



# The GOLD LIST



**I**T'S THAT TIME OF YEAR again! The 2013 Gold List Awards were the biggest we've ever had with thousands of votes coming in. There have been big upsets this year in some of the most stable categories, which tells us that luxury travel is evolving and your preferences are changing. It was great to see so many new properties, destinations and experi-

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This icon signifies that the award winner has made the Gold List every year for the past five years or more. They are our Hall of Fame members and deserve special recognition.  
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ences making the list in 2013. We added a new category this year, asking about the best food and wine experiences in Australia and the response was overwhelming – our readers certainly love to eat and drink. A special thanks must also go to the Virtuoso clients who voted alongside our readers. So read on and see who made the cut and who's been cut off. Welcome to the Gold List 2013.





Left: A deluxe suite at the Peninsula Hong Kong.

Best Australian hotel

- 1 The Langham, Melbourne, VIC

This category is always hotly contested with the best hotels in New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland fighting it out. Congratulations to The Langham, Melbourne on its first win, racing up the list from 14<sup>th</sup> place in 2012. Last year's winner Park Hyatt Sydney is still a firm reader favourite.

- 2 Park Hyatt Sydney, Sydney, NSW  
3 Mansion Hotel & Spa at Werribee Park, Werribee Park, VIC  
4 Westin, Sydney, NSW  
5 Park Hyatt, Melbourne, VIC  
6 Four Seasons, Sydney, NSW  
7 Palazzo Versace, Gold Coast, QLD  
8 Westin, Melbourne, VIC  
9 InterContinental Sydney, NSW  
10 Shangri-La Hotel, Sydney, NSW  
11 Sheraton on the Park, Sydney, NSW  
12 Sofitel Melbourne on Collins, Melbourne, VIC  
13 Crown Towers, Melbourne, VIC  
14 The Langham, Sydney, NSW  
15 Hilton, Sydney, NSW  
16 Grand Hyatt, Melbourne, VIC  
17 Henry Jones Art Hotel, Hobart, TAS  
18 Park Hyatt Canberra, Yarralumla, ACT  
19 The Darling, Sydney, NSW  
20 Crown Metropol, Melbourne, VIC

Best overseas hotel

- 1 Peninsula Hong Kong, Hong Kong



You can't get enough of the Peninsula Hong Kong – this year makes it a record nine in a row! It marked its 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year with a A\$55 million refurb.

- 2 Four Seasons Hotel Hong Kong, Hong Kong  
3 Four Seasons Hotel George V, Paris, France  
4 Shangri-La Hotel, Singapore  
5 Sofitel Legend Metropole, Hanoi, Vietnam  
6 The Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, Canada  
7 Halekulani, Honolulu, USA  
8 The Langham, London, Engalnd  
9 Langham Place, Mongkok, Hong Kong  
10 Raffles, Singapore  
11 Marina Bay Sands, Singapore  
12 Crosby Street Hotel, New York, USA  
13 Burj al Arab, Dubai, UAE  
14 Mandarin Oriental, Central, Hong Kong  
15 The Fairmont Banff Springs, Banff, Canada  
16 The Peninsula, Bangkok, Thailand  
17 Hotel Cipriani, Venice, Italy

Best Australian resort

- 1 qualia, Hamilton Island, QLD

Last year qualia became the first Australian resort to be named best resort in the world in another popular readers' choice awards – and it seems our readers have good taste as well. qualia has knocked its Whitsunday neighbour Hayman off the top spot after a seven year reign. Cable Beach Club has made a big leap up the list this year, as have the newly rebranded Pullmans in Port Douglas and Palm Cove.

