



Australia

From a hidden laneway to a vast red desert, Australia is as diverse as the people that call it home. If you explore beyond the famed natural beauty and iconic landmarks, you'll find a burgeoning culinary scene, incredibly fresh food and the best coffee in the world. Here, each state and capital city has its own identity, with locals that will be more than happy to tell you what makes their hometown special.

This curated destination guide has been designed to help agents uncover the best things to see in each capital city of Australia, and encourage their clients to explore this great country. With so much on offer, there's no reason not to!

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SYDNEY

i ABOUT SYDNEY

Sydney is built around its iconic harbour, and with good reason - it's one of the most beautiful cities in the world. On a sunny day, you'll find most Sydneysiders somewhere by the water, whether it be dining by the harbour, or hitting the surf at one of the many beaches up and down the coast.

Long regarded as a city without any culture, Sydney has made enormous strides in the last 10 years to catch up to its rival in the south. Beyond the CBD, you'll find excellent restaurants, bars and parks across the inner-city suburbs of Surry Hills and Darlinghurst, and the beachside suburbs of Bronte, Tamarama and Bondi.

Beyond the city, there are plenty of beachside towns up and down the coast, excellent wine regions in the Hunter Valley, Orange and Mudgee, and breathtaking valleys and hikes in the Blue Mountains.

📍 ESSENTIAL EXPERIENCES

Climb the Harbour Bridge

See the city from atop its most prized landmark, the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Hit the beach

Try the locals' favourites like Cronulla, Freshwater or Bronte.

Visit the Blue Mountains

See the natural beauty and landmarks around Katoomba and Wentworth Falls.

See a show at the Opera House

Sydney's most famous building offers a memorable concert experience.

Dine with a view

Try one of Sydney's harbourview restaurants: Quay, Cafe Sydney or Bennelong.

🏠 WHERE TO STAY

Holiday Inn Darling Harbour

68 Harbour Street, Sydney

★★★★★



Oaks Goldsbrough Apartments

243 Pyrmont Street, Sydney

★★★★★



Mantra Hotel at Sydney Airport

3 Ross Smith Avenue, Sydney

★★★★★



🧳 SHORT TRIPS FROM SYDNEY

Hunter Valley

Located just over two hours drive from Sydney, and best known for its Semillon.

Bowral

The heart of the Southern Highlands and home of Donald Bradman.

Kangaroo Valley

Explore rich green pastures and crystal clear rivers, two hours from Sydney.

DID YOU KNOW?

15,500 light bulbs are changed every year at the Sydney Opera House.





MELBOURNE

ABOUT MELBOURNE

Rich in culture, atmosphere and aesthetic, no Australian city is quite like Melbourne.

With the constant rumble of the trams and the endless hidden laneways filled with trendy coffee spots, hole-in-the-wall bars, unique pop-ups and exclusive 'there one minute, gone the next' restaurants, Melbourne is an exciting city that boasts the perfect fusion of food, wine, culture and shopping.

From the bustling CBD to the eclectic streets of St Kilda, the hipster haven of Fitzroy and the on-trend vibes of Chapel St, Melbourne is a melting pot of different styles and cultures that all combine to create what has become one of the world's most liveable cities - even with its four seasons in one day approach!

ESSENTIAL EXPERIENCES

Emporium Melbourne
Premier shopping destination and Australia's largest designer precinct.

Chapel St Precinct
This iconic street runs from South Yarra through to Prahran and Windsor.

NGV
Home to over 73,000 works of art from around the world.

Flinders Lane
This eight-block stretch is a longstanding culinary destination.

Eureka Skydeck
Stands at 297 metres and offers breathtaking views of Melbourne.


SHORT TRIPS FROM MELBOURNE

Yarra Valley
Home to the famous De Bortoli and Domaine Chandon wineries.

Mornington Peninsula
Luxurious day spas, hot springs, walking tracks and galleries.

Great Ocean Road
See the 12 Apostles, get back to nature and indulge in the ocean views.

WHERE TO STAY

Crowne Plaza Melbourne
1 - 5 Spencer Street, Melbourne 
★★★★★

Oaks on Collins
480 Collins Street, Melbourne 
★★★★★

Crown Metropol
8 Whiteman Street, Southbank 
★★★★★

DID YOU KNOW?

