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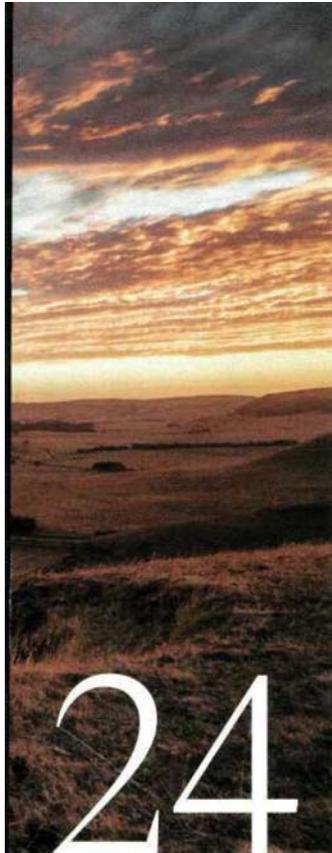
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STANLEY, TAS

 Tucked into the north-west corner of the island state, the fishing village of Stanley is the gateway to the Tarkine Forest Reserve. Adventurous little ones will love the suspended walkway above the swamp and the even more adventurous will line up for the 110-metre slide to the forest floor (dismalswamptasmania.com.au). Abbey's Cottage (abbeycottages.com.au) has four bedrooms and kid-friendly restaurants can be found just down the road.



29. BubbleTent Australia, Capertee Valley, NSW

The three transparent "bubble" tents (bubble.tentaustralia.com) on platforms overlooking a canyon north of Lithgow almost appear to hover above the landscape. Watch the sunset then count constellations from your bed.



30. Monkey Mia, WA

Bottlenose dolphins swim to the shoreline every day at Monkey Mia Reserve on the Coral Coast, where rangers supervise limited feeding. Sleep metres away at the recently refurbished RAC Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort (hotel.qantas.com.au/racmonkeymia).



31. Flinders Island, Tas

Set in the Bass Strait, this piece of paradise is popular with bushwalkers and beach bums alike. Stay at the West End Beach House (westendbeachhouse.com.au) and enjoy oysters straight from the rocks with a riesling from nearby Unavale Vineyard (unavale.com.au).

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BYRON BAY, NSW

 Byron Farmers Market (byronfarmersmarket.com.au) has everything you need for a delicious cheese plate. Return to the elegant yet rustic Bower Barn retreat (thebowerbyronbay.com.au) to enjoy your spoils in the sun. Later, do the 50-minute hike to Little Wategos Beach for a secluded swim.



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INJIDUP BAY HOUSE, MARGARET RIVER, WA

 On a hill overlooking one of the world's most impressive bays, this grand property (privateproperties.com.au) sleeps 10 in the main house and two in the guest house, making it perfect for a multi-generational reunion. Spend days in the infinity pool and the nights around the barbie.

URAILLA, SA

 Head to the Adelaide Hills for Lost in a Forest (lostinainforest.com.au), an organic pizza joint in an 1890s church. For a cosy setting and local produce, there's The Uraidla Hotel (uraidlahotel.com.au) and just down the road is The Summertown Aristologist (thesummertownaristologist.com), where vegies play a starring role in dishes such as broccoli, pearl barley and puffed grains. Make your base the nearby Mount Lofty House (mtloftyhouse.com.au).



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ELYSIAN RETREAT, LONG ISLAND, WHITSUNDAYS, QLD

 Opening on 20 December, Elysian Retreat (elysianretreat.com.au) is hidden on one of the most secluded islands in the Whitsundays and will cater to just 20 guests. Meals are served at the seafront dining pavilion and each oceanfront bungalow has a cathedral ceiling, outdoor shower and private balcony.