

SYDNEY & NEW SOUTH WALES EVENTS CALENDAR

— JULY 2019 - JUNE 2020 —







NSW is the proud home of Australia's biggest and best events and it's my pleasure to present the 2019-20 Sydney and New South Wales Events Calendar on behalf of the NSW Government. This is your essential guide to what's happening in our great State.

The NSW Government, through its tourism and major events agency Destination NSW, is committed to continuing to bring record numbers of visitors from across the globe and Australia. An important part of our strategy is attracting more world class events to ensure we keep breaking new ground and promoting our State right across the world.

This calendar reveals the impressive line-up of sporting, arts, cultural and lifestyle events to be staged over the coming year, Australia's number one tourist destination.

Some of the highlights include the inaugural ATP Cup, musicals Muriel's Wedding and Chicago, the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, the Blackmores Sydney Running Festival and of course Vivid Sydney, the largest festival of light, music and ideas in the Southern Hemisphere.

The amazing line-up of events also extends beyond Sydney into rural and regional NSW. From the Parkes Elvis™ Festival to L'Étape by Tour de France in the Snowy Mountains, the Deni Ute Muster in Deniliquin and the brand new 3 Festival in Wollongong, there really is something for everyone.

With so much to see and do in NSW the best place to start your planning is right here!

The Hon. Stuart Ayres

Minister for Jobs, Investment,
Tourism and Western Sydney



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SYDNEY AND NSW HIGHLIGHT EVENTS

JULY 2019



HOLDEN STATE OF ORIGIN III
10 July
ANZ Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park

AUGUST 2019



BANGALOW MUSIC FESTIVAL
9 - 11 August
Bangalow

NOVEMBER 2019



L'ÉTAPE AUSTRALIA BY TOUR DE FRANCE
29 - 30 November
Jindabyne

DECEMBER 2019



**EMIRATES AUSTRALIAN OPEN
GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS**
5 - 8 December
Rosebery

MARCH 2020



NEWCREST ORANGE CHALLENGE
22 March
Orange

APRIL 2020



SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW
3 - 14 April
Sydney Showground, Sydney Olympic Park

SEPTEMBER 2019



SPRING JAM
28 September
Wagga Wagga

OCTOBER 2019



SCULPTURE BY THE SEA
24 October - 10 November
Bondi to Tamarama Coastal Walk

JANUARY 2020



PARKES ELVIS™ FESTIVAL
8 - 12 January
Parkes

FEBRUARY 2020



ICC WOMEN'S T20 WORLD CUP 2020
21 February - 5 March
Various Sydney Venues

MAY 2020



**AUSTRALIAN SENIOR LEAGUE
BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS**
May
Lismore

JUNE 2020



SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL
3 - 14 June
Various locations across Sydney



Muriel's Wedding The Musical

From 28 June

The multi-award-winning musical is coming back to Sydney!

Sydney Lyric**Roald Dahl's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**

Until 21 July

Step inside Roald Dahl's world of pure imagination at this everlasting showstopper!

Capitol Theatre**The National 2019: New Australian Art**

Until 21 July

This major exhibition presents the latest ideas and forms in contemporary Australian art.

Art Gallery of NSW**Bathurst Winter Festival**

6 - 21 July

Featuring an open-air ice rink, Illumination, Winter Playground, and 4 feature events boasting quality food and beverage.

Bathurst**Holden State of Origin Game III**

10 July

Don't miss Rugby League's greatest rivals in action when the NSW Blues play the QLD Maroons.

ANZ Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park**Hockey Australia U21 Australia Championships**

10 - 17 July

The National U21 Hockey Championship features teams from each state and territory.

Lismore**Buildcorp Wallaroos 2019 Japan Series**

The Buildcorp Wallaroos will play a historic two-Test series against Japan.

13 July - Newcastle No.2**Sportsground****19 July - North Sydney Oval****Westfield National Youth Championships for Girls**

15 - 19 July

Female footballers from across Australia compete in this prestigious youth tournament.

C.Ex International Stadium, Coffs Harbour**Gondwana World Choral Festival**

15 - 21 July

The greatest gathering of international choirs in Australia this century.

