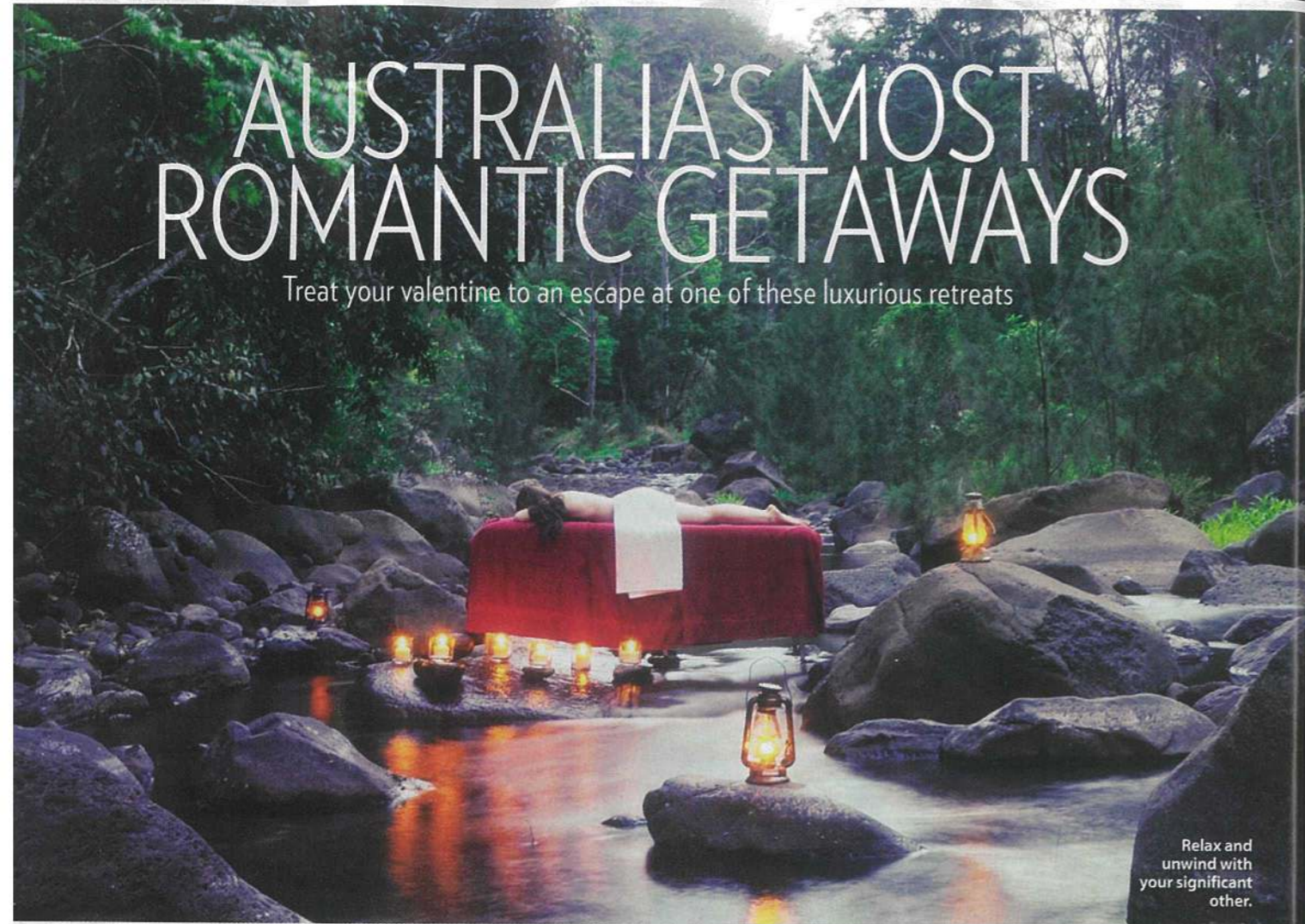


# AUSTRALIA'S MOST ROMANTIC GETAWAYS

Treat your valentine to an escape at one of these luxurious retreats



Relax and unwind with your significant other.

