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Abundance of Natural Wonders

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Like more than a million kiwis, I too have been to Australia multiple times, and know that there are still plenty of holidays to be had. To date, Australia has offered a generous serve of diverse holiday experiences for myself, my family and even my work! Its hard not to say you have achieved “work play balance” when you are conferencing on the Gold Coast and can start your work day with a run on the beach, a swim or a surf. Family holidays have touched on just a couple of Australia’s unique wildlife and nature encounters. From the Great Barrier Reef to the Blue Mountains, Australia offers a myriad of natural wonders. A reptile park



en route from the Blue Mountains offered my daughter the opportunity to get safely up close and personal with a croc! Another great encounter for couples or families is the world renowned Australia Zoo on the Sunshine Coast. Famous for its founder, Steve Irwin, this is now a great place to see species only

found in Australia. A behind the scenes tour can also take in the Zoo Hospital for an amazing insight into wildlife conservation and rehabilitation. Immerse yourself in natural Australia for a most memorable holiday and who knows what you might encounter on your travels.



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- 1 NATURAL AUSTRALIA** With 15 World Heritage Listed areas and more than 500 National Parks, Australia’s landscapes are a wonder to behold and offer plenty of scope to explore.
- 2 WILD ABOUT OZ** You don’t have to travel to the ends of the earth to holiday amongst 750 species of birds, 350 of which are not found anywhere else in the world, get up close with a “living fossil” or monotreme; Australia’s egg laying mammals, or meet a marsupial and spot the difference between the 55 different species of kangaroo.
- 3 WILD ON THE WATER** Australia’s marine environment is exceptional with 80 percent of marine species not being found anywhere else in the world. More than 4000 fish species, 500 coral species and 50 types of marine mammals and a wide range of seabirds all call Australia home.
- 4 GREAT BARRIER REEF** With more than 1500 species of fish, 4000 types of molluscs and over 200 species of sea birds, the Great Barrier Reef is one of the planet’s most intriguing and extensive marine eco systems.
- 5 UP CLOSE IN THE WILD** Every State and Territory of Australia offers visitors the chance to get up close and personal with their natural wonders in their native habitats so explore your nature passion in the wild.

Incredible Natural Landscapes

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It’s easy to forget that much of Western Australia’s stunning natural coastline sits comfortably between the Tropic of

Capricorn and the equator. I was reminded of that as we arrived in Broome in mid-June to a truly tropical welcome. The warmth embraced me like a long lost friend, permeating my every pore and somehow I felt remarkably at ease. But after exploring this character town in the midday heat it wasn’t long before I was being beckoned

by something cool to ease the parch. The oasis that is Matso’s Brewery satisfied that thirst with a refreshing Mango and Desert Lime Cider. It wasn’t easy choosing from the inviting array of beers and ciders on offer so I took a couple (or so) with me for later. And it was later I found myself standing on Cable Beach, the shadows had lengthened and myriad camels ambled back with a loping plod from their jaunt along the sand. Captivating as they were there was fire exploding in the sky to the west as a sunset like no other farewelled a fine tropical day in true Western Australia style. People from the town spilled on to the beach and took the time to savour the visual spectacle before them. I eased the top off another of Matso’s best and saluted this fine land.



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