

WISH YOU WERE HERE

Right, so let's address what you're probably thinking upfront – the holiday home you see pictured here is expensive. Really expensive. Think \$1000 per night, or seven grand a week. But, if you had the budget, by jeez it would be worth it.

Alinghi is a privately owned retreat perched on a steep hillside thick with native bush. It overlooks the Pacific Ocean 6km south of Agnes Water and 1770 on Queensland's Discovery Coast (a six-hour drive from Brisbane). It's part of the prestigious Rocky Point Estate, a 14-acre gated community with just six homes and its own private beach – Honeymoon Bay. As you can probably tell, the home was designed by an award-winning architect (James Grose of Bligh Volter Nield), who made the most of the coastal location by keeping the house open via breezeways and covered verandahs, with sliding doors to take in the views.

Alinghi comprises a main house that sleeps 12, and a separate king-size couple's retreat, with its own dressing room, ensuite and private study with wi-fi. It's decked out in high-end finishes and furnishings – the terrace pictured is constructed from travertine; external cladding is Arctic cedar; there's the requisite Bose sound system and plasma TV. Personal chefs and private surfing lessons can be arranged, or you can be left to your own devices.

Which is what we're dreaming about as we head into another busy year at AT. What we'd do to be able to lie back and zone out on one of those chaise longues. But there's work to do, so we can just dream on.

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