

green with ENVY

Sarah Blinco gets in touch with her green side on a visit to The Canopy Treehouses, an eco-luxury North Queensland destination.

I'M NOT REALLY great with wildlife and reptiles, especially if they are surrounding my sleeping quarters.

It's for this reason I chuckle to myself when I think about why I loved my stay at the Canopy Treehouses in the Atheron Tablelands so much. Obviously the luxe yet secluded accommodation and 5-star touches like the two-person hammock on the large deck, double spa bath, and serene rainforest and river view helped – a lot. But it was the wildlife that offered a unique angle on this beautiful stay.

There are six luxury treehouses on this 100-acre rainforest property, each seamlessly blending positive environmental principles and high-end accommodation. Our treehouse was a large wooden and glass home on stilts set among rainforest, overlooking the Ithaca River.

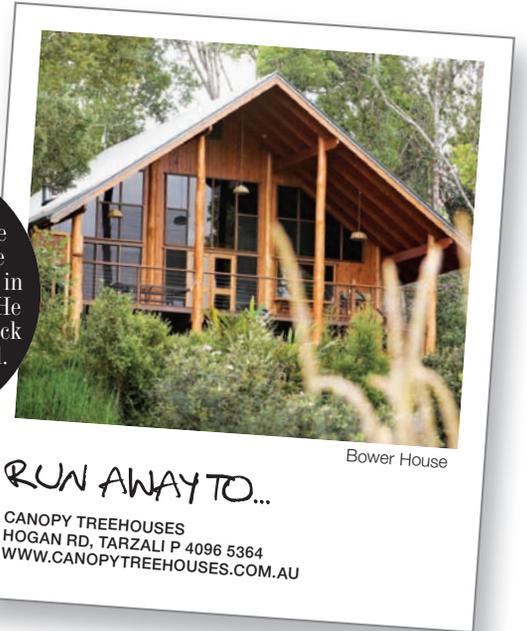
It gets chilly in the high country, so I was thrilled to find warm robes already placed on the master

bed. A delicious barbecue overlooking the rainforest nightfall, a few wines and a relaxing spa bath later, we decided that the cool snap warranted use of the fireplace in the sizeable living area.

Sleep here is peaceful in the large comfortable bed within a lavish bedroom featuring glass windows that showcase stunning rainforest vistas. When I was roused from a deep sleep by a loud thud, I thought it must be my imagination. When a second thud followed a few minutes later, my brave other half hopped up and flicked on the light. "What the? You cheeky little..."

The source of the racket was a cute possum frolicking in our belongings (seems we'd left a set of windows open). He enjoyed a 1am snack while we watched, bemused by the fact that he didn't seem interested in taking his winnings outside.

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Bower House

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