



2023 Qantas Australian Tourism Awards

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Winners of the 2023 Qantas Australian Tourism Awards celebrated in Darwin

The nation's tourism industry gathered tonight for the announcement of the winners and medallists of the 2023 Qantas Australian Tourism Awards.

Over 180 leading tourism operators vied for top honours across the 26 categories announced at the industry's premier event, held at the Darwin Convention Centre.

"The Australian Tourism Awards are the tourism industry's most prestigious awards which showcases innovation and business excellence," said Shaun de Bruyn, Chairperson, Australian Tourism Awards.

"There was an exceptional level of competition across all categories which demonstrates the dedication tourism operators have to developing extraordinary visitor experiences," he said.

"Congratulations to all the tourism businesses for their submissions and a special mention goes to those awarded and recognised this evening for exceptional achievement in their categories," he said.

This year's event saw the introduction of the Excellence in Accessible Tourism award, encouraging more tourism businesses to implement inclusive business practices and offer accessible-friendly tourism products, services and experiences."

"With the introduction of the Excellence in Accessible Tourism category, we hope to see more businesses adapting their products to be inclusive, and to see more visitors enjoy and experience our incredible Australian destinations," said Mr de Bruyn.

Senator the Hon Don Farrell, Minister for Trade and Tourism said "Tourism businesses and their staff are the backbone of our vibrant tourism industry, delivering world class experiences to visitors from across Australia and around the world. The bright future of the sector couldn't be in better hands."

The awards were supported by returning naming rights sponsor, Qantas, as well as Platinum Sponsor, Tourism Australia, and Host Partners, the Northern Territory Government and Tourism NT. The awards were also supported by numerous Partners and Sponsors including GetAboutAble, the Big Red Group, Darwin Convention Centre, the Airport Development Group and Signature Media.

For more information on the Qantas Australian Tourism Awards, visit <http://www.qualitytourismaustralia.com/australian-tourism-awards/>

The list of National winners is listed below. Images and interviews with award recipients can be arranged on request.

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The following is the list of National winners at the 2023 Qantas Australian Tourism Awards. Images and interviews with award recipients can be arranged on request.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Tourism Experience

GOLD – wukalina Walk TAS

SILVER – Cape York Peninsula Lodge QLD

BRONZE – Ngurrangga Tours WA

Ecotourism

GOLD – Fun Over 50 Holidays - Immersive Tours and Adventures QLD

SILVER – Sydney by Kayak NSW

BRONZE – National Arboretum Canberra CBR

Self Contained Accommodation

GOLD – The Woods Ocean Grove VIC

SILVER – Tree Chalets WA

BRONZE – The Granary | Richmond Hill TAS

Unique Accommodation

GOLD – Cygnet Bay Pearl Farm WA

SILVER – Jamala Wildlife Lodge CBR

BRONZE – Woodhouse Adventure Park SA

Hosted Accommodation

GOLD – The Dragonfly Inn TAS

SILVER – Narrows Escape Rainforest Retreat QLD

BRONZE – Kangaroo Ridge Retreat VIC

Caravan & Holiday Parks

GOLD – BIG4 Adventure Whitsunday Resort QLD

SILVER – Alivio Tourist Park Canberra CBR

BRONZE – NRMA Phillip Island Beachfront Holiday Park VIC

Tourism Marketing & Campaigns

GOLD – The Tweed Tourism Company NSW

SILVER – Rockhampton Regional Council - Explore Rockhampton QLD

BRONZE – BIG Reasons to visit Mandurah - Visit Mandurah WA

New Tourism Business

GOLD – On Board TAS

SILVER – Nexus Airlines WA

BRONZE – Port River Cruises SA

Visitor Information Services

GOLD – Canberra and Region Visitors Centre CBR

SILVER – Mandurah Visitor Centre WA

BRONZE – Port Lincoln Visitor Information Centre SA

3 - 3.5 Star Accommodation

GOLD – Urban Camp Melbourne VIC

SILVER – ibis Adelaide SA

BRONZE – Magnums Accommodation Airlie Beach QLD

4 - 4.5 Star Deluxe Accommodation

GOLD – Beach Huts Middleton SA

SILVER – Ship Inn Stanley TAS

BRONZE – Cape York Peninsula Lodge QLD

5 Star Luxury Accommodation

GOLD – The Reef House Boutique Hotel and Spa | Adults Tropical Escapes QLD

SILVER – Chocolate Gannets VIC

BRONZE – Pullman Bunker Bay Resort WA

Business Event Venues

GOLD – Darwin Convention Centre NT

SILVER – Peppers Silo Hotel TAS

BRONZE – Pullman Bunker Bay Resort WA

Tour & Transport Operators

GOLD – Air Adventure Golf TAS

SILVER – Swan River Seaplanes WA

BRONZE – NT Bird Specialists Birding & Photographic Safaris NT

Major Tour & Transport Operators

GOLD – Pennicott Wilderness Journeys TAS

SILVER – Ocean Rafting QLD

BRONZE – Searoad Ferries VIC

Adventure Tourism

GOLD – Ocean Rafting QLD

SILVER – Bendleby Ranges SA

BRONZE – Balloon Aloft Australia NSW

Tourism Restaurants & Catering Services

GOLD – Grain of the Silos TAS

SILVER – Potager NSW

BRONZE – CORE Cider House WA

Tourism Retail, Hire and Services

GOLD – Origins Market WA

SILVER – The Museum Shop at the National Museum of Australia CBR

BRONZE – Go Adventure Nagambie VIC

Excellence in Accessible Tourism

GOLD – Adelaide Fringe SA

SILVER – Accessible Accommodation VIC

BRONZE – Katherine Outback Experience NT

Excellence in Food Tourism

GOLD – Love Lord Howe NSW

SILVER – The Truffle Farm - Home of Australia's first black Truffle TAS

BRONZE – Adelaide Showground Farmers' Market SA

Tourism Wineries, Distilleries & Breweries

GOLD – Bangor Vineyard Shed TAS

SILVER – Seppeltsfield Wines SA

BRONZE – Billson's Brewery VIC

Cultural Tourism

GOLD – Royal Australian Mint CBR

SILVER – Fun Over 50 Holidays - Immersive Tours and Adventures QLD

BRONZE – Geelong Gallery VIC

Tourist Attractions

GOLD – Katherine Outback Experience NT

SILVER – Bundaberg Rum Distillery Visitor Experience QLD

BRONZE – d'Arenberg SA

Major Tourist Attractions

GOLD – Australian Reptile Park NSW

SILVER – Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary QLD

BRONZE – Zoos Victoria - Melbourne Zoo VIC

Festivals and Events

GOLD – National Capital Authority - Lights on the Lake CBR

SILVER – 2023 Ord Valley Muster WA

BRONZE – Tumbafest Inc NSW

Major Festivals and Events

GOLD – Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers QLD

SILVER – Tesselaar KaBloom VIC

BRONZE – Darwin Festival NT