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## HELLO LIZ



*In the spirit of reconciliation, Tourism Australia acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging.*

# THE COOLEST ABORIGINAL EXPERIENCES THIS WINTER

Winter is upon us, cooling the country and bringing with it new flora and fauna, and new opportunities to experience nature's bounty. So instead of retreating indoors, we recommend you use the next few months to explore fresh and seasonal offerings in the Discover Aboriginal Experiences portfolio – there's plenty to inspire in the stories below.

If you're looking for a little extra reading, check out [Issue 5 of our Connect to Country](#) digital magazine, as well as the [Discover Aboriginal Experiences](#) website including the dedicated [Media Portal](#) that houses all the latest resources including an extensive Media Kit. All are packed with fascinating stories that reveal the different ways you can take a deep dive into the world's oldest living culture.

And as always, if you would like to experience any of the DAE offerings in person (we have more than 40 members and 160 experiences), please get in touch so we can help you set up a story.



## NAIDOC celebration

NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee) week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year to celebrate and recognise the

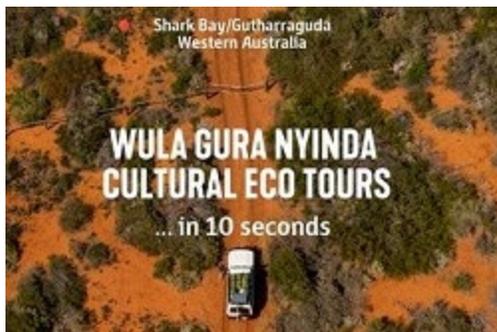


## In the news...

Did you know that new research shows Aussies spent \$3 billion on Indigenous cultural experiences, in addition to \$1.3 billion by international visitors? There's a boom in demand for good reason,

history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This year's theme is For Our Elders. During NAIDOC Week Burrawa Indigenous Climb Experience will be running [extra climbs](#) with \$100 of the ticket price donated to charity partner, [Tribal Warrior](#). If you're based in Australia, celebrate the oldest continuous living cultures by participating in an Indigenous experience with one of the [DAE operators](#).

with savvy operators offering experiences that not only inspire, but also educate on a culture that's more than 65,000 years old. Contact us for quotes to accompany your next story on why Australia's Aboriginal tourism initiatives are booming right now, and to get quotes from some of the most prominent voices in the industry.



## Let's get social

Are you following us? Discover Aboriginal Experiences recently launched dedicated Facebook and Instagram channels to update you on members and news. Please like and follow us [@discoveraboriginalexperiences](#) and tag [#dae](#) and [#discoveraboriginalexperiences](#) in your posts. You will be able to keep up with the latest news and

## New images and videos

Tourism Australia has recently completed a nationwide content creation initiative. New imagery and footage for up to 1,500 tourism experiences, including many Discover Aboriginal Experiences product, is now available on our [video](#) and [image](#) galleries. You can search for DAE images and videos via a dedicated Discover Aboriginal Experiences

great posts you can share that showcase Aboriginal Australia.



### Connect to Country Issue 5

Issue 5 of our quarterly [Connect to Country](#) digital magazine, dedicated to telling the stories of Discover Aboriginal Experiences members, is out now. In this edition we provide you with a bucket-list of experiences in areas so incredible that they have been recognised by UNESCO for their Outstanding Universal Value to Humanity. We highlight Indigenous food experiences that combine a love of fine dining with an interest in Aboriginal cultures and in our Upskill feature you will discover where you can recreate the distinctive X-ray painting style found in rock art galleries throughout the Top End, or the more contemporary dot painting techniques that began in the Central Desert in the 1970s. Feel

drop-down menu on the home page.



### Uluru in a new light

You don't need a reason to visit Uluru, the spiritual heart of Australia. But if you're looking for one, make it the brand new Wintjiri Wiru nightly drone show. Launched by Voyages Indigenous Tourism Australia at Ayers Rock Resort, the fully immersive light and sound show combines ancient Anangu storytelling with state-of-the-art drone (there are 1,100 of them) and laser light technology. There are two experiences to try: [Wintjiri Wiru Sunset Dinner](#) and [Wintjiri Wiru After Dark](#).

