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### Get off the grid near Gundagai, NSW


 It's not far from the Murrumbidgee, along the road to Gundagai. But unlike the old-fashioned shack of Slim's song, JR's Kimo Estate Eco Hut ([kimoestate.com](http://kimoestate.com)) has a solar-powered fridge, a breakfast hamper brimming with local produce and serious design cred. Plus, this cosy A-frame's lofty vantage point offers stunning views of the surrounding sheep and cattle farm.

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### Find a hidden forest, Vic


 Trees this old probably hold a few secrets of their own, like how redwood forests came to be planted in the Yarra Valley and Otways hinterland. Among the world's tallest trees at up to 115 metres, California redwoods are usually found on the United States' West Coast. Though Victoria's stand only about 55 metres, kids and adults alike will still be awe-struck. Follow the unsealed Cement Creek Road north-east of Warburton ([visitwarburton.com.au](http://visitwarburton.com.au)) or turn off the Great Ocean Road towards Beech Forest ([visitgreatoceanroad.org.au](http://visitgreatoceanroad.org.au)).

### 02. Rock the rookery in Bicheno, Tas

 Victoria's Phillip Island is a great location for penguin-spotting but for a more intimate experience, head to Bicheno, north of Freycinet National Park. Bicheno Penguin Tours ([bichenopenguintours.com.au](http://bichenopenguintours.com.au)) takes you onto private property to see the chicks up close. Wear covered shoes – they're known to nip.



### 04. Anchor yourself on a remote island, WA

 Find your own private island in the Pilbara, where \$440 per night gets you a beach shack – and utter isolation. Granted, getting to Direction Island ([mackerelislans.com.au](http://mackerelislans.com.au)) is no picnic – it's a 20-minute boat trip from Onslow, 1400 kilometres north of Perth – and drinking water and a Weber are about as deluxe as it gets. But beyond the shore, your very own coral reef awaits.



Wildlife



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