

# Good Weekend

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AWAY

Fun. Remember that?  
Great Aussie mini-breaks  
to get you back in  
the groove.

## New South Wales

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### Basalt

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**THE LOCATION** These three handsome studios are grafted into the basalt soil of a cherry orchard just outside Orange, four hours' drive from Sydney.

**THE PLACE** Simon Rollin had the idea to showcase the far-reaching views of his parents' commercial orchard during the COVID lockdowns. He worked with award-winning Mudgee company, Cameron Anderson Architects, and Wollongong's Lisa Johnson Design Studio to build the three self-contained cabins, each one a light-filled space of polished concrete, spotted gum and earthy tones. Both the king bed and giant egg bath look over the Central Tablelands, there's a fireplace for cold Orange nights and a telescope for amateur stargazing. A kitchenette with an induction cooktop comes in handy if you want to whip up a quick and cosy pasta.

**THE EXPERIENCE** Open the bottle of complimentary grenache, run the bath, and away you go.



There's an outdoor fire pit perfect for grilling marshmallows, but it's hard to leave the soft linen of the bed, or a throw rug on the couch. Cabins are spaced far apart – it's unlikely you'll see other guests – and a continental breakfast is provided. Meanwhile, there are myriad cellar doors nearby (Printhie Wines is the pick for oysters and fizz), the Orange

Regional Gallery, and the recently opened Hey Rosey wine bar. **DON'T MISS** Lunch at *Good Food Guide*-hatted Schoolhouse Restaurant. The smart-casual dining room inside Orange's old Union Bank building offers a modern European menu made for lazy afternoons. **FROM \$550** a night; two-night minimum stay. *Callan Boys*