On behalf of the NSW Government, I am proud to present the 2016-17 Sydney and NSW Events Calendar – your essential guide to the fantastic range of activities and entertainment on offer across Sydney and Regional NSW.

This world-class calendar reveals the impressive line-up of sporting, arts, culture and lifestyle events to be staged over the next year. The NSW Government remains committed to securing major events across the State which attracts visitors from around NSW, Australia and the world, helping boost the NSW visitor economy.

The calendar features events that will appeal to people of all tastes and ages, including the Australian premiere of Disney’s musical Aladdin, the NCAA College Football Sydney Cup match between the University of California and the University of Hawaii, Dream Lover – The Bobby Darin Musical, Sculpture by the Sea, the 2016 NRL Grand Final and Vivid Sydney, the world’s largest festival of light, music and ideas.

There are a great range of Regional NSW events including the Indoor Cricket National Junior Championships in Dubbo, Australian Surf Festival in Coffs Harbour, Taste Riverina Festival in Wagga Wagga, Bravo Challenge in Wollongong and the Tamworth Country Music Festival.

I encourage you to make the most of this impressive 2016-17 Sydney and NSW Events Calendar and take some time to visit our spectacular beaches, restaurants and local attractions as there is plenty to see and do in Australia’s premier tourism and events State.

Stuart Ayres MP
Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events
Minister for Sport
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SYDNEY AND NSW HIGHLIGHT EVENTS

JULY 2016

AUSTRALIAN SURF FESTIVAL
29 July – 15 August
Coffs Harbour

AUGUST 2016

BLEDISLOE CUP FESTIVAL
6 – 20 August
Various locations across Sydney

NOVEMBER 2016

SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL ART SERIES
3 November – 5 March
Art Gallery of NSW & Museum of Contemporary Art Australia, Sydney

DECEMBER 2016

COATES HIRE SYDNEY 500
2 – 4 December
Sydney Olympic Park

MARCH 2017

SYDNEY GAY AND LESBIAN MARDI GRAS
4 March
Various locations across Sydney

APRIL 2017

SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW
6 – 19 April
Sydney Showground, Sydney Olympic Park
SEPTEMBER 2016

FIM ASIA SUPERMOTO CHAMPIONSHIP
3 – 4 September
Foreshore Park, Newcastle

OCTOBER 2016

2016 NRL TELSTRA PREMIERSHIP GRAND FINAL WEEK SYDNEY
26 September – 2 October
Various locations across Sydney

JANUARY 2017

PARKES ELVIS™ FESTIVAL
11 – 15 January
Parkes

FEBRUARY 2017

HSBC SYDNEY 7s
4 – 5 February
Allianz Stadium, Sydney

MAY 2017

VIVID SYDNEY
May – June
Various locations across Sydney

JUNE 2017

PEAK MUSIC FESTIVAL
9 – 12 June
Perisher
Isabella Blow: A Fashionable Life
Until 28 August
A rare chance to see the wardrobe of late fashion editor, stylist and muse Isabella Blow.
Powerhouse Museum, Sydney

Ballina Fine Wine and Food Festival
1 - 3 July
Savour this showcase of the best local food, drinks and entertainment.
Ballina

2016 Australian Indoor Junior Championships
2 - 9 July
The best under-age indoor cricketers in Australia battle it out for the annual national titles.
Dubbo

Eastern University Games
3 - 7 July
University and TAFE students will play a variety of team and individual sports in this highly competitive series.
Wollongong

Westfield National Youth Championships for Girls
4 - 8 July
Australia’s best female footballers compete in this prestigious youth tournament.
Coffs Harbour

Sydney International Piano Competition
6 - 23 July
A showcase of outstanding pianists from all over the world.
Conservatorium of Music and Sydney Opera House

Holden State of Origin - Game 3
13 July
See the NSW Blues play the QLD Maroons in a thrilling finale to the 2016 Origin Series.
ANZ Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park

Archibald Prize Exhibition
16 July - 9 October
Showcasing finalists from Australia’s favourite portrait prize.
Art Gallery of NSW

