



SWELL LODGE

CHRISTMAS ISLAND

Secluded Luxury


Swell Lodge

There's nowhere else in the world you can sleep in a wildlife-filled National Park and gaze out over kilometres of uninhabited coastline from your bed, in such complete luxury & privacy. Here at last, you can relax and reconnect.

Perched on a sea cliff on the far side of one of Australia's most fascinating islands, Swell Lodge is the world's most exclusive eco-lodge: Just two luxury eco-chalets offering all-inclusive packages with daily guided activities, limitless bar and pantry, Wi-Fi and a personal chef serving gourmet cuisine created from fresh local produce – just for you.

Featuring a glass front opening to an expansive ocean-sunset deck where seabirds soar past at eye-level; a luxurious Italian-tiled ensuite bathroom with views into the jungle from your hot shower; king size bed; stone bench tops; glass sculptures; canvas-side walls with massive zip-down meshed windows; Haiku ceiling fan and more... Every piece of this remarkable, 100% solar-powered wilderness escape has been carried in and assembled by hand in the middle of one of Australia's most amazing National Parks, on Christmas Island.





“Life is too short
to miss Swell Lodge...”

“Falling asleep with the stars, sleeping
to the ocean, delicious meals and
amazing tours - beyond brilliant!
Our souls are richer for our
visit to Christmas Island.”

~ M. Cole, 2018

Christmas Island

1,500km northwest of the mainland, the stunning tropical paradise of Christmas Island is known as the 'Galapagos of the Indian Ocean' and is Australia's best-kept secret.


Just 16km wide, this tiny green jewel is a wonderland of experiences - more than enough to fill a week - and many are within easy walking distance of your eco-chalet - but we can drive you anyway.

Christmas Island is overflowing with rare and unusual birds and incomprehensible numbers of crabs - including the famous red crabs. There are beautiful boardwalks through RAMSAR-listed wetlands to refreshing jungle waterfalls you can stand under and out to a whole coastline of spectacular blowholes. Turtles nest on several secluded sandy beaches you can relax on, there are caves you can swim in, vine-draped rainforest trails to walk through and some of the world's best snorkelling and diving in the crystal-clear, warm 28°C (82°F) ocean, with a kaleidoscope of coral, fish, dolphins and in the right season even whale sharks.

[63% National Park, 1700 people, 23-29°C all year, 250+ endemic species]



Christmas Island

A woman in a red bikini stands with her back to the camera, walking through a shallow pool of water at the base of a waterfall. The waterfall is composed of multiple cascades over mossy rocks. The scene is set in a lush, green forest. On the right side, the sun is shining brightly, creating a strong lens flare effect that illuminates the scene. A large, dark circular graphic is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing white text.

“I have been to
many places on this
Earth, and Christmas
Island is one of the
most fantastic.”

~ Dick Smith, Australian entrepreneur
& adventurer.


In the Air

Christmas Island is a bird-watcher's heaven, home to a rich variety of rare and unusual endemic species, many of which you can see right from your balcony - and our guides know where to find the others!

Two of Australia's rarest raptors live here, the C. I. hawk-owl and goshawk, as well as other endemics including the C. I. emerald dove, frigatebird, golden bosun with its theatrically long tail, imperial pigeon and white-eye. The tallest trees on the plateau - some towering 50m high - are the only place on Earth where the critically endangered Abbott's booby nests. These are the largest booby in the world, and we are also home to the smallest, the red-footed booby, as well as brown boobies, red-tailed tropicbirds, terns and also an endemic flying fox!

Having evolved without predators and human settlement commencing just 130 years ago, the birdlife and other animals are wonderfully relaxed, allowing unforgettably intimate encounters. Standing on your balcony watching soaring seabirds, they will often circle back to take a closer look at you. Inquisitive thrushes may follow you through the forest and fluffy booby chicks peer out curiously from coastal rocks.





“We've enjoyed
everything about
this unique, remote
paradise!”

~ B & J Rodgers 2018

On the Land

Christmas island's most famous inhabitants are its 40 million red crabs. These chilled out crustaceans spend most of the year manicuring the jungle floor. When the rainy season starts however, they all embark on one of the largest migrations in the animal kingdom, down to the coast to spawn. This astonishing spectacle, forcing road closures and traffic chaos every October through to January, is rated by Sir David Attenborough as one of his top 10 natural wonders on Earth. The sudden return a month later of millions of tiny baby crabs emerging from the sea as a living red carpet flowing back up into the jungle is perhaps even more remarkable.

In addition to the red crab, there's the blue crab, two different purple crabs, 10 other endemic land crabs and the largest land-living invertebrate, the coconut (a.k.a. 'robber') crab with a leg-span of 1m!

Christmas Island also has endemic reptiles including the giant gecko and two that are extinct in the wild - Lister's gecko and blue-tailed skink - but thanks to a successful breeding program which you can visit, both are now being re-introduced! There are also several unique plants, and even glow-in-the-dark mushrooms!



"A wonderful
experience for our kids,
and ourselves! The birds,
crabs, lizards and plants are
amazing. The Swell Lodge
team took such good
care of us!"

~ Cole Family, 2018



Under the Sea

Christmas Island boasts some of the best snorkelling, scuba diving and freediving in the world, with water temperatures remaining a balmy 26-29°C year-round. Underwater visibility usually exceeds 30 metres even right from the jetty in Flying Fish Cove, where the kaleidoscope of colourful reef fish makes even the Barrier Reef look dull.