## BACK TO NATURE

### NIGHTFALL WILDERNESS CAMP

Sleeping under the stars in front of a rotating fire with all of the luxurious comforts of a hotel makes for one romantic escape.

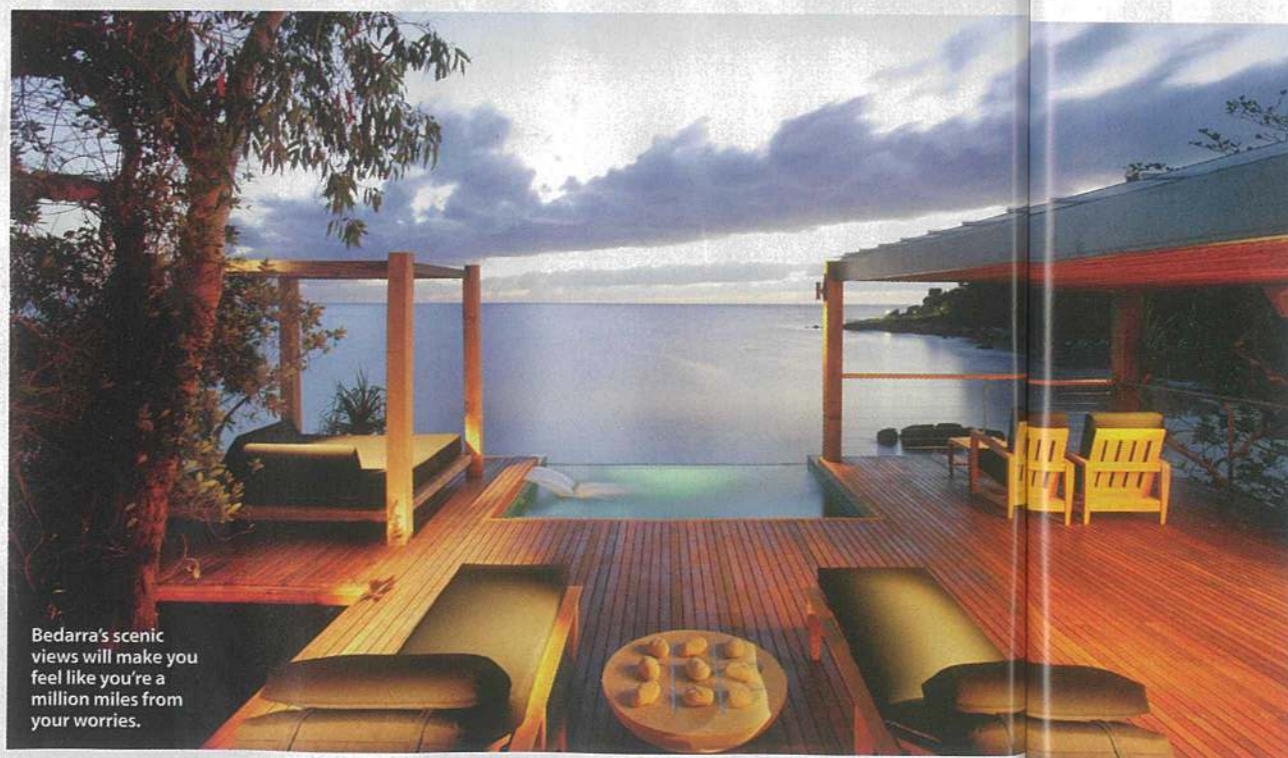
Such is the case at Nightfall, located in Queensland's ancient Lamington National Park, which strikes the perfect balance between nature and luxury.

Known for its focus on sustainability, this luxurious camp offers the ultimate glamping experience while also respecting the beautiful natural environment.

