

旅遊報導：

Travelogue: 澳洲另類風情

Victoria,

Australia

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去年冬天，Katia與Walter第一次到澳洲旅遊，儘管當地位處遙遠、野生動物環繞，更時有難以預測的天候，但也有不可多得的天然美景，以及大堡礁（Great Barrier Reef）以及Daintree濕熱帶雨林等聯合國世界遺產。不像許多觀光客將重點著眼在澳洲內陸，Katia和Walter決定由澳洲南方的墨爾本開始，探索澳洲舒適享受的另一面。

Last winter, Katja and Walter took to Australia for an extended vacation. It was their first time setting foot in the country from Down Under. Despite its remoteness, dangerous animals of all sorts, and partly unpredictable weather, Australia is a spectacular destination and the only place on the planet where UNESCO heritage sites like the Great Barrier Reef and the Daintree Wet Rainforest meet back to back. Most visitors seek to experience the great Australian Outback, however, the couple decided to explore the more luxurious side of the country along the Southern parts of Australia.

墨爾本 (Melbourne)

知名的墨爾本是我們長達一個月的澳洲之旅的第一站。我們以當地的旅遊巴士遊覽主要景點，包括墨爾本博物館以及繁華的海港區。其間則入住位於市中心，離板球場 (MCG) 以及羅得拉微網球場 (Rod Laver Tennis Arena) 只有幾分鐘之遠的精品旅館Lindrum。旅館的設計優雅舒適又十分寬敞，其中知名的時髦餐廳Felt需要事前訂位。雖然我們沒能定到Felt，但還好 Flinders Lane 一帶有Papa Goose、The Italian等許多熱門餐廳。最後，我們選定雅緻的義大利小館Rosati，享受了一頓道地美味的義大利晚餐。

大洋路 (Great Ocean Road, Victoria)

離開墨爾本，我們前往位於南澳，以壯麗海景聞名的維多利亞大洋路。沿著峭壁蜿蜒海岸前伸的大洋路風景令人屏息，尤以Lorne到阿波羅灣 (Apollo Bay) 一段。我們決定在阿波羅灣知名的La Bimba摩洛哥餐廳用晚餐，餐廳中以磚塊的餐桌、牆上色彩豐富的裝飾以及風情特殊的繪畫裝飾。所有餐點看起來都非常誘人，如果特別喜愛海鮮，佐以摩洛哥香料與肉丸的 John Dory 魚份量又大，又非常鮮美。

奧特威國家公園 (Great Otway National Park)

過了阿波羅灣不遠就是風景如畫的奧特威國家公園，裡面有很多景點和露營、騎馬、山林越野以及健行等活動。沿著山路步行約兩公里就可抵達國家公園內知名的「三連瀑布 (Triplet Fall)」。當然，到了澳洲不能不看澳洲知名的野生動物。沿著Kennett River Koala Walk一段走走，通常就能看到正在路旁樹林裡吃東西或者睡覺的無尾熊！

十二門徒石 (Twelve Apostles)

大洋路最知名的景點莫過於阿波羅灣與坎貝爾港之間的十二門徒石。這些直立於海中的巨大石塊源於石灰岩懸崖，歷經一千至兩千萬年的侵蝕形成。當地設有步道、遊客服務中心，也可以搭乘直升機從上空鳥瞰欣賞這壯闊奇異的景觀。

神仙漁港 (Port Fairy)

下一站，我們前往小巧純樸的神仙漁港，入住當地的精品旅館Oscar's Waterfront Boutique Hotel。旅館員工非常友善，房間也很寬敞。神仙漁港腹地不大，沿著防波堤漫步即可來到寧靜的海邊欣賞美景的海景。晚餐時分，我們前往位於神仙漁港主要街道銀行街的Portofino義大利餐廳用餐，氣氛舒適時髦，餐點也十分口味。

格蘭屏公園的精緻住宿

離開神仙漁港之後，我們來到格蘭屏國家公園 (Grampians National Park)，住進麥林格溫泉酒店 (Meringa Springs)。旅館環境隱密舒適：高天花板、火爐、自然原木、時髦的裝飾以及來自瑞士的友善主人...麥林格溫泉酒店只有三個獨立房間，一次最多容納十個住客，服務人性化又體貼。家庭經營的麥格林酒店由老闆娘Gail負責餐廳，女兒則打理住宿部份。抵達時，主人保羅親自迎接我們，之後還身兼大廚為我們準備晚餐。記得嚐嚐他佐以綠胡椒醬、瑞士馬鈴薯與蔬菜的非力牛排或是搭配薄荷、馬鈴薯與蔬菜的羊排，兩種都非常美味！此外，住宿其間你可以選擇欣賞無數在國家公園內自由跳躍的袋鼠或是參加叢林漫步、山林越野、攀岩或是輕鬆的漫步等戶外活動。

