



EXPLORE YOUR PASSION FOR AUSTRALIA

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Explore Your Passion For... + NATURE & WILDLIFE

Each week we speak to a well known travel industry personality about indulging a passion in Australia. This week in our 'passion series' we chat with Adele Barker, Manager Product and Pricing, Air New Zealand.

Why would you travel to Australia to indulge your passion for nature and wildlife? Australia has got some global icons and the Great Barrier Reef has to be right at the top of the list. There is also an incredible diversity of natural experiences, for example in Queensland you can go from snorkeling on the world's largest living eco system, the Great Barrier Reef to jungle surfing in the world's oldest living rainforest, The Daintree.

Name your favourite place/s to best experience this in Australia.

Most recently it was in Queensland, but each of Australia's States and Territories also offers up their own unique nature and wildlife experiences, many of which are world class. No matter where you choose to holiday in Australia, you can be sure that there will be something and somewhere special to indulge your passion for nature and wildlife.

What do you love most about these places

Generally the climate is really favourable, and often warmer than home, its close in terms of travel proximity to New Zealand



and there is a huge array of experiences to be had - not just nature based, but what better way to finish your day's adventure activities or a day at the beach than with great food and wine, a show and of course a spot of shopping!

What do you think is most appealing about these places for fellow Kiwi travellers.

The now high New Zealand dollar, its so close to home, but such a different experience even from State to State.

Your standout nature and wildlife experience to date was...



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A helicopter ride over the reef followed by the experiencing the reef on and under the water - a natural wonder from all angles!

You would go back tomorrow to...

swim with the whale sharks in WA and I'd love to explore Kangaroo Island in South Australia.

Judy Bailey Ticks Off Bucket List In South Australia

During the filming of the television series, 'Judy Bailey's Australia', Judy gave South Australia's Eyre Peninsula multiple ticks off her bucket list - all thanks to a couple of very special marine encounters.. Just a short flight from the region's capital city, Adelaide lies the self proclaimed, 'Seafood Capital of Australia'. The perfect starting point is Port Lincoln that offers up a sumptuous taste of the region with its local seafood specialities. Having got a taste of what the region had to offer from land, Judy was keen for a close encounter of the rather large kind, and so joined the crew of [Adventure Bay Charters](#) to swim with the mighty southern blue fin tuna - one of the largest species of fish in the world. Judy assured her crew that it was a lot more daring than it first sounded! From tuna to the sea lions of Baird Bay, Judy joins [Baird Bay Ocean Eco Experience](#) to swim with the gentle, yet playful sea lions and describes this as "one of the most beautiful experiences of my entire life."



All That Glitters Is Gold On The GC This Summer!

Clients looking to turn their Gold Coast summer holiday into a stunning event should check out the exciting range of events that are happening along what is arguably Australia's most iconic coastal destination. To really kick off 2014 in style, book your place trackside - which also happens to be beachside for the 2014 Jeep Magic Millions racing event. This is Australia's premier summer thoroughbred racing Carnival and commences with Ladies Day on 4th January. The 2014 Jeep Magic Millions feature event takes place on 11th January and is just one of a suite of stylish, high profile events on Queensland's Gold Coast.

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