Sydney Opera House and Sydney Conservatorium of Music*In the State of Origin, New South Wales had a clean sweep in 2000 when they scored a huge 146 points.*

Love Sea Food Tastes Port Stephens

1 August - 1 September
Head to glorious Port Stephens in August to celebrate the month of the tastiest food in the tunaverse.

Port Stephens

Orange Winter Fire Festival

2 - 4 August
Experience bonfires at local wineries and cellar doors and enjoy food from gourmet food trucks and a night market.

Orange

Bangalow Music Festival

9 - 11 August
A unique long weekend getaway full of world-class chamber music.

Bangalow

SAE Australian Surf Championships

9 - 26 August
The beautiful Tweed Coast region shapes up as the perfect venue where the national surfing title will be decided.

Tweed

Aroma Coffee and Chocolate Festival

10 - 11 August
A celebration of all things coffee and chocolate!

Maitland

Chicago

From 20 August
A universal tale of fame, fortune and all that jazz. It would be a crime to miss it!

Capitol Theatre

bcu Woolgoolga MTB Festival

23 - 25 August
A three-day Mountain Bike extravaganza situated in the coastal town of Woolgoolga.

Woolgoolga

Dubbo Stampede Running Festival

25 August
Run through Taronga Western Plains Zoo to experience animals of the world in the heart of NSW.

Dubbo

Kiama Bodyboard King Pro

30 August - 8 September
The world's best bodyboarders will compete in Australia's only World Tour Event.

Kiama

Nosh Narrabri

31 August - 1 September
A bi-annual food and wine festival, held along the Namoi Creek.

Narrabri

Did you know? The natural harbour of Port Stephens is two and a half times the size of Sydney Harbour!





The Peter Allen Festival

5 - 8 September

This festival brings to life the music and story of one of Australia's favourite entertainers.

Tenterfield

International Rugby Test: Qantas Wallabies v Manu Samoa

7 September

The Qantas Wallabies take on Manu Samoa in a farewell match before they leave to take on the world.

Bankwest Stadium, Parramatta

Sample Food Festival

7 September

This is the premier food and produce festival for Northern NSW supported by 200 exhibitors.

Bangalow

Write Around the Murray Festival

11 - 15 September

Albury's boutique regional writers festival attracts readers, writers and story lovers to our city.

Albury

Sydney Contemporary

12 - 15 September

Australasia's premier art fair presents 90+ galleries showcasing 400+ artists.

Carriageworks, Eveleigh

South Coast Food & Wine Festival

13 - 15 September

Celebrate all things good about Food and Wine from the South Coast of NSW.

Berry

Blackmores Sydney Running Festival

15 September

One of the most scenic and spectacular courses in Australia.

Sydney

Prohibition / Speakeasy

20 September

This event will transport you back to the 1920's, to a secret / Speakeasy bar at Old Dubbo Gaol.

Dubbo

Spring Jam

28 September

A kid's outdoor festival combining circus acts, adventure play and interactive fun.

Wagga Wagga

FFA National Youth

Championships for Boys

30 September - 4 October

Footballers from across Australia compete in this prestigious youth tournament.

C.Ex International Stadium, Coffs Harbour

The small town of Bangalow is thought to be named after the Banjalang Aboriginal word 'Bangalla' meaning a 'low hill' or 'a kind of palm tree'.

Deni Ute Muster

4 - 5 October

A family event attracting visitors to one of the flattest plains on earth.

Deniliquin

Sculpture on the Farm

4 - 7 October

Sculpture on the Farm will stage its second exhibition of sculpture at "Fosterton".

Dungog

Gears and Beers Festival

5 - 6 October

A day of picturesque cycling routes, bespoke bike builders, and a craft beer and cider festival.

Wagga Wagga

GV Block Party

5 - 7 October

Australia's boutique mountain bike event of the year.

Tongarra

NRL Telstra Premiership Grand Final

6 October

Be part of history and witness the ultimate battle to see which NRL Club will be crowned 2019 Premiers.

ANZ Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park

Billy Elliot the Musical

From 10 October

The 10th Anniversary Tour of Billy Elliot the Musical arrives this October.

Sydney Lyric

Supercheap Auto Bathurst 1000

10 - 13 October

The most prestigious race in Australian motorsport, on one of the world's greatest race tracks.