- 2 Hayman, Hayman Island, QLD  
3 Lizard Island, Great Barrier Reef, QLD  
4 Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa, Broome, WA  
5 The Byron at Byron Resort and Spa, Byron Bay, NSW  
6 Pullman Port Douglas Sea Temple Resort & Spa, Port Douglas, QLD  
7 Pullman Palm Cove Sea Temple Resort & Spa, Palm Cove, QLD  
8 Sheraton Mirage Resort & Spa, Gold Coast, QLD  
9 Sheraton Mirage Port Douglas Resort, Port Douglas, QLD  
10 Surfers Paradise Marriott Resort & Spa, Surfers Paradise, QLD  
11 Sea World Resort, Gold Coast, QLD  
12 Sheraton Noosa Resort & Spa, Noosa, QLD

Below: A luxe Windward Pavilion at qualia.



Best overseas resort

- 1 Likuliku Lagoon Resort, Fiji

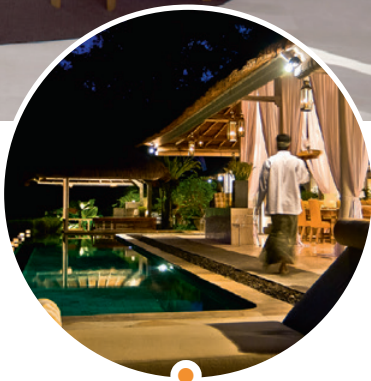
Likuliku takes out this category once again ahead of some stiff competition from Fiji's other luxury resorts. There are a few new entries amongst the old favourites this year with JapaMala on Malaysia's Tioman Island the highest debut.

- 2 Castaway Island Resort, Castaway Island, Fiji  
3 Yasawa Island Resort & Spa, Fiji  
4 Intercontinental Fiji Golf Resort & Spa, Fiji  
5 Jean-Michel Cousteau Resort, Fiji  
6 The Nam Hai, Hoi An, Vietnam  
7 Lomani Island Resort, Fiji  
8 Four Seasons Resort Hualalai at Historic Ka'upulehu, Hawaii, USA  
9 JapaMala, Tioman Island, Malaysia  
10 Alila Villas Uluwatu, Desa Pecatu, Bali  
11 Amankila, Karangasem, Bali  
12 Banyan Tree Phuket, Phuket, Thailand  
13 The Bulgari Resort, Uluwatu, Bali  
14 The Datai, Langkawi, Malaysia  
15 Four Seasons Resort, Langkawi, Malaysia  
16 JW Marriott Phuket Resort & Spa, Phuket Island, Thailand  
17 Sofitel Fiji Resort and Spa, Fiji  
18 Taj Exotica Resort and Spa, Maldives  
19 Vomo Fiji Island Resort, Mamanuca Islands, Fiji  
20 W Retreat & Spa, Maldives

Above: World class views at Southern Ocean Lodge.

Right: Take a dip at Villa Sungai.

Below: The adults only Likuliku Lagoon Resort has the only overwater bungalows in Fiji.



Best Australian boutique property, villa or lodge

- 1 Southern Ocean Lodge, Kangaroo Island, SA

What a year for the luxury lodges! Southern Ocean Lodge is your favourite for the first time in 2013 with previous winners Lake House and Cape Lodge not far behind. This category always has a great mix of properties across Australia with six states represented.

- 2 Lake House, Daylesford, VIC  
3 Capella Lodge, Lord Howe Island, NSW  
4 Cape Lodge, Margaret River, WA  
5 Spicers Peak Lodge, Maryvale, QLD  
6 The Richardson Hotel & Spa, Perth, WA  
7 Jonah's, Whale Beach, NSW  
8 Saffire Freycinet, Coles Bay, TAS  
9 Longitude 131°, Ayers Rock, NT  
10 Makepeace Island, Noosa, QLD  
11 Peppers Cradle Mountain Lodge, Cradle Mountain, TAS  
12 Echoes Boutique Hotel & Restaurant, Blue Mountains, NSW  
13 Emporium Hotel, Brisbane, QLD  
14 Islington Hotel, Hobart, TAS  
15 Lindenderry at Red Hill, Red Hill, VIC  
16 Lindenwarrah at Milawa, Milawa, VIC  
17 Reef House Boutique Resort & Spa, Palm Cove, QLD  
18 Spicers Tamarind Retreat, Maleny, QLD  
19 Tower Lodge, Hunter Valley, NSW  
20 Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa, Wolgan Valley, NSW

Best overseas boutique property, villa or lodge

- 1 Villa Sungai, Cepaka, Bali

Villa Sungai is back on top this year with 2009 winner Huka Lodge and 2012 winner Royal Davui rounding out the top three.