Melbourne was briefly named 'Batmania' after one of its founding fathers, John Batman.





BRISBANE

i ABOUT BRISBANE

Brisbane has cemented itself as the go-to for great food, great wine, a thriving social scene, and not to mention, great weather!

The home of the original Doughnut Time store and Australia's largest Oktoberfest, Brisbane is made up of a number of urban villages, each with its own distinct vibe and unique personality.

Got a sense of adventure? Visit Riverlife in the heart of the CBD and go kayaking or try your hand at stand up paddle boarding, keep your feet dry with a spot of abseiling or rock climbing, or for a slower paced activity, explore the riverside by bike, Segway or scooter.

When it comes to food, Brissy or Bris-Vegas as it's known to locals, has you covered with food trucks and markets popping up all over the city. The up-and-coming trendy suburb of New Farm is also bursting with a unique mix of restaurants, wine bars, cafes and boutiques, and many people are unaware that Brisbane boasts a very cool craft beer and brewery scene - Green Beacon and Newstead Brewing Co are two crowd favourites!

🏠 WHERE TO STAY

Oaks Charlotte Towers
128 Charlotte St, Brisbane
★★★★★



Mantra South Bank
31 City Road, Melbourne
★★★★★



Ibis Styles Brisbane
40 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane
★★★★★



📍 ESSENTIAL EXPERIENCES

Little Stanley Street

An uber trendy street offering an array of eclectic and exotic foods.

Fortitude Valley

This entertainment precinct has trendy cafes, unique street art and great coffee.

Queen Street Mall

A vibrant shopping and lifestyle precinct located in the heart of the CBD.

Queensland Art Gallery and Gallery of Modern Art

Home to a variety of exciting exhibitions the whole family will love.

Eat Street

180 dining and entertainment stalls, all housed in colourful shipping containers.

📦 SHORT TRIPS FROM BRISBANE

Byron Bay

The glamorous beachside town is just two-hours' from Brisbane.

Surfers Paradise

A one-hour drive from the CBD, it is the perfect destination for a family day out.

Tamborine Mountain

A quiet reprieve just over an hour from the city, with breathtaking views.

DID YOU KNOW?

The first lamington was made by French Chef Armand Galland in 1900 at Old Government House for Lord and Lady Lamington, using day old sponge cake - the treat was then named in honour of them!



ADELAIDE

i ABOUT ADELAIDE


Often unfairly compared to its culturally rich sister-state, Adelaide is the hidden gem of the south. Boasting a vibrant and friendly atmosphere, Adelaide is the perfect place for the whole family.

Mix with the locals and explore the historic suburbs, quirky laneways, popular coffee hotspots or shop up a storm at one of Australia's busiest malls.

Conveniently located, Adelaide has much to offer when it comes to weekend escapes. Get away from the hustle and bustle of the city and spend a day at one of the many city beaches, get lost in the picturesque wine regions of the Barossa, or explore the city's parks and nature attractions and go for a hike.

Adelaide offers the perfect mix of food, wine, art, shopping, world-class events and lush greenery. Home to the Adelaide Fringe, Adelaide Festival, Clipsal 500 Adelaide, WOMAdelaide and the Tour Down Under, Adelaide is like that quiet friend that secretly knows how to have a good time!

🏠 WHERE TO STAY

Intercontinental Adelaide
North Terrace, Adelaide 
★★★★★

Peppers Waymouth
55 Waymouth Street, Adelaide 
★★★★★

Franklin Central Apartments
36 Franklin Street, Adelaide 
★★★★★

📍 ESSENTIAL EXPERIENCES

Rundle Mall
Longest mall in Australia and home to more than 1,000 stores.

Barossa Valley
Famous wine region where long lunching is a way of life!

Ebenezer Place
Filled with quirky cafe and shops. Look out for the red-brick archways!

Port Adelaide
An historic suburb with speciality shops, museums, galleries and restaurants.

Glenelg
A popular beachside suburb just 12 kilometres from the city centre.

📦 SHORT TRIPS FROM ADELAIDE

Flinders Ranges
Explore the 540 million year old landscape, three-and-a-half hours from the city.

Fleurieu Peninsula
An hour from Adelaide, it's a popular place to swim, fish, and whale watch.

