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## **I know a place...**

Everyone has one, don't they? A secret spot. A stunning, empty beach, a fabulous underrated food trail, a beautiful bargain stay, a hidden waterhole, an exquisite retreat that the crowds haven't heard about yet. Whatever it is, we want to know about it – so we asked some of Australia's most interesting minds to share their special holiday spots. Over the next 69 pages novelists, painters, television reporters, photographers, sportspeople, entrepreneurs, musicians, composers, documentary makers, designers, chefs, national treasures and travel journalists have shared their favourite secret spots... and we had so much trouble deciding which ones were best, that we decided to include 100 of them. They're not ranked in order – it's for you to decide which ones you like best – but they all rank in terms of importance. Get there before the crowds do!

azing, hey? This is one of  
Island's best-kept secrets,  
Beach Lodges. Read more on p52.

## The last paradise

LOCATION: Lord Howe Island, NSW

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owner of Baillie Lodges

**I**t's no secret: Lord Howe Island is a beach wonderland. The down-to-earth locals know just how lucky they are, too, calling their home 'the last paradise', and tightly monitoring visitor numbers to ensure the tiny island (at just 11 kilometres long) stays pristine, exclusive and peaceful. "It's hard to escape the island's spell," agrees Hayley Baillie. "Turquoise waters, rich subtropical rainforests, white sandy beaches, towering mountains..." It's hard not to wax Lord Howe lyrical, more like it. Even if you have been to the island, we reckon we've found a couple of spots you haven't been to yet. Firstly, brand new boutique holiday retreat, Bowker Beach House is so new the paint has barely dried (from \$650 per couple per night; [bowkerbeachhouse.com.au](http://bowkerbeachhouse.com.au)) and features every mod-con you could want for. Secondly, have you been to the Herring Pools yet? Didn't think so. Here's how: walk to North Bay, then head along the flat boardwalk to The Gulch. At low tide you can rock-hop around to the Herrings, which are a series of rock pools filled with a diverse range of colourful fish. Jump in with goggles on, and you can see exactly what it's like to swim in an aquarium. A local's secret. [lordhoweisland.info](http://lordhoweisland.info) >>