Mount Panorama, Bathurst

Riverlights Multicultural Festival

12 October

A celebration of cultural diversity, bringing together the Hunter's extended multicultural community.

Maitland

Griffith Spring Fest

13 - 27 October

Explore our unique Citrus Sculptures, experience our beautiful gardens and workshops, enjoy the flavours and sounds of Griffith!

Griffith

The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

17 - 19 October

The ultimate live experience, featuring more than 1,400 performers from around the world.

ANZ Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park

On non-race days and with a strict speed limit of 60 km/h, the public can drive around Mount Panorama, the Motor Racing Circuit in Bathurst.





DREAM Festival

17 - 27 October

A festival of entertainment, visual arts, music and a huge light and lantern spectacular.

Dubbo**Downer Rugby League****World Cup 9s Sydney 2019**

18 - 19 October

12 nations playing across two days in an action-packed, free-flowing World Cup 9s.

Bankwest Stadium, Parramatta**Bird Haven Festival**

18 - 20 October

An annual celebration of the beauty and wonder of birds.

Shoalhaven Heads**Great Australian Beer Festival**

19 October

The festival showcases a variety of breweries, local restaurants, food trucks and local and national performers.

Albury**Bowral Classic**

20 October

A one-day Gran Fondo CycloSportif held in the pristine Southern Highlands.

Bowral**Ballina Food & Wine Festival**

20 October

Showcasing the best produce, products, restaurants, culinary expertise and entertainment the region has to offer.

Ballina**Sculpture By the Sea**

24 October - 10 November

See the spectacular coastal walk transformed into a 2km long sculpture park.

Bondi to Tamarama Coastal Walk**2019 Trans-Tasman Test Match****Australian Kangaroos v New Zealand Kiwis (Men's)****Australian Jillaroos v Kiwi Ferns (Women's)**

25 October

Come witness Australia take on New Zealand for the very first time at WIN Stadium.

WIN Stadium, Wollongong**Sand and Sea Festival**

25 - 27 October

This three-day multisport event showcases the beauty of the whitest sand beaches in Jervis Bay.

Huskisson**Grafton Jacaranda Festival**

25 October - 3 November

Come and see the purple haze that is The Jacaranda City.

Grafton

The colours of the official Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo 50th tartan depicts the three military forces - Navy, Army & Air Force.

Sydney International Art Series: Japan Supernatural

2 November 2019 -

8 March 2020

Celebrating the wildly imaginative spirit world of Japanese art across the centuries.

Art Gallery of NSW

Sydney International Art Series: Cornelia Parker

8 November 2019 -

16 February 2020

Cornelia Parker will transform everyday objects into unexpected and explosive installations, sculptures, drawings and films.

**Museum of Contemporary
Art Australia**

Mullum Music Festival

14 - 17 November

Celebrate culture through national and international music.

Mullumbimby

Kennards Hire Rally Australia

14 - 17 November

World's best drivers compete for the FIA World Rally Championship.

Coffs Harbour

The Freak Show Festival of Motorcycles

15 - 17 November

A celebration of the unique and wonderful motorcycling lifestyle.

Walcha

Coates Hire Newcastle 500

22 - 24 November

The final of the Virgin Australia Supercars Championship.

Newcastle

Perricoota Pop & Pour Festival

23 November

Progressive festival showcasing local food, wine and music.

Moama

IRONMAN 70.3 Western Sydney

24 November

The iconic triathlon race held on Sydney's door step.

**Sydney International Regatta
Centre, Penrith**

2019 NSW Open Championship

28 November - 1 December

Come and walk the fairways with the stars of the PGA Tour of Australasia

Twin Creeks Golf & Country Club

L'ETAPE Australia by Tour de France

29 - 30 November

The only amateur cycling event in Australia with fully closed roads and professional Tour de France conditions.

Jindabyne

2019 ARIA Awards

November

A celebration of Australian music.

The Star Event Centre

The first five ARIA Award ceremonies were not televised. The first host, Elton John, advised this "if you want these awards to stay fun".





2019 AACTA Awards presented by Foxtel

4 December

Celebrating the best of Australian film and television in 2019.

The Star Event Centre

Emirates Australian Open Golf Championship

5 - 8 December

The oldest and most prestigious golf tournament on the PGA Tour of Australasia.

