YOUR ADVENTURE

EMIRATES ONE&ONLY
WOLGAN VALLEY
EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES
With an inspiring combination of imposing escarpments, luscious green valleys and curious native wildlife, the 7,000-acre wildlife reserve at Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley is all yours to explore.
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ACTIVITIES

Home to a unique range of native wildlife and flora, with an ancient geological heritage, guests can enjoy a range of guided tours and exciting activities.

Explore Wolgan Valley by horseback, 4WD, mountain bike, or on foot, or simply gaze at a canopy of stars in the stillness of the night. With so many unique experiences to choose from, the resort’s knowledgeable Field Guides are happy to recommend activities and experiences to inspire a love for Australia’s great outdoors.

There are three tiers of activities available:

INCLUSIVE ACTIVITIES
Group experiences shared with other guests. Activities in this range are included in all accommodation packages (up to two activities per day).

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES
Social experiences shared with other guests and scheduled at regular times throughout the week. These tours are available for an additional fee.

PRIVATE EXPERIENCES
Exclusive experiences tailored to your preference, hosted by your personal Field Guide and scheduled on request.

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HORSE RIDING ON THE RESERVE

There’s no better way to explore the region’s beautiful hills, creeks and ridgelines than on horseback.

SIGNATURE TRAIL RIDE

Our riding trails include river crossings, gloriously scenic hills, open grasslands and native eucalypt woodlands. The Signature trail ride is conducted at a leisurely pace travelling peacefully through mobs of kangaroos and wallaroos, who are quite relaxed in the presence of the horses. Our horses are carefully selected for their calm temperaments, are well schooled and a pleasure to ride. The Signature trail ride is a shared, small group experience and is perfect for beginners.

Duration: 1.5 hours
Scheduled: Daily
Grade: Beginner to Intermediate
Category: Signature Experience
Meeting Point: Main Homestead Lobby

PRIVATE TRAIL RIDE

For guests seeking a private, tailored horse riding adventure, an experienced Field Guide will lead riders on a memorable exploration of some of the most stunning countryside imaginable. Longer rides allow access to some of the more remote areas of the reserve, travelling through some of the spectacular grasslands, woodlands, rivers and ridgelines of Wolgan Valley. The half-day trek will include a gourmet picnic lunch prepared by the resort’s culinary team.

Duration: 1.5 hours, 2.5 hours or 4 hour Half-Day Trek
Scheduled: On Request
Grade: Beginner to Advanced
Category: Private Experience
Meeting Point: Main Homestead Lobby

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WOLGAN VALLEY, AUSTRALIA
HORSE EXPERIENCES AT THE STABLES

Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley offers a range of horse riding experiences for every skill level, for adults and children.

CHILDREN’S HORSE EXPERIENCE

This unique equine experience has been curated for our younger guests to engage with the wonderful horses of Wolgan Valley. The activity includes a leading rein ride in the arena and provides a chance for patting, grooming and feeding treats during a private tour of the One&Only Stables. Suitable for children age 3 years and over.

Duration: 30 minutes
Scheduled: On Request
Grade: Beginner to Intermediate
Category: Private Experience
Meeting Point: Main Homestead Lobby

WOODLANDS PONY RIDE FOR CHILDREN

With a guide walking alongside, we set out from the stables to enjoy an enchanting leading rein ride through the natural woodlands adjacent to the One&Only Stables. Horses will be led by an experienced Guide to ensure the safety and enjoyment of children. Suitable for children age 3 years and over.

Duration: 45 minutes
Scheduled: On Request
Category: Private Experience
Meeting Point: Main Homestead Lobby
INTRODUCTORY RIDING LESSON
Designed for inexperienced riders or those wishing to develop more confidence, the riding lesson takes place within our fenced riding arena. Guests are taken through a range of basic horse-riding techniques by an experienced Guide while practicing new skills in a safe and secure environment. It is an excellent preparation to enjoy a longer trail ride through the reserve. Recommended for adults and children over 8 years.

Duration: 30 minutes
Scheduled: On Request
Grade: Beginner
Category: Private Experience
Meeting Point: Main Homestead Lobby

STABLES TOUR
Enjoy a guided tour though the stables and meet some of Wolgan Valley’s friendly horses. Our horses come in various shapes and sizes; from the gentle giants Marshmallow and Dundee to our smaller characters like Scooter and Cruiser. Guides will assist you to feed the horses some of their favourite treats and will provide an insight into the operations of the One&Only stables.

