



# Stays to soothe the soul

You don't need summer weather as an excuse to spoil yourself. At these luxe lodgings, the surrounds are peaceful, all you require is within arm's reach and the mood is set to "do not disturb"



## Noa by the Beach

Noosa, Qld

Holiday homes rarely come more epically lush than this beautifully appointed and wholly refurbished '80s beach outpost just a short walk from Little Cove Beach and backing on to Noosa National Park. Enjoy a morning swim in the backyard pool before eating breakfast in the covered alfresco dining area and pouring yourself into the hammock with a good book. The living area's open-plan set-up is ideal for large groups (the house sleeps 12) but the home is also filled with quiet corners in which to relax.

There's a private upstairs bedroom with full bathroom, a separate studio-style apartment at the rear of the sprawling property, and an enormous, airy kitchen that's perfect for entertaining and catching up with friends. And that's to say nothing of the electric fireplace; if you can pull yourself away from its enveloping comfort long enough to wander into town, be sure to drop by elegant new vegetarian outpost Herbert in Noosa Heads; if you're travelling further afield, book in for Asian tapas and cocktails at bustling local favourite Sum Yung Guys in Noosaville. [noabythebeach.com.au](http://noabythebeach.com.au)



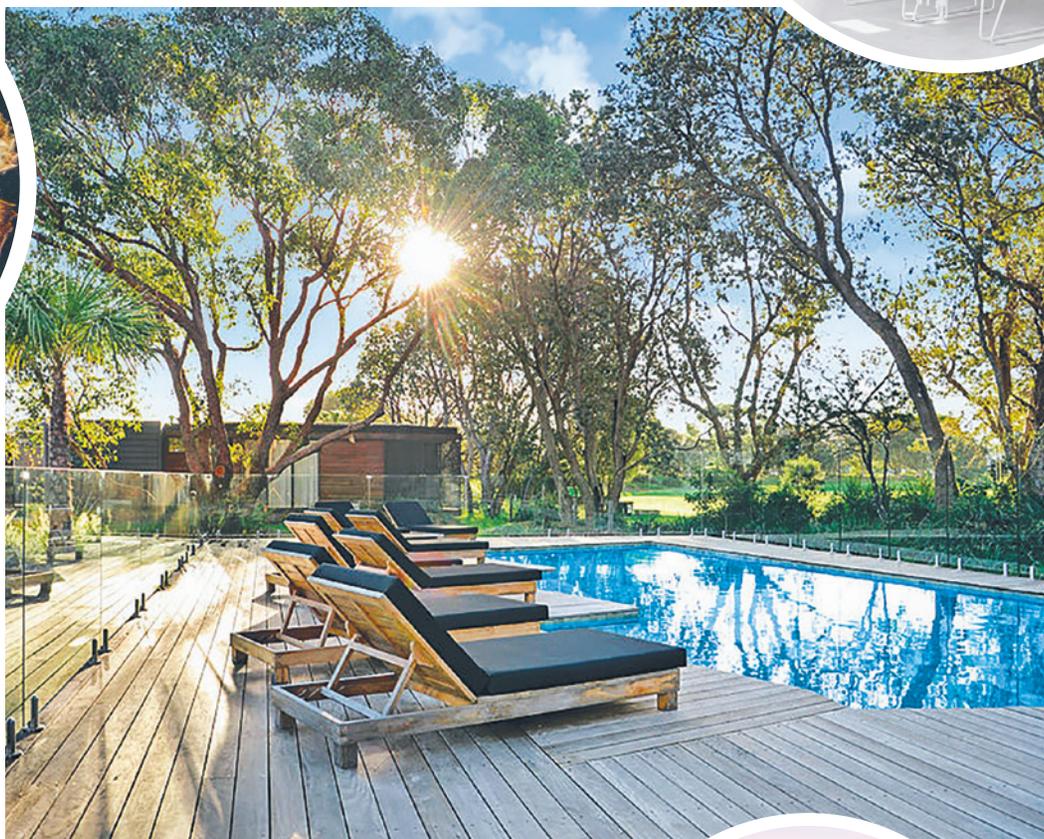
## Bangalay

Shoalhaven Heads, NSW

As the state slowly creeps out of lockdown, this popular holiday destination (two hours' drive from Sydney; three from Canberra) is set for a full-scale tourist revival.

Book in to stay at one of the 16 luxury villas at this spot on Shoalhaven's coastal sand forest; interconnected by a maze of boardwalks, they ooze that fresh Hamptons vibe that's in-season all year round. The outdoor decks feature golf-course and garden views, and are perfect for lazing with a charcuterie board, a glass of something fizzy and your own quiet company. And no stay here would be complete without a relaxed fine-dining experience at Bangalay Dining. The award-winning restaurant is led by multi-hatted executive chef Simon Evans, who came aboard last year after an epic run at Wollongong's beloved Caveau. Favourites on the native-inspired menu include crumbed Murray cod tacos, homemade garlic focaccia, and beef and harissa ragu linguine. [bangalayvillas.com.au](http://bangalayvillas.com.au)

*There may be ongoing travel restrictions in light of Covid. Before making your plans, visit [health.gov.au](http://health.gov.au). This article was produced in partnership with Mitsubishi.*



## Sequoia Lodge

Crafers, SA

"Where life stops and living begins" is the motto at Sequoia – and it's a truly indulgent spot to really start living again. Nestled in the highlands of the Adelaide Hills, this six-star sanctuary features open-plan suites with panoramic views over the Piccadilly Valley from the bed, bathroom and sunken lounge. (Tip: sleep with the blinds up to catch the stunning sunrise.) Part of Sequoia's philosophy is to connect guests with the land and its people, so there are dreamtime stories, sunrise yoga sessions, a private artesian hot pool and guided walks through Mount Lofty Botanic Gardens. The team can also organise treatments at the onsite spa, a seven-course degustation at the three-chef-hatted Hardy's Verandah restaurant onsite or a behind-the-scenes visit to the iconic R.M. Williams workshop, where you can have boots personally fitted. [sequoialodge.com.au](http://sequoialodge.com.au)



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