YOUR GUIDE TO
SYDNEY IN SUMMER
LOVE EVERY SECOND

MUST SEE INTERNATIONAL SPORTING EVENTS
ENJOY GREAT FOOD AND FANTASTIC ACTIVITIES
REGIONAL NSW SHORT BREAK GETAWAYS
THE BEST OF SYDNEY AND NSW IN SUMMER

Sydney’s spectacular natural wonders, world-class events, fine dining and great shopping promises holidaymakers the whole package. Enjoy an international line-up of sport, Broadway hits, festivals and exhibitions. Discover the stunning harbour, national parks and pristine beaches – and don’t miss our weekend markets and waterside restaurants.

New South Wales offers a great diversity of World Heritage Areas, coastal regions, mountains, outback and historic country towns to explore. So start planning your trip to Sydney and NSW to make the most of all the great things to see and do.

CELEBRATION OF SPORT

Sydney is a sport lover’s paradise with the perfect line-up of international sporting events. Make sure you book tickets early to see once-in-a-lifetime events including the AFC Asian Cup 2015 and the ICC Cricket World Cup 2015.

IT’S ON IN NSW!

Sydney and NSW have a spectacular calendar of world-class festivals, musicals, exclusive exhibitions and stunning celebrations. From the coast to the outback, NSW has the best events for friends and family to enjoy.

FAMILY FUN

There’s so much for kids to see and do in Sydney, with a huge range of activities including water sports, camping, exhibitions, bike riding and family-friendly events – just to name a few.

FOOD AND WINE

Sydney and NSW have a strong passion for great produce and showcasing the best in multicultural dining experiences. Sydney is famous for its alfresco dining, bars, cafés and farmers markets. So find out more about the latest trends.

BEACH AND OUTDOORS

Enjoy the sparkling blue harbour and Sydney’s stunning beaches in the search for your perfect swimming spot. For the adventurous, get tips on beach action from kite-surfing to stand-up paddle boarding and learn to surf sessions.

SHORT BREAKS IN NSW

Stay a little longer and head out to one of the beautiful regions that are within three hours’ of Sydney. A world of fabulous short break opportunities is just a short drive or flight away.
SPORT IN 2014

2014 NRL TELSTRA PREMIERSHIP GRAND FINAL WEEK

Sydney comes alive with the action packed finale of the 2014 NRL season. Enjoy an exciting week of Grand Final events that will culminate in one of the greatest sporting events of the year - the NRL Telstra Premiership Grand Final. Be part of the atmosphere as more than 82,000 fans watch the top two teams battle it out at ANZ Stadium on 5 October.

**When:** 29 September – 5 October 2014
**Where:** Various venues across Sydney including ANZ Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park

KFC T20 INTL

Join the crowds and get amongst the nail-biting action of Summer’s KFC T20 INTL Series. This is sure to be an entertainment spectacle as the biggest names in Aussie cricket do battle against powerhouse rival team South Africa at Sydney’s Stadium Australia.

Expect high energy, high atmosphere, a fast game and a great party vibe in what promises to be a thrilling series for cricket fans.

**When:** 9 November 2014
**Where:** Stadium Australia, Sydney Olympic Park

EMIRATES AUSTRALIAN OPEN OF GOLF

The prestigious Emirates Australian Open has lured the world’s best golfing legends for well over a century – with the likes of Rory McIlroy, Tiger Woods, Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player and more, all bringing their A-game to past tournaments. It’s guaranteed to be a championship played in style as the world’s best compete for Australian golf’s most celebrated prize, the Stonehaven Cup.

With Rory McIlroy already confirmed and major player announcements still to come, 2014 is promising to feature a great international line-up.

**When:** 27 – 30 November 2014
**Where:** The Australian Golf Club, Sydney

V8 SUPERCARS SYDNEY 500

Be part of the track-side action, as the V8 Supercars Sydney National Roads and Motorists Association 500 roars into Homebush. Witness the fast-paced action of the Ford, Holden, Nissan, Mercedes Benz AMG and Volvo teams as they compete at the Sydney Olympic Park circuit for the hi-octane Championship showdown.

Come along and enjoy the festival vibe, with kids aged 14 and under receiving free general admission with a paying adult.

**When:** 5 – 7 December 2014
**Where:** Sydney Olympic Park

For more sporting events visit sydney.com
EXTREME SAILING SERIES™ ACT 8 SYDNEY

Grab a spot by the water and cheer on the world’s most respected skippers as they race to victory in the exciting final round of the Extreme Sailing Series, now in its eighth season. This unique, fast-paced series will culminate in Sydney with three days of heart-stopping inshore action, high-skill multihull sailing – with a classic close call or two! It’s a must-see spectacle right up to the presentation of the champions trophy.

**When:** 12 – 14 December 2014
**Where:** Sydney Harbour

extremesailing.com.au

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2015 SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

HURLEY AUSTRALIAN OPEN OF SURFING

This festival brings the best of wave-riding, pro-skateboarding and live music together at Sydney’s iconic Manly Beach. Being part of the 6-star ASP-sanctioned competition, this youth culture and family event is expected to draw over 180,000 people for a jam-packed nine-day program. Watch male and female surfers carve it up, along with the best skateboarding professionals.

**Spectators can dance to the tracks on the sand as part of the two days of free live concerts.**

**When:** 7 – 15 February 2015
**Where:** Manly Beach, Sydney

australianopenofsurfing.com

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BOWL-A-RAMA BONDI 2015

This event started in Sydney and has gone global. The BOWL-A-RAMA festival returns to Bondi with a week-long event on the shores of our most famous beach. Sanctioned by the International Skateboarder’s Union (ISU), BOWL-A-RAMA is the largest concrete pro-skateboarding event in the southern hemisphere, attracting the best and most influential skaters from around the world and thousands of action sports fans keen to soak up the skateboard culture, art and music.

**When:** 17 – 22 February 2015
**Where:** Bondi Beach

bowlarama.com.au

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TOP GEAR FESTIVAL SYDNEY

Come and see Jeremy Clarkson, James May and Richard Hammond perform together at the 2015 Top Gear Festival Sydney. This adrenalin-packed event brings the best of the world renowned Top Gear TV show to life.

Expect madcap stunts, never-before seen challenges, live action zones and non-stop race circuits, all set to transform Sydney Motorsport Park into an adrenalin lovers paradise.

**There will also be a huge array of vehicles from around the world on display, plus a family zone, food village and the chance for rev-heads to snap up the latest in auto products.**

**When:** 18 – 19 April 2015
**Where:** Sydney Motorsport Park, Eastern Creek

topgearfestivalsydney.com.au
The AFC Asian Cup 2015 is one of the most exciting sporting events to come to Australia. It is the largest football tournament in the Asia Pacific region and the Asian Cup is hotly contested by some of the best teams and players in the world.

Featuring Asia’s top 16 teams, the AFC Asian Cup will start from 9 January 2015 with the final to be held in Sydney on 31 January. This much anticipated competition promises to be a once-in-a-lifetime experience for football and sport fans alike. Sydney and Newcastle will host six Group Stage matches and five finals including the prestigious final at Stadium Australia.

Expect action packed matches as reigning champions Japan compete against other countries such as Australia, Iran, Palestine, Oman and Qatar in both Sydney and Newcastle. There has never been a better time or opportunity to enjoy world-class football.

Ticket packages make it a great day out for families, and with very affordable prices starting from just $5 for kids, fans will want to attend several matches. This is an exciting chance for Australian football fans to experience the ‘world game’ right in their own backyard. Share all the excitement, colour and cheering to create life-long memories by being part of history.
**SYDNEY AND NEWCASTLE MATCH SCHEDULE**

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As the all-time top scorer for the Socceroos, and recent FIFA World Cup team captain, Tim Cahill is excited to be part of the AFC Asian Cup and can’t wait to lead the Socceroos charge!

“Having the Asian Cup in Australia for the first time is something for our country to be really proud of. We will have the best teams from all over Asia right here in our own backyard. And we will have a chance to lift the silverware. If we can manage it, it will be the biggest prize Australia has won. We want to see the stadiums full and share something special with our fans. Make sure we can hear you because your support means everything to us.”

- TIM CAHILL, Socceroo

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Visit afcasiancup.com/tickets

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**RETAIL**
All Ticketek agencies across Australia.
THINGS TO DO IN SYDNEY

SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK

You'll find plenty of things to do around Sydney Olympic Park, home to Stadium Australia.

One of Sydney’s most popular recreational areas and picnic spots, the park has over 35km of bike trails, walking paths and scenic boardwalks taking you to beautiful parklands, rare saltmarshes, remnant woodlands, waterbird refuges and mangrove forests.

Featuring an incredible urban biodiversity with hundreds of species of plants, birds, frogs, bats, reptiles and fish. Explore the parklands on a Segway ride or join a fully-escorted tour for an exciting experience on-road and off-road. Take the award-winning Ring Walk around the Brickpit ‘pond’, from the soaring circular walkway you get a bird's-eye view of the resident green and golden bell frog habitat.

Plan to extend your trip to Sydney to enjoy several Asian Cup matches and all the experiences this great harbour city has to offer. Whether it's in-between games or some post match relaxation, there is always something to see and do in Sydney.

