

*Australia  
Adventure*



# LOOKBOOK

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# The Ultimate Aussie Adventure

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Ever wanted to ask our President and Owner, world traveler, and “true blue Aussie”, Ian Swain what would be on his ultimate adventure agenda Down Under? We’ve done it for you!

This lookbook has been created as a visual representation of our favorite Australian journey for those seeking the ultimate adventure Down Under. Be inspired by the authentic experiences which will touch your heart and have you feeling as though you’ve become an honorary Aussie.

Then get in touch with one of our Australia Experts to start planning your own journey around Australia’s most awe-inspiring sights.

“Travel is the most wonderful gift we have on this planet. I feel so honored to craft unforgettable trips to amazing destinations for our clients.

When starting Swain Destinations in 1987, our goal was to allow people to visit places that seemed inaccessible or unknown.

It was clear the best way to highlight each destination was through the eyes of the locals. We pride ourselves on our relationships with local operators and vendors who can showcase their country and make our travelers feel welcome.”

- Ian Swain













# Why Australia?

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To experience a place unlike anywhere else.

To swim among the marine life and vibrant natural formations on the largest living reef in the world.

To witness the phenomenon that is the namesake of the majestic Blue Mountains.

To connect with the heritage of the land through the rich Aboriginal history and culture.

To take in the spirit of the outback while watching the sun rise and set over Uluru.

To get up close and personal with the native wildlife that calls Australia home.

To hang ten at one of the most iconic beaches in the world.

To climb to new heights and view the spectacular sights and scenery from atop the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

To experience everything that Australia has to offer.



# Melbourne

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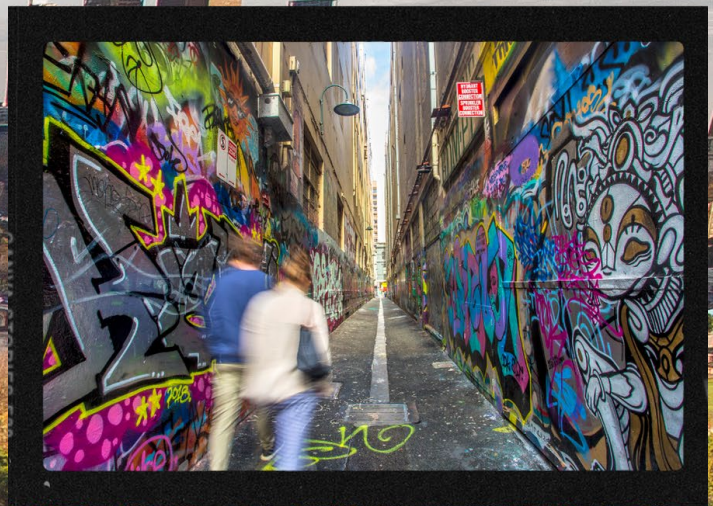
Melbourne is known as one of the coolest cities in Oz. Its eclectic, interconnected laneways lend it a vibe you can't get just anywhere. What better place to start your adventure and get your feet planted firmly back on the ground after a long flight than this notoriously chilled out city with a coffee scene that's renowned worldwide?





Set in Melbourne along the banks of the Yarra River, tour the Royal Botanical Gardens with an Aboriginal guide who will explain long-practiced customs and how the flora connects to the land.

After seeing the tranquil side to this fabulous city, explore the many laneways and arcades to experience the street art, architecture, and quirky retailers that give Melbourne its unique charm.



*eclectic cosmopolitan vibes*



*kangaroos bounding through rows  
of vines as we watch from above*





# Yarra Valley

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Small villages with vibrant art scenes, local wineries and distilleries, and magnificent gardens and forests can all be experienced in the Yarra Valley.

Get out of the bustling city of Melbourne for a morning adrift a sea of clouds as you float over sleepy, picturesque countryside dotted with vineyards and peaceful birdsong.





# *The Twelve Apostles*

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Formed over the course of millions of years, the limestone stacks off the coast of Port Campbell National Park known as the Twelve Apostles are a sight not to miss when visiting Victoria. The drive from Melbourne is an event unto itself as you take in the mind-blowing continuous coastline of the Great Ocean Road.

The seven stacks (originally eight but never actually twelve) naturally eroded by the waves crashing against the cliffs over many years, forming caves which eventually collapsed, leaving only the limestone formations seen today.





