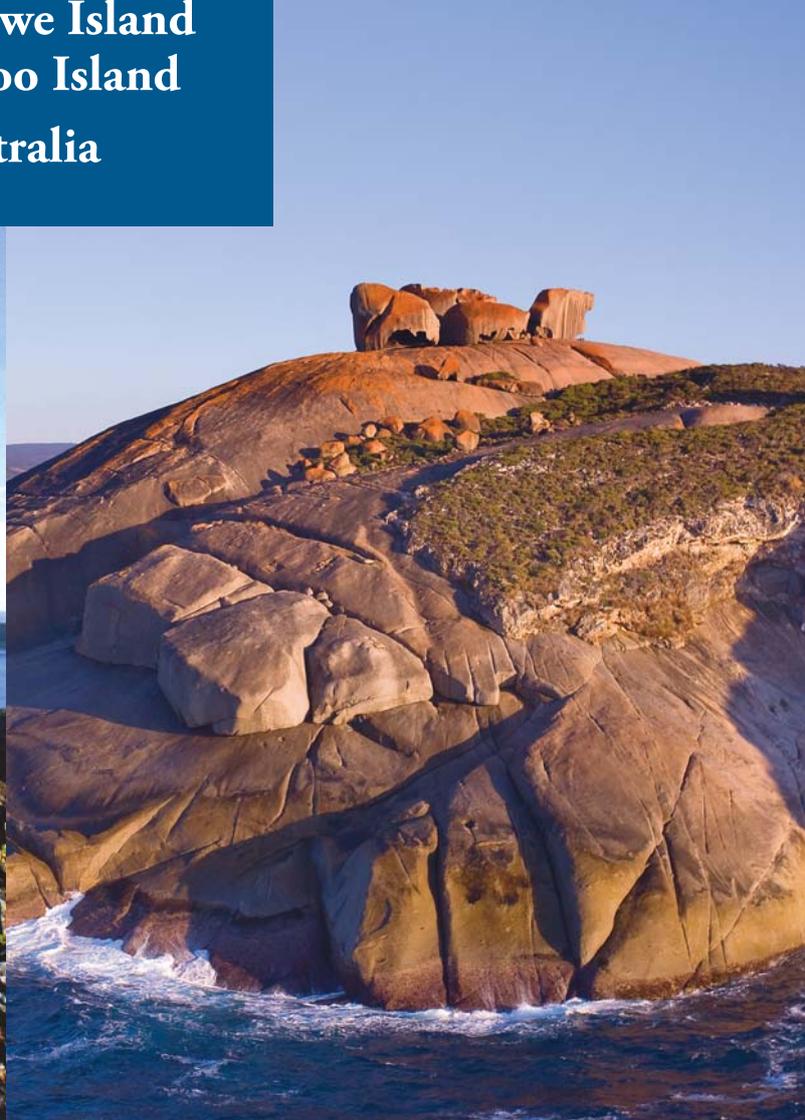


Journeys of Discovery

Lord Howe Island
Kangaroo Island
Australia





A jewel in the Pacific – Lord Howe Island



Meet an Australian sea lion – Kangaroo Island



Snorkeling the lagoon – Lord Howe Island



Remarkable Rocks – Kangaroo Island

For almost 10 years I worked for some of the world's leading expedition companies – Lindblad and Quark Expeditions. When my husband James and I started our luxury lodges portfolio, which now includes Capella Lodge on World Heritage-listed Lord Howe Island and multi-award winning Southern Ocean Lodge on Kangaroo Island, I was excited to create a series of expedition programs to showcase two of Australia's very unique and ecologically diverse destinations. Using each lodge as a 'luxury base-camp' and working with esteemed scientists and naturalist guides as our expedition leaders, we have run these week-long programs for the past decade.

We are now creating expeditions tailored to specific interest groups and travel programs at both lodges. Groups may choose one destination or both for the ultimate Australian wildlife experience. We can facilitate these exciting specialist itineraries on a small group or sole use basis, for stays from three to seven nights. Rates typically include interpretive walks and informative lectures, all land and marine experiences, luxury accommodation, all dining, all beverages, domestic airfares and an expedition kit.

Kangaroo Island and Lord Howe Island are both inspirational destinations for unforgettable expeditions. We look forward to working with you and tailoring an expedition journey of adventure and discovery.

Hayley Baillie

Comments from our past guests...

"The Expedition was a pleasure and a revelation. There could be no more authentic way to experience this incomparable place."

Martin Hadley and Jessica Singer

"Beyond expectations, food, company, organization and staff first class."

