

EXPLORE YOUR PASSION FOR AUSTRALIA

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Explore Your Passion For... **+ FOOD AND WINE**

This week's trade advocate is Gabrielle Brown, Destination Product Manager - Australia for House of Travel. Here are her answers;

1. Why would you travel to Australia to indulge in your passion for... food & wine

There is so much variety, whether you're after laid back farmers markets in small towns, fine dining in the big cities, a huge array of different ethnic foods, flash wineries or little boutique country ones - you really can find it all and always plenty of passionate locals to tell you about their products.

2. Where is your favourite place/s to experience food & wine (whichever one you choose)

That's a hard one as there are so many, but as I'm only pick one I'll have to go with SA and the Barossa Valley.

3. What do you love most about this place?

Aside from the Shiraz...there is lots of history and beautiful scenery and all so close to Adelaide.

4. What makes this place different to other food & wine places you have visited

I love the history of the place, it's really interesting with such strong European influences and there is so much to see in such a small area - something



like 80 cellar doors in the Barossa alone.

5. Why do you think food and wine lovers would like this place and why?

I think people will love how accessible the wine regions of SA are from Adelaide - the Barossa, Clare Valley, Adelaide Hills and McLaren Vales are all within an hour and a half's drive from Adelaide. There are plenty of cute little towns, famous vineyards, cute little vineyards and plenty of small local producers of yummy treats. You can easily do day trips from Adelaide or take a couple of days to travel through them all.

6. A standout Australian experience:

A beautiful meal in the Sydney Opera House followed by a water taxi across the harbour



to see Carmen on the harbour was pretty special.

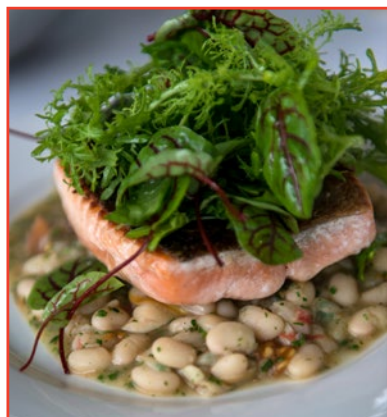
7. You would go back tomorrow for ...

well I am heading to WA in a few weeks to check out the Margaret River so can't wait to explore another famous Australian wine region.

Al Brown Dives Into Tropical Delights Of The Far North

Al Brown brought the flavours of the tropics to life when he recently visited Tropical North Queensland and found himself spoilt for choice with tropical fruits, cocoa, coffee and exotic liqueurs made from fruit. Starting in Cairns, Al worked his way up the coastline, discovering a veritable bounty of tropical delights along the way - and some very interesting characters engaged in the region's boutique food scene. Amidst the world's oldest living rainforest, Al found himself a quiet, shady spot on a billabong alongside the luxurious eco lodge, Silky Oaks and produced a creamy, sticky tropical delight of a dessert - then it was into the billabong to cool off in its fresh waters.

[CLICK HERE](#) to find out more about Al's culinary adventure into the far north



Diverse And Delicious!

Australia is a feast for the senses with food and wine experiences as diverse as the continent itself. From the tropical north to the temperate island state of Tasmania and so much in-between, there will be something to tempt even the most discerning of palates.

The Australian wine industry has a rich heritage which can be tasted today in the legacy of generations of wine makers who migrated from Europe, many bringing their vines with them. Many cellar door experiences pay homage to this legacy, with some resembling something of a museum atmosphere.

At the other end of the spectrum, right around Australia you will find artisan producers crafting boutique cheeses, breads and culinary delights from fresh local produce that reflects the very distinctive flavours of the many regions.

So great is the food and wine scene in Australia that many events are hosted around food and wine. The Noosa Food and Wine Festival is one of many that make the most of their unique coastal setting to showcase food from their region. Many many others can also be found from the Margaret River to the outback of New South Wales.