

Summer



Palm Beach Pool House

📍 Palm Beach, NSW

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When it comes to a romantic escape, there's nothing quite like spending a weekend *à deux* in a converted boatshed. You'll fall asleep to the somnolent sound of waves and wake up to a view of sailing boats bobbing in the bay. Restored by Gael Boglione and her husband,

Francesco – owners of the acclaimed Petersham Nurseries in London – this timber-clad boathouse studio has bi-fold doors that open onto Pittwater. Inside there's a simple wooden four-poster bed dressed with Italian linen and set against an exposed

sandstone wall. An elegant French armoire sourced from an antiques fair in Avignon and a battered boat lantern found at an antiques store in Sydney's Woollahra hint at the owners' Euro-Australian heritage. You might spend your time here lounging on the bed or seated in one of two chairs perfectly positioned to catch the purple-pink dusk light reflected on the water.



Romance factor ♥♥♥♥♥

Dining The boathouse has a tidy bar kitchen with an oven, dishwasher and fridge (stocked with a bottle of Pommery Champagne). Or you could try Hamptons-inspired Barrenjoey House (barrenjoeyhouse.com.au) just minutes away.

You'll love this... Given that the boathouse can only be rented when the main house is empty, you'll have exclusive use of a 10-square-metre pool, a barbecue and a long table under a cabana.

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