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# Unique Australian Experiences



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## Welcome to Travelpoint Holidays' Unique Australian Experiences

Travelpoint Holidays has been a leader in creating Australian holiday experiences for over 15 years and our team of 250 travel experts are here to create the most wonderful holidays for you and your family.

We can craft your Travelpoint Holiday from hundreds of fantastic hotels, apartments, resorts and lodges, as well as day and extended cruises, car and campervan hire, extended touring, rail journeys and a huge range of sightseeing tours. Whatever you want to do and wherever you want to go we not only know all about it but we also know the best people to do it with!

This brochure is a fabulous collection of Australia's incredible locations, our ancient indigenous culture and unique nature and wildlife. Our hand-picked selection of unique Australian experiences includes luxury wilderness camps and outback stations, wildlife encounters, hiking tours, outback safaris and even an underground hotel. You can experience indigenous culture first hand, see ancient rock art and traditional dance. Get to know the colourful characters, the awe inspiring beauty and the welcoming hospitality of the outback. Explore breathtaking landscapes of mysterious desert, wild gorges, lush rainforest and pristine reefs. These are the unique Australian experiences that epitomise the pioneering and adventurous spirit of Australia.

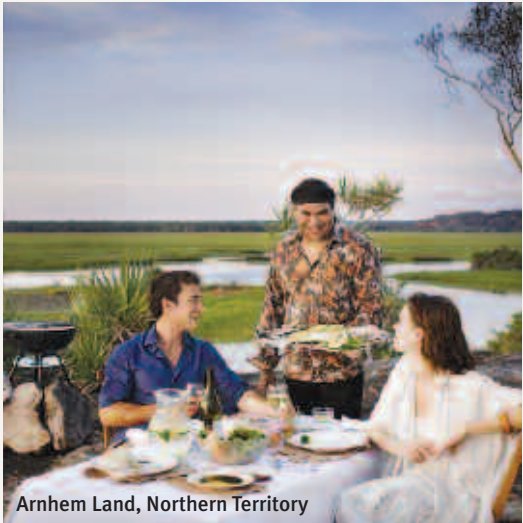
Travelpoint Holidays has a comprehensive brochure range covering all parts of Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific available through our 4,000 travel agency partners in Australia and New Zealand. For copies of our other brochures see your travel agent or call us on 1800 TRAVEL (Australia) or 0800 408 708 (New Zealand).

So have a great time on your Travelpoint Holiday and thank you for letting us create the perfect Unique Australian Experience for you.

Andrew Burnes

CEO Travelpoint Holidays 

Purnululu (Bungle Bungle) National Park, Western Australia



Arnhem Land, Northern Territory



The Kimberley, Western Australia



Cradle Mountain, Tasmania

Rugged landscapes and endless plains, fiery sunsets and starry skies, colourful characters and rich indigenous culture. Experience the real Australia.



Red Centre, Northern Territory



Outback South Australia



Outback Queensland



South Australia

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# Planning your Travelpoint Holiday

Whether you are holidaying at your chosen destination for the first time or returning again, our travel planners will go to great lengths to create your dream holiday. Here are just a few reasons to entrust your holiday plans to the experts at Travelpoint Holidays.

## 100% Australian Owned

Travelpoint Holidays is operated by AOT Holidays, a division of The AOT Group, one of Australia's largest travel companies. The AOT Group has been in the travel business for over 22 years and is proudly Australian owned with offices in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane.

## The Australian Specialists

Travelpoint Holidays has been specialising in Australian holidays for over 15 years. Our product team travels to the destinations we feature in our brochures searching for new products and the best deals available. We have the largest range of Australian holiday options and our knowledgeable team will provide expert advice to ensure your holiday is a memorable one.

## Travelpoint Bonus Offers

At Travelpoint Holidays we are passionate about offering you value for money. Throughout this brochure, you'll find hotels and tours with bonus offers ranging from free nights to free room upgrades. Just look for the 'Travelpoint Bonus' box.

## Travelpoint Exclusive Offers

'Travelpoint Exclusives' are deals we have negotiated exclusively for Travelpoint Holidays customers. Just look for the Travelpoint 'compass' symbol on the listings throughout this brochure.

## Crafting Your Experience

This brochure provides you with a wide choice of unique experiences in some of Australia's most

beautiful locations. So whether you're planning a short break, the perfect romantic retreat or the grand Australian tour, we can tailor make a holiday just for you. Our team of travel experts will combine the best available airfares, car hire deals, accommodation and touring experiences to create your dream holiday. Use this brochure for inspiration, then let us help you create your adventure.