Duration: 30 minutes
Scheduled: Daily
Category: Inclusive Activity
Meeting Point: Main Homestead Lobby

HORSEMANSHIP
This hands-on activity is perfect for guests seeking an insight into the fascinating world of equine behaviour. Design to build confidence interacting with horses, or to learn basic skills related to ownership, handling and riding, the Horsemanship session can be tailored to suit the interests of participants including grooming, saddling, horse care, or a combination of each. Suitable for adults or children age 8 years and over.

Duration: 1.5 hours, 2.5 hours
Scheduled: On Request
Grade: Beginner to Intermediate
Category: Private Experience
Meeting Point: Main Homestead Lobby
BUSHWALKING EXPERIENCES

Nestled in majestic Greater Blue Mountains, Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley is an idyllic destination for active hiking, or simply the most peaceful of nature walks.

PRIVATE HIKE OF THE RESERVE

Our 7,000-acre private reserve provides a range of stunning hiking experiences through an unforgettable, timeless landscape. Whether you seek to challenge your fitness levels by scrambling through rocky slopes in wild woodland, or a more peaceful connection with nature, we will adapt the pace and route for you.

Duration: 2.5 hours
Scheduled: On Request
Grade: Moderate to Challenging
Category: Private Experience
Meeting Point: Main Homestead Lobby

PRIVATE NATURE WALK

This shorter walking adventure will be curated especially for your interests and preferred level of activity. You may choose to slowly follow the meandering and cool waters of Carne Creek or stretch your legs in open rangelands. Along the way your Guide will seek the signs of nature and provide an insight into the lives of the wild creatures, native plants and the ancient landscape of Wolgan Valley.

Duration: 1.5 hours
Scheduled: On Request
Grade: Easy to Moderate
Category: Private Experience
Meeting Point: Main Homestead Lobby
CARNE CREEK NATURE WALK

Enjoy a leisurely and insightful stroll in the company of a knowledgeable Field Guide. This experience provides an insight into the natural environment and cultural heritage of the area as you learn about the natural plant and animal resources and some of their uses for Aboriginal and early settler society.

Duration: 1.5 hours
Scheduled: Mornings (Alternate days)
Grade: Easy to Moderate
Category: Inclusive Activity
Meeting Point: 1832 Heritage Homestead

GUIDES GLOW WORM HIKE

This scenic hike reveals the wild beauty of Wollemi National Park and the fascinating industrial heritage of the Wolgan Valley shale mines. Encompassed within the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area, this protected place is home to many unique and intriguing species, such as lyrebirds, echidnas, wallabies, parrots and honeyeaters.

Following a steeply winding trail upward to the escarpment, this hike travels through beautiful dry woodlands of eucalypts, banksia, acacia and casuarina trees. We will pass between iconic grass trees and tall green tree ferns and in the wet season we walk beneath misty waterfalls before entering the mysterious and dark Glow Worm Tunnel. The guided hike includes energy snacks and the option of light picnic lunch enroute.

A moderate level of physical fitness is required and not recommended for guests younger than 10 years of age.

Duration: 4 hours
Scheduled: On Request
Grade: Moderate to Difficult
Category: Private Experience
Meeting Point: Main Homestead Lobby

GLOW WORM SELF-GUIDED HIKE

The Glow Worm Tunnel trail is the iconic bushwalking experience of the region and is easily explored by independent bushwalkers of moderate fitness. The signposted trail provides opportunity to enjoy the flora, fauna and stunning local scenery at your own pace. The tour includes 4WD return transfer and an adventure pack.

Duration: 3-4 hours
Scheduled: On Request
Grade: Moderate to Difficult
Category: Private Transfer
Meeting Point: Main Homestead Lobby
ACTIVE OUTDOORS

There is no setting more memorable for outdoor activity than Wolgan Valley.

GUIDED MOUNTAIN BIKE TOUR

The 7,000-acre reserve provides a wide range of exhilarating and picturesque mountain bike trails suitable for various skill and fitness levels. Your Field Guide will adapt the route and pace to your physical abilities and confidence level. Light refreshments will be served mid-tour, in a picturesque location to allow you to rest, recharge and take in the spectacular surrounds of Wolgan Valley. Minimum age for this activity is 8 years.

