On behalf of the NSW Government, it gives me great pleasure to present the 2018-19 Sydney and NSW Events Calendar; your essential guide to the fantastic range of activities and entertainment on offer across Sydney and regional NSW.

Through our tourism and major events agency, Destination NSW, we are growing the State’s economy by securing major events and attracting record numbers of visitors to NSW. We are committed to building a top-class major events calendar and promoting our incredible State around the world.

This calendar reveals the impressive line-up of sporting, arts, cultural and lifestyle events to be staged over the coming year. Some of these highlights include the premiere season of the blockbuster musical – Jersey Boys, The Sydney International Art Series – Masters of Modern Art from the Hermitage and David Goldblatt, Coates Hire Newcastle 500, the new Australian premiere of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber’s iconic musical – Evita, the 2018 NRL Grand Final, the Blackmores Sydney Running Festival and of course Vivid Sydney, the world’s largest festival of light, music and ideas.

There is also a great range of rural and regional NSW events including the Australian Surf Festival in Tweed Heads, Flavours of Mudgee, the Deni Ute Muster in Deniliquin, L’Etape by Le Tour de France in the Snowy Mountains, the Grafton Jacaranda Festival and the TOYOTA Country Music Festival Tamworth.

I encourage you to make the most of this impressive 2018-19 Sydney and NSW Events Calendar and take some time to visit all the iconic and unique attractions, events and getaways as there’s plenty to see and do... and it’s all in our backyard.

The Hon. Adam Marshall
Minister for Tourism and Major Events
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It is said that Bangalow’s town name came from an Aboriginal word, “Bangalla”, believed to mean a type of palm tree.
The first official Bledisloe Cup match was held at Sydney Cricket Ground on July 2, 1932.

Bledisloe Cup – Qantas Wallabies v All Blacks
18 August
The unmissable trans-Tasman rivalry continues when the Qantas Wallabies face the New Zealand All Blacks.
ANZ Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park

Sculpture on Clyde
25 August - 2 September
A 9-day event featuring world-class sculpture works from Australia and overseas.
Batemans Bay and Bawley Point

MAAS Group Dubbo
Stampede Running Festival
26 August
Run close to zoo animals and the Macquarie River at this festival.
Taronga Western Plains Zoo, Dubbo

Jersey Boys
From 29 August
Jersey Boys is the true-life story of the rise to stardom of Franki Valli and the Four Seasons.
Capitol Theatre, Haymarket

Love Seafood 2018
August
Head to glorious Port Stephens to celebrate sensational seafood and the tastiest fresh fare the region has to offer.
Port Stephens

Snowtunes
31 August - 1 September
The ultimate two-day music festival at the base of the Snowy Mountains.
Jindabyne
There are over 150 species of tulips with over 3,000 different varieties.

Sydney Contemporary
13 - 16 September
Australasia’s premier international art fair.
Carriageworks, Eveleigh

Evita
13 September - 3 November
This Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber musical stars Tina Arena.
Sydney Opera House

Blackmores Sydney Running Festival
16 September
One of the most scenic and spectacular courses is back.
Sydney

Tulip Time
18 September - 1 October
One of Australia’s oldest and largest floral festivals showcasing 100,000 tulips.
Corbett Gardens, Bowral

Grazing Down the Lachlan
21 - 23 September
Enjoy an exciting long lunch with fine food along The Lachlan River.
Forbes

Men’s Masters Australian Hockey Championships
21 September - 6 October
Featuring men’s teams from each State and Territory competing in a number of age categories.
Lismore & Ballina
Mudgee’s population went from 200 to 20,000 in the late 19th century, due to the NSW gold rush.

**Flavours of Mudgee**
22 September
Experience a range of local wine, gourmet food and produce.

**Mudgee**

**Giiyong Festival**
22 September
Celebrate Aboriginal culture through music, dance, art and food.

**Eden**

**FFA National Youth Championships for Boys**
24 - 28 September
Footballers from across Australia compete in this prestigious youth tournament.

**Coffs Harbour**

**Brunswick Nature Sculpture Walk**
28 September – 2 October
See the work of renowned artists displayed in nature and enjoy tours, workshops and more.