Each bespoke tent boasts a king-sized bed, hot tub and well-appointed bathrooms, and guests have the opportunity to self-cater or enjoy a fully catered escape complete with organic fire-cooked cuisine.

For added romance, lovers can enjoy a massage by the creek, indulge in a gourmet dinner, swim in crystal-clear creeks and relax around the evening campfire.

Privacy is key at Nightfall, and it only caters for a maximum of four couples at any one time. [nightfall.com.au](http://nightfall.com.au)



Bedarra's scenic views will make you feel like you're a million miles from your worries.

## WATERSIDE DINING

### JONAH'S RESTAURANT AND BOUTIQUE HOTEL, WHALE BEACH

This boutique hotel may have celebrated its 90th birthday on Australia Day, but Jonah's has lost absolutely none of its romantic charm.

Positioned on the cliff tops of Whale Beach on Sydney's Northern Beaches, the award-winning hotel has hosted a slew of celebrities including Mick Jagger, Bono, Sir Anthony Hopkins, Elle Macpherson and Sam Smith since opening its doors in 1929.

The 11 light-filled ocean retreat rooms have recently undergone a full refurbishment – the decor is a fusion of the Hamptons meets French Riviera.

Each room has a private balcony with those famous 180-degree views of the Pacific Ocean, and boast absolute privacy.

In collaboration with head sommelier Niels Sluiman, executive chef Matteo Zamboni has designed a new summer menu featuring contemporary Italian dishes showcasing Australia's finest seafood and fresh produce.

For those who want to go all out and arrive by a seaplane, Jonah's can make the arrangements – along with a host of other bespoke experiences. [jonahs.com.au](http://jonahs.com.au)



What better way to romance than with a shared seafood platter for two?

Jonah's Restaurant overlooks Sydney's pristine Northern Beaches.



## BAREFOOT ROMANCE

### BANNISTERS, PORT STEPHENS

The team behind Bannisters by the Sea and Bannisters Pavilion in Mollmook on the NSW South Coast have brought their barefoot luxury to Port Stephens.

Occupying the beachfront site of the former Salamander Shores at Soldiers Point, Bannisters Port Stephens opened its doors late last year and is an idyllic romantic coastal getaway for two. The four-star boutique hotel, 45 minutes from Newcastle, has 80 rooms, including four luxury suites and a penthouse, and an infinity pool with treetop and bay vistas.

Guests can enjoy cocktails and light dishes at the Terrace Bar, or have a casual drink and listen to live music at Bannisters Tavern.

Of course, Bannisters' signature Rick Stein restaurant – with chef Mitchell Turner at the helm – will serve the finest locally caught seafood.

For Valentine's Day, the Terrace Bar will serve bubbly and oysters for \$25 (for two guests), a salted chocolate and cherry tart shared dessert for \$18, or a Chandon Kiss with white chocolate and orange liqueur washed through Chandon S for \$16.

[bannisters.com.au/port-stephens/](http://bannisters.com.au/port-stephens/)



Enjoy oysters and bubbly by the infinity pool this Valentine's Day.

## JUST FOR TWO

### BEDARRA ISLAND RESORT

A tropical sanctuary in the heart of Queensland's Great Barrier Reef, this secluded retreat epitomises barefoot luxury.

Located just a short boat ride from Mission Beach, the ultra-private Bedarra Island Resort sets the scene for romance and is the ideal place to disconnect from the digital world and reconnect with your partner.

The all-inclusive resort has only 10 guest villas, all hidden in the 45 hectares of tropical rainforest and offering absolute privacy and views over the ocean and Great Barrier Reef.

Guests can kayak, try stand-up paddleboarding, go fishing, enjoy self-guided rainforest walks or just enjoy the natural beauty and solitude of this island refuge.

With sustainability at its heart, Bedarra Island uses solar power instead of diesel generators, smart design rather than air-conditioners and water from a natural spring so you can indulge guilt-free. [bedarra.com.au](http://bedarra.com.au)