Helpmann Awards 2016
25 July
Celebrate artistic achievement in the Australian live performance industry.
Sydney Lyric Theatre

Australian Surf Festival
29 July -15 August
Watch more than 500 surfers compete for the title, Australian Champion.
Coffs Harbour
Disney’s Aladdin - The Musical
From August
The beloved story of Aladdin comes to thrilling theatrical life in Disney’s bold new musical comedy.
Capitol Theatre

Evocities MTB Series
7 August
Australia’s best mountain bikers gear up to compete in this major regional NSW enduro race series.
Tamworth

Bledisloe Cup Festival
6 - 20 August
A series of rugby events builds up to the spectacle of the Bledisloe Cup.
Various locations across Sydney

Bangalow Music Festival
12 - 14 August
The finest chamber and orchestral musicians perform along with artists from around the world.
Bangalow

The Sun-Herald City2Surf
14 August
Elite athletes and beginners join in the world’s largest fun run.
Hyde Park to Bondi Beach

Supercars Red Rooster Sydney SuperSprint
26 - 28 August
Get up close to the super action when the Supercars come to Sydney’s home of motorsport.
Sydney Motorsport Park, Eastern Creek

College Football Sydney Cup
27 August
University of California Berkley vs University of Hawaii in the opening round of the NCAA College Football Championships.
ANZ Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park

Dubbo Stampede Running Festival
28 August
This community event has plenty of options - walk 5.5km, run 10km or run a marathon.
Dubbo

My Fair Lady
From 30 August
Don’t miss this 60th Anniversary production directed by Julie Andrews.
Sydney Opera House

NSW won best sporting event at the 2015 Australian Event Awards for Chelsea FC v Sydney FC match.
College Football Sydney Cup
The Deni Ute Muster in NSW has grown to become one of Australia’s premier rural events.

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<td>Early farming and lifestyle practices feature Clydesdale horses, bullocks, vintage farm machinery and so much more.</td>
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<td>Footballers from across Australia compete in this prestigious youth tournament.</td>
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<td>Experience the most iconic Supercars event at Mount Panorama, the ultimate battleground for this endurance race.</td>
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<td>This Festival showcases stunning cool climate wines, talented chefs, local produce and eclectic retailers.</td>
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All 45 species of whales and dolphins found in Australian waters cruise along the NSW coast during the annual migration.

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Sydney International Art Series - Tatsuo Miyajima
3 November - 5 March
Museum of Contemporary Art Australia, Sydney

Ballet Under the Stars - Swan Lake
5 November
Under a blanket of stars, The Australian Ballet brings a free outdoor performance of world-class ballet to Penrith.
Sydney International Regatta Centre, Penrith

Tastes at the Bay Food, Wine & Jazz Festival
5 - 6 November
Wine, food, music and markets are the highlights.
Port Stephens

Carcoar Cup Running Festival
5 - 6 November
Some of the nation’s best runners compete on this challenging course.
Carcoar & Neville

Sydney International Art Series - Nude: Art from the Tate Collection
5 November - 19 February
A spectacular tour through many major art movements, including romanticism, cubism, expressionism, realism, surrealism and feminism.
Art Gallery of NSW

Adventure Racing World Championships
8 - 18 November
The world’s toughest adventure athletes traverse the Shoalhaven wilderness.
Shoalhaven

NSW Open Golf Championship (Kel Nagle Cup)
10 - 13 November
Watch the battle for one of the most prestigious titles in Australian golf.
Stonecutters Ridge Golf Club, Colebee

AUS-X Open Sydney
12 - 13 November
World Champions take on Australia’s best in Supercross and FMX.
Qudos Bank Arena, Sydney Olympic Park
Kennards Hire Rally Australia
17 - 20 November
Coffs Coast hosts the final round of the 2016 World Rally Championship.
Coffs Harbour

Emirates Australian Open Golf
17 - 20 November
The world’s best compete in Sydney for Australian golf’s most prized trophy.
Royal Sydney Golf Club, Rose Bay