**Brunswick Heads**

**Deni Ute Muster**
28 - 29 September
A family event attracting visitors to one of the flattest plains on earth.

**Deniliquin**

**Woolgoolga Curryfest**
29 September
Celebrate Woolgoolga’s Punjabi heritage with music, dancing and curries from all over the world.

**Woolgoolga**

**Murrumbateman Moving Feast**
29 - 30 September
A weekend degustation of fine wines and sumptuous food at leading local wineries.

**Murrumbateman**

**Southern Highlands Food and Wine Festival**
29 - 30 September
A two-day event featuring local entertainers, fresh produce and wine tastings.

**Bradman Oval, Bowral**

**2018 NRL Telstra Premiership Grand Final Sydney**
30 September
Be part of history and witness the ultimate battle to see which NRL Club will be crowned 2018 Premiers.

**ANZ Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park**

**Gears and Beers Festival 2018**
30 September
A day of picturesque cycling routes, bespoke bike builders, and a craft beer and cider festival at the finish line.

**Wagga Wagga**

**AFL Masters National Carnival**
30 September - 6 October
Large participation AFL masters football event, includes the Women’s Masters.

**Coffs Harbour**
Supercheap Auto Bathurst 1000
4 - 7 October
The most prestigious race in Australian motorsport, on one of the world’s greatest race tracks. Bathurst

Moruya’s Granite Town Music Festival
6 October
See a talented line-up of Australian funk, reggae and indie music that will captivate audiences. Moruya

The Australian Ballet: Ballet Under the Stars
6 October
A free outdoor performance of world-class ballet. Sydney International Regatta Centre, Penrith

Warbirds Downunder Airshow
12 - 13 October
Warbirds Downunder offer a Friday evening program and full airshow on Saturday with over 70 participating aircraft over the two days. Temora

Illawarra Festival of Wood
12 - 14 October
A three-day event held at Bulli Showground to inspire, preserve and appreciate the traditions of working with wood. Wollongong

Orange Wine Festival
12 - 21 October
Showcasing delicious cool-climate wines, talented chefs and delicious local produce. Orange

Riverlights Multicultural Festival
13 October
A celebration of cultural diversity and the extended multicultural community based in the Hunter. Sample food and enjoy performances and activities. The Levee, Central Maitland

The Everest
13 October
The very best sprinters converge onto Royal Randwick, in what is the World’s Richest Turf Race. Royal Randwick, Sydney

Sydney International Art Series: Masters of Modern Art from the Hermitage
13 October - 3 March 2019
Featuring groundbreaking works by the most influential figures of modern art. Art Gallery of New South Wales
Sculpture by the Sea is the largest, free outdoor sculpture exhibition in the world.

Sydney International Art Series: David Goldblatt
19 October - 3 March 2019
A retrospective of one of the greatest photographers of our time. An insight into South Africa’s people and turbulent history.
Museum of Contemporary Art Australia

DREAM Festival
18 - 28 October
A festival of entertainment, visual arts, music and a huge light and lantern spectacular.
Dubbo

Sculpture by the Sea
18 October - 4 November
See the iconic stretch of Sydney coastline transformed into a two-kilometre long sculpture park.
Bondi Beach to Tamarama Beach

Wingham Akoostik Music Festival
19 - 21 October
Three brilliant days of music in the beautiful Manning Valley on the NSW mid coast.
Wingham

Cotton Capital Country Music Muster
20 – 21 October
Weekend country music festival in the heart of the small town of Wee Waa with headline act, Beccy Cole.
Wee Waa

Outlandish 2018 Outlander Fan Gathering
20 - 21 October
Celebrate the Outlander TV series over two days in the Glen Innes Highlands.
Glen Innes

Invictus Games Sydney 2018
20 - 27 October
The spirit of mateship will shine as the world comes together to celebrate the unconquerable spirit of our wounded warriors.
Various locations across Sydney

Bowral Classic
21 October
A one-day Gran Fondo Cyclo-Sportif held in the pristine Southern Highlands.
Bowral

Sand N Sea Festival
26 - 28 October
This inaugural three-day multisport event showcases the beauty of Huskisson’s beaches and parks.
Huskisson

Grafton Jacaranda Festival
27 October - 4 November
Celebrate the jacaranda trees lining Grafton’s streets with an array of marvellous festival events.
Grafton

