

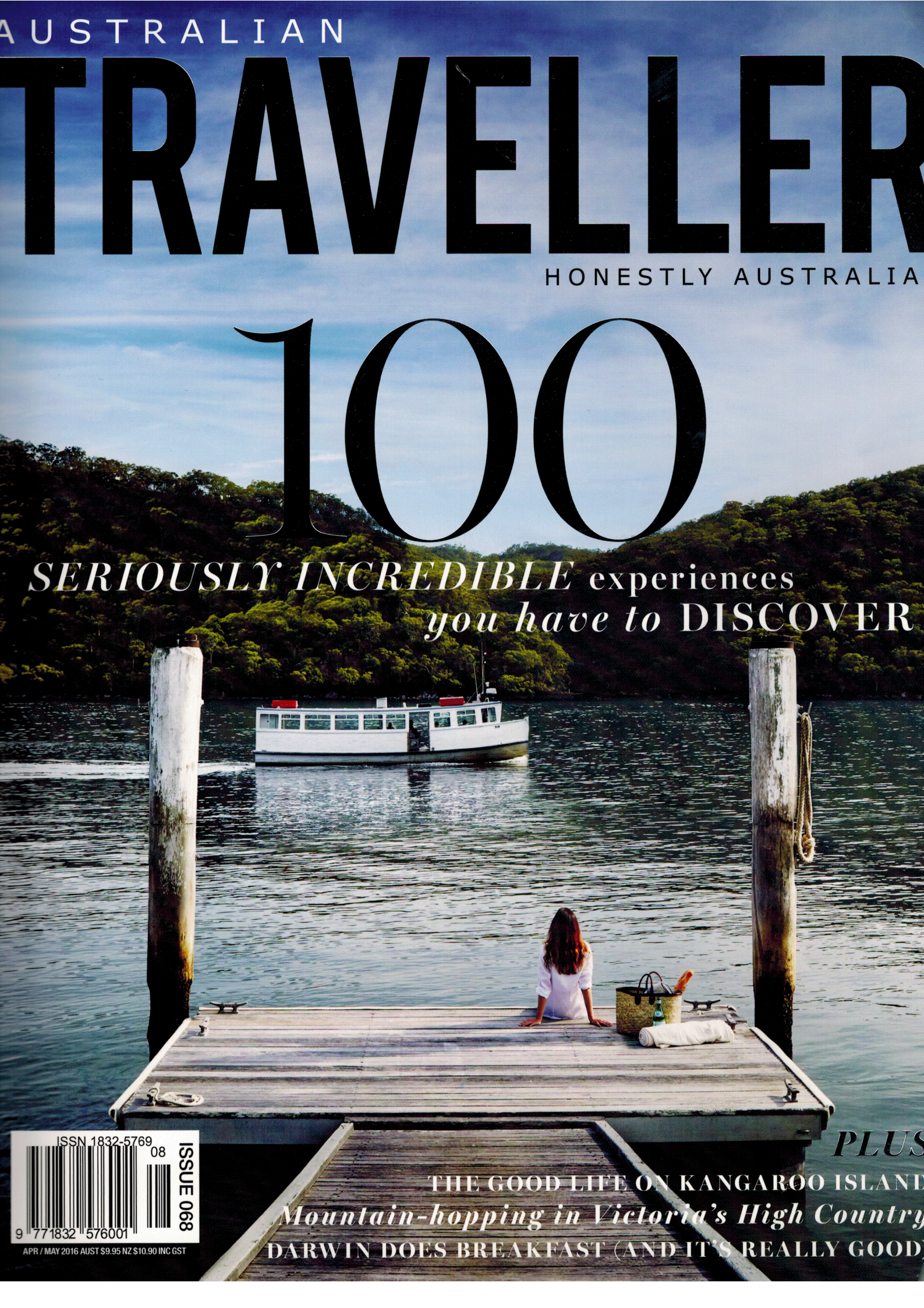
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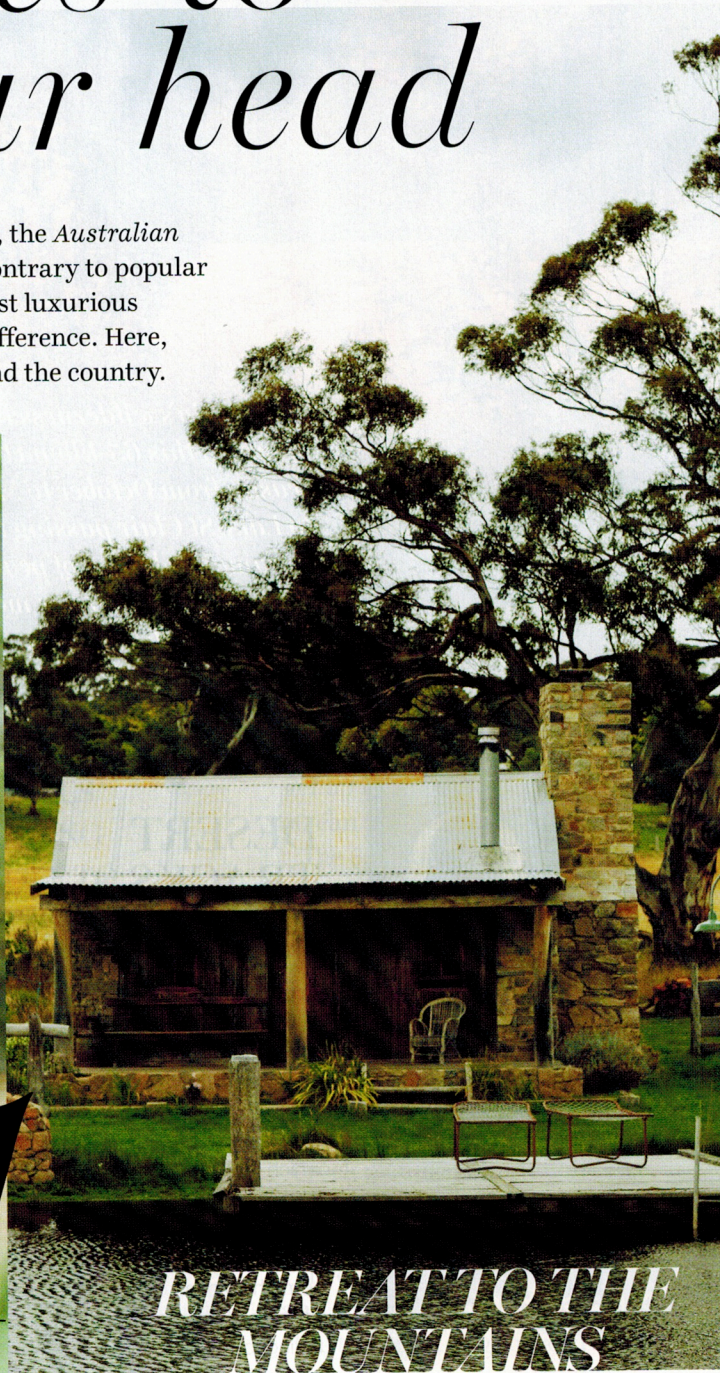
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places to lay your head

