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

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

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

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

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

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

The Hon. Stuart Ayres
Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney
## CONTENTS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Page</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SYDNEY AND NSW HIGHLIGHT EVENTS 2019-20</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JULY 2019</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AUGUST 2019</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SEPTEMBER 2019</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OCTOBER 2019</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NOVEMBER 2019</td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DECEMBER 2019</td>
<td>18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JANUARY 2020</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FEBRUARY 2020</td>
<td>22</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MARCH 2020</td>
<td>24</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>APRIL 2020</td>
<td>26</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MAY 2020</td>
<td>28</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JUNE 2020</td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DISCOVER REGIONAL NSW</td>
<td>32</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EXPERIENCE THE HIGHLIGHTS OF SYDNEY AND SURROUNDS</td>
<td>36</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
CONNECT WITH SYDNEY

/facebook /seesydney
/twitter /sydney_sider
/instagram @sydney
/# ilovesydney

CONNECT WITH REGIONAL NSW

/facebook /visitnsw
/twitter /NewSouthWales
/instagram @visitnsw
/# NewSouthWales

For full disclaimer please see outside back cover
SYDNEY AND NSW HIGHLIGHT EVENTS

**JULY 2019**

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

**AUGUST 2019**

**BANGALOW MUSIC FESTIVAL**
9 - 11 August
Bangalow

**NOVEMBER 2019**

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

**DECEMBER 2019**

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

**MARCH 2020**

**NEWCREST ORANGE CHALLENGE**
22 March
Orange

**APRIL 2020**

**SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW**
3 - 14 April
Sydney Showground, Sydney Olympic Park
SEPTEMBER 2019

SPRING JAM
28 September
Wagga Wagga

OCTOBER 2019

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

JANUARY 2020

PARKES ELVIS™ FESTIVAL
8 - 12 January
Parkes

FEBRUARY 2020

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

MAY 2020

AUSTRALIAN SENIOR LEAGUE
BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS
May
Lismore

JUNE 2020

SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL
3 - 14 June
Various locations across Sydney

Bathurst Winter Festival
In the State of Origin, New South Wales had a clean sweep in 2000 when they scored a huge 146 points.

Muriel’s Wedding The Musical
From 28 June
The multi-award-winning musical is coming back to Sydney!
Sydney Lyric

Roald Dahl’s Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
Until 21 July
Step inside Roald Dahl’s world of pure imagination at this everlasting showstopper!
Capitol Theatre

The National 2019: New Australian Art
Until 21 July
This major exhibition presents the latest ideas and forms in contemporary Australian art.
Art Gallery of NSW

Bathurst Winter Festival
6 - 21 July
Featuring an open-air ice rink, Illumination, Winter Playground, and 4 feature events boasting quality food and beverage.
Bathurst

Holden State of Origin Game III
10 July
Don’t miss Rugby League’s greatest rivals in action when the NSW Blues play the QLD Maroons.
ANZ Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park

Hockey Australia U21 Australia Championships
10 - 17 July
The National U21 Hockey Championship features teams from each state and territory.
Lismore

Buildcorp Wallaroos 2019 Japan Series
The Buildcorp Wallaroos will play a historic two-Test series against Japan.
13 July - Newcastle No.2 Sportsground
19 July - North Sydney Oval

Westfield National Youth Championships for Girls
15 – 19 July
Female footballers from across Australia compete in this prestigious youth tournament.
C.Ex International Stadium, Coffs Harbour

Gondwana World Choral Festival
15 - 21 July
The greatest gathering of international choirs in Australia this century.
Sydney Opera House and Sydney Conservatorium of Music
Love Sea Food Tastes
Port Stephens
1 August - 1 September
Head to glorious Port Stephens in August to celebrate the month of the tastiest food in the tunaverse.

Port Stephens

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

Orange

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

Bangalow

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

Tweed

Aroma Coffee and Chocolate Festival
10 - 11 August
A celebration of all things coffee and chocolate!