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Exhibitionism: The Rolling Stones Exhibit, delivered by DHL
November 2018 - February 2019
An interactive music exhibition, with 500 Rolling Stones items.
ICC Sydney, Darling Harbour

Tag World Cup 2018
1 - 4 November
Over 190 teams anticipated to travel from abroad to participate.
Coffs Harbour

Real Festival
2 - 3 November
The Nepean River transforms with art, music, markets and food.
Penrith

Carcoar Cup Running Festival
3 - 4 November
Running courses and events for all ages and abilities.
Carcoar

Blues and Berries Fair
4 November
Enjoy great Blues and Roots music in Australia’s Blueberry Capital.
Woolgoolga

2018 NSW Open Golf Championship
8 - 11 November
Walk the fairways alongside the stars of the PGA Tour of Australasia.
Twin Creeks Golf & Country Club

Port Stephens is known for its population of fairy penguins which can be seen all year round.
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Port Stephens Toyota NSW Pro
8 - 13 November
The world’s best surfers compete in the 2018 elite Championship Tour.
Port Stephens

The Bay Games
10 - 11 November
A functional fitness festival with water and land based events.
Jervis Bay

Monster Energy
AUS-X Open Sydney
9 - 10 November
The world’s best Supercross and FMX riders go head-to-head.
Qudos Bank Arena, Sydney Olympic Park

National Indigenous Touch Football Knockout
14 - 16 November
This new event promotes a healthy lifestyle for kids and adults.
Dubbo

Legends of League Tournament
15 - 17 November
Enjoy “Old School” Rugby League, where “Legends” compete.
Gosford

Aviatex
15 - 17 November
Aviation trade exposition, industry forum and aviation careers showcase.
Sydney Metro Airport, Bankstown
The very first ARIA Awards were held in 1987 and hosted by Sir Elton John. Winners included INXS, Crowded House and John Farnham.

Kennards Hire Rally Australia
15 - 18 November
The Australian leg of the 2018 FIA World Rally Championship.
Coffs Coast

Mullum Music Festival
15 - 18 November
Celebrate culture through national and international music.
Mullumbimby

Australian Open Golf Championship
15 - 18 November
The world’s best converge for the pinnacle event in Australian golf.
The Lakes Golf Club, Sydney

Star Wars™ Identities: The Exhibition
16 November 2018 - 10 June 2019
An interactive exhibition featuring 200 original Star Wars objects.
Powerhouse Museum, Ultimo

Coates Hire Newcastle 500
23 - 25 November
Three days of Supercars street racing to decide the Championship.
Newcastle

seeDUNGOG Regional Arts and Culture Trail
23 – 25 November
Experience vibrant local arts and culture.
Dungog Shire and surrounds

Jazz in the Vineyards
24 November
Food and jazz in an amphitheatre featuring James Morrison.
Pokolbin

Perricoota Pop & Pour Festival
24 November
Progressive food, wine & music.
Moama

IRONMAN 70.3 Western Sydney
25 November
Race the World’s Best IRONMAN 70.3.
Western Sydney

Gillette T20 INTL: Australia v India
25 November
Don’t miss the action, fun and excitement of the Gillette T20 INTL when Australia meet India.
Sydney Cricket Ground

2018 ARIA Awards & ARIA Week
28 November
A celebration of Australian music.
Sydney

Fairgrounds Festival
30 November - 1 December
Enjoy live music, gourmet eats and artisan markets.
Berry Showgrounds

Perfect Light Film Festival
30 November – 2 December
A free short film festival, with local and national talent.
Broken Hill

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Great Australian Beer Festival
1 December
The festival showcases a variety of breweries, local restaurants, food trucks and local and national performers.
QE2 Square, Albury

L’Étape Australia by Le Tour de France
1 December
The only amateur cycling event in Australia with fully closed roads and professional Tour de France conditions.
Snowy Mountains (Jindabyne, Thredbo/Perisher)

Macquarie Bondi to Bronte Ocean Swim
2 December
Competitors swim 2.4km and will finish at the Bronte SLSC, the world’s first Surf Life Saving Club.
Bondi Beach, Sydney

8th AACTA Awards presented by Foxtel
5 December
Celebrating the best of Australian film and television in 2018.
Sydney