• Get your heart pumping and enjoy the spectacular view from on top of the Sydney Harbour Bridge on a BridgeClimb tour
• Catch all the action (and a cool drink) at one of Sydney’s many sports bars scattered around the city – try 24/7 Sports Bar located at The Star in Pyrmont, which features three mega screens and more than 50 LCD TVs
• Experience the harbour in a whole new way with an adrenalin fuelled jet boat ride
• Sample some of Sydney’s unique craft beers, at places like the Rock’n’Roll inspired Young Henrys Newtown Brewery
• Go horse riding through Centennial Park, one of only a few urban parks with riding facilities in the world
• Take the family to the Museum of Contemporary Art Australia (MCA), Art Gallery of NSW, Australian Museum and Powerhouse Museum, to see Sydney exclusive exhibitions

• Join the Australia Day celebrations, Sydney Festival and many other attractions around Sydney
Located just two hours north of Sydney, Newcastle will play host to four matches, including a semi-final and the third and fourth playoff. It’ll also be the stage for the first appearance of the reigning Asian Cup champions, Japan. Newcastle was voted one of the top 10 cities in the world by Lonely Planet’s Best in Travel and has many attractions, diverse dining experiences and is located on the doorstep to the Hunter Valley, Australia’s premier and award winning wine region.

FOOD & WINE

Newcastle’s exciting food scene and eclectic eat streets offers a huge variety of food options. Located less than one hours drive from the Hunter Valley, Newcastle is one of NSW’s best regional hotspots for good food and wine.

You’ll find hatted restaurants, historic pubs, waterside eateries, a buzzing café scene and mouth-watering ethnic fare sprinkled throughout the city’s four dining neighbourhoods.

Try Honeysuckle Boardwalk on the harbour for fine dining and waterside bars; the many cafes and restaurants along hip Darby Street or at The Junction, or Beaumont Street in Hamilton for great Italian and Greek food.

If it’s a relaxing drink or a post-game celebration venue you’re after, head to Coal & Cedar, an underground speakeasy located behind an unmarked library door; Bar Petite has a rustic outdoor courtyard, and waterside Honeysuckle Hotel features a rum bar, modern pub food and great views. The Terrace Bar is famous for its craft beers and a fairy-lit terrace, or for something with a historical flare, try Le Passe Temps – a 1920’s French lounge bar located in a historic bank building.

TOP TIPS

- **Dune quad biking** - Ride the ultimate fun machine, over the largest moving sand mass in the southern hemisphere, Stockton Sand Dunes
- **TreeTop Adventure Park** - Try one of 96 challenges that include flying foxes, suspension bridges and activities above the forest floor
- **Canoe through the Hunter Wetlands** - Go for a paddle or enjoy other activities including walking trails and guided tours, segway tours and bird watching
- **Newcastle Museum** - Discover the story of this city in all its beauty, grit, colour and life
- **Take a swim in the ocean** - Join the locals for a dip in Newcastle Ocean Baths, famous for its art deco heritage façade and spectacular views
- **Ride the waves at Nobbys Beach** - Follow the Bathers Way coastal walk before your dip to check out some amazing scenery
- **Nobbys Head Lighthouse** - Discover Newcastle’s past on a walk from Fort Scratchley to this historic site overlooking the Hunter River estuary
- **Sip cocktails on the harbour** - Head to the Honeysuckle Boardwalk for sophisticated dining and opulent bars with water views
- **Eat out in Cooks Hill** - A lively pub and bar scene can be found in Newcastle’s inner city, or for great coffee and popular cafes try Darby Street.

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2015 SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

INTER DOMINION CHAMPIONSHIP SYDNEY

The Inter Dominion Championship is Harness Racing’s premier event and a true spectacle for racing fans. This historic event has rotated around Australia and New Zealand, since 2013 it has been held on home turf in Sydney at Tabcorp Park, Menangle. Kicking off with seven Group 1 races, the event will culminate in the much anticipated Inter Dominion Grand Final.

**When:** 14 February – 1 March 2015  
**Where:** Tabcorp Park, Menangle  
[interdominionsydney.com.au]

2015 SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL ROWING REGATTA

Held at Penrith’s Sydney 2000 Olympic rowing venue, Australia’s largest rowing event features a week-long regatta with the world’s best rowers competing in over 100 events. This will include the Australian Open Rowing Championships, Australian Open Schools Rowing Championships and the King’s and Queen’s Cups Interstate Regatta.

**When:** 23 – 29 March 2015  
**Where:** Sydney International Regatta Centre, Penrith  
[rowingdownunder.org]

SYDNEY AUTUMN CARNIVAL

Held over six consecutive Saturdays, the Sydney Autumn Carnival is Sydney’s premier racing carnival, showcasing the finest in world-class thoroughbred racing. Along with The Championships, another jewel in the carnival crown is the Golden Slipper Day, a day that drips with glamour and atmosphere, and features the world’s richest race for two-year-olds with a staggering $3.5 million in prize money on offer.

**When:** March – April 2015  
**Where:** Royal Randwick & Rosehill Gardens racecourse  
[theraces.com.au]

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

As the crown jewel of the Sydney Autumn Carnival, The Championships represents the pinnacle of horse racing in the southern hemisphere, with a staggering $18 million in prize money on offer. Held at Royal Randwick, the event will see a grand finale of Australian racing held across two consecutive Saturdays. Both Saturdays boast an amazing line-up of time honoured races in every age and distance category, and are sure to ignite the race fever in Australia.

**When:** April 2015  
**Where:** Royal Randwick  
[thechampionships.com.au]

NETBALL WORLD CUP 2015

It’s been over 20 years since Australia last hosted international netball’s top event and sport fans can’t wait to cheer on netball’s elite in 2015.

For the first time, the competition will be held over 10 days with fans seeing top nations such as Australia and New Zealand going head-to-head in the preliminary rounds. As the Cup’s reigning champions, the Aussies will face stiff competition from arch rivals, the Silver Ferns – plus teams from England, Jamaica, South Africa and Malawi. Secure your seats early so you don’t miss the action!

**When:** 7 – 16 August 2015  
**Where:** Allphones Arena & Netball Central, Sydney Olympic Park  
[nwc2015.com.au]

For more summer sporting events visit Sydney.com
ICC CRICKET WORLD CUP 2015
14 FEBRUARY – 26 MARCH

The countdown to the ICC Cricket World Cup 2015, one of the world’s biggest and most exciting sporting events, has begun. Returning to Australia after 23 years, this sporting spectacle will witness the best players in the world coming together, to create heroic performances and magical memories for friends and family as they battle for cricket’s ultimate prize.

Hosted by Australia and New Zealand, the eyes of the world will be watching as over a billion viewers are expected to tune in to see their favourite teams and players, and more than one million people are tipped to attend matches. Make sure you are there for this once-in-a-generation event, as the best in international cricket play at the Sydney Cricket Ground to compete for the prestigious ICC Cricket World Cup Trophy.

Affordable tickets ensure it’s easy for the whole family to attend, so be part of the action and soak up the excitement of this world-class sporting event.
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SYDNEY CELEBRATES

The 150-year-old Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG) was the first ground in Australia to host a cricket match under lights – and this famous venue will host five matches in the upcoming ICC Cricket World Cup.

South Africa and the West Indies will kick off proceedings in style, followed shortly after by the hugely anticipated match between Australia and Sri Lanka – the day after Sydney’s world famous Mardi Gras parade. England will then take on Afghanistan, before Sydney really comes alive to host both a quarter-final and semi-final. Should Australia qualify for a semi-final berth, the SCG will be the setting where they will enjoy their home ground advantage.

Sydney knows how to celebrate, so bring your family and friends to share in the excitement of this global event. Special fan zones and activities are planned in Sydney and across New South Wales in the lead up to and during the ICC Cricket World Cup (from late 2014 up to and including the match days during March 2015). Check the relevant website and programs for further details.

HOW TO BUY TICKETS

ONLINE
[cricketworldcup.com](http://cricketworldcup.com)

PHONE
If calling from Australia: **1300 CWC 2015** (1300 292 2015)
If calling from New Zealand: **0508 CWC 2015** (0508 292 2015)
If calling from overseas: **+61 3 9039 9380**
(International call charges apply)

The ICC Cricket World Cup 2015 Ticketing Contact Centre is open from 09:00 – 17:00 (AEST & AEDT/NZST & NZDT), Monday – Friday (excluding public holidays). Extended operating hours will apply during the tournament.

RETAIL OUTLETS
Available from all Ticketek outlets across Australia and New Zealand

FOR ALL THE LATEST INFORMATION GO TO [CRICKETWORLDCUP.COM](http://cricketworldcup.com)
Throughout the rest of 2014 right up until January, the much-coveted ICC Cricket World Cup Trophy will visit all 14 countries participating in the World Cup, including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, England, India, Ireland, Pakistan, Scotland, South Africa, Sri Lanka, United Arab Emirates, West Indies, Zimbabwe, and of course World Cup host countries Australia and New Zealand.

The Trophy itself is considered one of the most unique trophies in sport, having been designed and made from silver and gold by a team of Garrard and Co craftsmen in London.

The ICC Cricket World Cup 2015 Trophy Tour will visit Sydney and several Regional NSW towns, providing a great opportunity for fans to connect over cricket-themed fun, activities and lots of community celebrations.

