



# CorOZpondents share what's hot in Oz

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Some of America's top bloggers and social influencers, many of whom are experts in travel, food & wine, photography, and golf, can't wait to spread the word about the unique experiences found only in Australia. Our "CorOZpondents" will be bringing you their Australia adventures, as well as the latest news and trends from Australian and US events.



Lee Abbamonte, Adventure CorOZpondent

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Lee Abbamonte is the youngest American to visit every country in the world. A travel writer, travel expert, travel television personality and global adventurer, Lee appears regularly on Fox News Channel and featured on Travel Channel, NBC, CBS, CNN and many more.

One of Lee's favourite cities in the world is Sydney, so check out his tips on [5 ways to explore the city](#) as well as advice on how to fully experience Australia, including its islands.

Follow Lee's Australian travels via Twitter [@LeeAbbamonte](#), [Facebook](#) and on his [blog](#).



Colby Brown, Nature & Photography CorOZpondent

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Colby is a professional photographer, photo educator and author based out of Denver, Colorado. Teaching photography workshops, digital editing classes and seminars worldwide, Colby's diverse portfolio spans nearly all four corners of the globe.

Last May, Colby traveled to Australia. You can check out his favorites from his World's Largest Photo Walk in Sydney and adventures along the Great Ocean Road, Tasmania, Perth and the Kimberley. Colby will be back in May 2014 to feature [Vivid Sydney](#) and to lead photo editing classes in Sydney and Perth.

To follow Colby on his adventures, check out his [Facebook](#), follow him on Twitter [@colbybrownphoto](#), [Google+](#) and [Instagram](#) or his [blog](#).



Dave Thompson, Adventure & Wine  
CorOZpondent

### **Dave Thompson – Adventure & Wine CorOZpondent**

David Thompson founded [Dave's Travel Corner](#), an international travel community, in 1996. Having traveled to more than 100 countries, he enjoys the outdoors, backpacking, mountain climbing, meeting people, experiencing other cultures, food, wine, photography and writing.

When he's not traveling the world, Dave is on a mission to visit every single winery in the Napa Valley, California. To date, he has completed over 700 winery visits.

Follow Dave's Australian adventures via Twitter [@DaveDTC](#), [Facebook](#) and [Dave's Travel Corner](#). Also, check out this special episode of Dave's Travel Corner outlining his trip [here](#).



Michaela Guzy, Food & Wine & Giving Back  
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### **Michaela Guzy, Food and Wine & Giving Back CorOZpondent**

Michaela Guzy is the Editor in Chief of the travel blog "Oh The People You Meet" and a new video series called "Michaela's Map" which has run on [Peter Greenberg Worldwide](#) and [JohnnyJet.com](#). Previously, Michaela served as Vice President, overseeing the travel and development of new initiatives for all American Express Publishing brands including Travel+Leisure, Food&Wine, Executive Travel, Departures and Black Ink.

Michaela spent a month in Australia investigating the [food and wine scene](#), exploring [Melbourne's culinary side](#) and discovering [new ways to give back](#) during your travels.

Follow Michaela's travels to Australia via Twitter [@michaelaguzy](#), [Instagram](#) and her [blog](#).



Robert Reid, Lifestyle & Culture  
CorOZpondent

### **Robert Reid – Lifestyle & Culture CorOZpondent**

Robert Reid is a travel expert and writer who covers lifestyle, culture and general travel topics from unique experiences to transportation. As a CorOZpondent, Robert will be covering the Best of Australian experiences highlighting unique places that are not that well known to Americans in NSW, TAS and some of VIC encouraging his readers to travel to Australia.

Robert has been the spokesperson for [Lonely Planet](#) and a guest multiple top-tier national TV shows like the Today Show and CNN's Headline News and radio programs on NPR as well as this Public Radio International discussing travel trends. Additionally, he's a frequent contributor to publications including the [New York Times](#), Wall Street Journal, ESPN, Huffington Post, Travel Channel's World Hum and a

column for the Daily Oklahoman.

Follow Robert's Australian adventures via Twitter [@ReidOnTravel](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and his [blog](#).



Jo Stougaard, Food & Wine CorOZpondent  
Credit: Anne Cusack, L.A. Times

### **Jo Stougaard – Food & Wine CorOZpondent**

Jo has traveled the world, and her best memories are about the food she has encountered along the way. Profiled by the [Los Angeles Times](#), Huffington Post, LA Weekly, [New York Times](#) and [Sunset Magazine](#), Jo recently became an official L.A. Times [Food Scout](#) for Pulitzer-prize winning restaurant critic [Jonathan Gold](#).

Jo recently visited Melbourne, previewing the March 2014 Melbourne Food and Wine Festival, discovering what's new in Melbourne and learning all about Australia's hot and emerging wine news at Savour in Adelaide.

To keep up on Jo's travels, follow her on Twitter [@MyLastBite](#) and [Instagram](#) or check out her [Flickr](#) and blog [My Last Bite](#).



Gary Arndt, Adventure & Photography  
CorOZpondent

### **Gary Arndt – Adventure & Photography CorOZpondent**

Gary Arndt is an award-winning blogger and travel photographer who has been traveling around the world non-stop since 2007. As a CorOZpondent, he will be sharing his favorite places to explore in SA and NSW – including New Year's Eve coverage in Sydney!

Gary's blog Everything Everywhere is widely considered one of the most popular travel blogs in the world. In 2010 Time Magazine named it one of the Top 25 Blogs on the Internet and it earned a Gold Medal in the Travel Blog category in the 2012 North American Travel Journalist Association awards.

Follow Gary's travels to Australia via Twitter [@EverywhereTrip](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and his [blog](#).