

A photograph of a modern beach house. The house features a large, covered wooden deck with a dining table and chairs. To the left, there is a swimming pool with a glass railing. The background shows a view of the ocean under a blue sky with scattered clouds. The house has a contemporary design with large windows and a flat roof.

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Phillip Island Beach House

Phillip Island, Victoria, Australia

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The 6,000-square-foot residence is sited between a national park and cliff edge on the northwest coast of the island—a dramatic and rugged coastline subject to major climatic shifts and constant winds. The architect’s design response to this environment is a solid and robust, double-story, L-shaped building that wraps around a protected pool garden.

The building is composed of two tectonically opposing wings. The wing clad in solid timber contains a double-height entry hall and sleeping quarters, including an upper-floor terrace off the master bedroom protected by a semi-transparent timber screen. The timber façades are articulated by long, vertical slot windows that capture slices of the landscape and create dynamic interior lighting effects.

The other wing contains extensively glazed living areas protected by deep eaves and terraces. The living areas in this wing are contained by a concrete block wall with open fires on both levels and an external fire on the upper-floor terrace. The kitchen and main living spaces are located upstairs to maximize the stunning ocean views.

Natural materials were selected that would age gracefully in the harsh coastal environment and include spotted gum timber, black zinc, concrete, black anodized aluminum, and glass. The natural and robust approach is carried through to the interior with concrete fireplaces, timber ceilings, and timber wall panels.

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- 1 Entry
- 2 Living
- 3 Billiards
- 4 Bar
- 5 Bedroom
- 6 Laundry
- 7 Garage
- 8 Pool
- 9 Loggia
- 10 Living
- 11 Meals
- 12 Kitchen
- 13 Pantry
- 14 Study
- 15 Balcony