With a full tour schedule to be announced, check the relevant website and make sure you participate with your friends and family!

For all the latest information go to cricketworldcup.com

ICC CRICKET WORLD CUP 2015
AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

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*Conditions Apply. Starting prices include Category C Match Ticket and minimum 3 star accommodation in twin/double share
LES MISÉRABLES

He brought us the much-acclaimed Cats and Phantom of the Opera, and now star musical producer Cameron Mackintosh is bringing a brand new production of Les Misérables to Sydney.

Featuring classic songs such as ‘I Dreamed a Dream’, ‘Bring Him Home’, ‘One Day More’, ‘Do You Hear the People Sing’ and ‘On My Own’, the Broadway hit is sure to win hearts, thanks to glorious new staging and dazzling scenery inspired by the paintings of Victor Hugo.

When: From March 2015
Where: Capitol Theatre, Sydney
lesmis.com

THE KING AND I

Don’t miss this legendary production of Rogers and Hammerstein’s The King and I as it returns to Sydney for a limited season. This dazzling show is a lavish and triumphant new look at the time-honoured classic, featuring the talents of Lisa McCune, and Teddy Tahu Rhodes as the King of Siam.

When: Until mid-October 2014
Where: Sydney Opera House
thekingandimusical.com.au

HANDA OPERA ON SYDNEY HARBOUR – AIDA

World-class opera, champagne, fine dining and sunsets... it’s easy to see why this alfresco event has become such a key part of Sydney’s cultural landscape.

Gearing up for its fourth year, Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour returns this Summer with historic Aida, the biggest and most ambitious performance to ever grace the harbour stage. The monumental undertaking involves a 700 strong team and shows its emotional depth, blending battle scenes and ancient temples with the epic story of a royal love triangle and the famous ‘Triumphant March’.

When: 27 March – 26 April 2015
Where: Mrs Macquaries Point, Sydney
opera.org.au/harbour

SYDNEY ON STAGE

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SYDNEY MUSICALS VISIT SYDNEY.COM
STRICTLY BALLROOM

Many may not know that Baz Luhrmann’s *Strictly Ballroom* was first released to the stage as a student work in 1984, only to then launch as a film a few years later.

Now, it revisits its origins with its international premiere as a big budget musical, complete with comic elements, eye-catching design and sequin overload (costumes are courtesy of Baz’s wife and costume design partner Catherine Martin). Best of all though, is the chance to belt out the film’s feel-good numbers, including ‘Love is in the Air’ and ‘Time After Time’.

**When:** Final tickets on sale  
**Where:** Sydney Lyric Theatre, The Star  
[strictlyballroomthemusical.com](http://strictlyballroomthemusical.com)

WICKED

Marvel at the extravagant sets, lavish costumes and amazing vocal numbers as the hit musical *WICKED* returns to Sydney for a limited Summer season.

Set long before Dorothy’s time, this awe-inspiring production follows the intertwined destinies and unlikely friendship of the Witches of Oz. There’s the beautiful but shallow girl who becomes Glinda the Good, and her evil counterpart, the fiery, tormented and misunderstood Elphaba, Wicked Witch of the West.

**When:** From 20 September 2014  
**Where:** Capitol Theatre, Sydney  

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[www.wotif.com/wicked](http://www.wotif.com/wicked)

Bookings subject to availability. Conditions and fees apply
DIRTY DANCING – THE CLASSIC STORY ON STAGE

Nobody puts Baby in the corner! Following its 2004 sell-out world premiere in Sydney, and after wowing critics and fans around the globe for a decade, Dirty Dancing will return to the harbour city for a strictly limited season.

Under the helm of famed Australian theatre producer John Frost, and set in the Summer of ’63, this stage phenomenon breathes new life into the much-loved coming-of-age film classic, as it follows the forbidden holiday romance between sheltered teen Frances ‘Baby’ Houseman and her hunky dance instructor Johnny Castle.

Although starry-eyed Baby has a lot more to learn from Johnny than just the mambo, the cha-cha and the tango, the live stage production takes all those provocative dance routines you loved from the movie to new heights. Plus, you’ll be singing along with abandon to ‘Hungry Eyes’, ‘Do You Love Me’ and ‘Time of My Life’ as well as other hit songs from the 1987 film’s soundtrack.

When: From 28 November 2014
Where: Sydney Lyric Theatre, The Star

dirtydancingaustralia.com

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MATILDA THE MUSICAL

Inspired by the much-loved book by Roald Dahl, this multi-award winning musical makes its Australian stage debut next year at the Sydney Lyric Theatre. The Royal Shakespeare Company production tells the story of an extraordinary girl who dares to follow her dream of a better life. Helmed by Tony Award winner Matthew Warchus and featuring spectacular music and lyrics from comedian, musician and composer Tim Minchin, Matilda The Musical has already taken Broadway and London’s West End by storm.

This spectacular musical promises to do the same for Sydney audiences.

When: From August 2015
Where: Sydney Lyric Theatre, The Star
au.matildathemusical.com

SYDNEY THEATRE SCENE

If you love a good play or even stand-up comedy, then Sydney has it all. Whether you enjoy a stage show, rock concert or a night at the opera, Sydney’s eclectic theatre scene has options to suit everyone’s taste. See what’s on at some of Sydney’s thriving theatre companies.

Bangarra Dance Theatre
Australia’s leading indigenous dance company is famous for its stunning, contemporary and memorable performances.

Sydney Theatre
See a show by the Sydney Theatre Company or Sydney Dance Company and enjoy spectacular dining at this waterside location.

Belvoir St Theatre
Expect an innovative line-up of renowned Australian actors, prominent playwrights and directors at this Surry Hills hub.

The Griffin Theatre Company
Located in the historic SBW Stables Theatre in Kings Cross, this intimate theatre has made a name for itself nurturing new talent.

Ensemble Theatre
The oldest surviving professional theatre company in NSW offers a combination of well-known classics and new to stage productions.

Riverside Theatres
A dynamic program of everything from theatre and dance to circus and musicals awaits you at this much-loved Parramatta venue.
ART & CULTURE

CORROBOREE SYDNEY

Australia’s rich indigenous history is celebrated in this unique collaboration between Sydney’s premier arts and cultural organisations.

Corroboree will transform the city and harbour foreshore with over 100 events, many free. Along with live music, films, performance art, talks, exhibitions and forums. Must-see highlights include Gurung, a parade of school children in the heart of the city, and the Black Arts Market, where you can buy artworks, body products, bush remedies, homewares and fashion.

When: 20 – 30 November 2014
Where: Various locations across Sydney
corroboreesydney.com.au

AZTECS AT THE MUSEUM

Explore the rituals and mysteries of one of the world’s greatest civilisations in Sydney for the first time.

Featuring over 200 priceless artefacts direct from Mexico’s major museums, plus multimedia touch-screens and immersive elements, this exhibition reveals the captivating and ultimately tragic story of the rise and fall of the Aztec empire.

Highlights include dramatic sculptures of Aztec gods, intricate models of the civilisation’s gardens, marketplaces and the Great Temple, Teocalli.

When: 13 September 2014 – 1 February 2015
Where: Australian Museum, Sydney
australianmuseum.net.au

PARRAMASALA

Night markets, a Chai temple and a curry-inspired street party are just a few of the drawcards at this lively Summer festival.

Enjoy a three day celebration of Sydney’s diversity, with art and events to thrill the whole family. Make sure you see the spectacular opening night, a colourful extravaganza of drummers and dancers, camels, dragons, flame throwers – and of course, music. An infusion of world beats is set to rock the parade, from Punjabi hip hop to African beats and Indian folk rock. Dancing shoes compulsory!

When: 17 – 19 October 2014
Where: Parramatta & Harris Park
parramasala.com

SCULPTURE BY THE SEA

Set on the spectacular sandstone headlands between Bondi and Tamarama, the coast becomes the backdrop for this unique art sculpture exhibition.

Sculpture by the Sea is Australia’s largest free outdoor sculpture show and is one of Sydney’s most popular events, enjoyed by more than half a million visitors each year. The 2014 exhibition is expected to showcase 100 plus sculptures from 16 countries, including India, Finland and Argentina. The dramatic site will once again encourage artists to unleash their imagination.

When: 23 October – 9 November 2014
Where: Bondi to Tamarama Coastal Walk
sculpturebythesea.com

FOR MORE ART & CULTURE ATTRACTIONS AND EVENTS VISIT SYDNEY.COM
The Sydney International Art Series is an annual event that will bring two world-class art exhibitions exclusively to Sydney this Summer.

**POP TO POPISM**

Playful, witty and admired for its wow factor, Pop Art has enjoyed huge popularity since its explosion onto the international art scene in the 1960s. As part of the biggest event in Australia’s arts calendar, fans can enjoy 200 iconic works from this exciting genre, including Warhol’s famous soup cans to the first ever Roy Lichtenstein comic-style painting.

**When:** 1 November 2014 – 1 March 2015  
**Where:** Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney  

**CHUCK CLOSE: PRINTS, PROCESS AND COLLABORATION**

Photography and print-making collide when the master of photorealism, Chuck Close, comes to Sydney. The artist is as famous for his diverse range of techniques as his ingenious, large-scale, photo-based portrait paintings. This exhibition is the largest collection of Close’s work ever displayed in the southern hemisphere, showcasing his range of invention in everything from etching and aquatint to Japanese woodcut.

