



You'll be walking on water too after a heavenly houseboat holiday!

WEEKEND ON A HOUSEBOAT

MYALL LAKES, NSW

For our one-year wedding anniversary, my husband and I wanted to get away and a houseboat sounded just perfect. We stocked up on food, water, ice, fishing rods, towels and clothes and loaded up the boat, which comes with a gas barbecue, utensils, crockery, linen, CD player and games.

We were given a lesson on how to run the boat (you don't need any prior experience), and a map of the lake showed us where we could swim, fish and berth for the night (as well as a number we could ring if we got into trouble!).

What followed were two of the most peaceful days of my

life! We'd drive the boat for a couple of hours in the morning until we found a spot where we wanted to spend the day. The lake is huge and we only saw four other houseboats the whole time, so it felt like we had the lake to ourselves! Mostly we just lazed around, caught a lot of good-sized bream and swam. We also used our boat's dinghy to row over to the many islands.

But nights were the best. We'd fire up the barbie and have dinner under the stars – I'd never seen so many stars before! Then the gentle swaying of the boat would rock us to sleep. Pure bliss! *Lorraine, 29*

DETAILS Hire a houseboat from **Luxury Houseboat Hire** in Myall Lakes, Bulahdelah, about three hours drive north of Sydney. One night on a 33ft houseboat (sleeps 2-6) is around \$460. Call (02) 4997 4380 or visit www.luxuryhouseboat.com.au.