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Secret's out

Margaret River, WA

This magical Margaret River residence, new to the Private Properties portfolio, is an idyllic hideaway for visitors to Western Australia. The five-bedroom abode, located on the Brookland Valley winery estate, has a wisteria-lined formal garden at its centre that gives the home its name – The Secret Garden. It was created by renowned landscape designer Paul Bangay. The house comprises two adjoining wings that open out on to a manicured courtyard garden and private decks, one with a Japanese outdoor tub. It sleeps 12 (eight adults and four children), with a master suite and children's bedroom in the main house and three bedrooms in a guest wing, along with two fireplaces to enjoy in winter. Award-winning Flutes restaurant is also on the winery grounds for those nights when guests don't want to cook or wander far from home.

Fine print: From \$5995 for a three-night stay (off-peak).

privateproperties.com.au



Top of the pops

Australia

See the best of Australia from the comfort of a private jet with APT's new-release tours. The five itineraries cover Queensland, the Northern Territory, Western Australia, South Australia, NSW and Tasmania, and include destinations such as Rottneest and Magnetic islands and K'gari. The 16-day Icons of Australia by Private Jet tour visits Hobart, the Barossa Valley, Margaret River, Broome, Darwin, Uluru, Cairns and K'gari, with highlight flights over landmarks such as the Great Barrier Reef, the Great Australian Bight, the Kimberley and Uluru. The package features APT's popular Freedom of Choice options, allowing guests a choice of tours on Bruny Island and to Port Arthur, the Great Barrier Reef, Cape Tribulation and the Daintree.

Fine print: From \$19,995 a person, twin-share (a saving of \$2000); book by October 31 this year for travel in 2024.

aptouring.com.au

NEWS



PEPPERS AND SALT

Peppers just opened beachside at Manly in what was once the north tower of the Sebel Sydney Manly Beach. Part of the Accor group, it has 42 studios, apartments and suites across seven floors, many with views over South Steyne Beach. While the hotel doesn't have a restaurant in-house, it's a short stroll to the Corso, the ferry terminal, plus around to Shelly Beach, so there is no shortage of dining options. From \$333 a night in a superior one-bedroom apartment.

all.accor.com



READY FOR A REVAMP

Huka Lodge, near Lake Taupo on New Zealand's North Island, is to undergo a major renovation next year. Baillie Lodges, owner of Longitude 131 at Uluru, Capella on Lord Howe Island and the reborn and soon-to-be-revealed Southern Ocean Lodge, acquired Huka in January 2021. Interiors are to be overhauled, with a new entrance plus the opening up of communal areas. The lodge closes at the end of April 2024 and is scheduled to reopen in December.

baillielodges.com.au



FEST IN THE WEST

Indigenous culture will be front and centre when Perth hosts the inaugural Ever Now festival from October 4-9. The event, which takes place in three key locations across the city, celebrates Aboriginal traditions during Kambarang, the season of wildflowers and rebirth. Light and sound projections, Noongar song and dance, and fiery displays will be on show at Kings Park and the gardens of Government House and the Supreme Court.

evernow.com.au

DEALS OF THE WEEK

COMPILED BY MERCEDES MAGUIRE



Off with the pharaohs

Egypt, Jordan and Israel

Walk in the steps of the pharaohs on a 25-day premium small group tour to Egypt, Jordan and Israel in 2025. Explore the ancient sites of these three countries, starting in Egypt where the itinerary includes a cruise down the Nile, visits to the Great Pyramid and Sphinx, the Valley of the Kings in Luxor, Abu Simbel in the south and the city of Alexandria in the north. Then fly to the Jordanian capital of Amman and explore the ancient city of Petra, Wadi Rum with its rock carvings, and the Dead Sea before heading to Israel to see the holy cities of Jerusalem and Nazareth.

Fine print: From \$9299 a person, twin-share (a saving of \$6945 a person) for select travel dates in 2025. Add return international airfares for \$2999.

inspiringvacations.com

Privacy guaranteed

Whitsundays, QLD

Fancy putting your feet up on a private island in Queensland? Stay at Camp Island Lodge in the heart of the Whitsundays with a special three-night offer from Qantas Luxury Holidays. Guests arrive and leave the island with return boat transfers from Guthalungra, south of Townsville, with a sunset sail around the island included. The property features four villas for up to eight guests, each just metres from the ocean. They are connected by undercover walkways to the main lodge, which has dining and living areas and a fully equipped kitchen.

Fine print: From \$5999 for two adults, twin-share, for three nights, a 21 per cent saving of \$1601. Book by September 30 and travel in select periods until April 30, 2024.

qantas.com/luxuryholidays