ARIA Week
November
The best new artists plus ground-breaking music industry conferences.
Various locations across Sydney

2016 ITU Cross Triathlon World Championships
19 - 20 November
More than 1,000 of the world’s best athletes tackle a gruelling event for ‘champion of the world’.
Snowy Mountains

2016 ARIA Awards Connected by Telstra
November
Annual awards celebrating the best of Australian music.
Sydney

MTV Beats & Eats
November
A food and music festival like no other featuring local and international talent.
Wollongong

2016 NAB AFL Draft
25 November
This major event brings together all 18 teams recruiting the best young prospects in the country.
Hordern Pavillion

The 2016 McDonald’s AFL9s Tournament
25 - 26 November
A fun, social and non-contact tournament for all ages.
Sydney

Vanfest
25 - 26 November
A boutique music festival that’s packed with world-class names acts.
Forbes

Ironman 70.3 Western Sydney
25 - 27 November
Athletes race along the iconic Penrith Lakes with the Blue Mountains as backdrop.
Penrith, Sydney

Evocities MTB Series
27 November
Australia’s best mountain bike riders gear up to compete in the final leg of this major regional NSW enduro series
Orange
An estimated one billion people around the world watch Sydney light up for New Year’s Eve each year.

**MotorWorld Sydney**  
1 - 4 December  
Check out the latest cars and motorbikes on track, street and off-road circuits at this new family festival.  
**Sydney Motorsport Park, Eastern Creek**

**L’Étape Australia by Le Tour de France**  
1 - 3 December  
This road cycling event offers amateurs the chance to cycle under professional Tour de France conditions.  
**Snowy Mountains - Crackenback, Jindabyne, Perisher**

**Coates Hire Sydney 500**  
2 - 4 December  
The streets of Sydney Olympic Park will ignite for the final showdown in the Virgin Australia Supercars Championship.  
**Sydney Olympic Park**

**6th AACTA Awards presented by Presto**  
7 December  
Celebrating the best of Australian film and television in 2016.  
**The Star Event Centre**

**nudie Australian Boardriders Battle - Qualifying Event**  
10 December  
The last of the NSW qualifying events before the National Final.  
**Kiama**

**Egyptian Mummies: Exploring Ancient Lives**  
10 December - 30 April  
Come face-to-face with six Ancient Egyptian mummies and discover their stories.  
**Powerhouse Museum, Sydney**

**Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race**  
26 December  
An iconic harbour event on Boxing Day  
**Sydney Harbour**

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

**New Year’s Eve at Hunter Valley Gardens**  
31 December  
Welcome in the New Year with entertainment, fireworks and Christmas Lights.  
**Pokolbin**
Sydney New Year’s Eve
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Sydney Festival
7 - 29 January
A summer highlight in Sydney for everyone
Various locations across Sydney

Apia International Sydney
8 – 14 January
Watch the stars of world tennis in action in Sydney.
Sydney Olympic Park
Tennis Centre

Parkes Elvis™ Festival
11 – 15 January
Celebrating 25 years in 2017 with more than 120 events over five days.
Parkes

Australia v The World in FAST4 Tennis
January
Tennis biggest stars take the court for a night of spectacular shot-making and entertainment.
Sydney

NSW Pro Surf Series - Carve Pro
January
The first stop of the qualifying series events to the World Surf League Championship Tour.
Maroubra Beach

Tamworth Country Music Festival
20 – 29 January
Australia’s largest music festival over 10 days with 700 artists and 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
26 January
Australia’s largest indigenous festival is held on Australia Day.
Victoria Park, Sydney

Sydney Chinese New Year Festival
27 January – 12 February
Giant zodiac lanterns, food and events celebrating the Year of the Rooster.
Various locations across Sydney
**Surfest**  
**February**  
Australia’s largest festival of surfing hosts the world’s best professional men, women and junior surfers.

**Newcastle**

**Telstra Stores Tweed Coast Pro**  
**February**  
Australian and international surfers compete for a spot on the World Surf League Championship Tour.

