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Unlock centuries of ancient culture, epic landscapes in desert ochres, rainforest greens framed by turquoise oceans and vibrant cities teeming with rich epicurean scenes with our selection of Insider Access, inspirational encounters and immersive moments.

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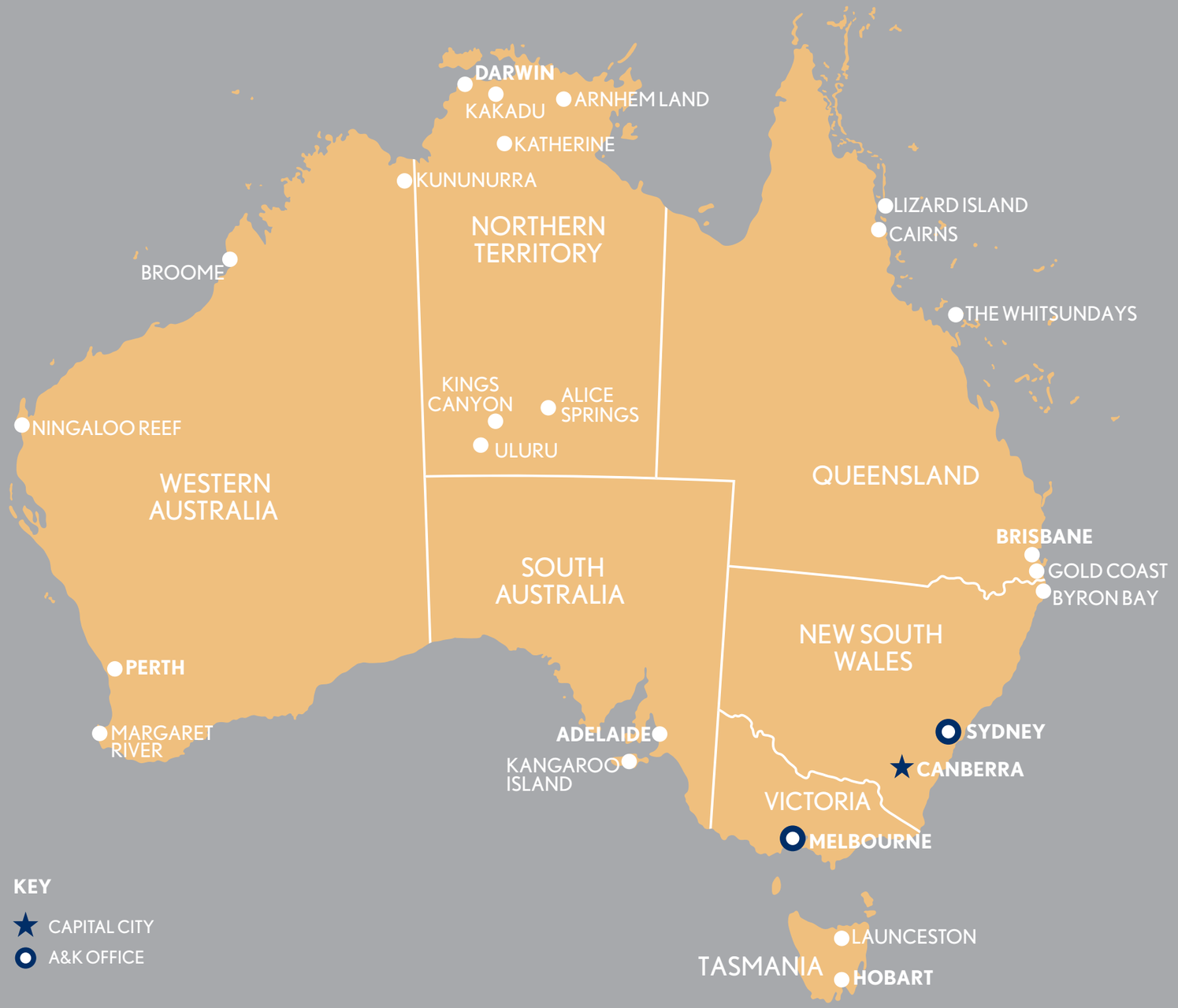

ONLY A&K AUSTRALIA

Exceptional experiences beyond the reach of the average traveller.

The Field of Light at Uluru
With the sun setting to the music of a lone didgeridoo, savour three courses infused with bush tucker flavours as the resident star talker decodes the night sky. Then witness 50,000 glass spheres sparkling as the Field of Light comes to life.