**When:** 20 November 2014 – 15 March 2015  
**Where:** Museum of Contemporary Art Australia, Sydney  

**SYDNEY GALLERIES**

**White Rabbit**  
Find the largest and most significant collection of contemporary Chinese art in this stylish space in Chippendale, on the fringe of the CBD.  
[whiterabbitcollection.org](http://whiterabbitcollection.org)

**SH Ervin Gallery**  
Housed in the historic National Trust Centre on Observatory Hill in The Rocks, this leading public art institution explores the diversity of historic and contemporary Australian art.  

**Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre**  
Six galleries, artist studios, a theatre, a ceramics studio and a full program of exhibitions, workshops and seminars make this multi-disciplinary arts centre well worth a visit.  
[casulapowerhouse.com](http://casulapowerhouse.com)

**2 Danks Street**  
Situated right in the centre of the inner-city food and arts precinct of Waterloo, this former warehouse features 10 contemporary art galleries, an art dealer and working jewellery studio.  

**Brett Whiteley Studio**  
Tucked down an unassuming side street near funky boutiques and cafés, the late, great Aussie expressionist’s studio is preserved with his books, records and an unfinished painting.  
2014 SYDNEY NEW YEAR’S EVE

Each year Sydney’s world-famous New Year’s Eve fireworks are eagerly anticipated across the globe. They are one of the most spectacular fireworks displays to light up the night sky featuring the iconic Sydney Opera House and Harbour Bridge. There are plenty of activities on the day leading up to the countdown. The entertainment starts early, with events such as the nail-biting flyover display, an Acknowledgement of Country Ceremony, stunning pylon projections and the Harbour of Light Parade. The family friendly fireworks kick-off at 9pm, with the dazzling finale saved for midnight. So plan your trip and pick your spot on the harbour foreshore to see what 2015 brings.

When: 31 December 2014
Where: Sydney Harbour
sydneynewyearseve.com

AUSTRALIA DAY

Everybody should attend Australia Day in Sydney at least once in their lifetime. As the birthplace of our nation, Sydney celebrates like no other place in Australia. Starting at 7.30am with the WugulOra Ceremony and the raising of the Aboriginal and Australian flags, there is a full program of celebrations and activities in and around Sydney. Whether you’re heading to the family-friendly Summer Playground in Hyde Park, or packing a picnic and staking your spot by the water, it’s a great day to celebrate. The Harbour Concert celebrates great Australian music, followed by more festivities in The Rocks and Darling Harbour, including the fabulous fireworks display to cap off the day.

Plan your trip to also enjoy the AFC Asian Cup 2015 semi-final at Stadium Australia or join the double celebration as India also celebrates their National Republic Day competing against Australia in the One Day International at the SCG.

When: 26 January 2015
Where: Various locations across Sydney
australiaday.com.au
**SYDNEY FESTIVAL**

In January the harbour city serves up the Sydney Festival, an eclectic celebration featuring the biggest and best of the world’s performing and visual arts. The festival will feature around 400 performances and 1,000 artists in more than 30 venues around town.

From late-night burlesque to alfresco concerts, international theatre, major art installations to contemporary dance, the range of free and ticketed events during the month-long program promises something for everyone. This year will include the Australian exclusive of Tabac Rouge, which features one of the world’s greatest circus performers. Don’t forget to reserve seats early for your favourite acts so you don’t miss out!

**When:** 8 – 26 January 2015  
**Where:** Various locations across Sydney  
[sydneyfestival.org.au](http://sydneyfestival.org.au)

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**SYDNEY GAY AND LESBIAN MARDI GRAS 2015**

Sydney’s Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras is an iconic drawcard attracting thousands of visitors keen to celebrate the festival’s universal message of gay pride, diversity, equality, love and acceptance.

The three-week event kicks off with the friendly, community-inspired Fair Day at Victoria Park and culminates in the Mardi Gras parade along Oxford Street. The parade is one of Sydney’s most loved events, where hundreds of thousands of spectators line the streets to see a spectacular assortment of lavish floats, eye-popping costumes and vibrant colour. Continue the fun at the Mardi Gras Party which kicks on well into the early hours.

**When:** 20 February – 8 March 2015  
**Parade:** 7 March 2015  
**Where:** Various locations across Sydney  
[mardigras.org.au](http://mardigras.org.au)

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**SYDNEY CHINESE NEW YEAR FESTIVAL**

Join in the fun of the largest Chinese New Year festival outside of China, as the harbour city celebrates The Year of the Sheep with a three-week program of free and ticketed events.

The iconic Twilight Parade begins at dusk and transforms Sydney’s streets with a kaleidoscope of lanterns and floats, swirling costumes, live music, dance and over 2,500 performers. Other highlights include delicious food with Lunar Feasts, and don’t miss the lively dragon boat races on the waters of Cockle Bay.

**When:** 13 February – 1 March 2015  
**Where:** Various locations across Sydney  
[sydneychinesenewyear.com](http://sydneychinesenewyear.com)

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**PLAN YOUR VISIT TO VIVID SYDNEY 2015**

The celebration of light art, cutting-edge music and creative ideas are at the heart of this famous Sydney event, which draws both domestic and international crowds year after year.

More than 1.4 million people visited Vivid Sydney in 2014, making it one of the largest must-see events in the world, and Vivid Sydney 2015 promises to be even more spectacular and entertaining. So start planning your trip now with family, friends and colleagues to see the entire Vivid program over a few nights, while also enjoying the attractions, dining options and experiences the harbourside city and its surrounding regions have to offer.

**When:** 22 May – 8 June 2015  
**Where:** Various locations across Sydney  
[vividsydney.com](http://vividsydney.com)
ENTERTAINMENT & MUSIC

4TH AACTA AWARDS
The search for Australia’s top talent in film and television is heating up as Sydney prepares to host the 4th Australian Academy of Cinema and Television Arts (AACTA) Awards in 2015. Alongside the OSCARS and the BAFTAs, the Australian Academy is one of the world’s leading screen excellence organisations – and the 4th AACTA Awards will be one not to miss.

Delight in the glitz and glamour of the red carpet, ahead of the celebrity-studded ceremony awarding the best of the best in over 40 categories. Last year, Baz Luhrmann’s ‘The Great Gatsby’ cleaned up with 14 nominations and the Best Film gong. Who will we pay tribute to in 2015?

When: January 2015
Where: The Star, Sydney
aacta.org

TROPFEST
It was first held 21 years ago at Darlinghurst’s Tropicana Café, an informal screening for cast, crew and friends of filmmaker John Polson.

Today, Tropfest Australia has become the largest short film festival in the world, offering a platform for budding filmmakers and luring a live national audience of around 150,000 people each year. The festival is now an outdoor celebration complete with live music and entertainment, food, bars and red carpet arrivals. Celebrity judges are a trademark of the festival, with Nicole Kidman, Russell Crowe and Ewan McGregor all past judges – but for die-hard Tropfest fans, this free event is all about the films.

When: 7 December 2014
Where: Centennial Park, Sydney
tropfest.com/au

MOVIES UNDER THE STARS
Experiencing outdoor cinema is a Sydney Summer must-do. Enjoy the latest blockbuster or a classic tale with these iconic outdoor options.

St.George OpenAir Cinema
Located at Mrs Macquaries Point, great films and stunning harbour views make for a great night out.
stgeorgeopenair.com.au

Maltesers Moonlight Cinema
Sunset screenings of cult films, classics and new releases in Sydney’s Centennial Park.
moonlight.com.au/sydney

Ben and Jerry’s Open Air Cinemas
Feature films by night on the lawn overlooking iconic Bondi Beach.
openaircinemas.com.au

Flickerfest
This outdoor short film festival celebrates its 24th year, screening films on iconic Bondi Pavilion.
flickerfest.com.au

Sunset Cinema
Head to North Sydney Oval and watch a flick against a Harbour backdrop and the lights of North Sydney.
sunsetcinema.com.au/northsydney

Skyline Drive In Blacktown
Sydney’s only remaining drive-in offers a retro inspired experience and a ‘Happy Days’ style diner.
eventcinemas.com.au

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ARIA WEEK AND ARIA AWARDS

It’s been a phenomenal year for Australian music, with 10 local albums reaching number one on the ARIA charts.

There’s no better time to celebrate this success than during ARIA Week, when music fans across the country unite to enjoy a seven-day program of live gigs, events, conferences and showcases curated by the industry’s biggest names. Last year’s ARIA Week attracted some great acts including The Delta Riggs, Justice Crew, Sheppard and Bliss N Eso.

It’s always an exciting lead-up to the Australian music industry’s night of nights – the 28th Annual ARIA Awards, when we learn who’ll get this year’s most coveted awards, including Album and Single of the Year.

This year’s event promises more red carpet fun, award winners, live acts and a special Hall of Fame induction. Stay tuned for the announcement of 2014’s exciting music line-up!

When: November 2014
Where: Various locations across Sydney

ARIAawards.com.au

TOP LIVE MUSIC VENUES

From underground basement bars to iconic venues, these Sydney music hotspots are just some of the places to catch a live act.

