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## Smith's royal Australian itinerary

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The recent royal visit to Australia reminded us that one doesn't need to be next in line to the throne to feel like a royal. Stay at one of Mr & Mrs Smith's luxurious hotels and you'll be pampered to perfection from the moment you check in. Get the royal treatment with a bottle of champagne on arrival or with a private plane ride above the pristine coastline of Wineglass Bay – just leave the details to our trusted travel team.



### Longitude 131° – Uluru, Northern Territory

Royal experience Table 131° dining beneath the stars

Smith Extra a bottle of chilled champagne on arrival

Get back to 'basics' in the most regal of ways with the luxurious canopy-roofed accommodation at Longitude 131°. With a sandy-red carpet leading to your door and self-raising blinds at the touch of a button, you'll only have to lift a finger to invite privacy or watch the sunrise over ancient Uluru. Book the Table 131° royal experience for an alfresco evening beneath the stars, complete with an indigenous cultural dance. The intimate pavilions will coax out your inner explorer with their mix of colonial artefacts and contemporary furniture. Simple white linens, timber accents and on-loan iPads keep things comfortable. You can eyeball the spectacular scenery while you're showering, thanks to the showers' movable panels.

### Southern Ocean Lodge – Kangaroo Island, South Australia



Royal experience the Epicurean Adventure

Smith Extra a private wine-cellar dining experience

South Australia is renowned for its food and wine, and at Southern Ocean Lodge, you'll be able to indulge in some of the finest local produce. Choose the

'Epicurean Adventure': an island tour that will take you on a journey to a vineyard

and a dairy farm, as well as allowing you to choose your own freshwater crayfish. The Osprey Pavilion is the top pick at this intimate lodge. Lounge in the hand-crafted oval stone bath and enjoy uninterrupted views of the Southern Ocean from the floor-to-ceiling windows. Southern Ocean Lodge has a total of 21 suites, each individually designed and with views of the coast. For added pampering, stroll along the timber boardwalk to the secluded spa, perched on the cliffs overlooking churning seas.

### Emirates Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa – Blue Mountains, New South Wales

Royal experience private wildlife safari

Smith Extra a bottle of local Orange or Mudgee wine on arrival. Lucky

GoldSmiths also get a nine-course degustation dinner paired with local wines



Take a walk (or a ride) on the wild side and immerse yourself in the wildlife of the Blue Mountains. An experienced driver will tailor each wildlife safari to suit your interests and talk you through the intricate eco-system of Australia's

beautiful flora and fauna. Each sumptuous bungalow features a private plunge pool with mountain views on all sides for more glimpses of wildlife. Suites are designed with natural stone and timber to produce a bright and calming space, with wraparound verandas outside and double-sided fireplaces inside. Enjoy farm-to-table cuisine at the Country Kitchen (try a ploughman's platter) and inhale the aromas of fresh-baked bread and potent coffee. The Wolgan Dining Room is a more elegant affair with white-linen table cloths and attentive wait staff – spoil yourselves with the nine-course degustation menu of local delicacies and wines.



### Establishment Hotel – Sydney, New South Wales

Royal experience stake out the Penthouse suite and sip champagne at the bar

Smith Extra a bottle of sparkling wine and VIP access to Hemmesphere, Ivy and Pool Club

Establishment Hotel is right in the thick of Sydney's sophisticated CBD. You may not get the royal experience here, but you'll definitely feel like a VIP from the moment you step foot inside this exclusive hotel, with invites to the Ivy and its exclusive rooftop Pool Club. This hotel is party-central and one of Sydney's most frequented food and drink destinations. Book the dual-level Duplex Penthouse with its lavish fittings and Bvlgari toiletries for an escape from the crowds. Exposed beams complete the rustic shell of this hotel, paying homage to its previous life as a warehouse. Eat sashimi at the award-winning restaurant Sushi-e, located on level four of the hotel, or venture into the opulent and moody Hemmesphere bar for a cocktail and bento box.

### Saffire – Freycinet Peninsula, Tasmania

Royal experience Freycinet seaplane flight over the awe-inducing Wineglass Bay

Smith Extra a bottle of French champagne on arrival.



Tasmania is one of the most beautiful Australian destinations and the untouched scenery that surrounds Saffire promises a royal treatment. Indulge in aphrodisiacal oysters fresh from Coles Bay, or plan a date in the sky

with a 30-minute seaplane flight over some of the most beautiful coastlines in the world. For the most regal resting spot, book a Private Pavilion and make the most of the plunge pool. Each suite at Saffire is designed with timber flooring and fresh, contemporary furnishings that don't detract from the spectacular views.

Still not found somewhere to hang up your crown? Here are **five more regal retreats** from around the world...



The Prince, Melbourne for its art deco façade and simple, modern decor with splashes of colour. The award-winning restaurant Circa sources from a network of Victorian and Australian farmers and fisherman for a result that deserves the two-hat designation.

Amberley Castle boasts a working portcullis and extra-long driveway. All rooms are furnished in sumptuous country style, but you'll want to request one in the centre of the castle for the ultimate castle experience. Savour a traditional afternoon tea with scones and Cornish clotted cream, petit fours and cucumber sandwiches.

Satri House, built in the late 1900s, was once the residence of Lao Prince Souphanouvong. Recently refurbished, there are two pools to recline by after you drag yourself from your canopied bed. Sample Lao and Thai spiced dishes at the restaurant and peruse antiques from the residence's heyday in the hotel's lobby.

Step into 300-year-old Samode Palace for a taste of the lavish life of a maharaja. With archways, marble pools, bubbling fountains and antiques adorning every room, this hotel delivers a royally good vacation. Enjoy a feast fit for Rajasthani glitterati with a candlelit dinner beneath the stars.

Gilded paintings, red velvet drapes and antique Italian furniture adorn San Domenico House in London. Golden hues are a common feature in this former private residence that wows guests with indulgent touches.

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