- 2 Huka Lodge, Taupo, New Zealand  
3 Royal Davui Island Resort, Fiji  
4 Kauri Cliffs, Matauri Bay, New Zealand  
5 Blanket Bay, Glenorchy, New Zealand  
6 The Havannah, Port Havannah, Vanuatu  
7 Villa Samadhi, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
8 Cape Kidnappers, Hawke's Bay, New Zealand  
9 Amangalla, Fort Galle, Sri Lanka  
10 Amansara, Siem Reap, Cambodia  
11 Azur Lodge, Queenstown, New Zealand  
12 The Boatshed, Waiheke, New Zealand  
13 Explora Lodge, Torres Del Paine, Chile  
14 Ngorongoro Crater Lodge, Ngorongoro Crater, Tanzania  
15 Otahuna Lodge, Christchurch, New Zealand  
16 La Residence, Franschhoek, South Africa





Best Australian property within three hours of the city

- 1 ● Lake House, Daylesford, VIC

The Lake House is back on top this year, relegating 2012 winner the Mansion Hotel & Spa to second place.

- 2 Mansion Hotel & Spa at Werribee Park, Werribee Park, VIC  
3 Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa, Wolgan Valley, NSW  
4 Gwinganna Lifestyle Retreat, Gold Coast, QLD  
5 Lilianfels, Resort & Spa, Blue Mountains, NSW  
6 Cape Lodge, Margaret River, WA  
7 Spicers Peak Lodge, Maryvale, QLD  
8 Tower Lodge, Hunter Valley, NSW  
9 Saffire Freycinet, Coles Bay, TAS  
10 Jonah's, Whale Beach, NSW  
11 Lindenwarrah at Milawa, Milawa, VIC  
12 Makepeace Island, Noosa, QLD  
13 Peppers Mineral Springs Retreat, Hepburn Springs, VIC  
14 Mount Lofty House, Crafrers, SA  
15 Lindenderry at Red Hill, Red Hill, VIC  
16 Bells at Killcare, Killcare, NSW  
17 The Byron at Byron Resort and Spa, Byron Bay, NSW  
18 Kims Beach Hideaway, Toowoomb Bay, NSW  
19 Paperbark Camp, Jervis Bay, NSW



Best overseas health and wellness property

- 1 ● Chiva-Som, Hua Hin, Thailand



Seven years in a row for the seemingly unbeatable Chiva-Som. Kamalaya has jumped another spot this year to second place – could 2014 be its year?

- 2 Kamalaya, Koh Samui, Thailand  
3 COMO Shambhala Estate, Gianyar, Bali  
4 Ananda in the Himalayas, Uttarakhand, India  
5 Fusion Maia, Da Nang, Vietnam  
6 Miraval, Arizona, USA  
7 Six Senses Laamu, Maldives  
8 Six Senses Yao Noi Beyond Phuket, Thailand



Best New Zealand property within three hours of the city

- 1 Huka Lodge, Taupo

Huka Lodge wins again making it three from three since this category was introduced in 2011. Kauri Cliffs makes an impressive debut in second place.

- 2 Kauri Cliffs, Matakuri Bay  
3 Cape Kidnappers, Hawke's Bay  
4 Millbrook Resort, Queenstown  
5 Blanket Bay, Glenorchy  
6 Matakauri Lodge, Lake Wakatipu  
7 Azur Lodge, Queenstown  
8 Eagles Nest, Bay of Islands  
9 Otahuna Lodge, Christchurch  
10 Whare Kea Lodge & Chalet, Wanaka  
11 Wharekauhau Country Estate, Wairarapa

Best Australian health and wellness property

- 1 Gwinganna Lifestyle Retreat, Gold Coast, QLD

Gwinganna has come out on top in this category again this year. Peppers Mineral Springs Retreat is a new entry, bringing some Victorian flavour to the New South Wales and Queensland favourites that regularly make the list.

