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#### **Top 10 Country Getaways** 17

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As the weather becomes a little cooler and we soon say farewell to summer, we turn toward cool climate destinations and seek out country getaways. Rolling hills, fresh air, country charm and hospitality, it's an incredibly romantic backdrop to a relaxing weekend with a difference.

Take a road trip and discover the hidden country gems with our Top 10 Australian Country Getaways:



#### Mountain Whispers, Blue Mountains NSW

With a collection of four beautifully restored houses to choose from, a stay at Mountain Whispers has you bathed in warm, country hospitality in the pristine Blue Mountains. Each house is luxuriously appointed with antiques and quality furnishings offering grand living and dining rooms with fireplaces and indulgent bathrooms with spa baths or antique claw foot bath.



#### Audrey Wilkinson, Hunter Valley NSW

Mulberry Cottage is surrounded by vines on the Audrey Wilkinson estate and within walking distance of the cellar door for tasting. With panoramic views of the Brokenback Mountains, furnished in country style and spacious enough for four couples, it's an ideal choice for a wine weekend with friends.

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#### The Pines, Kiama South Coast NSW

Set on a working dairy farm on Saddleback Mountain with panoramic views of the coastline you can relax into country life, yet you're just minutes from the gorgeous Kiama township. The Pines is a beautifully restored three bedroom house, blending modern comforts with heritage style. Don't miss tasting the Pines very own Gelato while you're on the farm.



#### Spicers Peak Lodge, Scenic Rim QLD

This secluded, mountain-top retreat is the highest non-alpine lodge in Australia and most certainly the most indulgent. Relax and unwind with award winning dining and service, stunning views and an extensive selection of activities. Everyday relaxed luxury at its best.



#### Azjure Studio Retreat, Granite Belt QLD

Relax and reconnect at the Granite Belt's premiere couples accommodation. Luxurious villas in a tranquil bush setting, yet close to the regions best restaurants and wineries. Watch kangaroos from your verandah with a glass of local wine at sunset.

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#### Secrets on the Lake, Montville Sunshine Coast QLD

Individually designed and oh so unique, you'll fall in love with these artisan treehouses perched high in the trees, nestled amongst ancient rainforest overlooking Lake Baroon in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland. Enjoy solitude, seclusion, spectacular views and a touch of romance at Secrets on the Lake.



#### Seclude Rainforest Retreat, Whitsundays QLD

Escape to a private villa overlooking the pristine Whitsunday rainforest with an abundance of wildlife and natural beauty. Seclude Rainforest Retreat is exactly as it sounds, providing peace, privacy and luxury just 30 minutes from Airlie Beach.



#### Kudos Villas, Hepburn Springs VIC

With ten luxurious villas dotted around Hepburn Springs, each villa offers a romantic spa and fireplace for an ideal couples retreat. Explore the boutiques and antique stores of Daylesford or indulge in a day spa for a delightful country getaway.





#### Royal Mail Hotel, Grampians VIC

Escape the city and head to the country style of Royal Mail Hotel. For the ultimate gourmet getaway, experience a degustation dinner by the Royal Mail's Robin Wickens and wine from the award-winning cellar or tour the country kitchen garden. After all that indulgent eating you'll want to partake in a little exercise and you can explore the region with bespoke walking maps provided on arrival.



#### A Loft in the Mill, Dandenong Ranges VIC

Choose from nine individually themed suits set in a replica 19<sup>th</sup> Century Bluestone Mill sets the scene for a weekend of romance. Located in the cute as a button town of Olinda, you're surrounded by restaurants, close to wine tasting in the Yarra Valley or get back to nature with an easy stroll on the Sherbrooke Forest Falls trail

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