

TRAVEL NEWS

The latest in destinations, hotels, restaurants and more

FIJIAN FIND

Whether you're after a spiritual trip to a Hindu temple, a dip in hot springs or a culinary tour of markets and food vendors, Fiji's Nadi is a one-stop destination. Adding to this stellar tourism offering is Crowne Plaza Fiji Nadi Bay Resort & Spa. Opening this October, the new IHG resort is breathing life into the former Pullman Nadi Bay with transformed rooms and ocean-facing king suites, a day spa and a slew of dining and drinking options. We'll see you in the whisky bar for an Old Fashioned.

ihg.com



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BYRON BITES

If we weren't already impressed with Byron Bay's food scene, we are now thanks to Bonito! This new dining hotspot is led by chef Minh Le (formerly of Spicers Peak Lodge) and is part of Byron's first 5-star hotel, Hotel Marvell. The menu fuses seafood and plant-based cuisine with a focus on locally sourced ingredients. Book now – these will be the hottest tables in town.

hotelmavell.com.au



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GOOD FOR THE GOOSE

The Goose Beach Bar + Kitchen has dished up a fair dose of resilience since their reopening back in July. After being destroyed by fire in 2021, this Busselton dining heavyweight is back (and better than ever) to serve meals heroing their on-site wood grill. Think market fish, local grass-fed beef and fresh-baked pizza with 48-hour cultured dough – delish!

thegoose.com.au



PENTHOUSE PERKS

If penthouses are good for one thing, it's making holidaymakers feel like royalty, so believe us when we tell you that Hepburn Bathhouse and Spa's newest suite will have you wishing you'd packed a crown in your suitcase. Set in the idyllic town of Hepburn Springs, 90 minutes from Melbourne, the formerly privately used penthouse contains two bedrooms, two bathrooms, steam room, lush marble spa bath, chef's kitchen and breathtaking views.

hepburnbathhouse.com

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THE ANDAZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD

WHAT? A 4.5-star hotel, formerly known as the Hyatt House (dubbed "Riot House" due to the debauchery of the stars who stayed there).

WHERE? On West Hollywood's famed Sunset Strip.

WHY IT'S WORTH A VISIT: "The hotel was a magnet for celebrities – The Doors' Jim Morrison was evicted for hanging over a balcony by his fingertips, and according to their recent Paramount Plus doco, Duran Duran were also thrown out for bad behaviour. Rocker Little Richard even lived here in the '80s and '90s. These days the memories live on, with the Riot House bar named for the hotel's notorious past, but with modern touches, super comfy beds and views to die for. It's a great place to stay if you're in Los Angeles, with easy access to West Hollywood, Beverly Hills and beyond. Our tip? Grab some free snacks and enjoy complimentary wine every night from 5pm, grab a bite at Riot House bar then head next door to the Comedy Store for some laughs."

– Claire Isaac, Lifestyle Director

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MANTA & MOLO BAR, WOOLLOOMOOLOO

WHAT? Winter Lobster Special at Manta
THE PRICE GUIDE: \$140 for 1kg live Port Stephens Lobster

THE VERDICT: "If you're dining out for a special occasion, this is a great option for a delicious lunch with prime Sydney waterfront views. This offer is 1kg of fresh lobster split into two courses – the starter being a flavoursome pasta and the main served grilled with truffle fries. Both are equally full of flavour and you definitely get bang for your buck!"

– Holly Hampton-Thayers, Fashion & Beauty Writer



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