- 2 The Golden Door Health Retreat Elysia, Hunter Valley, NSW  
3 Gaia Retreat & Spa, Byron Bay, NSW  
4 Peppers Mineral Springs Retreat, Hepburn Springs, VIC  
5 The Golden Door Health Retreat Queensland, Gold Coast, QLD  
6 Camp Eden Health Retreat, Currumbin Valley, QLD

Best overseas family resort

- 1 Castaway Island Resort, Castaway Island, Fiji

Castaway and Jean-Michel Cousteau have swapped places this year in one of the closest categories. Fiji is still your favourite spot to holiday with the family with six resorts in the top 10.

- 2 Jean-Michel Cousteau Resort, Fiji  
3 Disneyland Resort, Californina, USA  
4 Malolo Island Resort, Malolo Island, Fiji  
5 Walt Disney World Resort, Florida, USA  
6 Club Med Resort, Phuket, Thailand  
7 Fiji Beach Resort & Spa Managed by Hilton, Denarau Island, Fiji  
8 Club Med Resort, Bali  
9 Shangri-La's Fijian Resort & Spa, Yanuca Island, Fiji  
10 Sheraton Denarau Villas, Denarau Island, Fiji



Best Australian family resort

- 1 Hayman, Hayman Island, QLD

Hayman wins this category for the second year in a row ahead of some of the country's best family friendly beach resorts. And it's nice to see a couple of inland properties make the list this year.

- 2 Sea World Resort & Water Park, Gold Coast, QLD  
3 Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa, Broome, WA  
4 Spicers Hidden Vale, Grandchester, QLD  
5 Daydream Island Resort and Spa, Daydream Island, QLD  
6 Surfers Paradise Marriott Resort & Spa, Surfers Paradise, QLD  
7 Heron Island, Great Barrier Reef, QLD  
8 Fairmont Resort Blue Mountains, Leura, NSW  
9 Sheraton Mirage Resort & Spa, Gold Coast, QLD



Best Australian ski property

- 1 ● Quay West Resort & Spa, Fall Creek, VIC

Quay West is back on top with 2012 winner Mt Buller Chalet in second place. The Denman and Pension Grimus are new entries this year.

- 2 Mt Buller Chalet Hotel & Suites, Mount Buller, VIC  
3 Thredbo Alpine Hotel, Thredbo, NSW  
4 Perisher Valley Hotel, Perisher Valley, NSW  
5 The Denman Hotel & Spa, Thredbo, NSW  
6 Huski, Falls Creek, VIC  
7 Hotel Pension Grimus, Mt Buller, VIC

Best overseas ski property

- 1 The Little Nell, Aspen, USA

Congratulations to The Little Nell – it has come close before but never won this category. The Vale is the first Japanese property to make the list.

- 2 The Fairmont Chateau Whistler, Canada  
3 Four Seasons Resort Whistler, Canada  
4 The St Regis Aspen Resort, Aspen, USA  
5 The Fairmont Banff Springs, Banff, Canada  
6 The Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, Lake Louise, Canada  
7 The Vale Niseko, Niseko, Japan  
8 The Arrabelle at Vail Square, Vail, USA  
9 The Westin Resort & Spa, Whistler, Canada

Best overseas ski resort

- 1 Whistler Blackcomb, Canada

Aspen's reign was short and sweet – perennial favourite Whistler is back at number one for 2013. Niseko and Queenstown have both made big improvements this year.

- 2 Aspen/Snowmass USA  
3 Niseko, Japan  
4 Vail, USA  
5 Zermatt, Switzerland  
6 Queenstown, New Zealand  
7 Banff, Canada  
8 Steamboat, USA  
9 Beaver Creek, USA  
10 Big White, Canada  
11 St Anton, Austria

Best Australian ski resort

- 1 ● Thredbo Alpine Village, NSW



Welcome to the Hall of Fame Thredbo! 2013 makes it five in a row for the New South Wales resort. But watch out for Falls Creek as it continues its move up the list, rising at least one place every year.