*the clouds dissipated and the sea stacks appeared like giants in the mist*

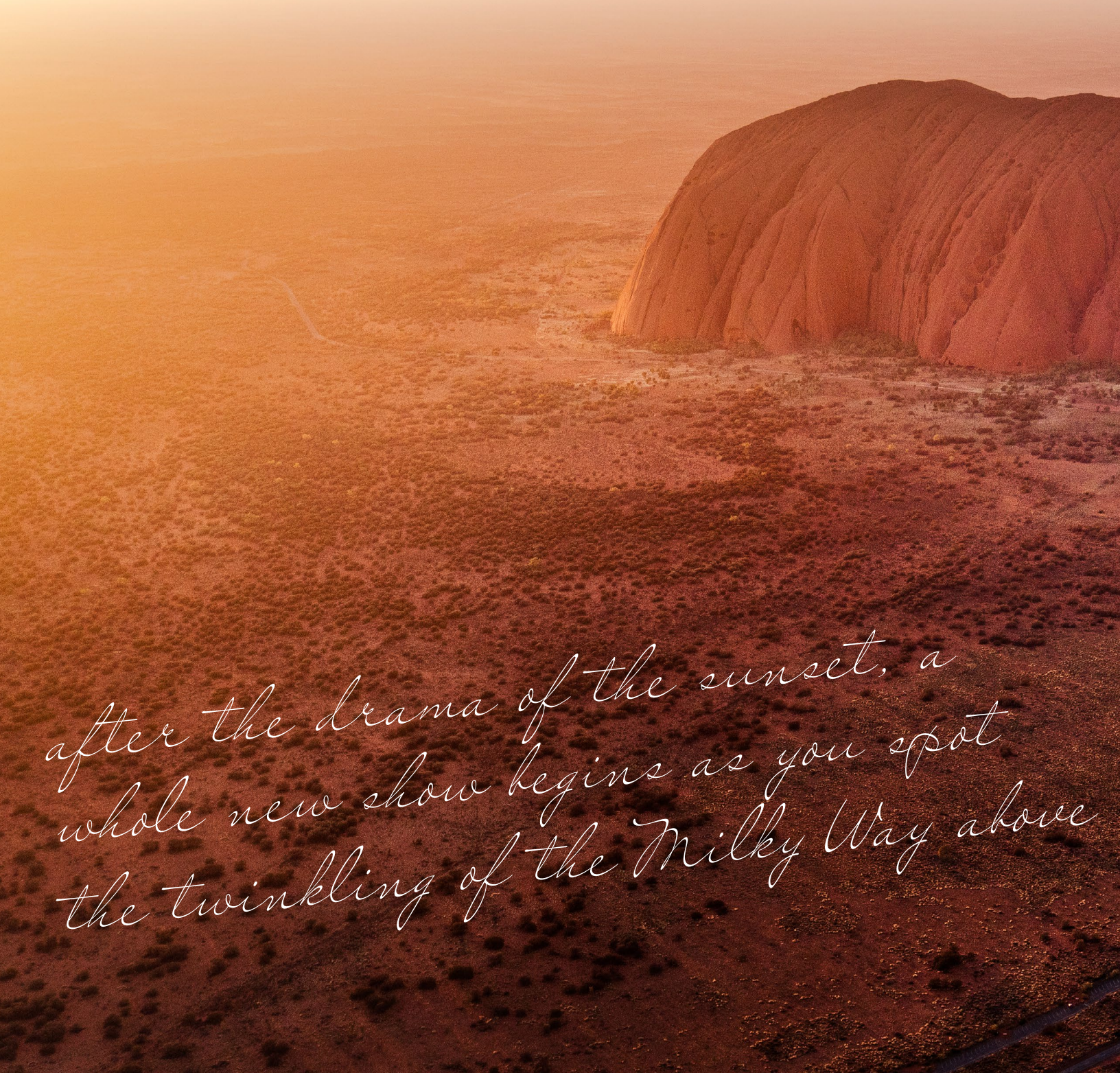




# Uluru

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Uluru is a spiritual center of the Australian Outback. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Uluru rises 1,140 feet from the ground and measures over 5.5 miles around, acting as a natural monolith coming from the land. The sandstone is known to change in appearance throughout the day, and is just as spectacular taken in from afar as it is up close.



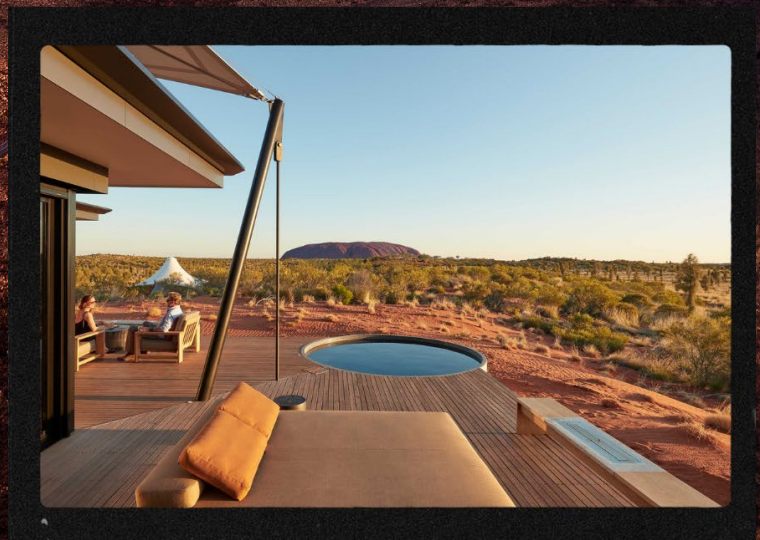
*after the drama of the sunset, a whole new show begins as you spot the twinkling of the Milky Way above*



As a sacred site to the Anangu people, a collective of Aboriginal tribes who work to teach Tjukurpa (the traditional stories, spirituality, and law of the land), Uluru offers an immersive look into the history of Australia through authentic experiences with local indigenous guides.