Sunset Turtle Tracks
With special permission granted by the Kenbi Traditional Owners, skim over the tropical, turquoise waters of the Timor Sea to Bare Sand Island and enjoy a guided turtle nest viewing followed by sundowners.

Seaplane to Cottage Point
Travel in spectacular style by seaplane to Cottage Point Inn, perched on the water's edge in the heart of the Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, where an unforgettable dining experience awaits. After a leisurely lunch see Sydney's icons from the air, flying over the Harbour Bridge and Opera House.

Penfolds 'Make Your Own Blend'
An immersive experience for any budding winemaker. After a winery tour and tastings, guests are invited to the Winemakers Laboratory to try their hand at making their own wine varieties.

Star at the Sydney Opera House

Unleash your inner diva with a walk-on role at the Sydney Opera House with Opera Australia. Visit the Opera Australia studio where you'll be fitted with a handmade costume then be guided by the Assistant Director who will run through your performance. After hair and makeup, it's time for your big moment onstage in this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

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Travel Back in Time Through Australia's Ancestral Country

Enjoy a rare opportunity to view centuries old Aboriginal rock art in Arnhem Land. Trace Aboriginal history through some of the finest galleries depicting hunting images and scenes of the first European settlers etched in the stone escarpment. Visit the Gunbalanya Aboriginal community for an opportunity to meet traditional local artists.

Behind the Scenes with the Melbourne Theatre Company

Founded in 1953, Melbourne Theatre Company is the oldest professional theatre company in Australia and Melbourne's home of live storytelling. This is your chance to experience an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of one of the largest theatre companies in the English-speaking world, following a mainstage production in premium seating.

Swim with Whale Sharks at Ningaloo Reef

Right beside the barren red soils of the Cape Range in Western Australia lie the turquoise lagoons of Ningaloo Reef, a hidden gem equally as impressive as the Great Barrier Reef. A visit to the World Heritage-listed site is a unsurpassable bucket-list must. Heaving with dazzling marine life, it's the only place in the country where you can swim with gentle whale sharks or take a dip with the humpback whales on their migration south to Antarctica.

Picnic Island, Tasmania

Gather nine of your closest friends and family and escape to your own private island just offshore from Tasmania's beautiful Freycinet Peninsula. A stay on this wildlife-filled haven can also include a selection of experiences designed to take full advantage of the spectacular surroundings. Gastronomes can savour a Freycinet Lodge lunch, or simply zen out in private luxury.

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Private Chartered Vessel Experience in the Kimberley

Imagine drifting along Australia's breath-taking Kimberley coastline. Marvel at an ancient landscape of vivid contrasting colours, serene blue skies, and sparkling seas as far as the eye can see – the lapping waters and seabirds overhead the only break in your indulgent bubble of serenity. Chartering a superyacht offers the perfect idyllic holiday escape: private, flexible and safe.

Wake up in the Desert with Views From the End of your Bed

The best hotels aren't always hotels. Sometimes they're a luxury lodge with views of the ochre outback from the end of your bed or plunge pool. A beach safari camp hidden among the dunes overlooking a thousand-year-old reef. Or an isolated villa perched on the edge of a secluded island utterly inspired for the deliciously tired.

Longitude 131° Uluru

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LOIS PEELER

Cultural Conservation at Worawa Aboriginal College

Gain unique access to Worawa Aboriginal College, Australia's only boarding high school steeped in Aboriginal values and cultural practices educating Aboriginal girls. Experience an emotive Welcome to Country, before an interpretive walk where Aboriginal guides impart information on their relationship to the land, traditional uses of plants, and historic insight, with a rare opportunity to meet College Principal, Lois Peeler.

ALAN CARLE

Environmental Conservation with Botanical Ark

The Botanical Ark is a private Botanical Garden in the heart of the Daintree Rainforest where the owners, Alan and Susan Carle, are recreating small microcosms of rainforests from four of the world's continents, protecting and preserving the most unique plant species. Enjoy an interpretive garden tour, then enjoy a morning or afternoon tea with an exotic fruit tasting.

CRAIG WEBB

Animal Conservation at Raptor Refuge

The Raptor Refuge was established by Craig Webb to protect Tasmania's natural wildlife and rehabilitate injured birds before releasing them. With three of the largest raptor aviaries in the Southern Hemisphere, you'll gain an exclusive level of access on this private tour. Tour the aviaries then visit the bird cage and exercise area, and observe behind-the-scenes procedures to help care for the birds.