**The Australian Golf Club,
Rosebery**

National Cherry Festival

6 - 8 December

This iconic regional produce event showcases the famous Cherry which has been part of the landscape around Young for over 150 years.

Young

Shellharbour Skate and Surf Festival

6 - 15 December

Activities ranging from surfing and skateboarding competitions, board art and exhibitions, entertainment with a music festival finale.

Shellharbour

Woolworths Carols in the Domain

22 December

Australia's largest free Christmas concert, featuring Australian and international artists.

The Domain, Sydney

Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race

26 December

The start of this challenging race is a Boxing Day tradition on Sydney Harbour.

Sydney Harbour

Formula 1.0 Gliding Grand Prix

29 December - 4 January 2020

A family and spectator-friendly gliding competition bringing the growing sport of gliding into the 21st century.

Leeton

Sydney New Year's Eve

31 December

Sydney welcomes in the New Year with spectacular fireworks displays at 9pm and midnight.

Sydney Harbour

Cherries have been cultivated in southern Australia since the late 19th Century when they were introduced to the New South Wales town of Young.

ATP Cup

3 - 12 January

Be part of the biggest summer of international tennis with Sydney to host the best players in the world in the inaugural 24-nation competition.

**Sydney Olympic Park
Tennis Centre**

Festival of Indoor Hockey

4 - 26 January

The National Indoor Championships features U13 to Senior competitions, with teams from each state and territory.

Wollongong

Parkes Elvis™ Festival

8 - 12 January

Enjoy a jam-packed five-day program with over 200 events.

Parkes

TOYOTA Country Music Festival

Tamworth

17 - 26 January

Ten-day country music festival features over 700 artists and more than 2,800 events.

Tamworth

Australia Day

26 January

Music, entertainment and plenty of free fun for the family.

**Various locations across Sydney
and NSW**

Yabun Festival

26 January

Australia's largest festival of indigenous culture.

Camperdown, Sydney

LIQUI MOLY Bathurst 12 Hour

31 January - 2 February

Globally recognised international GT endurance race at the home of Australian motorsport.

Bathurst

Vissla NSW Pro Surf Series - Carve Pro

January

This elite four-day competition will form the first of three stops on the Vissla NSW Pro Surf Series.

Maroubra

Sydney Lunar Festival

January

Celebrate the Lunar New Year at Sydney Lunar Festival, produced by the City of Sydney.

Various locations across Sydney

Sydney Festival

January

The city comes alive with a cultural celebration of performing arts and big ideas.

**Various venues across Sydney
and Western Sydney**

The Sydney Festival has a history of world premieres. The 2019 program included 18 world premieres and 5 Australian premieres.





Vissla NSW Pro Surf Series - Mothernest Great Lakes Pro

February

Over 200 professional surfers will compete at stage two of the Vissla NSW Pro Surf Series.

Boomerang Beach

Australian Ladies Classic – Golf

February

See all the action up close by walking the fairways alongside the world's best players.

**Bonville Golf Resort,
Coffs Harbour**

Snowies Mountain Bike Festival

14 - 16 February

One of Australia's most exciting MTB festivals over 3 days and 6 stages.

Snowy Mountains

ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2020 Opening Ceremony

21 February

Australia v India

Come and celebrate in spectacular fashion with the opening celebration that will precede the first match of the tournament.

**Sydney Showground Stadium,
Sydney Olympic Park**

Sydney Harbour Challenge

22 February

Australia's most prestigious six man Outrigger Canoe Race.

Manly Cove

3 Festival

27 February - 1 March

A celebration and exploration of art, technology and society curated by Ars Electronica.

Wollongong

TreX Cross Triathlon National Championships

29 February

Swim, MTB and trail run in one of Australia's most iconic off-road triathlons.

Snowy Mountains

Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras

February (Parade 29 February)

The world's loudest and proudest celebration of LGBTIQ diversity.

Various locations across Sydney

Vissla NSW Pro Surf Series- Central Coast Pro

February

This elite six-day event forms the third and final stop on the Vissla NSW Pro Surf Series.

Avoca Beach

Moama and Echuca are twin towns, sitting on the banks of the Murray River, with Echuca in Northern Victoria and Moama across the border in New South Wales.

