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Last Minute Escapes to the Last Paradise: Lord Howe Island

Wishing you'd booked a summer holiday escape and thinking you've left it too late? Lord Howe Island - less than a two hour flight from Sydney or Brisbane - has vacancies in the second half of January and through February.

Accommodation ranges from self-contained units, to traditional guesthouses, through to luxury lodges. There are enough activities to keep everyone busy for at least a week (or three), from swimming or snorkelling in the protected lagoon; world-class fishing and SCUBA diving; exploring the world's most southerly coral reef (just walk in off the beach) to following walking trails through kentia and banyan forests or climbing Mt Gower - one of Australia's best day walks. Or if you just want to totally relax, there are 11 beaches to choose from - with your own private strip of golden sand.

With just 17 accommodation choices ranging from self-contained, budget units to quality fully equipped apartments, and small luxury lodges, the island retains its peaceful, small-town charm and welcoming atmosphere. And despite its size, Lord Howe offers several exceptional restaurants serving modern Australian cuisine.

It's a place where the kids are safe and no-one locks their door. With a speed limit of 25kmph and very few cars, most folks get around by bicycle. The beaches are free from stingers or other bities, luring visiting to swim, surf, snorkel, dive, fish and paddle the clear, clean sea surrounding Lord Howe Island year-round.

With a limit of 400 visitors at any one time, this is one summer holiday escape that is never overcrowded - but always popular. So much so that those who have discovered the secret have been coming back to Lord Howe for generations. Don't miss out on the opportunity to discover paradise this summer. To book now call your travel agent or visit www.lordhoweisland.info for further information.

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