ANDREW RIDLEY

Ocean Conservation with Great Reef Census

Come aboard the luxurious Aroona for your private six-night luxury boat charter taking part in the Great Reef Census, a world-first citizen science effort founded by Andrew Ridley to survey the Great Barrier Reef. Snorkel or dive the reef, take photos, and document what you see. The information is then reviewed by researchers worldwide to study and analyse the data collected.

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Exceptional experiences beyond the reach of the average traveller.

Routeburn Track
Experience one of New Zealand's great walks on a guided hike to the Routeburn Falls Hut. Walk alongside magnificent Routeburn River, and through a beech forest rich in birdlife, with stunning mountain views.

Meet the Endangered Kiwi Bird
Gain a fascinating insight into New Zealand's iconic endangered kiwi at the Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy supported National Kiwi Hatchery Aotearoa. See the incubation room, hatchery and nursery where this extraordinary project is increasing the kiwi count.

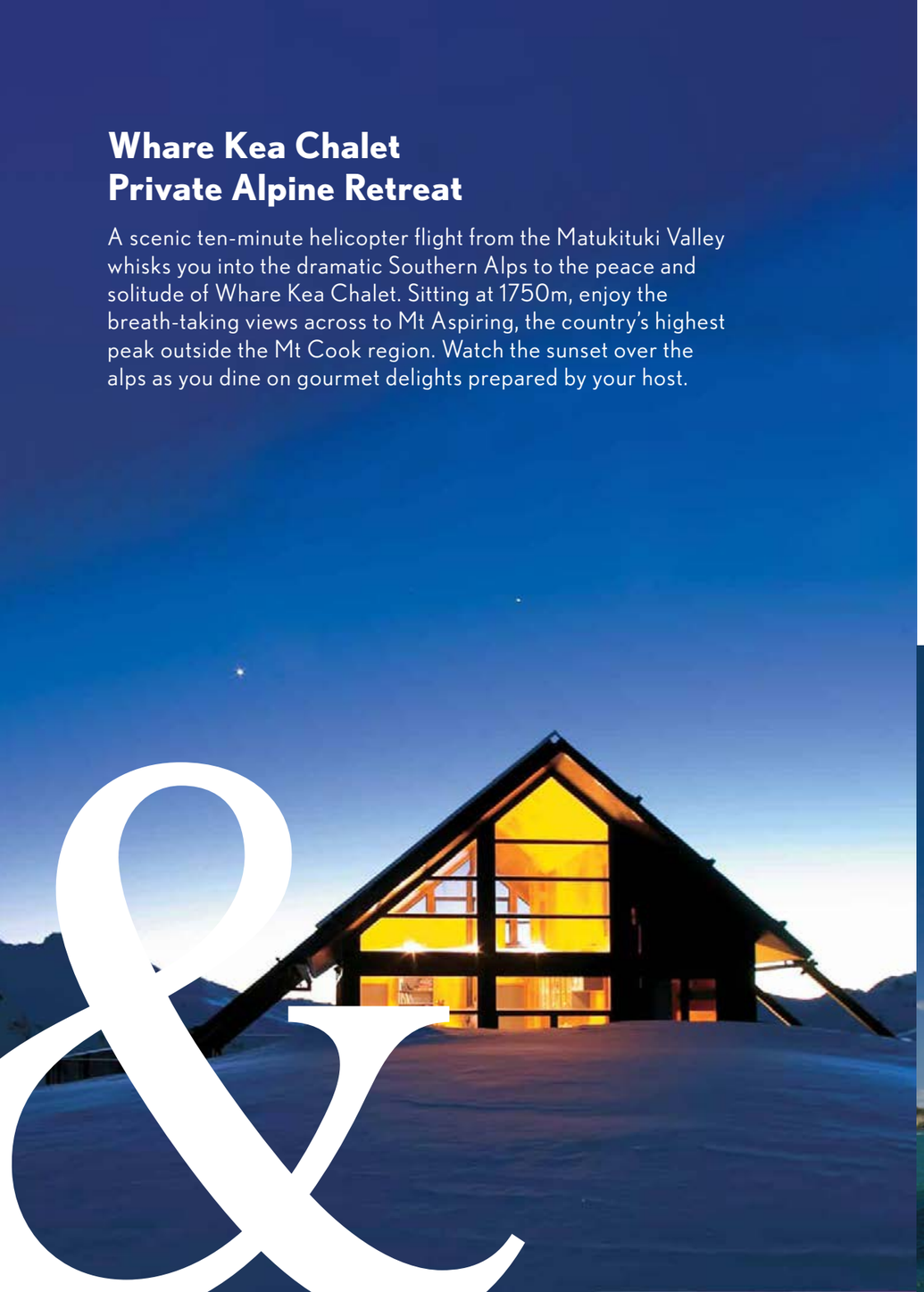
Exclusive South Island Wine Experience
Take a private tour of Gibbston Valley Wines in one of the world's southernmost wine-growing regions. You will be guided around the country's largest wine cave and enjoy private tasting sessions, as well as a delicious two-course lunch accompanied by expertly paired wines.

