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HELLO



Tourism Australia acknowledges the Traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Owners of the land, sea and waters of the Australian

continent, and recognises their custodianship of culture and Country for over 65,000 years.

WELCOMING FIVE NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome and introduce five new businesses joining the Discover Aboriginal Experiences portfolio in 2024, taking the collective to 49 members that offer over 200 Aboriginal guided experiences spanning the breadth of the Australian continent in both urban and regional locations.

Mabu Buru Tours and **Kimberley Cultural Adventures**, both in Western Australia; **Budj Bim Cultural Landscape Tourism** in Victoria; **Southern Cultural Immersion** in South Australia; and **Jarramali Rock Art Tours** in Queensland have joined **Discover Aboriginal Experiences**. More information on the experiences they offer can be found below.

We are in the process of updating our website with information on our new members and the latest experiences changes. Please make sure you bookmark the site to keep up to date on our member experiences.

Remember to like and follow us @discoveraboriginalexperiences and tag #dae and #discoveraboriginalexperiences in your posts.

Many thanks Nicole

EXPERIENCES UPDATE



Budj Bim Cultural Landscape Tourism, VIC

Located in southwestern Victoria, the Gunditjmara-owned and -operated Tae Rak Aquaculture Centre stands on a unique UNESCO World Heritage site, listed solely for its Aboriginal cultural significance. This extraordinary region bears evidence of one of the world's oldest and most extensive aquaculture systems, dating back over 6,600 years.

[Budj Bim Cultural Landscape Tourism](#) offers cultural tours led by Gunditjmara guides, discovering ancient lava flows, fish traps, eel smoking trees and remnants of Aboriginal stone huts.



Southern Cultural Immersion, SA

Kimberley Cultural Adventures, WA

Guide Robert Dann's passion and love of his Country, culture and the Broome region is the drive and inspiration [behind Kimberley Cultural Adventures](#). The tours allow Robert to share the full story of the region's First Nations people as well as his cultural knowledge, family history and experiences. You'll also hear stories of how Broome became the centre of the world's pearling industry, explore forgotten roads and historic landmarks, and hear the local stories connected to them.

Robert also offers a tour of the Beagle Bay Mission – visit the Sacred Heart Church and discover Aboriginal tales from the mission days



Mabu Buru Tours, WA

[Southern Cultural Immersion](#) (SCI) is based at Living Kurna Cultural Centre in Adelaide/Tarntanya, from where you can partake in experiences led by an Aboriginal guide to explore native flora and bush tucker, and visit important cultural sites.

Tours include the one-hour Warriparinga Cultural & Historical Tour which includes an immersive walk through the stunning Warriparinga Wetlands, a one-hour Adelaide CBD Cultural Tour and a one-hour Cultural Tour of the Adelaide Botanic Gardens.

Discover Australia's rich Aboriginal heritage with [Mabu Buru Tours](#). Accompanied by Johani, a proud Karrajarri, Bardi, Nyul Nyul and Yawuru man, explore the landscapes around Broome, savour seasonal fruits, meet local wildlife, and delve into ancient lore and traditions.

The four-night experience - Broome's Ultimate Aboriginal Cultural Expedition - combines elements of the other tours including a Cable Beach Murwarri talk, traditional dance, visit to Dampier Peninsula, plus a cruise in Roebuck Bay.



Jarramali Rock Art Tours, QLD

Jarramali Rock Art Tours has returned to the Discover Aboriginal Experiences portfolio. Offering day or overnight trips from Laura in northern Queensland, as well as helicopter transfers from Cairns or Port Douglas, the [tours](#) explore



Voyages Indigenous Tourism Australia – Ayers Rock Resort, NT

Just three months after the launch of Wintjiri Wiru, the world-first cultural storytelling experience brought to life by ground-breaking drone and laser technology,

jaw-dropping Quinkan art galleries, which UNESCO recognises as one of the 10 most significant rock-art sites in the world. Through hidden rock art, delve deeper and unravel the ancient stories of the Kuku Yalanji people to learn more about Australia's Indigenous history, a culture that has been continuously active longer than any other culture on the planet.



Ngurrangga Tours – new experiences

[Ngurrangga Tours](#) will be offering three new experiences in 2024:

Night Time Tour – Campfire Yarns (on demand or scheduled)

Find yourself immersed in an idyllic Pilbara sunset in a secluded spot at Hearson's Cove whilst learning traditional hunting and foraging methods. Sit around a fire, under the stars, and learn Ancient Aboriginal stories shared for

[Voyages Indigenous Tourism Australia](#) is adding a third nightly show - [Wintjiri Wiru Twilight](#).