The Hordern Pavilion
This classic venue has ample seating and standing room for you to enjoy the great vibe. See both local and international artists perform in this intimate venue.
playbillvenues.com.au

The Metro
Metro gigs always bring the house down – Morcheeba and Public Enemy both performed recently.
metrotheatre.com.au

The Enmore Theatre
A much-loved inner-west music venue which has seen the likes of Coldplay, The Rolling Stones and top comedy acts.
enmoretheatre.com.au

The Basement
Dark, intimate and a good show venue – stand and groove away to an always memorable line-up of jazz, blues and rock.
thebasement.com.au

The Annandale
This iconic inner-west hotel offers a great live line-up.
annandalehotel.com
**SEPTEMBER 2014**

**Strictly Ballroom the Musical**
The film that inspired the world to dance is now on stage.  
Sydney Lyric Theatre, Sydney  
From 20 September

**Aztecs at the Museum**
Explore the mysteries of one of the world’s greatest civilisations.  
Australian Museum, Sydney  
13 September – 1 February

**WICKED**
The spectacular untold story of the witches of Oz.  
Capitol Theatre, Sydney  
From 20 September

**2014 Australian University Games**
Students from 41 universities converge in Sydney to compete.  
Various locations across Sydney  
28 September – 3 October

**The King and I**
Don’t miss this legendary production by Rodgers and Hammerstein.  
Sydney Opera House  
Until mid-October

**Art & About Sydney**
Experience Sydney through art in unusual spaces.  
Various locations across Sydney  
Until 12 October

**OCTOBER 2014**

**Rugby League**
The most intense family entertainment returns to Sydney.  
ANZ Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park  
18 October

**Pacific Cup 2014**
Bringing our Pacific neighbours together for an international football tournament.  
Sydney United Sports Centre, Edensor Park  
19 – 23 November

**Corroboree Sydney**
A celebration of Australia’s rich indigenous cultures.  
Various locations across Sydney  
20 – 30 November

**Sydney International Art Series: Pop to Popism**
Celebrating the cultures of western Sydney’s communities.  
Parramatta & Harris Park  
17 – 19 October

**Sydney International Art Series: Chuck Close**
The largest collection of Close’s work ever presented in the southern hemisphere.  
Museum of Contemporary Art Australia, Sydney  
20 November – 15 March

**Sydney International Art Series: The Classic Story on Stage**
Returns to Sydney for a strictly limited season.  
Sydney Lyric Theatre, The Star  
From 28 November

**Emirates Australian Open of Golf**
Athletes battle it out in a major test of endurance.  
Sydney International Rowing Centre, Penrith  
30 November

**AFC Asian Cup 2015**
Asia’s biggest football tournament is coming to Australia.  
Sydney Olympic Park & Newcastle Stadium  
10 – 31 January

**GOOD FOOD MONTH**
A month long celebration of extraordinary food experiences.  
Various locations across Sydney  
1 – 31 October

**Monster Jam**
The most intense family entertainment returns to Sydney.  
ANZ Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park  
18 October

**Rob Guest Endowment Gala Concert 2014**
The finals to find the next big name in musical theatre.  
Capitol Theatre, Sydney  
13 October

**World Time Attack Challenge**
Three days of motorsport nirvana.  
Sydney Motorsport Park  
17 – 19 October

**Parramasala - Many Cultures, One Celebration**
Celebrating the cultures of western Sydney’s communities.  
Parramatta & Harris Park  
17 – 19 October

**Sculpture by the Sea**
Sydney’s annual outdoor art exhibition.  
Bondi to Tamarama  
23 October – 9 November

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KFC T20 INTL  
Packed with massive hits and explosive action.  
Stadium Australia, Sydney Olympic Park  
9 November

**AFC Asian Cup 2015**
Asia’s biggest football tournament is coming to Australia.  
Sydney Olympic Park & Newcastle Stadium  
10 – 31 January

**V8 Supercars Sydney 500**
Grand final showdown for the V8 Supercars Championship.  
Sydney Olympic Park  
5 – 7 December

**Extreme Sailing Series – Sydney Act**
A unique spectacle utilising exciting high performance catamarans.  
Sydney Harbour  
12 – 14 December

**Rolex Sydney Harbour Yacht Race**
An iconic part of Australia’s Summer.  
Sydney Harbour  
26 December

**Sydney New Year’s Eve**
Sydney welcomes the New Year with 9pm and midnight fireworks.  
Sydney Harbour  
31 December

**JANUARY 2015**

**Sydney Festival**
One of the world’s most wonderful Summer festivals!  
Various locations across Sydney  
8 – 26 January

**AFC Asian Cup 2015**
Asia’s biggest football tournament is coming to Australia.  
Stadium Australia, Sydney Olympic Park & Newcastle Stadium  
10 – 31 January
SYDNEY EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Mercedes-Benz Fashion Weekend Edition
Tap into the trends first with the full fashion week experience.
Carriageworks, Sydney
18 – 19 April

Vivid Sydney
Sydney is transformed into a creative canvas of lights, music and creative forums.
Various locations across Sydney
22 May – 8 June

Australian Badminton Open
Top players compete for the largest Superseries prize money in the world.
Sydney Olympic Park
Sports Centre
26 – 31 May

Sydney Film Festival
The best features, docs and short films from Australia and the world.
Various locations across Sydney
3 – 14 June

Youth Trans Tasman Series
Featuring Australia and New Zealand’s best young Touch Football talent.
Cronulla
16 – 18 January

Yabun
Australia’s largest single-day Indigenous festival.
Victoria Park, Sydney
26 January

Australia Day
Music, entertainment and plenty of free fun for the family.
Various locations across Sydney
26 January

The Big Issue Street Football Festival
See football played on an amazing purpose-built floating pitch.
Darling Harbour, Sydney
26 January

4th AACTA Awards
Celebrating the best of Australia’s film and television industry.
The Star Event Centre, Sydney
January

FEBRUARY 2015

NSW Food & Wine Festival
Discover the best of NSW food and wine events across the State.
Various locations across Sydney and NSW
1 February – 1 March

Hurley Australian Open of Surfing
A world class surfing, skateboarding and music festival.
Manly Beach
7 – 15 February

Australian Surfing Awards
Recognising those who help develop surfing in Australia.
International College of Management, Sydney, February

Sydney Chinese New Year Festival
Celebrate with cultural events, food and the Twilight Parade.
Various locations across Sydney
13 February – 1 March

Inter Dominion
The premier event of harness racing in the southern hemisphere.
Tabcorp Park, Menangle
14 February – 1 March

BOWL-A-RAMA Bondi 2015
The largest professional concrete skateboarding event in the Southern Hemisphere.
Bondi Beach
17 – 22 February

Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras
The world’s loudest and proudest celebration of diversity.
Various locations across Sydney
20 February – 8 March

ICC Cricket World Cup 2015
See the superstars compete for cricket’s greatest prize.
Sydney Cricket Ground
27 February & 8, 13, 18, 26 March

MARCH 2015

Sydney Autumn Carnival
Sydney’s premier racing carnival, held over 6 weeks.
Royal Randwick & Rosehill Gardens, Sydney
March – April

MAY 2015

Sydney Writer’s Festival
Australia’s largest celebration of literature, stories and ideas.
Various locations across Sydney
18 – 26 May

Manly Food, Wine and Sustainability Festival
Sample delights from local restaurants and wines from across Australia.
Manly
30 – 31 May

JUNE 2015

Holden State of Origin – Game 1
See Rugby League’s greatest rivalry - the Blues v the Maroons.
ANZ Stadium, Sydney
Olympic Park
June

For more event information go to sydney.com

Please note that events are subject to change or cancellation. Check relevant website for further details prior to event. For full disclaimer please see back page.
FAMILY FUN

WET’N’WILD IN SYDNEY

With 40 fabulous slides and attractions, Wet’n’Wild Sydney brings a whole new level of fun to family entertainment in Summer.

Australia’s largest water park features a huge wave pool with a sandy beach and waves good enough to surf. It’s also home to the sensational 4-loop and 8-lane racer, and the world’s tallest Double SkyCoaster. Wet’n’Wild Junior is a dedicated zone featuring kid-friendly water slides including miniature versions of the larger thrill slides. It also has the southern hemisphere’s largest tipping bucket, a kid-sized river and interactive splash pads for total Summer fun.

Located right next door is the new Atura Hotel, the perfect place to chill out after a long day of fun. It’s also close to the Skyline Drive In at Blacktown where you can watch your favourite film from the comfort of your car or a Gold Grass deck chair. It’s not only the kids who’ll have fun at Sydney’s only drive-in cinema.

CYCLING WITH KIDS

Cycling in Sydney is a great way to enjoy the city’s natural beauty and there are plenty of great places to enjoy an easy bike ride – by the beach, along the harbour foreshore, with a tour group or on your own.

In The Rocks you can join a Bonza Bike Tour, or hire a bike and explore the city at your own pace.

Centennial Park is an idyllic location for cycling, it’s popular with locals and visitors alike keen on enjoying the parkland and easy circuits. Manly Beach is a great beachside location for riding with kids, hire a bike or join a tour and discover secluded coves and beaches on the 20km of dedicated bike paths and off road trails.