One of the most celebrated properties in all of Australia, Longitude 131° offers a luxury tented experience unlike anywhere else.

Every one of the 16 tented pavilions offers direct views of Uluru. Each pavilion is thoughtfully appointed with authentic aboriginal artworks and provide a luxurious place to escape the heat and relax during your stay.





# Great Barrier Reef

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As the largest living reef in the world, the Great Barrier Reef is a sight that should not be missed on any trip to Australia. Thousands of species of marine life call this formation home and getting up close is the best way to fully appreciate the beautiful complexity that is the Great Barrier Reef.

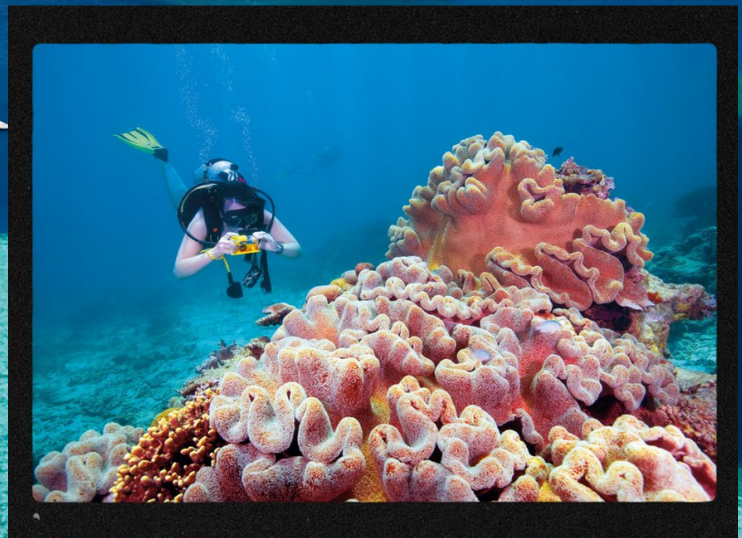
*from the air, the immensity of the reef takes your breath away, while snorkeling feels like an intimate education of its ecosystem*



Base yourself on Lizard Island or Hamilton Island for easy access to a multitude of areas of the reef. Expert guides accompany you out to the reef to teach you about the ecosystem, reef regeneration programs, and the importance of the reef to the region.

Experience the Great Barrier Reef by snorkel, dive, or glass-bottomed boat.

Venture out to different areas of the reef, including remote sand cays and landmarks like Heart Reef. Snorkel with a guide to see the marine life in their natural habitat or go diving for a much closer encounter.





# Daintree Rainforest

The Oldest rainforest in the world at around 180 million years old, the Daintree is home to over 400 bird species and rare and prehistoric flora, making it the most biologically diverse flora and fauna in the world. Waking up to the sounds of the rainforest at Silky Oaks Lodge is an experience you won't soon forget.

*exploring prehistoric wilderness  
in a cacophony of wildlife sounds  
is just surreal*



This is Kuku Yulanji country, a people whose ancient culture is centered around a deep respect for nature and an intimate knowledge of its cycles. One of the most authentic and rewarding ways to explore the Daintree is a guided tour with a local Aboriginal guide through Mossman Gorge.



Explore Kuku Yulanji country and learn about the environment, different bush foods and medicines, sample some seasonal bush tucker while appreciating the history, culture, and traditions of the Australian Aboriginal people.







*the epitome of "the great outdoors"; epic scenery, wallabies, kangaroos, and koalas*



# *Blue Mountains*

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Estimated to be approximately 470 million years old, the natural formations that make up the Blue Mountains are something that any adventure seeker will want to experience for themselves.

The name comes from the natural phenomenon where the mountains take on a subtle blue tinge when viewed from a distance, believed to be caused by the abundance of eucalyptus trees in the region.





# *Sydney*

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There is always tons to do and see in this vibrant city. The Sydney Opera House and the Sydney Harbour Bridge are two of the most photographed icons in Australia, but climbing the Harbour Bridge is the best way to enjoy a stunning 360-degree view of the glittering bay below.

See the city come to life on New Year's Eve from a chartered yacht on the bay, or take in the lights of Vivid Sydney, an annual light festival which takes place from late May through mid June.





Breathtaking city views every where  
you turn, paired with that iconic,  
laid back, "no worries" charm





# Your Adventure Starts Here

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Now that you've heard from Ian Swain himself, the authority on adventure Down Under, you're ready to start planning.

Speak to our Swain Destinations Travel Experts, who are ready to customize your perfect Australian adventure on 1-800-22-SWAIN (1-800-227-9246), or visit [www.swaindestinations.com](http://www.swaindestinations.com) for even more Aussie inspiration.