## Customer Care Helpline

We know your holiday experience doesn't end until you are safely home. That's why our Customer Care Team is only a phone call away seven days a week, should you require any assistance during your Travelpoint holiday. All the necessary information will be provided with your travel documentation and you can contact the team at any time during your holiday. We're with you on the journey.

## More Holiday Ideas...

AOT Holidays has a fantastic range of products covering Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific. Ask your travel agent for one of our many brochures.





## The following information is designed to help you select the perfect Unique Australian Experience for you.

### Unique Places to Stay

Australia's travel experiences are as varied as the scenery. Our collection of unique places to stay includes luxury safari camps, outback stations, wilderness lodges, remote coastal camps and hotels in some of Australia's most incredible locations; the Great Barrier Reef and Daintree Rainforest, Tasmania's Bay of Fires and Cradle Mountain, The Kimberley and Australia's outback regions.

Safari camps are a unique Australian bush experience. You can stay in comfort and style while remaining close to nature. Accommodation is usually in elevated safari tents with full size beds. Most have private ensuite and decks, with an open guest lounge and dining area to enjoy the surrounding landscape.

Outback stations give you the best opportunity to experience life in the outback, offering genuine outback hospitality and a selection of station activities and touring. You could be mustering cattle one day and fishing for barramundi the next. Accommodation ranges from simple 'quarters' to a suite in the main homestead.

For the independent outback traveller, a range of accommodation options are featured, allowing you to plan your own unique escape. Some packages include touring or you can get out and explore on your own.

### Unique Experiences

The unique experiences featured in this brochure include some of Australia's most unforgettable wildlife encounters. You can swim with the largest fish in the ocean; the whale sharks of Ningaloo Reef, meet the dolphins that come to shore daily at Monkey Mia, walk or swim with sea lions in South Australia and even swim with giant tuna or Great White sharks. There's also the chance to cruise the spectacular Western Australian coast or get a glimpse of outback life, delivering mail to remote stations on an outback mail run.

### Guided Experiences

Explore some of Australia's most iconic and outstanding outback locations travelling with a knowledgeable guide and like-minded travellers. The guided experiences featured include 4WD safaris, air safaris, rail adventures and coach tours. Accommodation varies by tour and ranges from private hotel accommodation to permanent tented safari camps or bush camping. A selection of some of Australia's top walks are also featured, including Cradle Mountain's Overland Track, the Bay of Fires Walk and the Northern Territory's Larapinta Trail.








### Private Charters

In addition to a fantastic selection of guided tours and safaris, we can arrange private touring and cruising. You decide where you want go, what you'd like to see and do, all at your own pace. Private 4WD charters are available in the Red Centre of Northern Territory and private luxury yacht charters are available out of Port Douglas and Airlie Beach in Queensland.

### Pricing Guide

Prices featured in accommodation listings are per person for the period specified unless otherwise stated. The "from" price in the property heading has been calculated using the cheapest nightly rate available, ie. in the lead-in room type, in off-peak season using the longest stay (eg. 7 nights). If a free night offer is available, even if for part of a season, this has been included when calculating the "from" price. A minimum stay is generally required. Where prices for more than a one night stay are featured, the prices refer to stays of consecutive nights. We are always sourcing great deals throughout the year, so we recommend you use the prices in this brochure as a guide and ask your travel agent for the best available deal when booking.

### What the Symbols mean

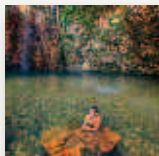
-  **Aboriginal Culture** Discover the world's oldest living culture. Products with this symbol offer the opportunity to experience Aboriginal culture and lifestyle. You could see ancient rock art sites, participate in traditional art and craft making, listen to creation stories or learn about bush tucker.
-  **Wildlife** Australia is teeming with wildlife and birdlife, most found nowhere else on the planet. Products with this symbol offer an up close encounter with wildlife, or access to a huge variety of native wildlife or birdlife.
-  **Fishing** Indicates product offering fishing adventures. Try your hand at fishing some of Australia's best and most remote fishing spots, including deep sea, river or estuary fishing.
-  **Outback Stations** Get a glimpse of life in the outback staying on a remote working cattle or sheep station. These products offer a genuine outback experience in remote and spectacular locations.
-  **Camping** Style of accommodation featured is camping. Facilities vary – some camp grounds will have shower and toilet facilities, while more remote sites have limited facilities – e.g. a swim and a bush toilet.
-  **Savannah Guides** A network of professional tour guides who have in-depth knowledge of the natural and cultural assets of the tropical savannahs of northern Australia.
-  **Eco Certification** Product that has been accredited under the second level of the national Ecotourism Certification scheme.
-  **Advanced Eco Certification** Product that has been awarded the highest level of the national Ecotourism Certification scheme.



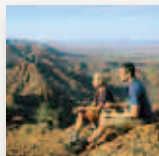
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