Parramatta also has an extensive network of dedicated bike paths passing through quiet streets and along the river. Cycle to Sydney Olympic Park where cycling is a popular family-friendly activity with 35km of cycle ways, bike hire and facilities open seven days a week. Young kids can safely ride the Children’s Loop in Bicentennial Park and most circuits are close to facilities such as playgrounds, picnic areas, bubblers and toilets.

ADVENTURE IN THE CITY

Sydney is great for kids in Summer with plenty of activities and incredible attractions to experience.

Meet amazing animals from around the globe at Taronga Zoo, SEA LIFE Sydney Aquarium, Manly SEA LIFE Sanctuary and WILD LIFE Sydney Zoo, all an easy distance from the city centre.

Darling Harbour is a vibrant harbourside location packed with plenty of experiences for kids of all ages. You can take a ride on the historic carousel at Palm Grove or fly through the air on a flying fox in Darling Quarter. Have fun celebrity spotting at Madame Tussauds or stimulate the senses at the 9D Action Cinema where 3D films are accompanied by surround sound and dramatic effects. Top the day off with a show performed by Monkey Baa Theatre.

Visit the brand new Sky Zone in Alexandria, where you and the kids can jump around at Australia’s largest trampoline park, bounce off The Wall or hit up the Sky Slam.
There are three annual events in Sydney that should be on every kid’s must-do list!

The Sydney Opera House welcomes kids to its iconic theatres with Kids in the House, offering an exciting schedule of shows, performances and activities, the 2014-15 season promises to be great fun. In December, the Sydney Christmas program turns many parts of the city into a magical Christmas wonderland with five weeks of celebrations and concerts. In April 2015, the Sydney Royal Easter Show brings the country to the city for the ultimate fun-packed event for families, complete with rides, showbags and cuddly farm animals. As Australia’s largest annual event, this is definitely a family event everyone will enjoy!

There’s plenty of Summer fun for the family in Western Sydney with exciting attractions and plenty of things to see and do.

If you’re looking for something a little bit different, head to Sydney Olympic Park where a range of activities are designed just for kids. In Crack the Code, kids explore Newington Armory using a compass, at the end, it’s time to crack the secret code. Take a flying trapeze lesson, or join a park ranger as they unravel the intricate web of the wetlands.

TreeTop Adventure Park Sydney, located in Western Sydney Parklands, has flying fox courses and challenges for young kids, juniors and adults. Meet the Spring babies at nearby Calmsley Hill City Farm, or have an authentic sheep farm experience at Tobruk Sheep Station, with its sheep dogs, damper and billy tea. At Featherdale Wildlife Park, hand feed a kangaroo, wallaby or emu and enjoy a face-to-face encounter with a koala.

If you like an adrenalin rush then head to Penrith Whitewater Stadium for an action-packed introduction to whitewater rafting. You can also visit iFly Downunder, Australia’s only indoor skydiving facility, where anyone over three years of age can experience the rush as a massive wind generator lifts you effortlessly into flight.
TRENDING PRECINCTS

Each year, many Sydney precincts expand their culinary experiences. In Redfern, the multicultural influence is seen via Moon Park’s dazzling contemporary Korean, Kepos Street Kitchen’s brilliant Levantine spin on everything from breakfast eggs to dinner, and Arcadia Liquors brings a touch of hip Brooklyn-style to the beer and live music scene.

In nearby Chippendale, Brickfields has quickly become recognised as one of the trendy new bakeries in the city, and does amazing coffee and pastries. Check out Ester which has a 100% natural and biodynamic wine list.

The opening of a new boutique property on Broadway, slated to open in 2015, with top London chef Jason Atherton signed on to head one of its three restaurants, suggests things are just getting started in this neighbourhood. Here are just a few more suggestions...
BREAKFAST AND BRUNCH

While café culture in Sydney has never been stronger, a handful of top restaurants are now joining the trend for fabulous breakfast and brunch menus.

The Yellow team in Potts Point love to be innovative, and their weekend brunch offer is no exception. The poached eggs come in an onion broth, and the lightly salted sweet-savoury liquorice bread is a must.

At Alpha in the city, weekday mornings mean ouzo-cured ocean trout on bagels, baked eggs with roasted peppers and rice puddings spiked with sour cherry preserve. At Balmain’s Efendy, Sunday’s breakfast menu comprises more than 30 types of Turkish breakfast delicacies.

Meanwhile, Bill Granger continues to serve sunlit brunch favourites from the menu at Bill’s that started the trend years ago – ricotta hotcakes with banana and honeycomb butter, sweetcorn fritters and fresh fruit everywhere.

SUMMER BARS AND TRENDS

NATURAL WINES

Producing natural wines in an artisanal fashion, with minimal intervention on the part of the winemaker, is fast becoming a global trend. Wines created this way are organic, with a pure taste on the palate – and you’ll find many varieties on Sydney’s bar scene. Make a beeline for 121BC in Surry Hills, or the breezy balcony at wine bar 10 William Street in Paddington.

The Wine Library on Oxford Street is also popular, as is the tucked-away inner city bar Love, Tilly Devine, which enthusiasts seek out for the fun vibe and huge wine list.

ROOFTOP BARS

Rooftop bars in Summer are a Sydney experience simply not to be missed. It’s the perfect place to relax and enjoy a chilled beer, wine or cocktail in the sunshine. In the city centre, Ivy Pool Club leads the way with a cool pool and great vibes; The Rook in York Street is a firm favourite serving lobster, burgers and liquor.

Darlo Bar has an open-air terrace paradise to explore, while The Local Taphouse is a European-inspired tavern. Rooftop in Manly serves the best tap beer and ciders, enjoyed from the luxury of your Balinese day bed.

BASEMENT BARS

Many of Sydney’s new-wave bars keep their costs low and cool-factor high by taking over old back-alley and basement spaces. Some of the best include Shady Pines in Darlinghurst (country and western and peanuts), The Baxter Inn (blues, scotch and pretzels) and the Ramblin’ Rascal (bourbon, beer and corn nuts).

Tucked into a Kings Cross basement, the Old Growler has a welcoming vibe and great bar food. The coolest of them all is Frankie’s Pizza, a basement venue that’s crammed with rock ‘n’ roll, pizza, pinball, and an infamous craft beer menu.
**BEACH & OUTDOORS**

**POOLS WITH VIEWS**

From Cronulla to Palm Beach, Sydney’s coastline boasts a unique series of ocean pools carved out of cliffs and rocky headlands. A dip in these semi-natural wonders, surrounded by ocean and sky, is a swimming experience like no other.

A few of the most accessible include McIver’s Baths at Coogee, Australia’s last remaining women-only pool, Bondi Icebergs, where glam restaurants and beach life provide the backdrop and Manly’s pretty Fairy Bower pool. Sydney also has 40 harbour pools such as North Sydney Olympic Pool, right beneath the Harbour Bridge, Woolloomooloo’s Andrew Boy Charlton and Watsons Bay Baths. Balmain’s Dawn Fraser Baths is the oldest pool and swimming club in Australia, it’s hard to beat a Summer splash in this glorious tidal harbour pool.

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**SYDNEY UNDER THE STARS**

Take advantage of the warm weather and experience a unique night under the stars.

- Go glamping at Cockatoo Island, located in the heart of Sydney Harbour. Tents, beds and a cocktail bar are ready and waiting
- Hear the call of the wild from a safari tent in the middle of Australia’s most famous Zoo, with Taronga’s Roar and Snore
- Drop anchor in Sydney Harbour and spend the night aboard a luxury yacht or catamaran with a sail and stay package.

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**BIG BLUE PLAYGROUND**

Surfing is part of Sydney’s soul, so head to the beach on your holiday. Try lessons at Bondi with Let’s Go Surfing, at Manly with Manly Surf School, or Freshwater Beach with Surf Skool.

For experienced board riders, Sydney’s world-famous breaks offer many challenges, from Maroubra and Cronulla in the south to Palm Beach, Newport and Dee Why in the north. Diving and snorkelling will bring you face-to-face with a captivating underwater world. Meet Clovelly Bay’s friendly blue groper or explore Manly’s Cabbage Tree Bay Aquatic Reserve, just off Shelly Beach.

Bare Island at La Perouse is also a popular dive and snorkel spot for all skill levels. Check out beaches accessible only by water in a kayak – you can learn or hire with Sydney Harbour Kayaks at Spit Bridge, or choose from one of the Natural Wanders harbour tours at Kayak Sydney, Milsons Point. Have fun on a stand-up paddle board at Rose Bay with Oz Stand Up Paddle or at Manly Stand Up Paddle School. Try a paddle board tour out of Mosman or Watsons Bay with Sydney Scenic SUP. Or for an extra adrenalin rush take a kiteboarding lesson at Botany Bay with Kiteboarding Lessons.

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SHOPPING

SHoppers Paradise

Sydney has a prestigious selection of the best known local and global brands.

A great place to start is department stores David Jones and Myer, where the best Australian and international labels are on show together. The historic Queen Victoria Building and the Strand Arcade house boutique stores packed with stylish jewellery, shoes, fashion and accessories.