Kangaroo Island
See rare sea lions and stunning coastal views, two hours from Adelaide.

DID YOU KNOW?

Adelaide is home to one of only two O-Bahn's in the world, and is a system that allows a normal bus to drive on the road and then onto a specialised purpose built track just for buses.



i ABOUT PERTH

Australia's most isolated capital city might be one of Australia's best kept secrets and one of the most underrated holiday destinations. If you dig a little deeper, you'll find a thriving city with unspoilt beaches, incredible sunsets and fresh food and wine.

Head south of Perth and you'll find Fremantle, a former port town that has reinvented itself as a hub of creativity, open-mindedness and culture. From Fremantle, you can head 25mins by ferry out to Rottnest Island, famous for it's Quokka population. These happy little marsupials might even let you take a selfie!

If wine or surfing is your thing, Margaret River is hard to beat. Three hours south of Perth, this region features some of the best wine in the world, alongside some of the best surf breaks in the country.

Whatever you are looking for, you will be sure to find it in Perth, or one of the many places up or down the coast, each with it's own distinct personality and charm.

🏠 WHERE TO STAY

Tribe Perth
4 Walker Avenue, West Perth
★★★★★



Crowne Plaza Perth
54 Terrace Road, Perth
★★★★★



Mantra on Murray
305 Murray Street, Perth
★★★★★



📍 ESSENTIAL EXPERIENCES

Fremantle
This former port town is now a thriving hub of creativity and culture.

Rottnest Island
Take a ferry over to beautiful Rottnest Island, and snap a Quokka selfie!

Cottesloe Beach
Perth's most popular beach also has one of Australia's best sunsets.

Kings Park & Botanic Gardens
Head to Fraser's Restaurant for lunch after a stroll through the gardens.

Subiaco
Head to 'Subi' and catch an afternoon AFL match.

🧳 SHORT TRIPS FROM PERTH

Margaret River
This charming wine region is located 3 hours' drive south of Perth.

Busselton
Famous for having the longest wooden jetty in the world.

Swan Valley
WA's oldest wine region, with breweries, vineyards and fresh foods.

DID YOU KNOW?

Perth holds the title of Australia's sunniest capital city!





HOBART

i ABOUT HOBART

Hobart is a haven for wilderness adventures, fresh food, and arts and culture. Located on the Derwent River, Hobart comes alive around the new year, with the yachts from the Sydney to Hobart arriving at Constitution Dock in late December, and the Taste of Tasmania Food and Wine Festival in full swing.

A trip to Hobart is not complete without a visit to MONA, a spectacular private art collection and museum that is built into the side of a cliff overlooking the Derwent River. Here you'll see an immense collection of modern and classic art, alongside a number of festivals each year.

Hobart City isn't the sleepy town that people from the mainland might think it is. With a thriving arts and music community, there is a young, creative environment in suburbs such as North Hobart, West Hobart and the up-and-coming Moonah.

Natural beauty, cutting edge art and a rich Colonial history makes The Apple Isle a truly special Australian destination.

📍 ESSENTIAL EXPERIENCES

MONA
Prepare yourself for some weird and wild art at this unique museum.


Salamanca Market
Popular weekly market that runs every Saturday.


Mount Wellington
Offers spectacular views back over the city and up the Derwent River.

Sullivan's Cove Distillery
Taste the world's best single malt whisky. Tours run hourly, Monday to Friday.

World-class Dining
Some of our favourites include Garagiste, Smolt and Pilgrim.

🏠 WHERE TO STAY

Best Western Hobart
156 Bathurst Street, Hobart 
★★★★★

Rydges Hobart
Cnr Argyle & Lewis Streets, Hobart 
★★★★★

Mantra Collins Hotel
58 Collins Street, Hobart 
★★★★★

🧳 SHORT TRIPS FROM HOBART

Cradle Mountain
An incredible mix of ancient forests, glacial lakes and rugged mountains.

Launceston
One of the oldest cities in Australia and is rich in Colonial architecture.

Wineglass Bay
Located in Freycinet National Park on Tasmania's east coast.

DID YOU KNOW?

Tasmania has more than 2000 kilometres of walking trails, and 18 national parks.