- 2 Falls Creek Alpine Resort, VIC  
3 Perisher Resort, NSW  
4 Mt Hotham Alpine Resort, VIC  
5 Mt Buller, VIC  
6 Charlotte Pass Ski Resort, NSW







### Best first class airline

1 ● Emirates

Emirates hasn't won this category since 2009 but has ended Singapore Airlines' three year run. New codeshare partner Qantas isn't far behind.

- 2 Singapore Airlines
- 3 Qantas
- 4 Etihad Airways
- 5 British Airways
- 6 Cathay Pacific
- 7 Malaysia Airlines
- 8 Qatar Airways
- 9 Thai Airways International

### Best business class airline

1 Qantas

2013 is four years in a row for Qantas – will it hold on to make it into the Hall of Fame next year? The top five spots remain unchanged from last year.

- 2 Singapore Airlines
- 3 Emirates
- 4 Cathay Pacific
- 5 Etihad Airways
- 6 Air New Zealand
- 7 Virgin Australia
- 8 Virgin Atlantic
- 9 British Airways
- 10 Qatar Airways
- 11 Thai Airways International
- 12 Malaysia Airlines
- 13 LAN

### Best overseas city

1 ● Paris, France



Paris, je t'aime. You've chosen the city of lights as your favourite for the ninth year in a row. European and North American cities dominate the list again in 2013 with the top four spots unchanged. Vancouver is this year's big mover, up nine places to number seven while Berlin cracks the top 10 for the first time.

- 2 New York, USA
- 3 London, England
- 4 Rome, Italy
- 5 Venice, Italy
- 6 Barcelona, Spain
- 7 Vancouver, Canada
- 8 Berlin, Germany
- 9 Hong Kong, Hong Kong
- 10 Istanbul, Turkey
- 11 Singapore, Singapore
- 12 Florence, Italy
- 13 Prague, Czech Republic
- 14 San Francisco, USA
- 15 Vienna, Austria



### Best luxury rail journey

1 The Ghan, Adelaide – Darwin, Australia

The Ghan is in first place again this year while The Blue Train holds steady in second. It seems our readers like to ride the rails all over the world with finalists from Europe, North America, Africa, Asia and South America.

- 2 The Blue Train, Cape Town – Pretoria, South Africa
- 3 Rovos Rail, Cape Town – Pretoria, South Africa
- 4 Indian Pacific, Sydney – Perth, Australia
- 5 Venice Simplon-Orient-Express, London – Paris – Venice
- 6 Rocky Mountaineer, Vancouver – Calgary, Canada
- 7 The Royal Scotsman, Edinburgh, Scotland
- 8 Eastern & Oriental Express, Bangkok – Singapore
- 9 Glacier Express, Switzerland
- 10 The Hiram Bingham to Machu Picchu, Peru
- 11 Rocky Mountaineer, Jasper – Vancouver, Canada
- 12 Golden Eagle Trans-Siberian Express, Russia
- 13 Palace on Wheels, India
- 14 Maharajas' Express, India

### Best overseas country

1 ● Italy

Three wins in a row for Italy and we can't disagree with you – the food, the wine, the art, the shopping! The top five remains largely unchanged from 2012, though further down Turkey is a new entrant in 11<sup>th</sup> place.

- 2 France
- 3 USA
- 4 Canada
- 5 New Zealand
- 6 Switzerland
- 7 Germany
- 8 Spain
- 9 England
- 10 Japan
- 11 Turkey
- 12 Thailand
- 13 Austria
- 14 South Africa
- 15 Ireland

Right: Gondolas moored by St Mark's Cathedral, Venice.

Below: Paris, the city of lights and of Gold List wins.