Maitland

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

Capitol Theatre

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

Woolgoolga

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

Dubbo

Kiama Bodyboard King Pro
30 August - 8 September
The world’s best bodyboarders will compete in Australia’s only World Tour Event.

Kiama

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

Narrabri

Did you know? The natural harbour of Port Stephens is two and a half times the size of Sydney Harbour!
Blackmores Sydney Running Festival
**The Peter Allen Festival**  
5 - 8 September  
This festival brings to life the music and story of one of Australia’s favourite entertainers.  
**Tenterfield**

**International Rugby Test: Qantas Wallabies v Manu Samoa**  
7 September  
The Qantas Wallabies take on Manu Samoa in a farewell match before they leave to take on the world.  
**Bankwest Stadium, Parramatta**

**Sample Food Festival**  
7 September  
This is the premier food and produce festival for Northern NSW supported by 200 exhibitors.  
**Bangalow**

**Write Around the Murray Festival**  
11 - 15 September  
Albury’s boutique regional writers festival attracts readers, writers and story lovers to our city.  
**Albury**

**Sydney Contemporary**  
12 - 15 September  
Australasiana’s premier art fair presents 90+ galleries showcasing 400+ artists.  
**Carriageworks, Eveleigh**

**South Coast Food & Wine Festival**  
13 - 15 September  
Celebrate all things good about Food and Wine from the South Coast of NSW.  
**Berry**

**Blackmores Sydney Running Festival**  
15 September  
One of the most scenic and spectacular courses in Australia.  
**Sydney**

**Prohibition / Speakeasy**  
20 September  
This event will transport you back to the 1920’s, to a secret / Speakeasy bar at Old Dubbo Gaol.  
**Dubbo**

**Spring Jam**  
28 September  
A kid’s outdoor festival combining circus acts, adventure play and interactive fun.  
**Wagga Wagga**

**FFA National Youth Championships for Boys**  
30 September - 4 October  
Footballers from across Australia compete in this prestigious youth tournament.  
**C.Ex International Stadium, Coffs Harbour**

---

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

[visitnsw.com](http://visitnsw.com)
On non-race days and with a strict speed limit of 60 km/h, the public can drive around Mount Panorama, the Motor Racing Circuit in Bathurst.

Deni Ute Muster
4 - 5 October
A family event attracting visitors to one of the flattest plains on earth.
Deniliquin

Sculpture on the Farm
4 - 7 October
Sculpture on the Farm will stage its second exhibition of sculpture at “Fosterton”.
Dungog

Gears and Beers Festival
5 - 6 October
A day of picturesque cycling routes, bespoke bike builders, and a craft beer and cider festival.
Wagga Wagga

GV Block Party
5 - 7 October
Australia’s boutique mountain bike event of the year.
Tongarra

NRL Telstra Premiership Grand Final
6 October
Be part of history and witness the ultimate battle to see which NRL Club will be crowned 2019 Premiers.
ANZ Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park

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

Supercheap Auto Bathurst 1000
10 - 13 October
The most prestigious race in Australian motorsport, on one of the world’s greatest race tracks.
Mount Panorama, Bathurst

Riverlights Multicultural Festival
12 October
A celebration of cultural diversity, bringing together the Hunter’s extended multicultural community.
Maitland

Griffith Spring Fest
13 - 27 October
Explore our unique Citrus Sculptures, experience our beautiful gardens and workshops, enjoy the flavours and sounds of Griffith!
Griffith

The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo
17 - 19 October
The ultimate live experience, featuring more than 1,400 performers from around the world.
ANZ Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park

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

**DREAM Festival**
17 - 27 October
A festival of entertainment, visual arts, music and a huge light and lantern spectacular.
**Dubbo**

**Downer Rugby League World Cup 9s Sydney 2019**
18 - 19 October
12 nations playing across two days in an action-packed, free-flowing World Cup 9s.
**Bankwest Stadium, Parramatta**

