



SCREEN STYLE

Follow in director Baz Luhrmann's footsteps, and enjoy the romance of the Outback from the ultimate outpost in Kimberley. Remote, epic and ravishing, Home Valley Station was used in the filming of *Australia*. It offers barramundi-fishing, hiking and cattle-mustering.

A 10-night itinerary, including a stay at Home Valley Station, costs from £2,370 a person half board, including flights, transfers and car hire, with Bridge & Wickers (020 7483 6555; www.bridgeandwickers.co.uk).

HORSE POWER
Cattle-mustering in the Outback

About £230,
Fiorina Jewellery

£75,
Riley Burnett

£3,840,
Fiona Knapp

PRETTY PIECES

Based in a New South Wales surf town, Riley Burnett (www.rileyburnett.com) creates jewellery from silver and stones; in Melbourne, Fiorina Jewellery (+61 3 9509 2977) beats Australian coins into necklaces; in London, Fiona Knapp (www.fionaknapp.com) designs with Australian opals; and Calleija (www.calleija.com) now sells its Australian pink diamonds on Bond Street.



From a selection,
Calleija

GO COASTAL
Southern Ocean Lodge, Kangaroo Island, Australia



TOP FIVE REMOTE BREAKS

- 1 SAL SALIS** On the arid western Australian coast, this five-tent luxury eco set-up is a perfect retreat. Book with Scott Dunn (020 8682 5000; www.scottdunn.co.uk).
- 2 THE WINGED HOUSE** This privately rented clifftop wonder in Tasmania looks like a plane about to take off (+61 2 9906 3224; www.thewingedhouse.com.au).
- 3 SEAFARIS** Luxe out on a yacht for 10 with spa, library and cinema. Book with Wilderness Australia (+61 2 9571 6677; www.wildernessaustralia.com.au).
- 4 RED OCHRE SPA AT AYERS ROCK RESORT** In the shadow of the great rock, this is possibly the most remote spa in the Southern Hemisphere (+61 2 8296 8010; www.ayersrockresort.com.au).
- 5 SOUTHERN OCEAN LODGE** A Bond villain's palace has taken over an unassuming corner of Kangaroo Island. Book with Bridge & Wickers (020 7483 6555; www.bridgeandwickers.co.uk).

ESCAPE BUZZ

THE BEST OF AUSTRALIA: REMOTE RETREATS, ORGANIC BEAUTY AND EXQUISITE JEWELLERY.

BY LYDIA BELL



NATURAL BEAUTIES

Australia does organic exceptionally well, especially organic beauty. Our favourite brands include **Jurlique** (available at Selfridges and Space NK), whose products are made from biodynamically grown herbs and flowers; **A'kin** (available at Fresh & Wild), whose products for skin, body and hair are chemical-free and don't cost the earth; and the **Australian Tea Tree** range (0870 850 7114), based on the same ingredient that has been used for hundreds of years to combat skin irritations.



Hepburn Bathhouse & Spa, near Melbourne

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CHILL OUT AT THE GORGEOUS HEPBURN BATHHOUSE & SPA (WWW.HEPBURNBATHHOUSE.COM), AND HAVE A GOURMET LUNCH AT MERRICKS GENERAL STORE (WWW.MERRICKSGENERALSTORE.COM.AU).