Best Australian golf resort

- 1 Barnbougle Dunes, Bridport, TAS
- First time winner Barnbougle Dunes puts Tasmanian golfing firmly on the map. New South Wales and Queensland are your favourite states to play as the Dent Island course near Hamilton Island makes its first appearance.
- 2 Bonville Golf Resort, Bonville, NSW
- 3 Palmer Coolum Resort, Coolum Beach, QLD
- 4 Noosa Springs, Noosa Heads, QLD
- 5 Chateau Elan at The Vintage, Hunter Valley, NSW
- 6 Sheraton Mirage Port Douglas Resort, Port Douglas, QLD
- 7 The Vines Resort & Country Club, The Vines, WA
- 8 Cypress Lakes Resort, Hunter Valley, NSW
- 9 Joondalup Resort, Perth, WA
- 10 Peppers Moonah Links Resort, Fingal, VIC
- 11 Dent Island Golf Course, Dent Island (via Hamilton Island), QLD

Best overseas golf resort

- 1 Cape Kidnappers, Hawke's Bay, New Zealand
- It's two wins in a row for Cape Kidnappers, one of three New Zealand properties to make the list.
- 2 Kauri Cliffs, Matauri Bay, New Zealand
- 3 Pebble Beach Resorts, Pebble Beach, USA
- 4 Millbrook Resort, Queenstown, New Zealand
- 5 InterContinental Fiji Golf Resort & Spa, Fiji
- 6 St Andrews, Scotland
- 7 Mission Hills, Guangdong, China
- 8 The Fairmont Banff Springs, Banff, Canada
- 9 Kapalua, Hawaii, USA
- 10 Pan Pacific Nirwana Bali Resort, Bali



Above: Queen Mary II, your favourite large cruise ship.

Best luxury cruise ship / LARGE

- 1 Queen Mary II
- Will any ship ever take down the Queen Mary II? Not in 2013 as she makes it eight in a row. It was a great year for Cunard with all three of its ships as finalists alongside two new entrants from Holland America – Oosterdam and Zuierdam.
- 2 Crystal Symphony
- 3 ms Oosterdam
- 4 Queen Victoria
- 5 Queen Elizabeth
- 6 Crystal Serenity
- 7 ms Zuierdam
- 8 Rhapsody of the Sea

Best luxury cruise ship / SMALL

- 1 True North
- An upset among the small cruise ships as True North unseats Hall of Fame member Silver Whisper after five years. Great Escape and Orion are both new entrants this year while Seabourn has a great result.
- 2 Orion
- 3 Great Escape
- 4 Seabourn Quest
- 5 Seabourn Odessey
- 6 Seabourn Pride
- 7 Seabourn Sojourn
- 8 Silver Shadow
- 9 Silver Whisper
- 10 Seabourn Legend
- 11 Seabourn Spirit
- 12 L'Austral

Best luxury cruise company

- 1 North Star Cruises
- There have been some big changes in this category this year as North Star comes from outside the top 10 in 2012 to take first place and Orion jumps from 10<sup>th</sup> to second. Is small ship cruising the next big thing?
- 2 Seabourn
- 3 Orion Expedition Cruises
- 4 Silversea
- 5 Scenic
- 6 Cunard
- 7 Holland America Line
- 8 Princess Cruises
- 9 Crystal Cruises
- 10 Royal Caribbean International
- 11 Celebrity Cruises
- 12 Regent Seven Seas Cruises

Best luxury eco tourism property

- 1 Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef, Exmouth, WA
- It's great to see an Australian property take out this category and Sal Salis' eco-friendly tents, water management systems and proximity to the pristine Ningaloo Reef (and whale sharks!) make it your favourite.
- 2 Eco Beach, Broome, WA
- 3 Jean-Michel Cousteau Resort, Fiji
- 4 Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa, Wolgan Valley, NSW
- 5 Daintree Eco Lodge & Spa, Daintree, QLD
- 6 El Questro Wilderness Park, Kununurra, WA
- 7 Longitude 131°, Ayers Rock, NT
- 8 Silky Oaks Lodge, Port Douglas, QLD
- 9 Spicers Canopy, Maryvale, QLD
- 10 Paperbark Camp, Jervis Bay, NSW
- 11 Capella Lodge, Lord Howe Island, NSW
- 12 Wilson Island, Great Barrier Reef, QLD



Above: Swim with whale sharks at Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef.