格蘭屏國家公園 (The Grampians National Park)

在巴朗布克國家公園及文化中心 (Brambuk National Park and Culture Center) 有詳盡有趣的國家公園資料可以參考，以陳列與活動的方式表現當地文化、遺跡，以及國家公園內的自然環境等資料。公園內共有長達一百六十公里的步道，從簡單的漫步到極具挑戰性的跨夜健行等等。漫步於格蘭屏國家公園，寬闊的視野、隱蔽的樹叢、崎嶇的岩塊、瀑布、溝渠以及原住民的岩壁畫等各種自然美景盡收眼底。



許多遊客會在離Reed's 觀景台 (Reed Look-out) 停車場只有十五分鐘的陽台岩 (Balconies) 停留。和Reed's 觀景台同樣知名的景點還有壯觀的邁坎席瀑布 (MacKenzie Falls)。從停車場向下走到瀑布的路程相當險峻，但絕對值得。其後的蜂巢瀑布 (Beehive Falls) 雖然略小於邁坎席瀑布，但也讓人印象深刻。

袋鼠島 (Kangaroo Island)

袋鼠島是我們澳洲之旅的最後一個目的地。一到這裡，我們就知道袋鼠島會讓這段旅程更加精彩。島上融合峭壁、森林、沙地、溼地以及白色細沙的海灘等多種地形，更產有澳洲當地美食，許多人來到袋鼠島只為了一嚐美食。我們就在海灘上悠閒地過了幾天，一面欣賞美景，一面為即將離開這人間仙境作好心裡準備。

最後，如果你打算前往南阿得萊得的 (South of Adelaide) 的袋鼠島，記得行經Henry & Rose咖啡館，並在餐廳後院或者裡面小歇片刻。這間位於基斯 (Keith) 的可愛咖啡館就位於Dukes公路於格蘭屏 (Grampians) 與阿得萊得的中間路段。麥格林溫泉酒店老闆娘Gail大力推薦，這裡有沿路最棒的餐點！

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MELBOURNE

We decided to start off our month-long visit in the renowned city of Melbourne. We took to a hop-on hop-off bus to help us discover all of the local main attractions and were particularly taken with the stylish Melbourne museum and the bustling harbor area. For the few days we were in town, the Lindrum boutique hotel served as our nesting ground. Conveniently located in the heart of Melbourne and only minutes from sporting venues such as the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) and the Rod Laver Tennis Arena, the hotel is elegantly designed, spacious, and very comfortable. The Lindrum hotel is also known for its stylish 'Felt' restaurant. Reservations are recommended, as the place is very popular and was in fact fully booked when we had attempted to dine in. But that's only a small problem in Melbourne. There are plenty of great restaurants nearby on Flinders Lane, a popular spot for fine dining including restaurants such as Papa Goose and The Italian. It didn't take us long before we spotted a quaint little restaurant called the Rosati where we enjoyed an authentic and delicious Italian dinner.

GREAT OCEAN ROAD

Heading out of Melbourne we decided to take the Great Ocean Road in Victoria, South Australia, one of the world's most scenic drives. The road winds along cliff tops offering breathtaking panoramic views of the stunning coastline. The drive between Lorne and Apollo Bay is an especially picturesque portion of the Great Ocean Road. We decided to stop off at Apollo bay for dinner, at the highly recommended "La Bimba", a relaxed Moroccan style bistro, with tiled tables, colored wall hangings, and unique paintings. Everything on the menu looked enticing, but for those who enjoy seafood, the "Whole Mirror John Dory" with Moroccan spices and couscous was delicious and portioned generously.

GREAT OTWAY NATIONAL PARK

A relatively short drive from Apollo Bay lies the amazingly dense Great Otway National Park. The park offers





various attractions and activities such as camping, horse riding, mountain biking, and walking. One of the most spectacular waterfalls in the park is "Triplet Falls," which is just a short picturesque hike along the 2 KM trail. Of course a trip to Australia is not complete without encountering some of Australia's beloved wildlife. You can get a guaranteed koala sighting at the Kennett River Koala Walk where they are often spotted eating or sleeping in trees right next to the road!