**Cabarita Beach**

**Liqui-Moly Bathurst 12 Hour**  
**3 - 5 February**  
An international endurance race at the home of Australian motorsport.

**Mt Panorama, Bathurst**

**The Sydney Morning Herald Sun Run**  
**4 February**  
A popular, family-friendly event on Sydney’s northern beaches.

**Dee Why to Manly**

**HSBC Sydney 7s**  
**4 – 5 February**  
A fun, thrilling and fast-paced seven-a-side competition with 16 teams from around the world.

**Allianz Stadium, Sydney**

**Southern 80**  
**10 – 12 February**  
The world’s largest waterski race offers thrills and spills along the Murray River.

**Echuca Moama**

**Miracle Mile Carnival**  
**11, 18 & 25 February**  
The fastest horses in Australasia on the fastest harness racing track.

**Tabcorp Park Menangle, Campbelltown**

**Komunity Project Great Lakes Pro pres. By Rockstar**  
**February**  
Surfers compete for a spot on the World Surf League Championship Tour.

**Boomerang Beach**

**Australian Surf Rowers League Open**  
**17 – 19 February**  
The premier surf boat event in the world.

**Shellharbour**

**Deniliquin Fishing Classic**  
**17 – 19 February**  
The premier Murray Cod fishing event on the Edward River.

**Deniliquin**
Manly and Shelly Beach in Australia’s top 10 beaches in TripAdvisor’s 2016 Travellers Choice Awards.

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Riverboats Music Festival
17 – 19 February
The Murray River’s premiere contemporary music event features brilliant artists and delicious regional food and wine.
Moama

Pearl Izumi Huskisson Long Course Triathlon Festival
17 - 19 February
A multisport festival on the shores of Jervis Bay.
Huskisson

nudie Australian Boardriders Battle - National Final
17 – 19 February
Surfers of all ages represent their clubs as they compete for the title of Australia’s champion club.
NSW

BOWL-A-RAMA Bondi
18 – 19 February
Australia’s biggest and most exciting professional skateboarding competition set right in the heart of iconic Bondi Beach.
Bondi Beach

Volleyfest
February
Spectators will see 14 different visiting countries compete in a series of Volleyball tournaments across a 3 week period.
Manly Beach

Australian Bowl-riding Championships
25 – 26 February
Australia’s only true ‘nationals’ skateboarding competition welcoming skateboarders from every skill level and age.
Newcastle

Sydney Harbour Challenge presented by Hawaiian Airlines
25 - 26 February
A 25km race in the fast-growing sport of outrigger canoe racing.
Manly

Australian Open of Surfing
25 February – 5 March
A free festival featuring the world’s best surfers, skateboarders and entertainment.
Manly Beach
Sydney awarded #1 in Australia and South Pacific in the 2016 Trip Advisor’s Travellers’ Choice Destinations Awards.

Komunity Project
Central Coast Pro
March
Surfers compete for a spot on the World Surf League Championship Tour.
Avoca Beach

Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Parade
4 March
The world’s loudest and proudest celebration of gay and lesbian diversity.
Various locations across Sydney

National Touch League
8 - 11 March
See Australia’s best touch football talent in action.
Coffs Harbour

Longines Golden Slipper
18 March
Enjoy the thrill of one of the world’s best racing carnivals.
Rosehill Gardens Racecourse, Sydney

Australian Longboard Surfing Open
16 - 19 March
The warm surfing waters of Kingscliff welcome this annual surfing challenge.
Kingscliff Beach

Commercial Club Albury Gold Cup Carnival
23 - 24 March
One of the premier country racing carnivals in Australia.
Albury

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

Australian X-Tri Championships & MultiSport Festival
March
Indulge your passion for all things mountain biking, trail running and swimming in this scenic location.
Lake Crackenback, Snowy Mountains

Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour - Carmen
24 March - 23 April
Sydney’s spectacular cultural event on Sydney Harbour.
Mrs Macquaries Point, Sydney

Sydney International Rowing Regatta
27 March - 2 April
Featuring some of the world’s finest athletes in a week-long rowing regatta.
Penrith, Sydney
First held in 1823, the Royal Easter Show is now Australia’s largest annual event, attracting over 800,000 people every year.
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**Orange F.O.O.D Week**
31 March – 9 April
Entice your tastebuds as you experience the best of the region’s food and wine in a festival atmosphere.