Around Martin Place, you’ll find flagship stores for Prada and Armani Exchange, Hermes and Chanel are on Elizabeth Street, Burberry, Louis Vuitton and Versace on George Street. The Galeries on George Street is home to urban brands while World Square in the CBD spans three levels of an entire city block. After the success of UK high-street brands, Zara and Topshop, some new American names are also starting to make their mark. Californian-based surf wear brand, Hollister, has opened in Westfield Bondi Junction while, across the road, homewares juggernaut, Williams-Sonoma Inc, has opened four stores including Pottery Barn, Pottery Barn Kids, West Elm and Williams-Sonoma. Michael Kors’ flagship Sydney store has opened in Westfield Sydney and American lingerie brand, Victoria’s Secret, is open for fans at Sydney Airport.

Shopping News

Shopping in Sydney just keeps getting better.

- Japan’s Uniqlo pop-up in the Glass House on Pitt Street mall has beautiful low cost basics such as non-branded jeans, cashmere jumpers, vests and T-shirts
- French beauty and make-up store, Sephora, is set to open in December in Pitt Street mall with products by NARS as well as Rihanna’s new fragrance and Marc Jacobs’ beauty line
- New shopping precinct, Central on Broadway, is abuzz with shops like the Aussie label, PIGEON and Voi! which is stocked with Prada, Gucci, Armani, Dior, Lanvin, Versace, Blumarine, Ferragamo and more
- Christmas shopping in Sydney is a five-week season of special promotions, events and pop-ups with plenty of choice for everyone.

Sydney Markets

Explore Sydney’s buzzing hubs of vintage, indie and designer fashion weekend markets!

- In the inner-west, Balmain, Glebe and Rozelle have weekend markets offering vintage, emerging designers and accessories of all sorts
- Bondi’s beachside markets shine in Summer, as does Paddington Markets – both known as breeding grounds for future design stars
- To the east, don’t miss Eveleigh Markets at Carriageworks, and Surry Hills specialises in recycled and handmade fashion
- Discover the largest markets in south-west Sydney at Fairfield Markets, which run every Saturday.
REGIONAL NSW SHORT BREAKS

MOUNTAIN REGIONS

Regional NSW offers an inspiring list of experiences perfectly suited to a short break or easy getaway.

To explore the mountain regions, pack your walking boots, sunscreen and water bottle to experience two inspiring World Heritage Areas just a few hours’ drive from Sydney.

The spectacular sandstone cliffs and forested valleys of the Blue Mountains National Park have a network of well marked walking trails that criss cross the rugged terrain. Stop along the way to enjoy refreshing waterfalls, the birdlife and panoramic views as you take in the fresh mountain air. If you are after some pure indulgence, be sure to spend some time at the luxurious Emirates Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa – named Australia’s best hotel by TripAdvisor.

To the north of Sydney is Barrington Tops National Park, set among a series of extinct volcanoes and surrounded by valleys with subtropical rainforest and Antarctic beech forests. The best way to explore is definitely on foot.

FLYING SUMMER GETAWAYS

A world of fabulous short breaks in Regional NSW is just a short flight from Sydney and other capital cities.

Some of Summer’s most desirable destinations include the beautiful beaches of Byron Bay, just 70 minutes’ from Sydney by air. The outstanding natural beauty of World Heritage-listed Lord Howe Island is just two hours’ flying time from Sydney and Brisbane. It was recently voted Australia’s best holiday island by Australian Traveller. Meanwhile, the pristine beaches and relaxed lifestyle of the South Coast are accessible from airports at Moruya and Merimbula.

FIND MORE REGIONAL NSW SHORT BREAKS AT VISITNSW.COM
COASTAL GEMS

Make the most of a short break by exploring the fabulous stretch of coastline that’s within easy driving distance from Sydney.

The Central Coast is famous for its surf beaches, lakes and national parks. Located just one hour’s drive north of Sydney, the region’s laid-back atmosphere offers a number of great options for swimming, surfing or sailing. If you’re a surfer, head to McMasters Beach, Wamberal Beach, Boudi National Park or Newcastle’s Merewether and Bar Beach which are known for consistent waves.

The 43km stretch of coastline between Seal Rocks and Forster is home to some of the most stunning and least-congested locations in NSW, with pretty Boomerang and Bluey’s Beaches well worth a detour. An hour south of Sydney, the beaches around Wollongong offer ideal learn to surf conditions. North Wollongong is a family favourite with rock pools, shaded grass, picnic areas and kids’ playground. Further south, Killalea National Surfing Reserve is home to The Farm and Mystics beaches, regarded as two of the best surfing beaches on the South Coast.

ADVENTURE IDEAS

• Get your thrills in Wollongong, where you can go hang-gliding, paragliding, enjoy an aerobatic flight – or sky dive right onto the beach
• Find amazing rock-climbing, abseiling, and an intricate caving system to explore in the Blue Mountains
• Make tracks for the spectacular vantage points in Morton National Park, where the dirt trails are best experienced by mountain bike
• Take the family to TreeTop Adventure Park on the Central Coast, where kids aged three and over can travel the forest via flying fox
• Discover the trails and unspoilt wilderness of beautiful Glenworth Valley on horseback
• Get a bird’s eye view over the pristine beaches and hinterland of Newcastle while hang-gliding or paragliding.

COUNTRY CRUISIN’

Fine food, wine and indulgence go together in the Hunter Valley and the Southern Highlands, both easy getaways from Sydney that have a distinct country feel.

While the Hunter Valley is famous for its sublime wines with more than 120 top class wineries, vineyards and cellar doors – it’s also highly regarded for its beautiful restaurants and locally grown, quality produce. Add sumptuous spas, championship golf courses, art galleries and luxury retreats and you’ve got the perfect Summer break.

To Sydney’s south, the national parks of the Southern Highlands add a touch of wilderness to the otherwise gentile towns and villages such as Bowral, Berrima and Mittagong. Lovely gardens, fabulous food and wine, golf and antique shopping add the essential getaway ingredients.
NSW FOOD & WINE

THE CELLAR DOOR
With so much diversity within each wine region of NSW, the cellar door is often the best place to start exploring. The combination of beautiful wines, great service and terrific locations makes any trip worthwhile. In the increasingly interesting Canberra Wine District, try Clonakilla in Murrumbateman which releases small, rare batches of wine, while Lark Hill Winery has an impressive cellar door with stunning views of the vineyards. In the Southern Highlands, Centennial Vineyards has a beautiful restaurant overlooking the rolling hills. Considered by some to be the most beautiful winery around Mudgee, Logan Wines at Apple Tree Flat has won awards for its cellar door experience. De Salis Wines in Orange offers tastings with a view from the verandah of an old apple-shed.

Another cellar door taking advantage of its fine setting is James Estate, nestled into a pocket of the Upper Hunter, surrounded by 200-plus acres of estate vineyards. In the lower Hunter, Tyrell’s well-established cellar door is a short stroll to the historic 4 Acres Vineyard (planted 1879) and Johnno’s Vineyard (planted 1908).

SUMMER PRODUCE MARKETS
The NSW farmers’ market movement is thriving as many visitors seek the experience of shopping for fresh, local food in an authentic setting.

- Buy honey produced in the mountains, great pork from Trunkey Creek and farm made goats’ cheese at Blackheath Growers’ Market
- The twice-monthly Dubbo Farmers’ Market draws on farmers and shoppers from all over the Central West
- Newcastle City Farmers’ Market is a popular spot for people interested in fresh produce and gourmet delights
- The Mid North Coast has the Foreshore Market at Port Macquarie, Hastings Farmers Market at Wauchope and the Wingham Farmers’ Market
- Northern NSW has the Mullumbimby Farmers’ Market, Bangalow Farmers’ Market, Byron Farmers’ Market and New Brighton Farmers’ Market
- The SAGE Farmers’ Market at Moruya on the South Coast is a weekday afternoon market featuring goods grown or made within a 160km radius.

• The weekday Coffs Harbour Growers’ Market in Coffs Harbour features local produce from seafood to bananas and macadamias
• The Bellingen Growers Market supports organic fresh food producers

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GREAT EATS

Chefs across the State have redefined regional dining in recent years.

Beautifully located restaurants, sustainable practices and a commitment to using fresh, local ingredients have produced standout dining options.

In Bowral, there’s James Vile’s Biota Dining, while in Newcastle, try Chris Mason’s Mason Restaurant or Beau Vincent’s Subo. In the Hunter Valley, Troy Rhoades-Brown’s Muse Restaurant and Muse Kitchen, and veteran Robert Molines’ Bistro Molines – make for memorable weekends away. Or visit Margan at Broke to see a sustainable kitchen in practice. In the beautiful setting of the Blue Mountains Botanic Garden at Mt Tomah, chef Sean Moran’s Tomah Gardens Restaurant, has a delicious flavour-driven menu.

On the North Coast, its best to book ahead to dine at the sublime Fins seafood restaurant from Steven Snow. At the fine diner, Town, in Bangalow, the talented Kanetani’s have created a very good reason for people to linger in this picturesque North Coast village.

To the south, experience Josh Tyler at Tyler’s Pantry in Mogo, and Huw and Angas Jones at Zanzibar Café, Merimbula.

In Orange, Simonn Hawke at Lolli Redini remains the fine-dining priestess of the region, while Tony Worland’s Tonic, in the pretty village of Millthorpe, is just the place for a fine Sunday lunch.

THE GOOD OIL

Delicious extra-virgin olive oils are grown and pressed in many places in NSW. Try award-winning Alto Olive Oil, Crookwell; medal winner at the 2013 Olive Oil Competition in New York, Rylstone Olive Press, Rylstone, and Wollundry Grove, near Wagga Wagga.