Twilight guests enjoy Australian wines together with a delicious cheese and dessert selection while marvelling at the beauty of Uluru's silhouette in twilight. When darkness falls, guests enjoy the fully immersive 20-minute drone, sound and light experience.



Nitmiluk Tours – group experiences

[Nitmiluk Tours](#) now offers two cultural presentations allowing groups to gain a deeper understanding of Jawoyn Culture first hand. The presentations are available on request from May to October for groups of over 10 people.

[Footsteps of our Ancestors \(2hrs\)](#)

This two-hour cultural presentation provides an insight to the Jawoyn

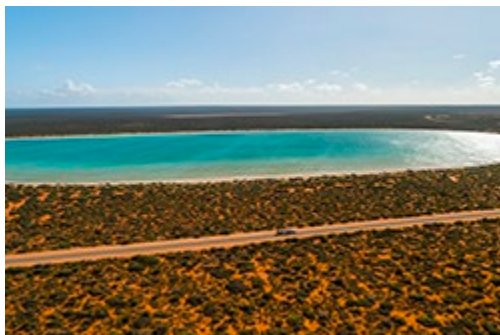
thousands of years. Finish up with a Corroboree (Ngunda/a traditional dance) by the campfire.

Ngunda (Corroboree – Traditional Dance) (on demand)

Dancers will lead a traditional dance performance, known as Ngunda. A unique and rare experience, the song and dance have been passed down for generations and are used as a storytelling tool.

Kangaroo Tail Cook Up (on demand)

Enjoy a traditional cook up as Ngurrangga guides cook kangaroo tails in the ground the traditional way while sharing their insights into hunting, gathering and importantly how food and cooking brings everyone together.



Wula Gura Nyinda Eco Cultural Adventures

Culture. Indigenous guides provide information on traditional activities such as basket weaving, spear throwing, fire lighting, painting, and didgeridoo playing.

Footsteps of our Ancestors – Hands on Experience (5hrs)

Gain an deeper understanding of Jawoyn culture on a hands-on cultural experience. Spend the day with the Jawoyn people, sharing their culture, learning their ways and trying some of the skills developed over thousands of years. Activities include basket weaving, spear throwing, fire lighting, painting, and learning the didgeridoo. A traditional meal of kangaroo tail and barbequed meat served with a selection of fresh salads will be served for lunch.



Pamagirri Aboriginal Experience at Rainforestation Nature Park - groups

Visitors to Gutharraguda (Shark Bay region) can now explore the beautiful South Peron area with an Aboriginal guide on a [Hamelin Pool Stromatolites 4WD Tour](#) with Wula Gura Nyinda Eco Cultural Adventures. Locations include the world-famous stromatolites at Hamelin Pool, referred to as "Our Old People" by local Nhanda and Malgana Aboriginal people, Shell Beach, Goulet Bluff, Fowlers Camp and Eagle Bluff.

[Pamagirri Aboriginal Experience at Rainforestation](#) offers a number of activities for groups. As a large group alternative to the Rainforest Walkabout, the Pamagirri Yarning Circle seats the guests for an open conversation with the Pamagirri Guide. Guests are invited to explore their own areas of interest from traditional culture to how Indigenous Australians today "walk in two worlds". Minimum: 12 pax.

RESOURCES UPDATE



DISCOVER ABORIGINAL EXPERIENCES FOR BUSINESS EVENTS

Discover Aboriginal Experiences can offer immersive experiences to business event participants ranging from one-hour, half-day or full-day experiences or even as part of a multi-day residential conference or incentive program. Activities might involve tasting bush foods, participating in dot-painting art classes, discovering ancient rock art, hunting for mud crabs with Aboriginal guides, kayaking, quad biking or superb outback dining under a canopy of stars. Find out more click [here](#).



Connect to Country shortlisted

Discover Aboriginal Experiences' Digital Magazine, [Connect to Country](#) was shortlisted for Custom Publication of the Year in this year's Mumbrella Publish Awards as well as 'Best Use of Content in Travel Marketing in 2023.' The magazine is a fantastic vehicle to shine the light on the amazing experiences offered by DAE members. We welcome our partners to use and share the magazine and / or repurpose the content.

Check out the latest issue of the magazine [here](#).