**Bundanoon Highland Gathering Festival**
1 April
The highland setting is perfect as the backdrop to a range of traditional Scottish Highland Games.

**The Championships**
1 April
The grand finals of Australian racing and the jewel in the crown of the Sydney Autumn Carnival is not to be missed.

**Sydney Royal Easter Show**
6 – 19 April
Australia’s largest annual event showcasing country life and family entertainment.

**Bluesfest**
13 – 17 April
Australia’s famous blues and roots music festival.

**Bundanoon**

**Easter Long Weekend at Hunter Valley Gardens**
14 – 17 April
A fantastic program of activities and prizes including a giant Easter egg hunt on Saturday and Sunday.

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**Port Stephens**

**Kidgeeridge Music Festival**
April
A diverse array of musical talent features some of Australia’s most recognised artists.

**Milton Showground**
Vivid Sydney was named Australia's Best Tourism Event for the third consecutive year at the 2015 Australian Event Awards.

Wings Over Illawarra
6 – 7 May
See jaw-dropping aerobatics plus classic and vintage aircraft in flight.

Illawarra Regional Airport

IRONMAN Australia & IRONMAN 70.3 Port Macquarie
7 May
Swim, cycle and run in idyllic locations around Port Macquarie.

Port Macquarie

Hunter Valley Wine and Food Festival
May - June
The region’s diverse wine and food culture is showcased with two months of themed activities throughout May and June.

Hunter Valley

Ultra-Trail Australia
18 – 21 May
Join the southern hemisphere’s largest trail running festival in the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.

Katoomba

Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week Australia
May
Australia’s best designers showcase their Resort 18 Collections.

Carriageworks, Sydney

Sydney Writers Festival
22 -28 May
Australia’s largest celebration of literature, stories and ideas.

Various locations across Sydney

Mercedes-Benz Fashion Weekend Edition
May
Sit where they sat and access Fashion Week like a true insider.

Carriageworks, Sydney

Batlow CiderFest
May
Australia’s best CiderFest street party comes alive with great entertainment, cider and food.

Batlow

Port to Port MTB Newcastle
25 – 28 May
A four day stage mountain bike race across the iconic local scenery of Newcastle, Port Stephens, Lake Macquarie and the Hunter Region.

Newcastle and the Hunter Region

Vivid Sydney
May – June
Sydney becomes a creative canvas of light, music and ideas.

Various locations across Sydney

NCHA Futurity
May - June
The pinnacle of horse-cutting championships in Australia.

Tamworth
Kosciuszko National Park has been named a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve with more than half the area of the park declared wilderness.

Holden State of Origin – Game 2
June
Don’t miss Rugby League’s greatest rivals in action when the NSW Blues play the QLD Maroons.

ANZ Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park

Sydney Film Festival
7 – 18 June
Enjoy the best features, documentaries and short films from across Australia and the world.

Various locations across Sydney

Peak Music Festival
9 – 12 June
Celebrate the opening of the winter snow season with great music.

Perisher

2017 Australian Badminton Open
20 - 25 June
The best players from more than 30 countries compete for top prize money.

Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre

True Grit
June
More than thirty obstacles over a rugged 10-12km military inspired obstacle course through natural terrain.

Dargle Farm, Lower Portland, Hawkesbury

Coonamble Rodeo and Campdraft
June
The largest combined rodeo and campdraft in the southern hemisphere.

Coonamble

Shoalhaven Coast Winter Wine Festival
June
Fine wine, fabulous food, music, markets, vineyard tours and more.

Shoalhaven

Snow Time in the Garden
June - July
Visit Snow Time in the Garden for a fun, family experience with ice skating, toboggan, snow play and more at Hunter Valley Gardens.