Woolworths Carols in the Domain
22 December
Australia’s largest free Christmas concert, featuring Australian and international artists.
The Domain, Sydney

Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race
26 December
The start of this challenging race is a Boxing Day tradition on Sydney Harbour.
Sydney Harbour

Mirror Dinghy Pre Worlds / World Championships 2018 - 2019
26 December - 6 January 2019
Spend 12 fabulous Summer days of family-friendly activities on and off the water against the glorious backdrop of Sydney Harbour.
Sydney

Formula 1.0 Gliding Grand Prix
27 December – 6 January 2019
A new gliding competition bringing the growing sport of gliding into the 21st century. A family and spectator-friendly event held over 11 days.
Leeton

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

The first recorded New Year’s Eve party was held over 4,000 years ago by the ancient Babylonians.
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Fred Astaire and Peter Sellers called author Roald Dahl, asking to portray Willy Wonka in the first film adaptation. The part eventually went to Gene Wilder.

Domain Pink Test: Australia v India
3 – 7 January
A new era for Australian Test cricket begins this summer with our biggest challenge yet as we take on the world’s best, India.
Sydney Cricket Ground

Parkes Elvis™ Festival
9 - 13 January
Enjoy a jam-packed five-day program with over 150 events.
Parkes

Gillette ODI: Australia v India
12 January
Experience world class cricket, with plenty of extra summer entertainment in and around the ground.
Sydney Cricket Ground

TOYOTA Country Music Festival Tamworth
18 - 27 January
An iconic music festival featuring more than 700 artists at over 100 venues.
Tamworth

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

Yabun Festival
26 January
Australia’s largest festival of indigenous culture.
Camperdown, Sydney

Surfest Newcastle Australia
27 January - 3 March
Australia’s largest festival of surfing hosts the world’s best professional men, women and junior surfers.
Newcastle

LIQUI MOLY Bathurst 12 Hour
31 January - 3 February
Globally recognised international GT endurance race at the home of Australian motorsport.
Bathurst

Roald Dahl’s Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
From January
Step inside a world of pure imagination as Roald Dahl’s delicious tale opens its factory doors in Sydney.
Capitol Theatre

Sydney Festival
From January
The city comes alive with a cultural celebration of performing arts and big ideas.
Various locations across Sydney
The Snowy Mountains are mainland Australia’s only true alpine region, and are thus a hotspot for skiing and other winter sports and activities.

**HSBC Sydney 7s**
1 - 3 February
A weekend of international rugby 7s action! Support the Aussie men & women as they battle it out.
**Spotless Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park**

**Southern 80**
8 - 10 February
The world’s largest water ski race offers thrills along the Murray River.
**Echuca-Moama**

**Snowies Mountain Bike Festival**
8 - 10 February
Join one of Australia’s best MTB festivals over 3 days and 6 stages.
**Snowy Mountains**

**The Riverboats Music Festival**
15 - 17 February
Murray River’s premier outdoor music event.
**Echuca-Moama**

**Bowl-A-Rama Bondi**
16 - 17 February
Australia’s biggest professional skateboarding competition.
**Bondi**

**Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras**
17 February - 3 March
The world’s loudest and proudest celebration of LGBTQI diversity.
**Various locations across Sydney**

**Shimano Husky Triathlon Festival**
22 - 24 February
This triathlon features distance triathlons and more.
**Huskisson**

**TreX Cross Triathlon National Championships**
23 February
Swim, MTB and trail run in one of Australia’s best off road triathlons.
**Snowy Mountains**

**Bendigo Bank Tumbafest 2019**
23 - 24 February
Celebration of music, wine and food.
**Tumbarumba**

**Trail Run Australia | Snowies Ultra Trail Run Festival**
24 February
Ultra, half marathon, 5k and 12k trail run events.
**Snowy Mountains**

**nudie Australian Boardriders Battle**
February
The biggest grassroots boardriders event in Australia.
**Newcastle Main Beach**

**Sydney Chinese New Year Festival**
February
Celebrate the Year of the Pig.
**Various locations across Sydney**
The first electricity connected in the Maitland area was to the front light of Maitland Town Hall in 1922.