Snowies Ultra Trail Run Festival

1 March

Ultra, half marathon, 12k and 5k trail run events.

Snowy Mountains

ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2020

Get ready for the thrilling, fast-paced action of T20 cricket.

1 March

South Africa v Pakistan

England v West Indies

3 March

Pakistan v Qualifier 2

West Indies v South Africa

Sydney Showground Stadium

5 March

Semi Final 1

Semi Final 2

Sydney Cricket Ground

National Touch League

11 - 14 March

See Australia's best touch football talent in action at this event.

C.Ex International Stadium, Coffs Harbour

Biennale of Sydney: NIRIN

14 March - 8 June

Australia's leading contemporary art event.

Various locations across Sydney

2020 Australian Athletics Championships

22 - 29 March

Australia's best track and field athletes of all ages will be out in force over eight days.

Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre

Newcrest Orange Challenge

22 March

An exciting cycling event over rolling hills, around beautiful vineyards and picturesque open plains.

Orange

Aon Sydney International Rowing Regatta

23 - 29 March

Featuring the world's finest athletes in a week-long rowing regatta.

Sydney International Regatta Centre, Penrith

Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour

27 March - 26 April

Sydney's most spectacular event in a magnificent open air opera house with fireworks at every performance.

Fleet Steps, Mrs Macquarie's Point

Women's NSW Open Championship

March

See the sport's best female athletes compete for one of Australia's most coveted titles.

Dubbo Golf Club

The Sydney International Regatta Centre in Penrith was originally the rowing and canoe sprint venue built for the 2000 Summer Olympics.





Sydney Royal Easter Show

3 - 14 April

A twelve day celebration featuring agricultural competitions, animal experiences, live entertainment, carnival fun, shopping and much more.

**Sydney Showground,
Sydney Olympic Park**

The Championships

4 and 11 April

The jewel in the crown of the Sydney Autumn Carnival features 12 races.

Royal Randwick, Sydney

Sail Port Stephens

27 April - 3 May

An annual yachting regatta held on the pristine waterways of the Port Stephens Marine Park.

D'Albora Marina, Nelson Bay

**Hockey Australia Under 15
Australian Championships**

17 - 23 April

The National U15

Championships features boys and girls teams representing each state and territory.

Bathurst

Orange F.O.O.D Week

April

Experience the best of the region's food and wine in a festival atmosphere.

Orange

Sculpture at Scenic World

April - May

This event celebrates its eighth exhibition transforming the natural Jurassic rainforest with world-class sculptures.

Katoomba

The first agricultural show in Sydney was held in 1823 by the Agricultural Society of New South Wales and featured horses, cattle and sheep.

Narooma Oyster Festival

1 - 2 May

Celebrate the region's oysters and their growers, quality produce and chefs of the NSW South Coast.

Narooma

Wings Over Illawarra

2 - 3 May

Flying displays of aerobatics, classic warbirds and vintage aircraft.

Illawarra Regional Airport

IRONMAN Australia and IRONMAN 70.3 Port Macquarie

3 May

Two iconic Australian events in the beautiful seaside city.

Port Macquarie

Port to Port

21 - 24 May

An epic mountain bike stage race through coastline, national parks and wine country.

**Hunter Valley, Newcastle
and Lake Macquarie**

Mercedes-Benz Fashion Weekend Edition

May

Join fashion's elite at the only place in the world where you can preview designer collections mere days after the industry.

Carriageworks, Eveleigh

Semi Permanent

May

Australia's biggest celebration of design and creativity, returns!

Carriageworks, Eveleigh

Casino Beef Week

May

An annual celebration of this iconic Australian industry and the rural way of life.

Casino

Australian Senior League Baseball Championships

May

Teams from around the country compete for an Australian Championship and a place at the Senior League Baseball in U.S.

Lismore

Vivid Sydney

May - June

Australia's most loved and awarded festival of light, music and ideas.

Sydney

Archibald, Wynne and Sulman Prizes

May - September

A major highlight on the national arts calendar depicting the who's who in Australia.

Art Gallery of NSW

In 2001, denim brand Ksubi released 250 rats onto the catwalk at Mercedes Benz Fashion Week much to the horror of front-row fashionistas.