Pokolbin
THE REGIONS OF NSW OFFER A YEAR-ROUND SOURCE OF ADVENTURE AND EXPERIENCES FOR EVERYONE.

Whether you enjoy hiking through alpine scenery to the peak of the highest mountain in Australia, paddling along a peaceful river to an overnight campsite or hang gliding over golden beaches – NSW is the perfect destination. Make sure the stunning World Heritage Areas are top of your NSW must-visit list; Lord Howe Island Group, the Greater Blue Mountains, Willandra Lakes Regions featuring Mungo National Park, and the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia along the North Coast.

BLUE MOUNTAINS

Just 90 minutes’ drive from Sydney, this region is famous for the beautiful sandstone cliffs and deep valleys that are part of the vast Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area. This extraordinary setting is the perfect backdrop for bushwalking, climbing, abseiling and mountain biking; more relaxing past times include dining, shopping, golf and spa treatments in luxurious retreats.
CENTRAL COAST
An hour’s drive north of Sydney, this region is known for its many natural attributes - waterways, sparkling beaches and lush countryside. National parks here offer many different experiences while water sports range from surfing and fishing to sailing and water skiing. Feed pelicans at The Entrance, visit local zoos, play golf, go cycling and skydiving, ziplining, horse riding and quad biking.

COUNTRY NSW
The rural heartland of NSW offers an amazing variety of holiday experiences. Savour beautiful food and wine in the Southern Highlands and the Canberra Region; on the Great Western Plains visit the incredible Taronga Western Plains Zoo; or head to Orange and Mudgee for gourmet produce and acclaimed wines. Discover Tamworth, Capital of Country, or head to Armidale, hub for New England High Country.

LORD HOWE ISLAND
This World Heritage-listed paradise, located two hours’ flight from Sydney or Brisbane, is a crescent-shaped island where you’ll be one of only 400 visitors. Swim in the pristine waters of the world’s southernmost coral reef or explore the palm-fringed paradise by bike or on foot. Outstanding natural beauty is your backdrop to swim, snorkel, dive, fish, canoe and bushwalk at every turn.

For more information on events, travel and accommodation go to visitnsw.com
DISCOVER REGIONAL NSW

MURRAY AND RIVERINA
Australia’s greatest river is the heart of this rich agricultural region. Life on The Murray is relaxed and laid-back with plenty of ways to soak up the ambience. Take a paddle boat cruise or hire a houseboat, play golf, go cycling or fishing. Enjoy wine-tasting at cellar doors in the Riverina and discover a variety of paddock-to-plate experiences including food and wine trails.

NORTH COAST
Stretching from the Mid-North Coast to The Tweed, this region abounds in stunning natural treasures: beautiful beaches, big rivers, volcanic hinterland and World Heritage rainforests. Immerse yourself in nature, sample the famed beach culture, dine well on fresh seafood and gourmet produce, luxuriate in five-star resorts, play golf on championship courses and see dolphins and whales in the wild.

OUTBACK NSW
The most intoxicating aspect of this grand region is space – it’s vast, open and liberating. Touring by car is the best way to get around, creating an unforgettable adventure along the way. Drop into outback pubs and country towns, visit an outback city (Broken Hill), camp out under the stars and gain insights from local guides into Aboriginal heritage through shared stories and cultural sites.
SNOWY MOUNTAINS
Whatever the season, there’s nowhere quite like the Snowy Mountains region. During winter, enjoy skiing, snowboarding and snow-play at Thredbo, Perisher, Charlotte Pass and Selwyn Snowfields; when the snow melts, the landscape is perfect for adventures from hiking and mountain biking to fishing and horse riding. Discover fine food and wine, enjoy exhilarating alpine drives and take in spectacular scenery at every turn.

SOUTH COAST
Stretching from Stanwell Park along the coast to Eden, the South Coast is a region of unspoilt natural beauty. Popular water-based activities include whale watching (May-Nov) and swimming with seals; the lush bushland is enjoyed by bush walkers, bird-lovers and bike riders. Local dairy farms have a long tradition of producing gourmet cheeses while pristine waterways form part of a 300km oyster trail. Explore the region by following the Grand Pacific Drive from Sydney to Wollongong.