The Cobargo Folk Festival
1 - 3 March
Celebrate folk music and culture from Australia and around the world. Enjoy great music, workshops and events suitable for all.
Cobargo Showground

FIH Hockey Pro League
2 March
Kookaburras v Spain
Hockeyroos v USA
16 March
Kookaburras v Argentina
Hockeyroos v Argentina
17 March
Kookaburras v New Zealand
Hockeyroos v New Zealand
A new annual league involving the world’s leading hockey nations.
Sydney Olympic Park
Hockey Centre

National Touch League
13 - 16 March
See Australia’s best touch football talent in action at this event.
Coffs Harbour

Commercial Club Albury
Gold Cup Carnival
21 - 22 March
Experience one of the premier country racing carnivals in Australia.
Albury

Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour - West Side Story
22 March - 21 April
An all-singing, all dancing production of the landmark musical on the iconic floating harbour stage.
Fleet Steps, Mrs Macquaries Point

Aon Sydney International Rowing Regatta
25 - 31 March
Featuring the world’s finest athletes in a week-long rowing regatta.
Sydney International Rowing Centre, Penrith

2019 Australian Athletics Championships
30 March - 7 April
The best of Australia’s track and field talent will be on display over 8 days of fierce competition.
Athletics Centre, Sydney Olympic Park

The National: New Australian Art 2019
From 30 March
This major exhibition presents the latest ideas and forms in contemporary Australian art.
Art Gallery of NSW, Carriageworks and Museum of Contemporary Art Australia
The Sydney Royal Easter Show is historically where city meets country.

Saturday Night Fever
From April 2019
A blazing new stage version of the cult classic movie.
Sydney Lyric Theatre, The Star

Newcastle Writers Festival
5 - 7 April
An annual literary event that champions writing and ideas, and connects people and stories across the Hunter Region and beyond.
Newcastle

The Championships
6 and 13 April
The jewel in the crown of the Sydney Autumn Carnival features 12 races.
Royal Randwick, Sydney

Sail Port Stephens
8 - 14 April
An annual yachting regatta held in the pristine waterways of the Port Stephens Marine Park.
D’Albora Marina, Nelson Bay

Sydney Royal Easter Show
12 - 23 April
A celebration of Australian culture, from our rural traditions to our modern day lifestyles, providing unique experiences for everyone.
Sydney Showground, Sydney Olympic Park

Sculpture at Scenic World
12 April - 12 May
This event celebrates its eighth exhibition transforming the natural Jurassic rainforest with world-class sculptures.
Katoomba

Canowindra Balloon Festival
19 - 28 April
Experience the magic and spectacle of over 20 hot air balloons taking to the skies each morning and late afternoon.
Canowindra

Boggabri Drovers Campfire
26 - 28 April
Enjoy a wonderful weekend with activities for the family including campfires, shearing demos and more.
Boggabri Showground
Held in the rural township of Trundle in Central Western NSW, the Trundle ABBA Festival is Australia’s only and original ABBA festival.

Hunter Valley Wine and Food Festival
1 May – 30 June
Wine and dine with leading local winemakers and chefs to enjoy local produce and classes.

Pokolbin

Narooma Oyster Festival
3 - 4 May
Celebrate the premium oysters of the NSW South Coast.

Narooma

Trundle ABBA Festival
4 May
Enjoy everything ABBA has to offer with music and performances.

Trundle

Wings Over Illawarra
4 - 5 May
Flying displays of aerobatics, classic warbirds and vintage aircraft.

Illawarra Regional Airport

IRONMAN Australia & IRONMAN 70.3 Port Macquarie
5 May
Two iconic Australian events in the beautiful seaside city.

Port Macquarie

Ultra-Trail Australia
16 - 19 May
Join this huge trail-running event.

Katoomba

Batlow CiderFest
18 May
Celebrate cider, food and entertainment.

Batlow

Australian Senior Baseball League Championship
19 - 24 May
Teams from around the country compete for an Australian Championship, and a place at the pinnacle event of the Senior League Baseball in U.S.

Lismore

Port to Port MTB
23 - 26 May
An epic mountain bike stage race through coastline, national parks and wine country.

Newcastle and Hunter Region

River of Art
24 - 27 May
Enjoy visual art, performance, live music, workshops and more.

Eurobodalla Shire

Vivid Sydney
May - June
The world’s largest festival of light, music and ideas.