**Bird Haven Festival**
18 - 20 October
An annual celebration of the beauty and wonder of birds.
**Shoalhaven Heads**

**Great Australian Beer Festival**
19 October
The festival showcases a variety of breweries, local restaurants, food trucks and local and national performers.
**Albury**

**Bowral Classic**
20 October
A one-day Gran Fondo CycloSportif held in the pristine Southern Highlands.
**Bowral**

**Ballina Food & Wine Festival**
20 October
Showcasing the best produce, products, restaurants, culinary expertise and entertainment the region has to offer.
**Ballina**

**Sculpture By the Sea**
24 October - 10 November
See the spectacular coastal walk transformed into a 2km long sculpture park.
**Bondi to Tamarama Coastal Walk**

**2019 Trans-Tasman Test Match**
**Australian Kangaroos v New Zealand Kiwis (Men’s)**
**Australian Jillaroos v Kiwi Ferns (Women’s)**
25 October
Come witness Australia take on New Zealand for the very first time at WIN Stadium.
**WIN Stadium, Wollongong**

**Sand and Sea Festival**
25 - 27 October
This three-day multisport event showcases the beauty of the whitest sand beaches in Jervis Bay.
**Huskisson**

**Grafton Jacaranda Festival**
25 October - 3 November
Come and see the purple haze that is The Jacaranda City.
**Grafton**
The first five ARIA Award ceremonies were not televised. The first host, Elton John, advised this “if you want these awards to stay fun”.

Sydney International Art Series: Japan Supernatural
2 November 2019 - 8 March 2020
Celebrating the wildly imaginative spirit world of Japanese art across the centuries.
Art Gallery of NSW

Sydney International Art Series: Cornelia Parker
8 November 2019 - 16 February 2020
Cornelia Parker will transform everyday objects into unexpected and explosive installations, sculptures, drawings and films.
Museum of Contemporary Art Australia

Mullum Music Festival
14 - 17 November
Celebrate culture through national and international music.
Mullumbimby

Kennards Hire Rally Australia
14 - 17 November
World’s best drivers compete for the FIA World Rally Championship.
Coffs Harbour

The Freak Show Festival of Motorcycles
15 - 17 November
A celebration of the unique and wonderful motorcycling lifestyle.
Walcha

Coates Hire Newcastle 500
22 - 24 November
The final of the Virgin Australia Supercars Championship.
Newcastle

Perricoota Pop & Pour Festival
23 November
Progressive festival showcasing local food, wine and music.
Moama

IRONMAN 70.3 Western Sydney
24 November
The iconic triathlon race held on Sydney’s door step.
Sydney International Regatta Centre, Penrith

2019 NSW Open Championship
28 November - 1 December
Come and walk the fairways with the stars of the PGA Tour of Australasia
Twin Creeks Golf & Country Club

L’ETAPE Australia by Tour de France
29 - 30 November
The only amateur cycling event in Australia with fully closed roads and professional Tour de France conditions.
Jindabyne

2019 ARIA Awards
November
A celebration of Australian music.
The Star Event Centre
Sydney International Art Series: Japan Supernatural
Cherries have been cultivated in southern Australia since the late 19th Century when they were introduced to the New South Wales town of Young.

2019 AACTA Awards presented by Foxtel
4 December
Celebrating the best of Australian film and television in 2019.
The Star Event Centre

Emirates Australian Open Golf Championship
5 - 8 December
The oldest and most prestigious golf tournament on the PGA Tour of Australasia.
The Australian Golf Club, Rosebery

National Cherry Festival
6 - 8 December
This iconic regional produce event showcases the famous Cherry which has been part of the landscape around Young for over 150 years.
Young

Shellharbour Skate and Surf Festival
6 - 15 December
Activities ranging from surfing and skateboarding competitions, board art and exhibitions, entertainment with a music festival finale.
Shellharbour

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

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

Formula 1.0 Gliding Grand Prix
29 December - 4 January 2020
A family and spectator-friendly gliding competition bringing the growing sport of gliding into the 21st century.
Leeton

Sydney New Year’s Eve
31 December
Sydney welcomes in the New Year with spectacular fireworks displays at 9pm and midnight.
Sydney Harbour
The Sydney Festival has a history of world premieres. The 2019 program included 18 world premieres and 5 Australian premieres.