THE HUNTER
This region of varied landscapes encompasses the beautiful vineyards and restaurants of the Hunter Valley, the world-class horse studs of the Upper Hunter, the vibrant coastal city Newcastle, the vast blue waterways of Port Stephens and Lake Macquarie. Enjoy pampering, golf, hot air balloons, hiking, quad biking and endless water sports or gaze in awe at dolphins and whales in the wild.
EXPERIENCE THE

WORLD-FAMOUS ICONS
Admire one of the world’s most beautiful cities from the summit of the Sydney Harbour Bridge on a guided BridgeClimb. Then explore the famous stages of the World Heritage-listed Sydney Opera House on a backstage tour or enjoy a world-class performance.

SEE AUSTRALIA’S ANIMALS
Sydney is home to world-class zoos and aquariums where you can see Australia’s unique animals up close. Taronga Zoo, Manly SEA LIFE Sanctuary, SEA LIFE Sydney Aquarium and WILD LIFE Sydney are harbourside while Featherdale Wildlife Park is in Western Sydney.

SYDNEY SHOPPING
Whether you love chic international fashion or cutting-edge Australian designers, you’ll enjoy shopping in Sydney. Highlights include Westfield Sydney, the Queen Victoria Building and Strand Arcade, The Galeries and funky weekend markets across the city.

SYDNEY WALKS
Sydney’s a great city to explore on foot with walking tracks that are both easy and scenic. Check out the Manly to Spit Walk, the Nielsen Park foreshore walk and the Bondi to Coogee Coastal Walk as well as the newest trail at Barangaroo Reserve by the harbour.
HIGHLIGHTS OF SYDNEY

SYDNEY’S HERITAGE
Join a walking tour of The Rocks, Sydney’s oldest colonial quarter or visit museums, historic houses and cultural sites across the city where you’ll get the inside story on Sydney’s unique history and heritage both from an Aboriginal and European perspective.

DISCOVER THE HARBOUR
Soak up the natural beauty of Sydney on a leisurely harbour cruise or short ferry ride from Circular Quay to Manly. Alternatively, go for a spin around the harbour on a high-speed jet boat, kayak in sheltered coves or laze on the deck of a luxury yacht with a skipper at the wheel.

SYDNEY ARTS
Sydney has a dynamic arts scene with major exhibitions at prestigious galleries and museums and world-class performances at venues including the Opera House. A vibrant cultural events calendar keeps the city buzzing with highlights such as New Year’s Eve and Vivid Sydney.

TASTE SYDNEY
Fabulous harbourside restaurants, cool bars, funky cafes and heritage pubs; Sydney’s dining scene is creative, eclectic and affordable. Add exciting eat streets in Western Sydney serving cuisine from around the world and you’ve got a global dining hot spot.

For more information on events, travel and accommodation go to sydney.com
BEACHSIDE COOL
Learn to surf with experienced guides at some of the most famous beaches in Australia, Bondi and Manly. Bondi’s Campbell Parade and Manly’s Corso are lined with outdoor cafes, gelato bars, cool restaurants, organic stores and surf shops.

SYDNEY FROM ABOVE
Brave a sky dive onto the beach, go on a tandem hang-glide over the coast or get your adrenalin racing on a helicopter flight over the city. Get a bird’s eye view from Sydney Tower Eye or board a luxury seaplane on Sydney Harbour for a flight over the harbour.

EXPLORE ABORIGINAL HERITAGE
Just 90 minutes’ drive from Sydney is the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area where you can gain insights into the culture of the Aboriginal people who have lived here for thousands of years at the Waradah Aboriginal Centre.

WESTERN SYDNEY ADVENTURES
Explore the growing adventure playground in Western Sydney. Go rafting at Penrith Whitewater Stadium, enjoy the thrills and spoils of Wet’n’Wild Sydney, experience thrilling aerial adventures with iFLY Downunder and Jetpack Adventures in Penrith.
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