Rod and Susie Owens



Expedition Kangaroo Island

Widely regarded as Australia's Galapagos and brimming with diverse wildlife and natural beauty, Kangaroo Island is a place of extraordinary contrasts. With a rich heritage and a world-class food and wine culture, Australia's third-largest island offers endless opportunities for exploration and adventure. An abundance of native wildlife thriving in freedom gives Kangaroo Island the unofficial title of 'a zoo without fences'.

Expedition Kangaroo Island is a program filled with interactive adventures, guided walks, marine-based activities and informative presentations. Our expeditions are lead by Craig Wickham of the award-winning touring company 'Exceptional Kangaroo Island' and the lodge's own team of naturalist guides. With their shared knowledge, guests have the chance to explore first-hand the beautifully wild Kangaroo Island.

Our expedition itineraries span the western regions of the island, home to such wildlife celebrities as Australian sea lions at Seal Bay, Australian and New Zealand fur seals in the Flinders Chase National Park, kangaroos, wallabies, goannas, echidnas and koalas in their natural habitat. There is also the option to take to the Southern Ocean in a marine zodiac to encounter penguins, sea birds, dolphins and seals. Kangaroo Island is a destination for all seasons, with each offering a unique experience of wildlife and wilderness. We tailor itineraries to further showcase the island's inspiring and spirited art, fine local food producers and fascinating history.



For the ultimate Australian natural-history expedition, why not combine the two destinations? Five nights on both Lord Howe and Kangaroo Island tied with a three night Sydney segue.

Expedition Lord Howe

Lord Howe Island is reminiscent of French Polynesia's Bora Bora, with its crystal-clear lagoon, towering mountains, stunning coral reef and swaying palm trees. The un-spoilt paradise of Lord Howe Island is very reachable, at just two hours' flight from the east coast of Australia. Life on Lord Howe has a distinctive Australian 'country town' feeling; it's never crowded, thanks to an official policy restricting visitor numbers to just 400 at any one time. The tiny crescent-shaped island cradles the world's southernmost coral reef, and is mantled in lush palm and banyan forests and rimmed by deserted, white-sanded beaches. The many species of rare migratory birds that visit the island seem at ease with humans and the lagoon is home to hundreds of species of tropical and sub-tropical fish, corals and sea turtles.

In true expedition style, days are filled with various hand-on adventures, including walks and marine-based activities. The climate on Lord Howe can be likened to perpetual spring, making it ideal for exploring the rainforest and palm groves along excellent walking trails that criss-cross the island, and lead to great vantage points. Throughout the year the teeming seabird colonies allow visitors to witness the endearing chaos of their nesting and courtship rituals.

For keen sea-farers, there is an option to visit the iconic and mysterious Balls Pyramid, the world's tallest rock spire, which can be seen rising straight up from the sea to the south of the island. Days may be filled with snorkelling, diving, bird watching, exploring pristine beaches, or scaling the heady heights of Mt Gower, widely regarded as one of Australia's best day walks. In the evenings, renowned naturalist Ian Hutton presents a series of lectures on the island's unique natural history.



Capella Lodge Lord Howe Island

The expedition days on Lord Howe are book-ended with relaxation, fine dining and great company in the beach-chic luxury of Capella Lodge. Celebrated as the first luxury lodge in the world's last paradise, the lodge hosts a maximum of 20 guests in nine luxurious suites inspired by the carefree spirit of the authentic Australian beach house. It has undoubtedly the best views in the Pacific, with Mounts Gower and Lidgbird towering above and the lagoon reaching to the horizon as a mesmerising backdrop to lodge living. The restaurant boasts a 'contemporary Pacific' menu, and highlights on the expedition are the unforgettable field events including beachside barbecues and sunset drinks. The Capella Spa offers a range of island-inspired treatments to relax after such adventurous activity.



Southern Ocean Lodge Kangaroo Island

The expedition's 'luxé base-camp' is Southern Ocean Lodge, Australia's first true luxury lodge experience. Designed to float amongst the untouched coastal drama of Kangaroo Island's South West coast and commanding spectacular ocean, beach and wilderness views, the celebrated world-class lodge offers a fusion of nature and luxury. The Great Room is the heart of the lodge; a place to take in the breathtaking scenery, enjoy exceptional island-inspired dining in the restaurant, or a relaxed drink with fellow expeditioners at the open bar. 21 luxurious suites host up to 40 guests and feature bespoke furnishings, lavish sleeping areas, lounge and outdoor terrace, each extending breathtaking views to the great Southern Ocean. The Southern Spa features signature treatments with Kangaroo Island botanicals to relax and rejuvenate.

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