

Sharing the Stories of Australia

One month left for your chance to win!

We are giving away an incredible **\$10,000 Australian holiday** to the best entry in our latest competition. To win all you need to do is submit a photo of your favourite Australian holiday experience with a caption that shows why There's nothing like Australia. Tell your clients and they too can be in to win. The competition closes on March 31 so **enter now!**



There's nothing like...

a sunset stroll along Bussleton Jetty

At 1.8 kilometres long, Bussleton Jetty is the longest timber-plied jetty in the Southern Hemisphere. This iconic Western Australia feature has re-opened earlier this month following an AUD \$27 million refurbishment.

The jetty, which stretches across Geographe Bay, features a Jetty Train, swimming and diving platforms, heritage sculptures and an Underwater Observatory allowing visitors to view the bay's spectacular underwater garden. busseltonjetty.com.au



There's nothing like...

the march of the penguins at Phillip Island

Just 90 minutes from Melbourne, Phillip Island plays host to one of nature's great sights, the iconic Penguin Parade where you can watch in amazement as groups of small penguins make their way across the shore to their beach burrows. visitphillipisland.com



There's nothing like...

sitting round the fire at the Bay of Fires

On Tasmania's North East Coast sits the magnificent coastline known as the Bay of Fires. Combining dramatic azure blue waters and beachscape with indigenous ecology and wildlife, the Bay of Fires offers travellers a breathtaking experience; it was named hottest destination on earth for 2009 by Lonely Planet. discovertasmania.co.nz



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There's nothing like...

getting over your fear of heights at the Blue Mountains

Just 90 minutes' drive from Sydney, the Blue Mountains is a beautiful region, aptly named because of the bluish haze that rises from its eucalyptus trees. The area offers plenty to do and features a number of natural spectacles including caves, national parkland and The Three Sisters rock formation.

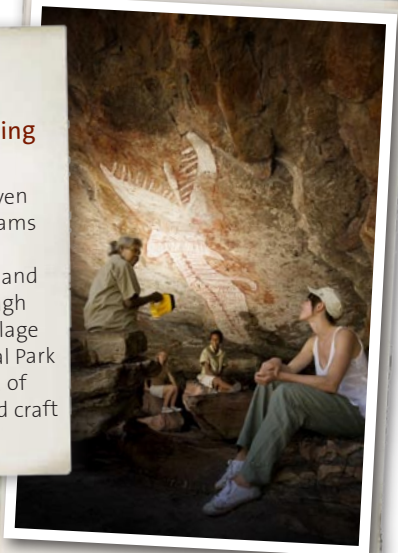
There are many ways to experience the beauty of the region; self-drive, cable cars, railway (the world's steepest), or by walking on the elevated boardwalks and extensive hiking trails. bluemts.com.au



There's nothing like...

finding your own private swimming hole at Tamborine Mountain

Tamborine Mountain is a relaxing haven of lush rainforest, waterfalls and streams about an hour's drive from the Gold Coast. The area is fantastic for hiking and features an elevated boardwalk through the rainforest. At the centre of the village lies the Tamborine Mountain National Park and its Gallery Walk, a unique stretch of galleries, restaurants and antique and craft stores. tamborinemountain.net



There's nothing like...

making new friends at Kangaroo Island

A 2.5 hour ferry ride or a short 30 minute flight from Adelaide will get your clients to Kangaroo Island. Kangaroo is a large, pristine island where your clients can get up close with wildlife including kangaroos, koalas, penguins and sea lions. This wildlife haven also features unique natural landscapes including the Remarkable Rocks, Kelly Hill Caves, Little Sahara's spectacular sand dunes and Admirals Arch. Day and overnight trips are available from Adelaide but a longer stay is highly recommended.

tourkangarooisland.com.au



There's nothing like...

admiring 50,000 year old art

Kakadu is a vast and truly spectacular national park with six dramatically different seasons. With rainforest, red desert, wetlands and waterfalls it is an exciting and beautiful place to explore. The area is also rich in indigenous history and has the most Aboriginal rock art anywhere in the world, which is up to 50,000 years old.

kakadu.com.au



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Emerging Destinations

In a continent as huge and diverse as Australia, there are always incredible new destinations to discover. All over Australia there are hidden gems which will surprise even the most well-travelled of your clients. These are some of the emerging destinations across Australia which are set to be the new hot spots.