Sydney Film Festival

3 - 14 June

Enjoy the best features, documentaries and short films from across Australia and the world.

Various locations across Sydney

Huntfest

6 - 7 June

Set in the spectacular coastal town of Narooma, Huntfest primarily focuses on hunting and other recreational outdoor activities.

Narooma

OCR World Championships 24 Hour Enduro

6 - 7 June

Athletes complete as many laps as possible over 24hrs as an individual or in a team.

Lower Portland, Hawkesbury

Peak Music Festival

June

Celebrate the opening of the Winter snow season with great music.

Perisher

PieFest

June

The two day festival will include a large range of pies, pie eating and throwing competitions, cooking demonstrations, entertainment and more.

Bowral

Coonamble Rodeo and Campdraft

June

The largest combined rodeo and campdraft in the southern hemisphere.

Coonamble

Australian Little League Baseball Championships

June

A highly regarded youth baseball event, with the winner gaining entry into the Little League World Series.

Lismore

Montague Island off Narooma is home to NSW's largest colony of little penguins and 15 other species of birds.

DISCOVER REGIONAL NSW



NEW SOUTH WALES IS AUSTRALIA'S OLDEST STATE AND INCREDIBLY DIVERSE, OFFERING VISITORS A COMPLETE TRAVEL EXPERIENCE.

Beyond the Harbourside city is the expansive beauty of New South Wales, where travellers from far and wide traverse the dramatic landscapes, buzzing coastal cities, world heritage wilderness and pristine white sand beaches. This incredible state has something on offer for every kind of visitor, whether that be for a laid back family holiday or for thrill seekers to explore all sceneries. Make sure the stunning World Heritage listed Lord Howe Island and the Greater Blue Mountains are at the top of your list!



BLUE MOUNTAINS

Beyond Sydney are the dramatic landscapes of the Blue Mountains, where sightseers soak up iconic views from lofty lookouts, discover secret bushland waterfalls, and stay in heritage accommodation fringed by mountain-backed bushland. Home to the famous Three Sisters rock formation and the steepest incline railway in the world, the Blue Mountains has long been a drawcard for adventurers.



OUTBACK NSW

The raw beauty of Outback NSW is revealed in the breathtaking landscapes of Gundabooka National Park, the view over the Mundi Mundi Plains, and the stunning red sand dunes of Sturt National Park. Wildlife is abundant despite the apparently harsh environment: wedge-tailed eagles soar, lizards bask and waterholes teem with birds.



COUNTRY NSW

Escape to Country NSW for a relaxing getaway amongst rolling green farmland, vast blue skies and warm hospitality. Country NSW is a mecca for food lovers who can experience everything from farm gate experiences and wine tastings, to tucking into local produce at heritage pubs. Enjoy the fresh air and peaceful ambience of the countryside, or look to the heavens in the Warrumbungle National Park, Australia's first and only Dark Sky Park.



LORD HOWE ISLAND

Immerse yourself in the jaw-dropping beauty of this World Heritage paradise just two hours' flight from Sydney. The island measures less than 11km end to end and barely 3km across, and only 400 visitors are allowed at any one time. Lord Howe Island's famous twin peaks, breathtaking views and natural forest make it ideal for walkers and hikers.

DISCOVER REGIONAL NSW



RIVERINA AND MURRAY

The Riverina, flanked by the mighty Murray River is an agri-tourism hub offering abundant fresh produce, cellar doors and fields of canola in Spring. Known as the food bowl of Australia, the Riverina Murray region has the ideal temperate climate, rich soil and plentiful water to produce exceptional citrus fruits, peaches, almonds, lamb, beef, wheat, rice and world famous wine.



SNOWY MOUNTAINS

The magnificent alpine scenery of the Snowy Mountains — or The Snowies as they're affectionately known — is characterised by incredible mountain peaks, snow gum woodlands and rolling plains dotted with ancient boulders. Australia's high country is one of few places in Australia that showcases four distinct seasons, with snow-covered slopes in Winter and alpine lakes edged with fields of wildflowers in Summer.



NORTH COAST

The North Coast traces the intricate coastline along New South Wales from the Tweed in the North down to Port Stephens. With artisan shopping, iconic surf breaks, rainforest trails, and secluded rock pools to swim and snorkel in, the North Coast offers an enchanting and diverse holiday experience.