Glacier Heli Gourmet Adventure

Drink in the spectacular vistas of the South Island's rugged West Coast on a private helicopter adventure over snow-capped mountains, glaciers, lakes and ancient river valleys. Stand atop a pristine glacier in Forbes Mountain Range, touch down on a remote beach and wait in anticipation as divers descend into the depths of the waters in search of fresh crayfish. Next fly the length of majestic Milford Sound before descending into Fiordland Lodge for your delicious crayfish lunch. Continue by air over the breathtaking alpine landscapes before returning to Queenstown.

Whare Kea Chalet
Private Alpine Retreat

A scenic ten-minute helicopter flight from the Matukituki Valley whisks you into the dramatic Southern Alps to the peace and solitude of Whare Kea Chalet. Sitting at 1750m, enjoy the breath-taking views across to Mt Aspiring, the country's highest peak outside the Mt Cook region. Watch the sunset over the alps as you dine on gourmet delights prepared by your host.



Te Papa Museum Maori Taonga (Treasures) Tour

Taking you to the heart of the Te Papa Museum, this hosted cultural tour will weave you through the comprehensive Maori exhibition spaces to experience New Zealand's unique history through stories and objects. Then go behind the scenes to see Maori taonga (treasures) up close, with an opportunity to engage with the collection's staff.
The tour ends with light refreshments.

America's Cup Yachting Experience

The world's oldest and most prestigious sporting trophy and ultimate yachting regatta, experience an exhilarating private sailing adventure with a past or present Team New Zealand member. Take the helm of an America's Cup superyacht, trim the sails, work the grinders or simply sit back and marvel at the scenery of Auckland's beautiful Waitemata Harbour.

The Lindis, North Otago

Fall Asleep in a Remote Alpine Valley

The best hotels aren't always hotels. Sometimes they're a luxury lodge nestled in the rolling contours of a snowy secluded valley with 360° views from your hot tub, a secluded lakefront retreat that feels like your own private island, or an eco-cottage surrounded by lush flora with skylights for night-time stargazing.

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FIONA READ

Cooking Class at Hapuku Kitchen with NZ MasterChef Finalist

Enjoy a hands-on, farm-to-table cooking class on a culinary adventure designed to reconnect the kitchen to the land and sea, while taking inspiration from Kaikoura's wild landscape. Owner and MasterChef finalist, Fiona Read will guide you as you forage in the garden for ingredients before preparing your lunch, under her guidance, with local beer and wine to wash it down.

MARGARET BARKER'S GARDEN

Private Garden Tour of Larnach Castle, Dunedin

Explore New Zealand's only castle, Larnach Castle, built in 1871 by William Larnach. The Barker family purchased the castle in 1967 and spent decades restoring it, decorating it with original period furniture and antiques. Enjoy a private presentation and tour of Margaret Barker's gardens by a garden expert as you learn about Margaret's inspiration. Margaret Barker may guide this tour.

THOMAS BROWN

Private Artist Encounter, Queenstown

Visit the Thomas L Brown Gallery, a former cheese factory built in 1912 and converted into a studio and gallery by Thomas Brown in 1992. Enjoy a visit from the artist himself, an educated man who studied art as a copyist at Paris's Louvre Museum before travelling to Switzerland where he captured the beauty of the Alps in his paintings.

ULVA GOODWILLIE

World's Southernmost Conservation Program at Ulva Island, Endorsed by Prince Harry

Ulva Island is a bird sanctuary located at New Zealand's southernmost tip. Tours are conducted by the passionate and knowledgeable Ulva Goodwillie. Named after her island home, Ulva is a direct descendant of the first Maori peoples of Stewart Island. On this tour, you'll learn about the native flora and fauna from a Maori and local Stewart Island perspective.

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