There are resident pods of spinner dolphins, turtles, giant trevally, parrot fish, clownfish, tuna, friendly reef sharks, clams, shipwrecks, caves and in the right season, manta rays and whale sharks.

Swim just 50 metres from shore and you realise the island is just the tip of a steep underwater volcano, encircled by some of the longest drop-off dive walls in the world - perfect for freediving.

Snorkelling gear is included with every stay, along with a boat trip if you stay 4 or more nights, weather permitting. It's the perfect place to learn to snorkel, even if you (or your kids) have never tried before. Scuba diving can also be arranged, and accredited freediving lessons.



**“An absolutely
fabulous time on an
exceptional island!
We will be back!”**

~ R & D Parsons, 2019





Exceptionally Eco

Swell Lodge is privileged to exist inside a National Park, beside a RAMSAR wetland. We're governed by strict environmental regulations and use the latest technology to ensure your stay has minimal impact on this pristine environment.

- ✓ 100% solar-powered - each eco-chalet has a 1.4KW solar array saving over 750kgs of CO2/yr, and solar hot water.
- ✓ Modern, odourless, waterless, composting toilet in each Italian-tiled ensuite bathroom which you will love.
- ✓ Compostable coffee pods, tea bags and bin liners, bio-degradable & refillable shower gels, soaps etc.
- ✓ Crab-mobile - crab-safe attachments for vehicles to safely bump crabs out of the way during migration.
- ✓ Carbon Neutral - we invest in planting native trees with Green Feet to offset lodge vehicle emissions.
- ✓ Eco-lessons - visit Park's reptile breeding and bird rehabilitation centre and help marine debris cleanups.

“We feel so
very fortunate to
have experienced
the magic of
Swell Lodge”

~ Dan & Jahna, 2019



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ACTION CERTIFIED ✓
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CERTIFIED ✓
advanced ecotourism



One Guest

\$1,495 AUD per night

Two Guests

\$1,795 AUD per night

Three Guests

\$2,295 AUD per night

Price is correct as of October 2023, but is subject to change. Booking terms and conditions apply.
Bed configuration: Two-singles or one king size, sofa folds flat into an extra bed for a third guest if needed.

All-inclusive Packages

All stays at Swell Lodge are all-inclusive with airport pickups, daily guided activities tailored to suit your needs, Wi-Fi, Spotify, complimentary snorkel gear, all meals and unlimited drinks - even a private chef who comes to cook gourmet cuisine using fresh local ingredients right on your ocean deck. From the moment you step off the plane and meet your guide, all your needs will be taken care of.

Your daily guided activities will depend on the length of your stay, but may include jungle walks to refreshing waterfalls, secluded beaches, lookouts, natural rock pools, blowholes, plenty of crabs, amazing birdlife, caves you can swim in, Parks bird feeding, cove snorkels - even a snorkel boat charter out to look for dolphins, giant trevally and in the right season, even whale sharks!

Christmas Island is incredibly diverse and you'll never run out of things to do! We have a minimum 3-night stay, however to get the most out of your journey, most guests stay for 7-nights which is what we recommend.

Optional paid extras include scuba diving, freediving classes, fishing etc.



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Special Interests

Throughout the year, we sometimes host week-long specialist experience packages including photography, freediving, art, running and citizen science programs. These all-inclusive weeks combine the best of the island's main attractions too. Check SwellLodge.com for offerings or make a request.

VIP Packages

Swell Lodge is unique in its ability to offer complete seclusion and true privacy for celebrities, royals and other VIPs who long to escape the spotlight and genuinely relax in paradise.

We have guests fly in by private jet, book out both eco-chalets for exclusivity and enjoy especially tailored experiences for an unforgettable holiday escape.

With the entire west coast completely uninhabited except for Swell Lodge, each eco-chalet hidden from the other, and our chef preparing meals right on your deck, guest privacy is complete. Even back in town, the tiny community is so relaxed that they don't even care when celebrities pass through.

A woman in a blue dress is standing on a balcony, holding a glass of champagne. The background is a sunset sky with clouds. The balcony has a metal railing. The woman is looking down at the glass in her hand.

“One of the
most beautiful places
I have ever stayed!
Unforgettable!”

~ Alina & Uli, 2019

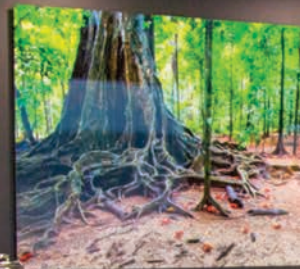
When to Come

We're open April through December. You don't have to come during migration (Oct - Jan depending on rain) to see our crabs - they're here all year. Migration is spectacular (it's also whale shark season), but many roads close making it hard to access the island's other attractions and it's often rainy. Some years, a month after spawning baby crabs return. Birds nest from about April/May onwards, and the weather just gets better all year, until it rains again, triggering the next migration!

Getting Here

Virgin Australia flies from Perth (Australia) to Christmas Island usually twice a week.
Private jet is also available.

Bookings [SwellLodge.com](https://www.swelllodge.com)
or call us on (+61) 1300 790 207



“Best views
in the world!
Stunning! Thank
you very much!”

~ A. Opris, 2020



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5.0 Excellent





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