

SENSATIONAL DINING LOCATIONS

No matter where you venture in this wide brown land, you'll find top quality food in amazing locations...

A UNIQUELY AUSTRALIAN INVITATION

Australia's world-class produce, richly multicultural heritage and amazing landscapes make for truly unique dining experiences that, thanks to our fabulous climate and wide open spaces, are not always restricted to restaurants or cafes.

In Australia more than anywhere, you can find spectacular dining locations – whether it's a quaint outback pub or a fabulous city restaurant, you can eat anywhere – on our water, overlooking our harbours and beaches, in our forests and deserts, on country stations, at one of a number of contemporary city eateries strung around the country, or even on a city tram.

At any one of these locations, you can expect to be swept off your feet by an unforgettable dining experience, either haute mod-Oz or bush tucker, in a romantic setting for two or a friendly family locale. Small or large, luxurious or casual and relaxed, surrounded by areas of outstanding natural beauty, or overlooking cityscapes, these spots are fired by their owners' passion for the good things in life – most of all, the enjoyment of a fabulous meal.

While these enclaves of taste and style started in our cities, they have long since spread to our winegrowing regions while others are found in some surprising locations – with tables snuggled amongst the trees in pristine World Heritage listed rainforests, in the red soil of remote and rugged outback regions, in sand dunes in central Australia and perched high overlooking the crashing surf of our marvellous coastline.

The location that you choose to dine at is limited only by your imagination. Perhaps you may want to go swimming, then dine on freshly caught seafood in the comfort of your bathers; to dine high above a city skyline and watch the city lights flicker on the night horizon; to sit under the Southern Cross in the silence of the outback; watch the passing parade of pedestrians in a bustling tourist precinct; or simply take a chance on the vast variety of eateries in designated restaurant streets: Australia has it all.

Not only will you dine in ambience amongst friends and have a great time, you can be assured that the food too, will be top quality and the local wines sensational.

Sensational dining experiences:

Take a plane to lunch on the beach. Take a seaplane flight over Sydney's northern beaches to the sparkling waters of Pittwater. Land at Church Point or Palm Beach then transfer to shore by boat. Take a gourmet

picnic basket to a picturesque vantage point, eat on a secluded beach, or try one of the sensational eateries such as the Clareville Kiosk. Or, transfer by plane to lunch at Jonah's, overlooking Whale beach and the Pacific Ocean, or to other great eateries such as Doyles at Watsons Bay or the Cottage Point Inn on the Hawkesbury.

Fly to lunch in the vineyards. Take a private plane or helicopter to lunch in one of our wine valleys such as the Hunter, Yarra or Swan Valley.

Try one of our pubs. Many have eating courtyards, brasseries and trendy eateries attached that won't break the bank. The biggest waterfront beer garden in Australia is the Newport Arms in Sydney's Northern beaches. World class steaks, 18 kinds of beer, and great waterviews over Pittwater and national park.

Or, what could beat **lunch in an Outback** pub such as the Prairie Hotel, serving high-end bush tucker. Tuck into a plate of kangaroo mettwurst with emu carpaccio, wattleseed damper and a wild lime and mango chutney, while slurping chilled Clare Valley Riesling.

Eat Dinner in the Desert at Uluru under the night sky and the stars of the Southern Cross when you experience Sounds of Silence at Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, Northern Territory. Nowhere else offers fine dining complete with white tablecloths and silver service in the middle of the outback desert, followed by a 'guided tour of the heavens' with a resident astronomer. The surroundings are awe-inspiring — sunset over Uluru and Kata Tjuta with the sounds of the night desert.

Sounds of Firelight. For an equally unusual outback dining location, there's Sounds of Firelight, a romantic exclusive dinner for two under the stars at King's Canyon in the Northern Territory.

Eat in a Vineyard. In the Hunter Valley, Roberts overlooks the vines of Peppertree Estate which are just one metre away, or try Eska at Bimbadegdegn Estate for truly amazing food. There's Domaine Chandon in the Yarra Valley or Lamont's and Leeuwin Estate on the Margaret River. In Adelaide, the five-star Magill Estate Restaurant has panoramic views of vineyards and the city, modern Australian cuisine and one of the most impressive restaurant wine lists in the world. Or eat at Skilloogalee Wine's renowned restaurant in the Barossa Valley.