Sydney and surrounds

sydney.com | visitnsw.com
For the first couple of years, the sides only played each other once for the title. It wasn’t until 1982 that it became a three-match series.

Australian Little League Baseball Championship
5 - 10 June
A highly regarded underage baseball event. The winner gains entry to the Little League World Series, the most prestigious junior baseball tournament in the world.
Lismore

Sydney Film Festival
5 - 16 June
Enjoy the best features, documentaries and short films from across Australia and the world.
Various locations across Sydney

Peak Music Festival
7 – 10 June
Celebrate the opening of the winter snow season with great music.
Perisher

Coonamble Rodeo and Campdraft
7 – 10 June
Experience the largest combined rodeo and campdraft in the Southern Hemisphere.
Coonamble

Snow Time in the Garden - Hunter Valley Gardens
29 June - 21 July
Enjoy a fun, family experience with ice skating, tobogganing, snow play and more.
Polkobin

Holden State of Origin
June
Don’t miss the Rugby League’s greatest rivals in action when the NSW Blues play the QLD Maroons.
ANZ Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park
NSW IS THE MOST DIVERSE STATE IN AUSTRALIA AND THERE ARE MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES TO BE FOUND IN EVERY CORNER.

From the beautiful beaches and splendid national parks to the historic towns, delicious wine regions, dazzling snowfields and the striking Outback, NSW is an incredible place. There’s something here for every kind of traveller, from adventurous thrill seekers to laid back beach goers and active families. Don’t miss breathtaking World Heritage areas, ancient Aboriginal rock art, exceptional food and wine, and hundreds of golden sand beaches.

BLUE MOUNTAINS

Rising dramatically from the western edge of Sydney, the Blue Mountains have been drawing visitors to their rugged sandstone cliffs, deep valleys and hazy blue forests for more than 150 years. Base yourself in one of the historic towns before heading out to hike through pristine bush, abseil down waterfalls, bike along challenging trails and scale breathtaking lookouts.

CENTRAL COAST

The Central Coast is famous for sun, surf and sand. It’s a place of striking natural beauty, winding waterways, outdoor adventures and easy going surfer style, all just an hour north of Sydney. Relax at a luxury resort, sail on a private yacht, or get your heart racing with skydiving, ziplining or quad biking across vast sand dunes.

COUNTRY NSW

You’ll be charmed by the rural heartland of NSW. It’s home to some of the best food and wine in the State, with hundreds of vineyards, abundant fresh produce and innovative chefs bringing it all together. Visit centres like Orange, Dubbo, Tamworth or Armidale for a real country town experience, or get away from it all in lush national parks and by winding rivers.

LORD HOWE ISLAND

NSW’s very own paradise island sits about 600km off the Mid North Coast, a two-hour flight from Sydney or Brisbane. Just 400 visitors are allowed here at one time, exploring the island’s quiet roads and secret beaches by bicycle. The island is surrounded by the world’s southernmost coral reef, making for exceptional diving and snorkelling in crystal clear waters.

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

MURRAY AND RIVERINA
The mighty Murray River flows along the NSW border, through a region of rich farmland that’s known as the Food Bowl of Australia. Follow food and wine trails, taste at cellar doors, dine on paddock-to-plate cuisine and stock up on fresh produce at local markets. On the river, cruise past soaring red gums on an historic paddle steamer or luxury houseboat, cycle along waterside trails or tee off at a golf course right on the banks.

NORTH COAST
Stretching north from the Great Lakes region all the way to the Queensland border, the NSW North Coast is a seemingly-endless string of unspoiled beaches, relaxed coastal towns, volcanic hinterland and World Heritage-listed rainforests. Visitors will fall in love with the laid back way of life, the succulent seafood, plush resorts and abundant wildlife both on and offshore.

OUTBACK NSW
The vast Australian Outback begins on the western edge of NSW, an intoxicating region of wide open spaces, red dirt and brilliant blue skies. Camp under the stars, follow in the footsteps of legendary explorers, discover tiny outposts with just a few dusty streets and share a beer with the locals at the pub. Don’t miss the Outback capital of Broken Hill, the historic port town of Bourke and the fascinating underground opal mining town of White Cliffs.