BAKERIES ABOUND

Don’t miss Berry Sourdough Bakery which has an almost permanent queue. Baked Uprising in Newcastle does a fine line in tarts, Heathfire in Bellingen specialises in organic sourdough and pastries. Biscuits are a tempting sweet treat at Bertoldo’s Panetteria in Griffith.

FOOD EXPERIENCES

Pick your own fresh produce, join a food tour, sample gourmet cheeses at the dairy or stock up on out-of-season treats at produce stores this Summer.

- Pick your own...apples, peaches and nectarines in the Blue Mountains, walnuts and chestnuts at Mt Irvine and Mt Wilson, cherries in Young and berries in the Southern Highlands and South Coast.

- Join a local food tour, a cooking class or farmgate trail in any number of towns from Byron Bay to Orange, Newcastle to Berry and Kangaroo Valley.

- Taste glorious Hunter cheeses at Jannei Goat Cheese, the Smelly Cheese Shop, Binnorie Dairy and Hunter Valley Cheese Company.

- Share the food passion of South Coast Providores in Berry, artisan producers who use sustainably-grown, seasonal and local produce.

- A Slice of Orange and The Agrestic Grocer in Orange sell Fourjay Farm hazelnuts, Murrungundy Pistachios, Le Barre vinegar and Orange Mountain Wine verjus.

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DENI UTE MUSTER

Bring your ute and your wellies and prepare for a ripper weekend at the annual Ute Muster, one of the most unique festivals in NSW. Held on the open plains of Deniliquin, the muster draws thousands each year to celebrate Australia’s rural way of life and check out the awesome music line-up (Jimmy Barnes, Spiderbait, Gary Allen and The Mavericks will all perform in 2014). Other drawcards include the Guinness World Record-breaking ute count, the blue singlet count, bull-riding, driving competitions, the Show and Shine Competition, the Whip Cracking Championships and much more.

When: 3 – 4 October 2014
Where: Deniliquin
deniutemuster.com.au

LAKE MACQUARIE INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN’S GAMES

It’s time for young athletes to shine as the 48th Summer International Children’s Games (ICG) kicks off for the first time ever in the southern hemisphere.

The ICG is a member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the largest multi-sport youth games in the world, bringing together young people from around the globe and fostering a message of friendship and peace. Around 1,500 athletes aged between 12 and 15 years of age will represent 30 countries, with coaches, delegates and supporters expected to swell that figure to 3,000. Be there to cheer on the young sports stars competing on an international stage.

When: 6 – 11 December 2014
Where: Lake Macquarie
icg-lakemacquarie2014.com

TAMWORTH COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL

Experience one of Australia’s most iconic events when the biggest country music festival outside of Nashville kicks off in Tamworth in 2015.

Over 55,000 fans are expected during the ten-day extravaganza, which promises over 4,000 shows and 800 performers. Highlights include the Golden Guitar Awards and the Toyota Landcruiser Country Music Busking Championships, with 600 buskers performing on Tamworth’s ‘Boulevard of Dreams’ on Peel Street. Kasey Chambers and Keith Urban both started out here, so you may just spot the next big talent.

When: 16 – 25 January 2015
Where: Tamworth
tcmf.com.au

LIQUI-MOLY BATHURST 12 HOUR

Rev your engines! Australia’s famous endurance race for GT and production cars is gearing up to yet again take over Bathurst’s Mount Panorama Circuit.

A huge range of brands and vehicles can always be found at this much-loved motorsport event, with even more international competitors expected in 2015. You’ll find accommodation to suit all budgets around Bathurst, or pitch a tent at the circuit in order to be close to all the on-track action.

Be there to see if 2014 victor Ferrari can take it home again, or if runner-up Mercedes Benz scores its moment in the sun.

When: 6 – 8 February 2015
Where: Mount Panorama, Bathurst
bathurst12hour.com.au
2014 IRONMAN 70.3 PORT MACQUARIE

The beautiful beachside town of Port Macquarie is again playing host to the IRONMAN 70.3 Australian Age Group Championship.

2014’s event will put a range of competitors through their paces, against a backdrop of the area’s most stunning locations – the Hastings River, Ocean Drive and of course Port Macquarie’s beautiful beaches.

However, participants may not have much time to savour the views as they battle to complete three consecutive disciplines via a 1.9km swim, 90km bike ride and 21.1km run.

When: 19 October 2014
Where: Port Macquarie
ironmanportmacquarie.com

PARKES ELVIS FESTIVAL

Once a year, the population of Parkes swells to more than twice its size, as Elvis Presley fans flock in to celebrate The King’s birthday.

It’s been over 37 years since Elvis left the building, but the five-day festival’s been going strong since 1993 – and over 18,000 fans are tipped to take part in the 2015 celebrations of The King’s 80th birthday.

Be there to experience the festival’s carnival atmosphere, in particular the street parade – a procession of floats, Elvis and Priscilla lookalikes, marching bands, vintage cars and much more.

When: 7 – 11 January 2015
Where: Parkes
parkeselvisfestival.com.au

AUSTRALIAN BOWL-RIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS

‘No guts, no glory’ is possibly the best mantra for skateboarders competing in this year’s 4th Annual Australian Bowl-Riding Championships (ABC).

The event is taking place in one of the country’s most technical bowls – Bar Beach-Empire Skate Park in Newcastle. Famous for being the first truly national skater competition for Aussie skateboarders, the event features Australia’s best skaters competing for fame, cash and great prizes. With ABC’s four divisions – Under 18s, Women, Pro/AM Open and Masters 40+, competitors across the rider spread will get a crack at victory.

When: 5 – 8 February 2015
Where: Bar Beach, Newcastle
abcskate.com.au

SURFEST 2015

World-class waves and a history of champions such as Joel Parkinson, Kelly Slater and Tom Curren, ensure Australia’s annual Surfest is always a premier event on the summer calendar.

Tipped to draw over 800 local and global competitors, the 30th Surfest will once again be dominated by both amateur and professional events. Watch this year’s hopefuls battling it out for the Mark Richards Trophy, check out the internationally-rated Women’s ASP World Tour Star Event or Pro Junior Event, or embrace the beachside buzz complete with market stalls and entertainment.

When: 6 – 22 February 2015
Where: Stockton & Merewether Beaches, Newcastle
surfest.com
Leura Gardens Festival
Leura, 4 – 12 October

Supercheap Auto Bathurst 1000
Mount Panorama, Bathurst
9 – 12 October

XTERRA Asia-Pacific Championship
Jervis Bay, April

Coonamble Rodeo and Campdraft
Coonamble, 6 – 8 June

OCTOBER 2014

Deni Ute Muster
Deniliquin, 3 – 4 October

Great Southern Blues Festival
Narooma, 3 – 5 October

Orange Wine Festival
Orange & surrounding regions
17 October – 2 November

IRONMAN 70.3 Port Macquarie
Port Macquarie, 19 October

Chrome Fest
The Entrance, 24 – 26 October

CoastOut Festival
Coffs Harbour, 24 – 26 October

Byron Bay Surf Festival
Byron Bay, 24 – 26 October

Sculptures in the Vineyard
Wollombi, 25 October – 23 November

Tastes at the Bay Festival
Port Stephens
31 October – 2 November

NOVEMBER 2014

Eden Whale Festival
Eden, 1 – 2 November

Carcoar Cup Running Festival
Carcoar & Neville,
1 – 2 November

Snowy Mountains Trout Festival
Jindabyne, 1 – 7 November

Lord Howe Island Bird Week
Lord Howe Island,
1 – 8 November

Southern Highlands Arts Festival
Southern Highlands,
1 – 30 November

Blackheath Rhododendron Festival
Blackheath, 1 – 30 November

Brisbane Water Oyster Festival
Ettalong Beach, 9 November

Mullum Music Festival
Mullumbimby, 20 – 23 November

DECEMBER 2014

National Cherry Festival
Young, 5 – 7 December

International Children’s Games
Lake Macquarie,
6 – 11 December

LithGLO
Lithgow, 11 – 13 December

Festival Of The Sun
Port Macquarie,
12 – 13 December

Australian Beach Soccer Cup
Wollongong, 13 – 14 December

JANUARY 2015

Parkes Elvis Festival
Parkes, 7 – 11 January

AFC Asian Cup 2015
Sydney Olympic Park & Newcastle Stadium
10 – 31 January

Tamworth Country Music Festival
Tamworth, 16 – 25 January

FEBRUARY 2015

Summerside Festival
Murrumbateman,
1 – 28 February

NSW Food & Wine Festival
Various across Sydney and NSW
1 February – 1 March

MARCH 2015

Qube Rhythm ‘n’ Rail Festival
Junee, 6 – 8 March

Byron Bay International Film Festival
Byron Bay, 6 – 15 March

Touch Football Australia 2015 National Touch League
Coffs Harbour, 11 – 14 March

Blue Mountains Music Festival
Katoomba, 13 – 15 March

Australian Longboard Surfing Open
Kingscliff, 25 – 29 March

Commercial Club Albury Gold Cup Carnival
Albury, 26 – 27 March

APRIL 2015

Bluesfest
Byron Bay, 2 – 6 April

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