Duration: 2.5 hours
Scheduled: On Request
Grade: Easy to Difficult
Category: Private Experience
Meeting Point: Main Homestead Lobby

ARCHERY

The art of using a bow and arrow has a long and intriguing history, spanning its use as a tool of warfare and the hunt, a competitive sport and as a powerful tool to focus and quieten the mind. Set in the stunning environs of the reserve, you will be introduced to the techniques and postural requirements of the sport using our graceful timber recurve bows.

The minimum age is 6 years old and parental supervision is required for all children under the age of 12.

Duration: 1 hour
Scheduled: On Request
Grade: Easy to moderate
Category: Private Experience
Meeting Point: 1832 Heritage Homestead
CONSERVATION

At Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley, guests are invited to get their hands dirty with fun and meaningful conservation work.

CONSERVATION ACTIVITY

Enjoy a morning with the Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley conservation team and take a fascinating journey into the ecology of the Blue Mountains.

Make a 'hands on' contribution to the restoration and protection of the reserve with fun and meaningful conservation work that provides an important habitat for native wildlife and helps protect the health of the beautiful Carne Creek and Wolgan River. This activity reveals insights into Australia's native fauna, woodland ecology and key issues impacting the local wildlife.

This is a memorable opportunity for guests to become part of the ‘Wolgan’ story. Contributions to the conservation program may include tree planting, wildlife surveys, testing of water quality, habitat assessments, feral animal monitoring and wombat surveys.

Duration: 1.5 hours
Scheduled: Mornings (Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday)
Grade: Easy to Moderate
Category: Inclusive Activity
Meeting Point: 1832 Heritage Homestead
This 4WD tour introduces the reserve, our native fauna and the numerous opportunities for outdoor exploration of our tracks and trails. The tour begins as the sun begins its slow descent towards the horizon, eventually casting a golden hue across the ancient sandstone of the escarpments.

This beautiful time of the day is when many native animals become active and easily visible. Guests can observe kangaroos, wallaroos, wallabies and many native birds, possibly even our resident Wedge tailed eagles.

The tour provides countless photographic opportunities of both the wildlife and the spectacular scenery, and as the Field Guides are well versed in local bush lore and history, guests will be entertained and educated along the way. As the light turns golden at the close of day, guests can enjoy Sundowner refreshments whilst gaining an insight into the ‘Wolgan’ story, Australia’s bush heritage and the history of the reserve.

Duration: 2 hours
Scheduled: Daily
Grade: Easy
Category: Signature Experience
Meeting Point: Main Homestead Lobby
PRIVATE 4WD TOUR OF THE RESERVE

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Duration: 2.5 hours
Scheduled: On Request
Grade: Easy to Moderate
Category: Private Experience
Meeting Point: Main Homestead Lobby

BIRDWATCHING

The diverse natural habitat within the Wolgan Valley and surrounding World Heritage Area provides birdwatching opportunities of the highest quality. The waterways, grasslands and forests of the reserve support more than 150 species. Our bird list includes numerous species that are considered rare, vulnerable or endangered, including the critically endangered Regent Honeyeater, an occasional visitor to our woodlands.

Our iconic species include magnificent birds of prey, such as the Wedge Tailed Eagle, Black Shouldered Kite, Brown Falcon, Whistling Kite, Australasian Hobby and Nankeen Kestrel. Vibrant birds such as Diamond Firetail Finches, Spotted Pardalotes, Grass Parrots, Rainbow Bee Eaters and Yellow Robins add a splash of colour, whilst the enchanting songs of Magpies, Butcherbirds and Kookaburras fill the air. The tour will include morning tea, prepared by the culinary team.

Duration: 2.5 hours
Scheduled: On Request
Grade: Easy to Moderate
Category: Private Experience
Meeting Point: Main Homestead Lobby
HISTORICAL TOURS

Discover the history of Wolgan Valley and the Blue Mountains with two fascinating tours that will take you on a journey back in time.