SNOWY MOUNTAINS
There’s so much more than snow in the Snowy Mountains. While Thredbo, Perisher, Charlotte Pass and Selwyn Snowfields are winter playgrounds for skiers and boarders, in summer they have just as much to offer with hiking trails, fishing, horseriding and mountain biking. Discover the emerging food and wine scene, a jam packed events calendar and unmatched mountain vistas.

SOUTH COAST
The whitest beaches in the world, curious kangaroos, unspoiled national parks, boutique wineries and acclaimed restaurants are all waiting just a short drive south of Sydney. The South Coast is brimming with unforgettable experiences like snorkelling with seals, shucking fresh oysters, hang-gliding from cliffs and cruising alongside migrating whales. From the buzzing city of Wollongong through the sleepy beach villages of Eurobodalla to the sparkling waters of the Sapphire Coast, you’ll be captivated by the South Coast.

THE HUNTER
The Hunter is an ever-changing tapestry of charming towns and villages, rolling vineyards, olive groves, golden beaches and splendid national parks. The region is a place for adventure and indulgence, stretching from the blue waters of Lake Macquarie to the vibrant city of Newcastle, inland to the cellar doors of the Hunter Valley and north to the sand dunes of Port Stephens.
EXPERIENCE THE HIGHLIGHTS OF SYDNEY AND SURROUNDS

WORLD-FAMOUS ICONS
Sydney’s most famous landmarks sit right on the edge of the sparkling harbour. You can walk right across the Sydney Harbour Bridge at street level or take a guided climb over the top. Then catch a performance at the iconic Sydney Opera House.

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

SHOP ‘TIL YOU DROP
Sydney is overflowing with high-end boutiques, huge department stores, international labels and stylish local designers. Stroll through the colonial Strand Arcade and the grand Queen Victoria Building, hit one of the bustling markets or find everything you need at Westfield Sydney.

SYDNEY WALKS
Sydney might look like a bustling metropolis, but you’ll be amazed at how much untouched wilderness or dramatic coastal scenery there is within the city limits. It’s best explored on foot, taking in sublime views and that trademark Sydney sunshine.

SYDNEY’S HERITAGE
Step back in time and discover Sydney’s unique history from both an Aboriginal and European perspective. Learn about bush medicine in the Royal Botanic Garden Sydney, walk through the city’s oldest quarters, tour historic homes, and visit fascinating galleries and museums.

CRUISE THE HARBOUR
No visit to Sydney is complete without a cruise around its world famous harbour. Hop on the ferry to travel with the locals, get your heart racing with a high-speed jet boat ride, relax on the deck of a luxury yacht or explore under your own steam in a kayak.

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SYDNEY ARTS
Sydney is one of the world’s great cultural capitals. See major exhibitions at prestigious galleries, watch a show at the famous Sydney Opera House, soak up local colour at one of the many festivals or be amazed at an annual highlight like Vivid Sydney or Sydney’s New Year’s Eve.

DESTINATION DELICIOUS
You’ll never go hungry in Sydney where cuisine from every corner of the globe is plated up by the world’s best chefs. The city is a global dining hot spot where exceptional local produce is served in high-end restaurants, stylish waterside eateries, buzzing bars and classic Aussie pubs.

BEACHSIDE COOL
Sydney is really just a big beach town at heart and you can take a dip at the country’s most iconic strips of sand, like Bondi, Manly, Cronulla or Palm Beach. There are more 100 beaches sprinkled along the coast so you’re sure to find one you love.

SKY HIGH IN SYDNEY
Feeling brave? Get a once-in-a-lifetime view of Sydney with a sky dive onto the beach or a hang-glide off coastal cliffs. Savour a meal with the ultimate view at O Bar and Dining, 47 floors above the CBD, or indulge in a little luxury with a seaplane or helicopter flight right across the city.

INSIGHTS INTO ABORIGINAL HERITAGE
Aboriginal people have been living in Australia for more than 60,000 years and about 21 clan groups used to inhabit the Sydney area. Learn about their history and culture, through interactive museums, art galleries and national park adventures.

WESTERN SYDNEY ADVENTURES
There’s plenty to see and do beyond the city centre. Discover the adventure playground of Western Sydney where you can go whitewater rafting on an Olympic course, scale a treetop adventure, skydive indoors and hit the slides at Wet’n Wild Sydney.
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