOLD COAST BEACH
IMAGE BY JAMES RICHARD



We had a chat to James to talk all things Gold Coast, why it has become a destination for adventure, natural beauty, and sun, and how to get that Instagram worthy travel shot.

Give us a bit of a background on you

A Gold Coast native, passionate about all things surfing, fashion design and photography.

How did you get started in photography?

As a fashion designer, I have always been around photoshoots and meeting photographers, and it awe of the creativity and feeling that could be evoked through a good photograph. Around 5 years ago I injured my leg badly and needed something to fill the void left by not being able to be active, so I bought my first camera, and the rest is history.

What are your Go-to spots and activities on the Gold Coast?

Burleigh Heads offers something for everyone. Great surf and beaches, a national park for exercising and a host of beachside cafes, bars and restaurants. What more could you want?

What is your favourite location to shoot on the Gold Coast and why?

Currumbin Beach. It's special to me because that's where I grew up and learned to surf. The views here are spectacular, particularly at sunset when the Surfer's Paradise skyline lights up.

What is the best time of the day to shoot on the Gold Coast?

Definitely at sunrise and sunset. However, when shooting aerial shots I prefer mid-morning to really capture the clear blue colours of the ocean.

What is your ultimate overseas destination to travel to and photograph?

Iceland. The dramatic natural scenery lends itself to some pretty spectacular photographic opportunities.

How does it feel when you get that perfect shot?

I don't think I've taken the perfect shot yet, but it certainly feels rewarding when I have a particular shot in mind and it turns out as I envisaged it. I have plenty of failures too!

What are some tips you can give our readers on nailing the perfecting Instagram travel shot?

Look for compositions that incorporate an interesting foreground and background, rather than just pointing your camera at those mountains way off in the distance. It makes for much more interesting storytelling of your travels.

Subscribe to our magazine and receive a free downloadable photograph by James Richard, ready to print and frame.

Check out James' photography at:

 [instagram.com/_harrryy_](https://www.instagram.com/_harrryy_)



RIGHT
CAPE HILLSBOROUGH
IMAGE BY JAMES RICHARD

ABOVE RIGHT
PURLING BROOK FALLS,
SPRINGBROOK NATIONAL PARK
IMAGE BY JAMES RICHARD

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BURLEIGH IMAGE BY JAMES RICHARD
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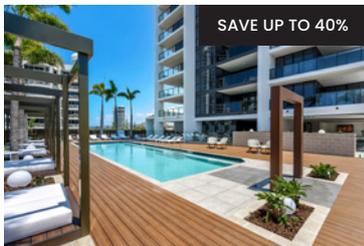
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INDUSTRY INSIGHTS



NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

IN THE MIDST OF COVID 19 you might be surprised to know that many new properties have celebrated opening their doors. It is a tough time to be starting out, so many of these properties are offering great deals for patrons to experience the fabulous new facilities, rooms and service they provide. Head on over to the Yonda website to learn more about each of these shiny new hotels and how to book a great deal. Until then, here is a teaser to whet your appetite.



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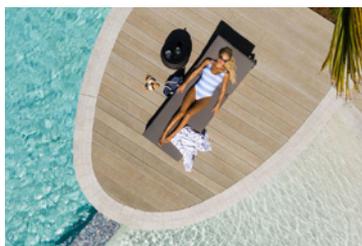
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IF THERE IS ONE GOOD THING to come out of 2020, it is the appreciation, love and patriotism for all things Aussie! We have put together a list of holiday essentials- from Australian born and bred companies- that will not only make your trip so much better, but also make you feel good for supporting all things local!

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