New Year in Australia

Some holidays stay in your memory forever — 2000 was one of those for me. My wife and I celebrated the turn of the new millennium in Kings Park in Perth together with my brother and sister-in-law. We were on a three-month holiday from the Netherlands. Almost all the city's residents gathered in one park with picnic boxes, rugs, and chairs. We were treated to a spectacular air show followed by fireworks.

The next day, a visit to the Pinnacles Desert was the icing on the cake. It is Western Australia's most popular attraction — its limestone formations create an eerie, moon-like landscape unlike anything else in the world. We stayed overnight in New Norcia, in a romantic hotel with a grand staircase.

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