ATSI Cultural Reference Guide

Tourism Australia has updated its Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Guide. The guide aims to provide easily accessible and informative resources for learning and writing about Australia's Indigenous cultures and tourism experiences. It provides information on Terminology, Indigenous History and Identity, Language, Spirituality, Visiting Indigenous Communities and more.

Download the guide [here](#).

MEMBER NEWS



Best Ever Food Review Show

One of the biggest foodie tourism names on YouTube, Influencer Sonny from [Best Ever Food Review Show](#) travels the world on the hunt for the best food each country has to offer and shares these stories on YouTube.

DAE Member, Ngurrangga Tours was featured in three videos one of which has received over 2.5 million views to date.

Watch the episode [here](#).



Anangu Communities Foundation

The Anangu Communities Foundation is a charitable trust established by Voyages Indigenous Tourism Australia. The trust works with Anangu through local organisations to fund projects in the Ngaanyatjarra, Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara (NPY) region in Central Australia that address inequity and demonstrate positive outcomes, making a positive outcome in Anangu communities.

There are number of ways to donate, to find out more click [here](#).

MEDIA



Media results

DAE actively targets media for coverage for our members and we would like to share some of the recent features secured - an article on Tasmania's wukalina Walk and an article on Bush Food featuring a number of DAE Operators.

[The Next Superfoods May Come from Australia | Travel | Smithsonian Magazine](#)
[The hike making Australia a better place - BBC Travel](#)



Luxury Travel Gold List awards

Two DAE members have been shortlisted under the Indigenous Experience category of the 2023 [Luxury Travel Gold List Awards](#) – Mandingalbay Authentic Indigenous Tours and Voyages Indigenous Tourism – Ayers Rock Resort.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES OF AUSTRALIA NEWS



New member for Australian Wildlife Journeys

An exclusive day tour to the Great Barrier Reef's Frankland Islands showcasing rivers, rainforests and reefs, is the latest addition to the [Australian Wildlife Journeys](#) (AWJ) collective.

As part of the Entrada Travel Group portfolio, [Frankland Island Reef Cruises](#) is the only commercial operator with a permit to visit Normanby Island in the beautiful Frankland Islands National Park Island group, home to vibrant fringing reefs and a vast array of marine species.



Mandoon Estate acknowledges Traditional Owners

Mandoon Estate, one of the [Ultimate Winery Experiences of Australia](#), has rebadged its onsite accommodation to reflect its commitment and connection to Country.

Formerly known as 'The Colony', the name of the 32-room retreat in Western Australia's Swan Valley near Perth has been changed to 'Maya Maya' – meaning 'camp' in local language. The land on which Mandoon Estate now resides was a popular camping location for the Whadjuk Noongar people, due to its rich resources.

Visitors to Mandoon can enjoy a [Talk](#) with DAE Operator and Noongar Elder, Dale Tilbrook.

UWEA welcomes three new wineries

[Ultimate Winery Experiences Australia](#) welcomes three new members to their collective, taking the total to 29 members. [Artisans of Barossa](#) (Barossa, SA), known for their exceptional wines, [Killeen](#) (Rutherglen, VIC) with their rich

winemaking heritage, and [Swinging Bridge](#) (Orange, NSW) renowned for their distinct regional flavours, enhance the collective with their diverse wine offerings.

NEWS IN BRIEF

We are currently working with our members to get their product updates for the upcoming contracting season and will continue to keep you updated via our newsletter and resources.

MEMBER CHANGES

Please note that from January 2024 Culture Connect, Queensland will no longer be a member of the DAE program.

Spirits of the Red Sand, Queensland has ceased operating.

CEASED OPERATIONS

The following tours have ceased operating:

Rainforestation Mini Mob experience

Waringarri Aboriginal Arts & Tours – On Country Tour

DAE OPERATOR NAME CHANGES

Down Under Tours – Daintree Dreaming (formerly Adventure North)

Burrawa Aboriginal Climb Experience (formerly Burrawa Indigenous Climb Experience)

SEIT – Patji (formerly SEIT Outback Australia)

SEIT – Daintree Rainforest (small group touring of Daintree region)

TOUR NAME CHANGES

Saltwater Eco Tours Native Foods & Bushtucker Cruise now called Bushtucker Cruise

Top Didj Cultural Tour – now called Tales & Traditions (tour content also changed – art experience removed)

Congratulations to Rainforestation celebrating 30 years of Indigenous collaboration, evolving the Pamagirri Aboriginal Experience into a renowned attraction in Tropical North Queensland.

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