COLONIAL HERITAGE TOUR

Guests will enjoy stories of a past life carved out of the wilderness and capture a glimpse into the challenging conditions that early Australian settlers faced. Field Guides will reveal insights into the innovative building practices developed by pioneer settlers to adapt to such a rugged environment. Meticulously restored by Ian Kiernan, the 1832 Heritage Homestead is a tribute to Australia’s pioneering heritage. The tour will also visit the fully functioning Kitchen Garden, which supplies fresh vegetables, fruits and herbs to our restaurants.

Duration: 30 minutes
Scheduled: Daily
Grade: Easy
Category: Inclusive Activity
Meeting Point: 1832 Heritage Homestead

PRIVATE TOUR OF NEWNES INDUSTRIAL RUINS

Step back in time with a guided walking tour of the historic Newnes Industrial Ruins. Operating from 1906 to 1932, the Newnes Shale Oil Refinery was an ambitious undertaking. The refinery was one of the largest shale oil production schemes in Australia and involved mining, processing, and distillation of shale oil. Explore the historic ruins of the refinery, coal mine, the iconic beehive-shaped coking coal kilns, Newnes Railway Station, and the ghostly remnants of the lost township. The tour includes a 15-minute vehicle transfer to Newnes, the option of a packed picnic lunch and light refreshments enjoyed in the beautiful surrounds of the Wollemi National Park.

Duration: 3.5 -4 hours
Scheduled: On Request
Grade: Moderate
Category: Private Experience
Meeting Point: Main Homestead Lobby

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NOCTURNAL ADVENTURES

Explore the magnificent nocturnal world of Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley, where the native wildlife is most active and the stars shine ever so brightly.

WOLGAN VALLEY, AUSTRALIA

SIGNATURE NOCTURNAL WILDLIFE SPOTLIGHTING TOUR

This 4WD tour provides a memorable opportunity to observe some of Australia’s unique wildlife when they are most active. As the sun goes down, many of our smaller, less common animals emerge from their burrows, nests, tree hollows and dens to start foraging and browsing throughout the night.

Your Field Guide will use their knowledge of the reserve to seek out the best places to encounter possums, wombats, gliding marsupials and owls and to observe the nocturnal behaviour of kangaroos, wallabies and wallaroos.

Duration: 1 hour
Scheduled: Daily
Grade: Easy
Category: Signature Experience
Meeting Point: Main Homestead Lobby

NOCTURNAL WILDLIFE EXPERIENCE

Enter the nocturnal realm of Australia’s bushland wildlife for a private experience not to be forgotten. The private tour involves travel by 4WD to remote areas of the reserve, with opportunities for optional short walks into bushland habitat for optimal wildlife viewing.

Spotlights are provided, however a true highlight is the chance to view wildlife using quality night vision equipment. For a truly unforgettable encounter within the Australian bush, a delightful assemblage of delicious treats will be served under the canopy of the starlit night sky.

Duration: 2 hours
Scheduled: On Request
Grade: Easy to Moderate
Category: Private Experience
Meeting Point: Main Homestead Lobby
WILDERNESS CAMPFIRE STARS ON THE RESERVE

Journey by 4WD to a remote, wild area of the reserve for an authentic Australian experience. Sit back and relax under the vast canopy of the Wolgan sky, and listen for the gentle, resonant calls of Boobook, Barn or Powerful Owls as the local wildlife graze peacefully nearby. This tour will introduce you to Australia’s spectacular night sky, providing a combination of scientific insights into visible planets, stars and even our nearest neighbouring galaxies, as well as a sample of mythology and star lore from around the world. This campfire setting deep within the reserve is a romantic, peaceful and truly Australian experience.

During the bushfire season there may be restrictions on the lighting of campfires.

Duration: 2 hours
Scheduled: On Request
Grade: Easy to Moderate
Category: Private Experience
Meeting Point: Main Homestead Lobby

CAMPFIRE STARGAZING AT 1832

Nestled within the historic precinct of 1832 Heritage Homestead, this experience provides an enchanting tour of the starry sky. The heritage precinct is a short walk or buggy journey through the resort gardens and guests will find their Field Guide by the campfire.

The twilight period provides an enchanting tour of the evening as our brightest stars and planets appear magically, one by one, as the sky turns from crimson to deep indigo. A perfect time for families with children or guests simply wanting a perfect culmination to a peaceful sunset stroll.