Having stayed in amazing accommodation across the country, the *Australian Traveller* team is often asked what our favourite places are. Contrary to popular opinion, what we consider to be the 'best' is not always the most luxurious or au courant; these days, we prefer accommodation with a difference. Here, we've collated 10 of the most unique and beautiful stays around the country.



RETREAT TO THE MOUNTAINS

MOONBAH HUTS, MOONBAH VALLEY, NSW

Who hasn't dreamt of staying in a cute stone cabin nestled in the snow in the mountains? Moonbah Huts are located on the outskirts of Jindabyne in NSW's Snowy Mountains. On the banks of the Moonbah River, each of these two charming huts boasts a large open fireplace, underfloor heating, and an indoor bathroom. Depending on the season, the area is fabulous for getting out and about, whether it be fly fishing, horseriding, bushwalking, snowshoeing, and, of course, skiing. **Who will love it?** Great outdoors enthusiasts. There's no television reception, but when you can read a book on the sweet verandah, taking in some of the crispest air you'll ever breathe, why would you need it? moonbahhut.com

3 Enjoy a remote outback oasis with some frills

KARIJINI ECO RETREAT, KARIJINI NATIONAL PARK, WA



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KARIJINIECORETREAT.COM.AU

STAY IN A SURF SLACK LIKE NO OTHER

ROOZEN RESIDENCE, MARGARET RIVER, WA

The Roozen Residence is a stunning architecturally designed home that overlooks surfers' favourite Prevelly Beach in the Margaret River region. The house has a relaxed industrial vibe; its exterior is resplendent in cement render and copper, the interior with polished terrazzo floors and crisp white walls. **Who will love it?** Surfers. Owner and artist Ron Roozen (whose art graces the walls), and designer, Dale Jones-Evans (the man behind Bennelong at the Opera House), are surfing fanatics. With 180° ocean views, you can check the surf from almost every room and watch as surfers ride world-class breaks into shore. ronroozen.com.au

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5 FEEL A MILLION MILES AWAY

MARION BAY HOUSE, MARION BAY, TAS

The work of award-winning architects, the simplistic design of Marion Bay House was inspired by weathered rural farm buildings, built with natural timbers, cement sheeting, and rugged, rough-sawn macrocarpa. The interiors are spacious, with large windows inviting the dramatic landscape in. Despite being just an hour from Hobart, you'll feel completely secluded. **Who will love it?** Design devotees. Suspended from the ceiling, the fireplace can rotate 360° to warm any area in the living/dining space – it's so unique, it was exhibited in Stockholm's Museum of Modern Art in 2000. marionbayhouse.com.au



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