Best luxury tour operator

- 1 Scenic Tours
- Scenic Tours has moved from fifth place to first, just ahead of last year's winner A&K. There are a few new entries this year offering luxury Australian tours for our readers who love to explore their own backyard.
- 2 Abercrombie & Kent
- 3 The Captain's Choice Tour
- 4 Tauck
- 5 Insight Vacations
- 6 APT
- 7 Wilderness Safaris
- 8 Outback Spirit
- 9 Trafalgar
- 10 Exceptional Kangaroo Island
- 11 Bill Peach Journeys

Best luxury travel agency

- 1 Concierge Traveller
- Mary Rossi is pipped at the post by Concierge Traveller this year in another close contest.
- 2 Mary Rossi
- 3 World Travel Professionals
- 4 Executive Edge Travel + Events
- 5 Spencer Travel
- 6 Gregor & Lewis
- 7 Goldman Travel
- 8 Bicton Travel
- 9 Clean Cruising
- 10 Travel Phase
- 11 Oasis Travel
- 12 Phil Hoffmann Travel

Best Australian food & wine experiences

Region

- 1 Margaret River, WA
- 2 Hunter Valley, NSW
- 3 Barossa Valley, SA
- 4 Yarra Valley, VIC
- 5 Mornington Peninsula, VIC

Dining

- 1 Argus Dining Room at Peppers Mineral Springs, Hepburn Springs, VIC
- 2 Quay, Sydney, NSW
- 3 Tetsuya's, Sydney, NSW
- 4 Royal Mail Hotel, Dunkeld, VIC
- 5 Vue du Monde, Melbourne, VIC
- 6 Attica Restaurant, Ripponlea, VIC
- 7 The Press Club, Melbourne, VIC

Property

- 1 Southern Ocean Lodge, Kangaroo Island, SA
- 2 Lake House, Daylesford, VIC
- 3 Cape Lodge, Margaret River, WA
- 4 The Louise, Barossa Valley, SA
- 5 Lizard Island Resort, Lizard Island, QLD
- 6 Saffire Freycinet, Coles Bay, TAS
- 7 Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa, Wolgan Valley, NSW



## Best new property to visit

- 1  QT, Sydney, NSW

Australia's first property belonging to the world famous Design Hotels group opened in 2012 in the historic Gowings Building and it wins this category. It's an international group this year with hotels from Morocco to Mauritius on your wish list.

- 2 The Berkeley River Lodge,  
Kununurra, WA  
3 W Singapore – Sentosa Cove, Singapore  
4 Bulgari Hotel, London, England  
5 Delano Marrakech, Morocco  
6 The St Regis Mauritius Resort,  
Mauritius  
7 Terrace Hotel, Perth, WA  
8 Viceroy Maldives Resort & Spa, Maldives  
9 Amanzo'e, Porto Heli, Greece



- 10 Four Seasons Resort Rancho  
Encantado, Santa Fe, USA  
11 Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti,  
Arusha, Tanzania  
12 The Langham, Sydney, NSW  
13 PARKROYAL on Pickering, Singapore

## Best Australian adventure experience

- 1  True North

It's been a great year for True North and North Star Cruises as they take out the top spot in three categories. Expedition cruising, Tasmanian walks and remote properties are your favourite adventures.

- 2 Great Escape Charter Company  
3 Orion Expedition Cruises  
4 Longitude 131°, Ayers Rock, NT  
5 El Questro Wilderness Park,  
Kununurra, WA  
6 Bay of Fires Lodge Walk, Mount  
William National Park, TAS  
7 Bill Peach Journeys Private Air Tours  
8 Bamurru Plains, Kakadu, NT  
9 The Maria Island Walk, Maria Island, TAS