Eyre Peninsula, South Australia

With over 2000 kilometres of coastline, it's no surprise that Eyre Peninsula is a fantastic destination for marine experiences. The Seafood and Aquaculture Trail is a seafood lover's dream. The more adventurous can cage dive with great white sharks or swim with tuna, dolphins and sea lions. Visitors to the area are awed by spectacular cliff top views of whales basking in the sun with their young. Inland from Eyre Peninsula's beautiful beaches, the rugged Gawler Ranges offer a true taste of the Outback. An abundance of wildlife, incredible rock formations and glistening white salt lakes make this a region of stunning contrasts.

southaustralia.com/EyrePeninsula

Bendigo, Victoria

Previously a gold mining town, Bendigo is a pretty city with wide streets, beautiful sandstone gardens and colourful gardens. It also has laneway boutique shopping and stylish accommodation in historic buildings. There is also a thriving Chinese community as a result of the Gold Rush and at the Golden Dragon Museum visitors can see the world's largest imperial dragon at over 100 meters long. A fun and educational Talking Tram trip is a great way to see the sights of Bendigo and at the Central Deborah Gold Mine visitors can descend 60 metres underground and follow a circuit of an old gold mine.

bendigotourism.com



South West, Western Australia

A leisurely drive south of Perth, South West Australia features striking coastal and forest scenery as well as superb food and wine. One of the regions many highlights is Margaret River, a gourmet paradise with a wine and food trail allowing visitors to indulge in the regions fantastic produce. The South West region has pristine beaches and bays for swimming, surfing, snorkelling and diving. At the newly refurbished Busselton Jetty you can even descend 12 metres below the surface at the Underwater Observatory and watch the sea life.

The beautiful forests of the area are great for hiking and at the Tree Top Walk in the Valley of the Giants, visitors can walk at 40metres high through the towering trees.

australiassouthwest.com

Orange and Mudgee, New South Wales

Popular with Sydney-siders after an indulgent weekend, Orange and Mudgee are well regarded as fantastic food and wine destinations. Orange has 23 cellar doors on its wine trail and wonderful cafes and restaurants that use fresh local produce. On the second Saturday of each month there is a Farmers Market where visitors can pick up delicious local produce including stone fruits, hazelnuts, cheese, olive oils, venison and duck. Mudgee has beautiful, historic buildings, many from the 1850s and shops and galleries complimented by its thriving arts scene. The Mudgee region also has a wine trail with over 40 cellar doors.

orange-nsw.com, visitmudgeeregion.com.au



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Calendar Down Under

There's nothing like Australia Events

There's nothing like Australia for fantastic events. Help your clients capture their special memories at one of the many iconic and unique events and festivals happening across Australia over the coming months.

Adelaide Rugby Sevens

2-3 April 2011

There's nothing like... great rugby and the party atmosphere at the Adelaide Rugby Sevens. adelaidesevans.com.au

Taste Tamworth

3-17 April 2011

There's nothing like... a really long lunch at Taste Tamworth in New South Wales. tasteoftamworth.com.au

Targa Tasmania

5-10 April 2011

There's nothing like... the world's best touring, sports and GT cars competing across 2000kms of Tasmania's scenic routes and mountain passes. targatasmania.com.au

Garden Week

7-11 April 2011

There's nothing like... a burst of colour at Perth's massive celebration of gardens, landscapes, and outdoor living. gardenweek.com.au

Tutankhamen and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs

8 April-6 November 2011

There's nothing like... seeing the treasures of Tutankhamen's tomb at the greatest exhibition of all time in Melbourne. kingtutmelbourne.com.au

Sydney Comedy Festival

11 April-8 May 2011

There's nothing like... a feast of entertainment with over 300 comedy acts by talented Australian and international comedians. sydneycomedyfest.com.au

Mary Poppins - The Musical

17 April-17 July 2011

There's nothing like... seeing a magical classic on stage in Sydney marypoppinsthemusical.com.au

National Folk Festival

21-25 April 2011

There's nothing like... a cultural celebration of traditional and contemporary music, dance, poetry and storytelling in Canberra. folkfestival.asn.au

International Rally of Queensland

13-15 May 2011

There's nothing like... the fastest drivers in the world turning on an impressive display of skill. rallyqueensland.com.au

Great Ocean Road Marathon

14-15 May 2011

There's nothing like... a marathon on one of the world's most beautiful coastal tracks. greateoceanroadmarathon.com.au

Port Douglas Carnivale

19-29 May 2011

There's nothing like... a seaside town coming alive with music, arts, culture, cuisine and fashion. carnivale.com.au

Melbourne International Jazz Festival

20-28 May 2011

There's nothing like... jazz musicians from around Australia and the world making soulful sounds in Australia's capital of cool. melbournejazz.com

Andrew Lloyd Webber's 'Love Never Dies'

22 May-24 July 2011

There's nothing like... being one of the first to see the sequel to the world's greatest love story – The Phantom of the Opera in Melbourne. LoveNeverDies.com.au

The Dreaming Festival

10-13 June 2011

There's nothing like... experiencing the artistic and cultural expression of Australia's rich indigenous heritage at the Dreaming Festival in Queensland. thedreamingfestival.com

Camel Cup

9 July 2011

There's nothing like... a day at the races in Alice Springs. camelcup.com.au/



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