TWELVE APOSTLES

The most famous section of the Great Ocean Road is between Apollo Bay and Port Campbell, where an amazing collection of rock formations known as the "Twelve Apostles" can be spotted. These giant rock stacks that rise majestically from the Southern Ocean were created by constant erosion of the limestone cliffs along the mainland, a process that began 10–20 million years ago. There are numerous boardwalks from parking lots to the different rock formations, a visitor centre for those who desire more information on the formations, as well as helicopter sightseeing flights.

PORT FAIRY

Our next stop was at the fairly small Port Fairy where we stayed at Oscar's Waterfront Boutique Hotel. The hotel staff were friendly and accommodations spacious, but rather than stay indoors, we decided to head out and explore. Port Fairy is not a big area; just a short stroll along the jetty will take you to an adjacent beach with peaceful surroundings and an amazing view of the sea as a backdrop. For dinner we dined at Portofino at Banks, an Italian fine dining restaurant. Situated on Port Fairy's main street 'Banks', Portofino at Banks offers stylish ambiance and delicious cuisine.

BOUTIQUE STYLE LIVING IN THE GRAMPIANS

From Port Fairy we traveled to Meringa Springs to a small luxury lodge in the Grampians National Park. Boutique style living at its best, Meringa Springs offers intimate accommodations with a luxurious lodge setup in Wartook at the Grampians. High ceilings, fireplaces, rich timber finishes, stylish décor, and friendly hosts with a Swiss background made for an unforgettable experience. With just 3 villas accommodating up to ten guests at a time, the service at Meringa Springs lodge is personalized and attentive. The owner, Paul, greeted us upon arrival and we were later surprised to find him serving us dinner as the head chef of the kitchen. A family affair, Paul's wife Gail manages the service in the restaurant and their daughter manages the lodge. Make sure you try Paul's Portland Beef Eye Fillet served with a green pepper sauce, Swiss style röschti potatoes, and vegetables, or his Lamb Sirloin served with a hint of mint, röschti potatoes, and vegetables - all were outstanding! While staying at Meringa Springs you may choose to go watch the numerous kangaroos hopping around the park or take to one of regional Victoria's leading outdoor activity centers. The Grampians National Park offers bush walking, mountain biking, and rock climbing for the energetic hiker and leisurely walks for the wanderer.

THE GRAMPIANS NATIONAL PARK

Comprehensive and interesting information on the park is available from the Brambuk National Park and Cultural Centre. The centre highlights indigenous culture, heritage, and the natural environment of the park through impressive displays and activities. There are more than 160 kilometers of walking tracks ranging from short, easy walks to challenging overnight expeditions for the experienced bush walker, hiker, or wanderer. Walking in the Grampians allows you to discover a variety of wonderful panoramas, secluded bush settings, rugged rock formations, waterfalls, aboriginal rock art sites, and fern gullies.

Many visitors stop by the Balconies, which can be reached within 15 minutes or so from the Reed's Lookout parking area. The Reed Lookout is another popular point of interest, as are the spectacular MacKenzie Falls! Getting down from the parking site to the falls is quite a steep trek, but it's worth the trouble. A spectacular waterfall after the rain; Beehive Falls is not quite as grand as the MacKenzie Falls but it's also very impressive.

KANGAROO ISLAND

Our final destination on our Australian exploration trip was to Kangaroo Island. Upon arrival, it was apparent that this would definitely be the highlight of our trip. Kangaroo Island offers a diverse landscape of soaring cliffs, dense forest, towering sand dunes, wetlands, and sandy white beaches surrounded by rich waters. It is also the producer of some of Australia's finest gourmet foods so it is common for many to visit the island just to enjoy the produce from the land. We spent a few days unwinding on the beach and taking in the beautiful scenery, while mentally preparing ourselves to leave paradise.

If you plan to visit the fabulous Kangaroo Island just South of Adelaide, make sure to stop at 'Henry & Rose.' This adorable cafe and restaurant in Keith is situated on the Dukes highway between the Grampians and Adelaide in Southern Australia. You won't regret taking a little break in Henry & Rose's backyard or in the comfortable restaurant/cafe. A recommendation from Gail at Meringa Springs Lodge, 'Henry & Rose' stands out significantly above the other cafes along the route.

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