*As custodians of the land, Anangu hold the Mala story from Kaltukatjara to Uluru. To share their story from Kaltukatjara to Uluru, RAMUS designed and produced an artistic platform using drones, light and sound*

free to re-purpose any content to promote DAE experiences.



### New WA Ngurrangga tour

Happening monthly on a new moon, Ngurrangga Tours is offering a [New Night Time Tour experience](#). Enjoy an idyllic Pilbara sunset in a secluded spot at Hearson's Cove while learning traditional hunting and foraging methods. Sit around a fire under the stars, and learn Ancient Aboriginal stories shared for millennia. Finish up with a Corroboree/Ngunda (a traditional dance) by the campfire.

*to create an immersive storytelling experience.*



### Kakadu calling

Winter is the time to visit the Top End of Australia. The rains pause, the humidity drops and daytime temperatures are perfect for swimming in waterholes and cruising along billabongs on the lookout for crocs. Time your travels right and you can spend your evening at the Kakadu Full Moon Feast, a new experience operated by [Kakadu Tourism](#). This four-course meal explores the seasons of Kakadu, spotlighting native produce and accompanied by drinks, storytelling and entertainment. Mark your calendar for the Saturday closest to the month's full moon.



## Starry nights

Winter is also the ideal time to explore the Western Australian coast. And we highly recommend you do just that in the company of legendary guide Dean ‘Capes’ Capewell. Capes is the founder of [Wula Gura Nyinda Eco Cultural Adventures](#), which offers kayaking adventures around the Shark Bay region of the state. For many people, a few hours in the company of Capes is not enough... it’s a good thing he has launched a two-day camping [tour](#) introducing travellers to the raw and untamed beauty of Steep Point, South Passage and Zuytdorp Cliffs. Paddle across sheltered bays, land on deserted beaches, swim over glorious coral reefs, catch and cook your own seafood, camp on the beach and listen to the ancient sounds of the didgeridoo under a starlit sky.



## Meet our new members

The Discover Aboriginal Experiences portfolio comprises more than 40 Aboriginal-owned and-operated businesses offering exceptional experiences. We’re delighted to welcome two new members: [Mandingalbay Authentic Indigenous Tours](#), and [Saltwater Eco Tours](#). Mandingalbay’s guides lead the Hands on Country Eco Tour from Cairns, as well as the new Deadly After Dark, a two-hour experience every Friday night. Guests will cruise across the inlet learning about the cultural landscape before arriving at the specially built Yulu (stingray) Shelter. The tour includes a bush-tucker feast. Meanwhile, Saltwater Eco Tours experiences see you cruising the Mooloolaba coast, perhaps enjoying a feast featuring native produce or floating at sunset with a glass of bubbles in hand.



## SPOTLIGHT ON OUR PEOPLE

It's not only the remarkable adventures and extraordinary destinations that make the Discover Aboriginal Experiences portfolio so memorable – it's also the people, from Indigenous artists to knowledgeable guides and bush-tucker gurus. Wadandi Cultural Custodian, Josh Whiteland, provides guests with the opportunity to taste native foods, discover bush medicine and experience traditional fire lighting on his tours in the Margaret River, Yallingup and Dunsborough regions south of Perth/Boorloo in Western Australia on his Koomal Dreaming tours. His tours to nearby Ngilgi Cave are truly special. "I was going into the cave to play the didgeridoo and I thought: 'Why not bring people with me?'" says Josh. It's a natural amphitheatre dripping in stalactites, stalagmites and beautifully coloured shawls. "The acoustics are incredible. You couldn't get a better sound with an amplifier. People love it." [Koomal Dreaming](#) will be announcing new food tours departing summer 2023 with lunch and dinner options.

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