**ATP Cup**
3 - 12 January
Be part of the biggest summer of international tennis with Sydney to host the best players in the world in the inaugural 24-nation competition.

**Sydney Olympic Park Tennis Centre**

**Festival of Indoor Hockey**
4 - 26 January
The National Indoor Championships features U13 to Senior competitions, with teams from each state and territory.

**Wollongong**

**Parkes Elvis™ Festival**
8 - 12 January
Enjoy a jam-packed five-day program with over 200 events.

**Parkes**

**TOYOTA Country Music Festival Tamworth**
17 - 26 January
Ten-day country music festival features over 700 artists and more than 2,800 events.

**Tamworth**

**Australia Day**
26 January
Music, entertainment and plenty of free fun for the family.

**Various locations across Sydney and NSW**

**Yabun Festival**
26 January
Australia’s largest festival of indigenous culture.

**Camperdown, Sydney**

**LIQUI MOLY Bathurst 12 Hour**
31 January - 2 February
Globally recognised international GT endurance race at the home of Australian motorsport.

**Bathurst**

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

**Maroubra**

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

**Various locations across Sydney**

**Sydney Festival**
January
The city comes alive with a cultural celebration of performing arts and big ideas.

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

**Vissla NSW Pro Surf Series - Mothernest Great Lakes Pro**
February
Over 200 professional surfers will compete at stage two of the Vissla NSW Pro Surf Series.
**Boomerang Beach**

**Australian Ladies Classic – Golf**
February
See all the action up close by walking the fairways alongside the world’s best players.
**Bonville Golf Resort, Coffs Harbour**

**Snowies Mountain Bike Festival**
14 - 16 February
One of Australia’s most exciting MTB festivals over 3 days and 6 stages.
**Snowy Mountains**

**ICC Women’s T20 World Cup 2020 Opening Ceremony**
21 February
Australia v India
Come and celebrate in spectacular fashion with the opening celebration that will precede the first match of the tournament.
**Sydney Showground Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park**

**Sydney Harbour Challenge**
22 February
Australia’s most prestigious six man Outrigger Canoe Race.
**Manly Cove**

**3 Festival**
27 February - 1 March
A celebration and exploration of art, technology and society curated by Ars Electronica.
**Wollongong**

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

**Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras**
February (Parade 29 February)
The world’s loudest and proudest celebration of LGBTQI diversity.
**Various locations across Sydney**

**Vissla NSW Pro Surf Series-Central Coast Pro**
February
This elite six-day event forms the third and final stop on the Vissla NSW Pro Surf Series.
**Avoca Beach**
Snowies Ultra Trail Run Festival
1 March
Ultra, half marathon, 12k and 5k trail run events.
Snowy Mountains

ICC Women’s T20 World Cup 2020
Get ready for the thrilling, fast-paced action of T20 cricket.
1 March
South Africa v Pakistan
England v West Indies
3 March
Pakistan v Qualifier 2
West Indies v South Africa

Sydney Showground Stadium
5 March
Semi Final 1
Semi Final 2

Sydney Cricket Ground

National Touch League
11 - 14 March
See Australia’s best touch football talent in action at this event.
C.Ex International Stadium, Coffs Harbour

Biennale of Sydney: NIRIN
14 March - 8 June
Australia’s leading contemporary art event.
Various locations across Sydney

2020 Australian Athletics Championships
22 - 29 March
Australia’s best track and field athletes of all ages will be out in force over eight days.

Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre

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

Aon Sydney International Rowing Regatta
23 - 29 March
Featuring the world’s finest athletes in a week-long rowing regatta.

