



Summer holidays are around the corner. If you haven't already, now is the time to book your getaway. One thing is for certain our favourite summer holiday spots are going to be busier than ever this year. With restrictions lifting in Australia and everyone desperate for a change of scenery it is important to book early. NSW, SA, NT, TAS, and WA will all be open to Queenslanders before Christmas with no need to quarantine at either end. That's a welcome relief! We just need greater Sydney and Victoria to get the tick of approval and we will be one country again.

I bumped into Darren Jack who owns Tall Trees Motel on the Mountain the other day. They are busy with visitors which is great. A couple of things came out of the conversation – hoteliers would rather bookings came through a local Australian travel agency than the big multinational online booking agents. Why? Let's keep the profits in Australia, these overseas based companies don't pay tax here and Darren was saying that surprisingly they collect GST when you book but apparently never transmit the GST to the government! I've been trying to verify this, but these dominant booking engines don't like to discuss these issues oddly enough.

Explore NSW on a driving holiday. Head south visiting the wonderful Tweed Gallery before stopping for a lunch break in delightful Yamba and onto Aanuka Beach, Coffs Harbour for a couple of nights stay along the wide sandy beaches. Driving south stop for a swim at idyllic Burgess Beach near Forster before heading on to The Anchorage in picturesque Port Stephens, renowned for the largest moving sand dunes in the Southern Hemisphere. Discover delightful Bells at Killcare or luxury Pretty Beach House (pictured above) at the mouth of the Hawkesbury River and explore the nearby national parks. Turn inland to linger for a few days at Spicers or The Convent in the Hunter Valley – explore village communities and enjoy wine tasting in the local wineries. From here it is back up the coastal road or head home on the inland route. We have lots of ideas wonderful boutique hideaways to stay.

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