DARWIN

i ABOUT DARWIN

Australia's tropical capital, Darwin, is an outdoor adventurer's dream destination. The ideal time to visit is during the dry season, which runs from April until October. Expect clear blue skies, warm days, with temperatures averaging between 22 and 30 degrees celsius. Average rainfall during the months of June and July can be as low as 10mm for the entire month!

Darwin's rivers, lakes and estuaries offer incredible fishing opportunities, with a number of tours and charters that give travellers a chance to head out and chase monster Barramundi (or 'Barra' to locals).

For nature lovers, Darwin has two stunning National Parks right on it's doorstep: Mary River National Park and Litchfield National Park. Alongside the world famous Kakadu National Park, they are home to an abundance of wildlife, with tours allowing visitors to spot the various bird species, saltwater crocodiles and of course, Barramundi.

When it comes to incredible landscapes, unique wildlife, friendly people and sunny days, it's hard to beat the Top End!

📍 ESSENTIAL EXPERIENCES

Darwin Beer Can Regatta

Watch locals race boats made out of beer cans at this annual event in July.

Go Fishing

Chase giant Barramundi in the many waterways and estuaries around Darwin.

Visit Crocosaurus Cove

Get up close and personal with the crocs, right in the heart of Darwin.

Darwin Military Museum

Learn about Darwin's unique wartime history in this engaging exhibition.

Mindil Beach Sunset Markets

This market runs every Thursday and Sunday, from April through October.

🏠 WHERE TO STAY

Mantra on the Esplanade

88 The Esplanade, Darwin

★★★★★



Mercure Darwin Airport

1 Sir Norman Brearley Drive, Darwin

★★★★★



Oaks Elan Darwin

31 Woods Street, Darwin

★★★★★



📅 SHORT TRIPS FROM DARWIN

Kakadu National Park

Australia's largest National Park is three-hours' drive east of Darwin.

Tiwi Islands

100km north of Darwin, enjoy a relaxing island culture and great fishing.

Katherine

Katherine is an outdoor adventurer's dream, three-hours' drive from Darwin.

DID YOU KNOW?

Daly Waters, south of Darwin, has claim to the most remote set of traffic lights in the country - there isn't another set within 500km!





CANBERRA

i ABOUT CANBERRA

It may be the official home of politicians and Parliament, but the capital of Australia is so much more than this. Over the years Canberra has established itself as a real player in the game. Boasting world-class eateries, all four seasons, a CBD filled with lush greenery and of course, one of Australia's most famous icons, it is now considered a must-visit destination.

Meticulously designed, Canberra has long been known for its endless roundabouts and straighty one-eighty nature, but in recent years this has all changed.

Trendy inner-city suburb Braddon has been given a resurgence, with a number of boutique stores and popular eateries lining Lonsdale St, including a burger joint, dessert laboratory, cocktail bar and food trucks front and centre - a toast bar will soon join them!

Ideal for a weekend away or even a quick staycation, Canberra is filled with endless activities, festivals, pop-ups, Insta-worthy cafes and all your favourite shops, and being only three and a half hours from Sydney, what's not to love!

🏠 WHERE TO STAY

Crowne Plaza Canberra

1 Binara Street, Canberra

★★★★★



Rydges Capital Hill Hotel

Cnr Canberra Avenue & National Circuit Forrest, Canberra

★★★★★



Waldorf Canberra Apartment Hotel

2 Akuna Street, Canberra

★★★★★



📍 ESSENTIAL EXPERIENCES

Brodburger

This Kingston institution serves up some of the capital's best burgers.

Parliament House

See bills being debated, watch Question Time and keep an eye out for the PM!

Braddon

Trendy neighbourhood with great food, craft beer and coffee shops.

Mount Ainslie Lookout

Walk, cycle or drive to this lookout and take in the picture-perfect views.

Canberra Deep Space Communication Complex

See a piece of the moon and discover the food that astronauts eat.

🗺️ SHORT TRIPS FROM CANBERRA

Berry

Charming town with good food, good wine, and boutique shopping.

Mollymook

Beachside getaway, two-and-a-half hours from Canberra.

Snowy Mountains

Hit the slopes at Thredbo or Perisher, or stay in with a glass of Schnapps.

DID YOU KNOW?

Parliament House cost \$1.1 billion dollars to build.