Sydney International Regatta Centre, Penrith

Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour
27 March - 26 April
Sydney’s most spectacular event in a magnificent open air opera house with fireworks at every performance.

Fleet Steps, Mrs Macquarie’s Point

Women’s NSW Open Championship
March
See the sport’s best female athletes compete for one of Australia’s most coveted titles.

Dubbo Golf Club
National Touch League
Sculpture at Scenic World
The first agricultural show in Sydney was held in 1823 by the Agricultural Society of New South Wales and featured horses, cattle and sheep.

**Sydney Royal Easter Show**
3 - 14 April
A twelve day celebration featuring agricultural competitions, animal experiences, live entertainment, carnival fun, shopping and much more.
**Sydney Showground, Sydney Olympic Park**

**The Championships**
4 and 11 April
The jewel in the crown of the Sydney Autumn Carnival features 12 races.
**Royal Randwick, Sydney**

**Sail Port Stephens**
27 April - 3 May
An annual yachting regatta held on the pristine waterways of the Port Stephens Marine Park.
**D’Albora Marina, Nelson Bay**

**Hockey Australia Under 15 Australian Championships**
17 - 23 April
The National U15 Championships features boys and girls teams representing each state and territory.
**Bathurst**

**Orange F.O.O.D Week**
April
Experience the best of the region’s food and wine in a festival atmosphere.
**Orange**

**Sculpture at Scenic World**
April – May
This event celebrates its eighth exhibition transforming the natural Jurassic rainforest with world-class sculptures.
**Katoomba**
In 2001, denim brand Ksubi released 250 rats onto the catwalk at Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week much to the horror of front-row fashionistas.

Narooma Oyster Festival
1 - 2 May
Celebrate the region’s oysters and their growers, quality produce and chefs of the NSW South Coast.

Narooma

Wings Over Illawarra
2 - 3 May
Flying displays of aerobatics, classic warbirds and vintage aircraft.

Illawarra Regional Airport

IRONMAN Australia and IRRONMAN 70.3 Port Macquarie
3 May
Two iconic Australian events in the beautiful seaside city.

Port Macquarie

Port to Port
21 - 24 May
An epic mountain bike stage race through coastline, national parks and wine country.

Hunter Valley, Newcastle and Lake Macquarie

Mercedes-Benz Fashion Weekend Edition
May
Join fashion’s elite at the only place in the world where you can preview designer collections mere days after the industry.

Carriageworks, Eveleigh

Semi Permanent
May
Australia’s biggest celebration of design and creativity, returns!

Carriageworks, Eveleigh

Casino Beef Week
May
An annual celebration of this iconic Australian industry and the rural way of life.

Casino

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

Lismore

Vivid Sydney
May – June
Australia’s most loved and awarded festival of light, music and ideas.

Sydney

Archibald, Wynne and Sulman Prizes
May - September
A major highlight on the national arts calendar depicting the who’s who in Australia.

Art Gallery of NSW
Australian Little League Baseball Championships
Montague Island off Narooma is home to NSW’s largest colony of little penguins and 15 other species of birds.

Sydney Film Festival
3 - 14 June
Enjoy the best features, documentaries and short films from across Australia and the world.
Various locations across Sydney

Huntfest
6 - 7 June
Set in the spectacular coastal town of Narooma, Huntfest primarily focuses on hunting and other recreational outdoor activities.
Narooma

OCR World Championships 24 Hour Enduro
6 - 7 June
Athletes complete as many laps as possible over 24hrs as an individual or in a team.
Lower Portland, Hawkesbury

Peak Music Festival
June
Celebrate the opening of the Winter snow season with great music.
Perisher

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

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

Australian Little League Baseball Championships
June
A highly regarded youth baseball event, with the winner gaining entry into the Little League World Series.
Lismore
NEW SOUTH WALES IS AUSTRALIA’S OLDEST STATE AND INCREDIBLY DIVERSE, OFFERING VISITORS A COMPLETE TRAVEL EXPERIENCE.