SOUTH COAST

Recharge on the South Coast of New South Wales where the sapphire-hued ocean meets some of the whitest sand in the world and lush valleys. The South Coast, which stretches from Shellharbour to Eden has magnificent bushland to hike through and unique accommodation. Watch the little penguins waddle and fur seals frolic on Montague Island off Narooma, soar on Australia's highest zip-line through the treetops or just sit back on Tathra wharf for a spot of fishing.



CENTRAL COAST

An hour's drive north of Sydney, the Central Coast is perfect for a weekend escape packed with ocean adventures, foodie experiences and beach walks. Just North of Sydney, enjoy an alluring mix of bays, inlets and lakes, and golden and white sandy beaches, as well as picturesque waterfront esplanades.



HUNTER

For the ultimate wine weekender, escape to the Hunter Valley, Australia's oldest winegrowing region just two hours' drive from Sydney. Renowned for its semillon and shiraz varietals, there are plenty of boutique wineries to visit with cellar doors for tastings, award-winning restaurants showcasing locally-grown ingredients and beautiful picnic spots amongst the vines to enjoy local cheeses, wines and more.

EXPERIENCE THE



WORLD-FAMOUS ICONS

From the graceful arch of the Sydney Harbour Bridge to the gleaming white sails of Sydney Opera House, millions of tourists flock to Sydney every year to see the city's architectural marvels. Climb the curve of the steel arch with a guided tour or fly over the Harbour for a bird's eye view.



SEE AUSTRALIA'S ANIMALS

Wake up to the sound of exotic and native animals at Taronga Zoo Sydney's Roar and Snore experience. Stay overnight inside the Harbourside zoo in a safari-style tent, enjoy a gourmet feast under the stars and have a twilight walk through Taronga once it's closed to general visitors.



SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

Sydney is a shopping destination to rival any global city. Head to The Intersection where Glenmore Road meets Oxford Street in Paddington. This chic enclave is home to high-end Australian designer boutiques such as Ginger & Smart, Zimmermann and Alice McCall.



SYDNEY WALKS

Along the Bondi to Coogee coastal walk, you can cool off in one of the five beaches along the walk or have a dip at the women's ocean pool at Coogee Beach or at the famous Bondi Baths. Upstairs at Icebergs Dining Room, order a cocktail and take in the spectacular views of Bondi Beach.

HIGHLIGHTS OF SYDNEY



SYDNEY'S HERITAGE

Immerse yourself in the rich colonial and traditional indigenous history of Sydney. Aboriginal people have lived in the area for over 50,000 years and colonial Sydney began in early 1788. Take an aboriginal cultural tour or head to Sydney's haunted Q Station in Manly.



CRUISE THE HARBOUR

There are plenty of ways to explore the Harbour – on ferries, yachts, cruise vessels, high-speed jet boats or kayaks. And, if you've ever dreamed of seeing whales in the wild, join a whale-watching cruise from Circular Quay – the whale-watching season runs from May to November.



SYDNEY ARTS

Sydney has a dynamic cultural and art scene, with iconic commercial galleries, artist-run spaces and exclusive performances on world-class stages. Take in a show at the famous Sydney Opera House, see art collections at the Museum of Contemporary Art Australia and explore The Rocks artisan markets.



DESTINATION DELICIOUS

A new generation of culinary innovators are joining Sydney dining mainstays to shape a dynamic food and wine scene in the Harbour City, with everything from delicate degustations by the Harbour, to classic Aussie pub fare and culinary gems down secret laneways.

AND SURROUNDS



BEACHSIDE COOL

Ocean pools are quintessentially NSW and there are 35 in Sydney alone. Bondi Beach is home to the world's most famous ocean pool, Bondi Icebergs. Named after its winter swimming club, the bright white pool dates back to 1929 and is an Instagram favourite.



SKY HIGH IN SYDNEY

Don't miss the breathtaking views from high vantage points across Sydney. Soak up the city skyline from Sydney Tower Eye, take a seaplane or helicopter flight high over the harbour or push your boundaries and sky dive onto a local beach.



INSIGHTS INTO ABORIGINAL HERITAGE

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