During the bushfire season there may be restrictions on the lighting of campfires.

Duration: 1.5 hours
Scheduled: On Request
Grade: Easy
Category: Private Experience
Meeting Point: 1832 Heritage Homestead
**WOLGAN FOR KIDS**

Our kids programmes are designed to inspire a love of the natural world through safe, fun exploration and a range of hands on activities and outdoor adventures.

**WOLGAN RANGERS**

Our Field guides have curated a unique range of nature-based activities for children to discover the Valley. Our program includes fun outdoor and indoor activities inspired by the natural environment with activities, from bush survival to Australian animals and birds, fossil hunting, adventure walks, bugs and insects, hands on conservation, arts and crafts and outdoor games. Minimum age is 5 years old.

Duration: 1.5 hours
Scheduled: Mornings (Daily)
Grade: Easy to Moderate
Category: Inclusive Activity
Meeting Point: 1832 Heritage Homestead

**KIDS ONLY PRIVATE ADVENTURE**

A tailored, bespoke version of the iconic Wolgan Rangers nature based program, curated specially for your children. In the company of a private Field Guide, children will explore the wild landscape of Wolgan Valley for a personalised adventure. From conservation to water bugs, outdoor games, tracking wild animals or bush survival, imaginations will run wild in our magical landscape Minimum age is 5 years old.

Duration: 2.5 hours
Scheduled: On Request
Grade: Easy to Moderate
Category: Private Experience
Meeting Point: Main Homestead Lobby
PRIVATE FIELD GUIDE FOR A DAY

For a personalised exploration of Wolgan Valley, we invite you to spend a day with one of our knowledgeable Field Guides.

Whether you wish to explore the reserve by foot, bike, horseback or 4WD, or a combination of all, this tour will be limited only by your imagination. The tour also includes the option of a picnic lunch on a spectacular location on the reserve, as well as a packed morning tea. Tour available during daytime hours only.

Duration: 7.5 hours  
Scheduled: On Request  
Grade: Easy to Difficult  
Category: Private Experience  
Meeting Point: Main Homestead Lobby

STOCKMANS CAMPFIRE

Add a touch of Australian ‘bush heritage’ to any private activity conducted on the reserve. This optional detail adds a unique element to any private tour of 90 minutes duration or longer. The experience involves a campfire rest stop on the reserve, where a Field Guide prepares the traditional stockman’s fare of ‘Damper and Billy Tea’, whilst you sit back, relax and enjoy the serenity of the natural bushland environment.

During the bushfire season there may be restrictions on the lighting of campfires.

Duration: 1 hour  
Scheduled: On Request  
Grade: Easy to Moderate  
Category: Supplement to any Private Tour  
Meeting Point: Main Homestead Lobby
MEETING POINTS
Most activities will depart from the main reception, unless indicated otherwise. The 1832 Heritage Homestead is the meeting point for Archery, Wolgan Rangers, the Cane Creek Nature Walk, 1832 Heritage Tour and the Conservation Activity. In the event of required changes to meeting points, this will be discussed with you on arrival at the resort.

CANCELLATION POLICY
Cancellation policies apply for Signature and Private Touring experiences. A 100% cancellation charge will be incurred for any activity not cancelled at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of the activity. On some occasions activities may be affected by inclement weather conditions. For any activities cancelled or postponed by Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley management due to inclement weather, cancellation fees will not apply.

BOOKING
We advise that bookings for all private activities should be made in advance of your arrival, especially for horse riding. Bookings are required for all activities and can be made by visiting reception in the Main Homestead, dialling 1 on your in-villa phone, or contacting the resort prior to your arrival.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

HORSE RIDING
Horse riding activities are subject to a weight limit of 100kg. Special conditions apply for children under 12 years of age and children must be accompanied. Trail rides are not available for children less than 8 years of age. Helmets are compulsory and are provided. Covered shoes are required.

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR
Sturdy enclosed footwear suitable for hiking over rough and uneven terrain is recommended for all walking adventures.

CLOTHING & WHAT TO BRING
For fitness activities, we recommend you to dress in appropriate athletic/hiking outfit attire, with closed shoes. Please bring sunscreen, hat or cap and insect repellents to all outdoor activities.

AGE RESTRICTIONS
Participants must be 10 years or over, unless otherwise stated.