

Great *escapes*

Sue Wallace tries glamping on a Sydney island, finds a hotel that takes pooches, a biker tour of India, some Antarctic thrills and more.



EXCLUSIVE OFFER



Go glamping

Fancy million-dollar views on a backpacker's budget? Head to Sydney's Cockatoo Island, fall asleep under the stars at the water's edge and awake to an amazing sunrise. Go camping from \$45 a night, glamping or rent a heritage house or apartment on the UNESCO World Heritage-listed site. There are self-guided walks, a marine centre, tennis courts, a cafe and bar. Visit cockatooisland.gov.au.

Perfect for a Christmas wish list – Lord Howe Island's Capella Lodge *Women's Weekly* Exclusive: stay seven, pay six nights, including bonus room upgrade from the Capella Suite to Lagoon Loft, and premium picnic pack. Valid for stays from April 1 to May 30, 2016, for bookings made by January 31, 2016. Call (02) 9918 4355 and quote Capella

Lodge *Women's Weekly* Exclusive. Visit capellalodge.com.au.

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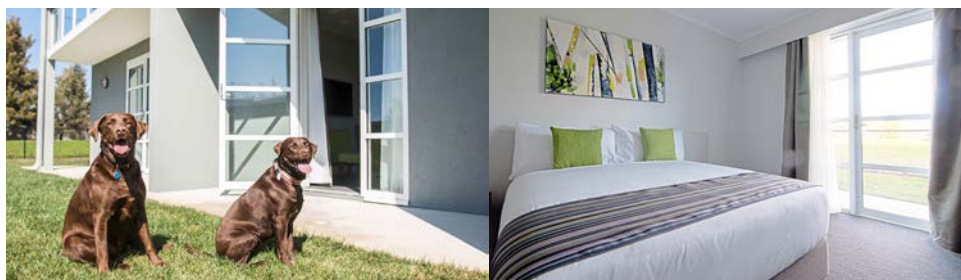


Antarctic chill thrills

Feel the freeze in the chill zone at Victoria's new Antarctic Journey attraction at Nobbies Centre, Phillip Island. This is the world's first interactive Antarctic experience in collaboration with Phillip Island Nature Parks and WWF Australia (World Wide Fund for Nature). Augmented reality technology gives visitors a chance to stand on an ice floe and pat a penguin, stroke a seal or marvel at a whale within arm's reach. Visit penguins.org.au.

INDIA BY ENFIELD

Get set for the ride of your life on the women-only motor bike tour of spicy Southern India. Female pillion passengers can also join the 12-day ride on classic Royal Enfield Desert Storm motorbikes. The 1400km adventure leaves from Goa on January 24, 2016. Priced from \$6038 for riders and \$5121 for pillion passengers. Visit extremebiketours.com.



DOGS ALLOWED

Heading to Canberra and can't bear to leave your pooch at home? Relax because the new 86-room Abode Narrabundah Hotel also welcomes canine guests. Opening special studio rooms are \$110 per night with free WiFi and a daily \$10 Abode Pantry voucher. Dogs are \$60 extra and get their own treats. Abode Hotels now has four properties in Canberra. The special ends on December 31, 2015, with travel until January 31, 2016. Visit abodehotels.com.au.

CULINARY CRUISE

In October 2016, you can meet and chat to the stars of *The Weekly's* Test Kitchen, Fran Abdallaoui (left) and Michele Cranston, who will be giving special cooking demonstrations on board Scenic Tours' Jewels of Europe Culinary River Cruise. Over 15 days, you will sail from Budapest to Amsterdam, enjoying all the regional delicacies en route, savouring the food and drink that each country is known for as you make your way along the Danube, Main and Rhine rivers. Priced from \$8195 per person, twin share. To book, visit scenic.com.au/aww.



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