Dine overlooking the Bay. There's any number of places in Australia where you can eat overlooking a spectacular bay, but there are few venues in the world to rival the spectacular setting of Peppermint Bay restaurant, set by the water of the D'Entrecasteaux Channel in





beautiful Woodbridge. Indulge in some of Tasmania's finest, freshest regional cuisine. On Tasmania's Freycinet Peninsula, dine at Freycinet Lodge's Bay restaurant as the sun sets across the waters of Great Oyster Bay. Just outside Bicheno, a tiny coastal town in Tasmania, is the Apsley Gorge Vineyard on the site of a former fish-canning factory. Literally on the edge of the world, a few rickety tables in the open air overlook the pounding Tasman Sea; a setting such as this doesn't need tizzy decor. You select a crayfish and it is boiled, served with butter, salt and pepper, a baguette and Apsley Gorge Chardonnay. If the water was any closer you'd need a surfboard to dine on the fantastic seafood and award-winning wines at Flying Fish Café, overlooking Horseshoe Bay at Port Elliott; this restaurant is a South Australian institution.

Spectacular views of the lagoon and mountains provide a dramatic backdrop for savouring the inspired menus and contemporary Pacific cuisine in the Cappella Lodge restaurant on idyllic Lord Howe Island.

Dine on the Harbour with Sydney's harbour and Opera House as a backdrop. Sydney's Aria has front row seats overlooking the Sydney Opera House and at night the sails are spectacularly lit. Or there's any number of sensational dining experiences sprinkled around the foreshore, including Quay and Wildfire. Further around at Pier Four, The Wharf is located in a historical building, the home of the Sydney Theatre Company. Take in a local play, then dine with a view of Luna Park and ferries plying the harbour. Coast overlooks all the action of Cockle Bay Wharf, while Manta is the action at Woollomoolloo Wharf. Around at Pyrmont Point, Flying Fish serves up sensational seafood, then you can take a water taxi to the Opera House.

Eat in the Opera House. Guillaume at Bennelong is located right in the Sydney Opera house on Bennelong Point. You can't get any closer than that and the food couldn't be rated higher.

Eat over water. Star of Greece at Port Willunga is one of South Australia's most famous restaurants. The seafood is second-to-none, with some of the finest coastal views in Australia. Outside Perth, the award-winning Other Side of The Moon overlooks Bunker Bay and the Indian Ocean. In Melbourne, Stokehouse serves mod-Med and overlooks the water at popular St Kilda Beach. In Tasmania, Stillwater is perched on the water in Launceston. At Bistro C at Noosa, eat gourmet fish and chips overlooking the water. And, in Melbourne, take a balcony table with great Yarra views at mecca with its modern Melbourne meets Middle Eastern menu. Watch swimmers do laps with a harbour backdrop and eat sensational food at Aqua Dining overlooking North Sydney's Olympic Pool and Luna Park.

Lunch on the Lake. The Lake House in Victoria's Daylesford serves fabulous gourmet regional food in a lakeside setting in regional Victoria. The magnificent new restaurant at Cape Lodge in West Australia, sits over the main lake with wide alfresco decking. In Canberra, watch the ducks, swans and passers by from Waters Edge, located literally on the edge of Lake Burley Griffin, near Parliament House, while Axis in the National Museum also overlooks the lake.

Dine from on high. Eat in a revolving tower atop on of our cities and see the action by day and the city lights by night. In Sydney, 360° delivers just that – panoramic ever-changing views of one of the world's most vibrant cities. In Canberra you can eat at Alto, atop Telstra Tower, overlooking the nation's capital and, in Perth, you can see as far as Rottnest Island from C Restaurant Lounge, high above Perth with a panoramic vista of the city.

Dine atop the square. Overlook Federation Square, the heart of Melbourne, at Taxi, where they serve up fabulous Modern Australian style food with Japanese ingredients in an architecturally inspiring space.

Eat in the rainforest. Flames of the Forest in the World heritage listed Daintree forest, is a one of a kind rainforest dining experiences held in the dry season in Cairns in our tropical north. Or, go troppo anytime at Nautilus in Cairns.

Go Native. Try bush food and indigenous tucker including lemon myrtle and wattle seed at the Red Ochre Grill in either Adelaide or Cairns. You can try crocodile, emu and even kangaroo at Casmar, a restaurant which overlooks idyllic Palm Cove in Queensland's tropical north, while Brisbane has Tukka serving up indigenous food.

Eat in the bush at Paperbark Camp at Huskisson on the NSW South Coast and learn how to camp in style. The Gunyah Restaurant specialises in seafood straight from the boats at Ulladulla as well as Jervis Bay mussels and Greenwell Point rock oysters.

Eat at the Night Markets at Mindil Beach, a quintessential Darwin experience. More than 60 hawker-style stalls of sensational Asian food are set out on the beach with a backdrop of gently waving palm trees and the sun sinking in a colourful blaze of glory over the Timor Sea.

Take a coffee, lunch or dinner cruise on one of our harbours or rivers. You can eat on a paddle steamer on the Murray River, on a sunset cruise of Katherine Gorge, or on a wine cruise up Western Australia's Swan River. Enjoy a seafood buffet lunch on a cruise on Sydney's world-beating harbour, or dinner on a Melbourne tram.

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