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

BLUE MOUNTAINS

Beyond Sydney are the dramatic landscapes of the Blue Mountains, where sightseers soak up iconic views from lofty lookouts, discover secret bushland waterfalls, and stay in heritage accommodation fringed by mountain-backed bushland. Home to the famous Three Sisters rock formation and the steepest incline railway in the world, the Blue Mountains has long been a drawcard for adventurers.
OUTBACK NSW
The raw beauty of Outback NSW is revealed in the breathtaking landscapes of Gundabooka National Park, the view over the Mundi Mundi Plains, and the stunning red sand dunes of Sturt National Park. Wildlife is abundant despite the apparently harsh environment: wedge-tailed eagles soar, lizards bask and waterholes teem with birds.

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

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

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

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

NORTH COAST
The North Coast traces the intricate coastline along New South Wales from the Tweed in the North down to Port Stephens. With artisan shopping, iconic surf breaks, rainforest trails, and secluded rock pools to swim and snorkel in, the North Coast offers an enchanting and diverse holiday experience.
SOUTH COAST
Recharge on the South Coast of New South Wales where the sapphire-hued ocean meets some of the whitest sand in the world and lush valleys. The South Coast, which stretches from Shellharbour to Eden has magnificent bushland to hike through and unique accommodation. Watch the little penguins waddle and fur seals frolic on Montague Island off Narooma, soar on Australia’s highest zip-line through the treetops or just sit back on Tathra wharf for a spot of fishing.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For more information on events, travel and accommodation go to sydney.com
BEACHSIDE COOL
Ocean pools are quintessentially NSW and there are 35 in Sydney alone. Bondi Beach is home to the world’s most famous ocean pool, Bondi Icebergs. Named after its winter swimming club, the bright white pool dates back to 1929 and is an Instagram favourite.

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

INSIGHTS INTO ABORIGINAL HERITAGE
Reconnect with Sydney’s aboriginal history with thought-provoking gallery exhibitions, museum collections and bush tucker tours through national parks. The Gadigal people are the traditional owners of the lands which are now the city of Sydney.

WESTERN SYDNEY ADVENTURES
See where history, culture and adventure come together. Western Sydney is home to historic villages, adrenaline-pumping activities like whitewater rafting and it’s also a centre for world-class events with theatre performances, sporting spectacles, outdoor concerts and more.
Destination NSW advises the details contained in the "Sydney & NSW Events Calendar July 2019 - June 2020" are presented in good faith and has sought to ensure its contents are true, correct and based on the best available information as at time of printing. The "Sydney & NSW Events Calendar July 2019 - June 2020" highlights the main events and is not a complete list of the events occurring from July 2019 - June 2020 in Sydney and NSW.

Destination NSW accepts no liability arising from or in connection with the information contained in the "Sydney & NSW Events Calendar July 2019 - June 2020". Destination NSW cannot guarantee that at any time in the future, the information will not be out of date, incorrect or out of context.

Please consult the relevant event ticketing agency and/or location for ticket prices, booking fees, surcharges and applicable taxes before purchase. There may be other conditions imposed by the ticketing agency and/or location as a result of your purchase or attendance. Please make yourself aware of all conditions before purchase and/or attendance. Note that events may be subject to change or cancellation without notice due to unforeseen circumstances. Location capacity restrictions may apply for some events. Check sydney.com, visitnsw.com or other relevant event owner websites for the latest information.

Destination NSW acknowledges and appreciates all photographic and rendered images supplied by each event owner and their photographers and graphic artists for use in this guide.

The "Sydney & NSW Events Calendar July 2019 - June 2020" is copyright. Apart from any use as permitted under the Copyright Act 1968, no part may be reproduced without the prior written permission of Destination NSW.

Some information contained in this publication has been provided by third parties and may be subject to change, conditions and availability. Please ask the third party for any additional information (including current terms and conditions) when contacting them. Inclusion of this third party information is not an endorsement of the information or of the supplier nor of its accuracy.