



Sydney

a guide to

Sydney

and New South Wales



Your gateway to stunning coastlines, breathtaking mountains, rolling vineyards and magnificent wildlife in **New South Wales**.



1. Explore the vibrant culture of Sydney with its trendy cafés, buzzing markets, stunning coastal cliffs and world-famous **Sydney Harbour** with the Sydney Opera House and Sydney Harbour Bridge



2. Catch a breathtaking sunrise in the **Blue Mountains** and explore its spectacular limestone cliffs, gorgeous waterfalls and ancient cave

Top 10 things to do in New South Wales



3. Experience country life with an authentic **farm stay** where you can interact with farm animals, huddle around a fireplace or simply stargaze and spot the Milky Way



4. Discover the abundance of **unique wildlife** in New South Wales' natural setting, including whales, dolphins, kangaroos, seals and more



5. Plan a **road trip** and drive through national parks, seaside towns and spectacular coastlines in the **Grand Pacific Drive** or **Legendary Pacific Drive**



6. Savour fresh oysters, abalone, lobsters and more along **Australia's Oyster Coast Trail**, where you can even try catching your own seafood from the seabed



7. Float over the picturesque vineyards of the **Hunter Valley** on a hot air balloon and go wine-tasting in one of Australia's oldest wine-growing region



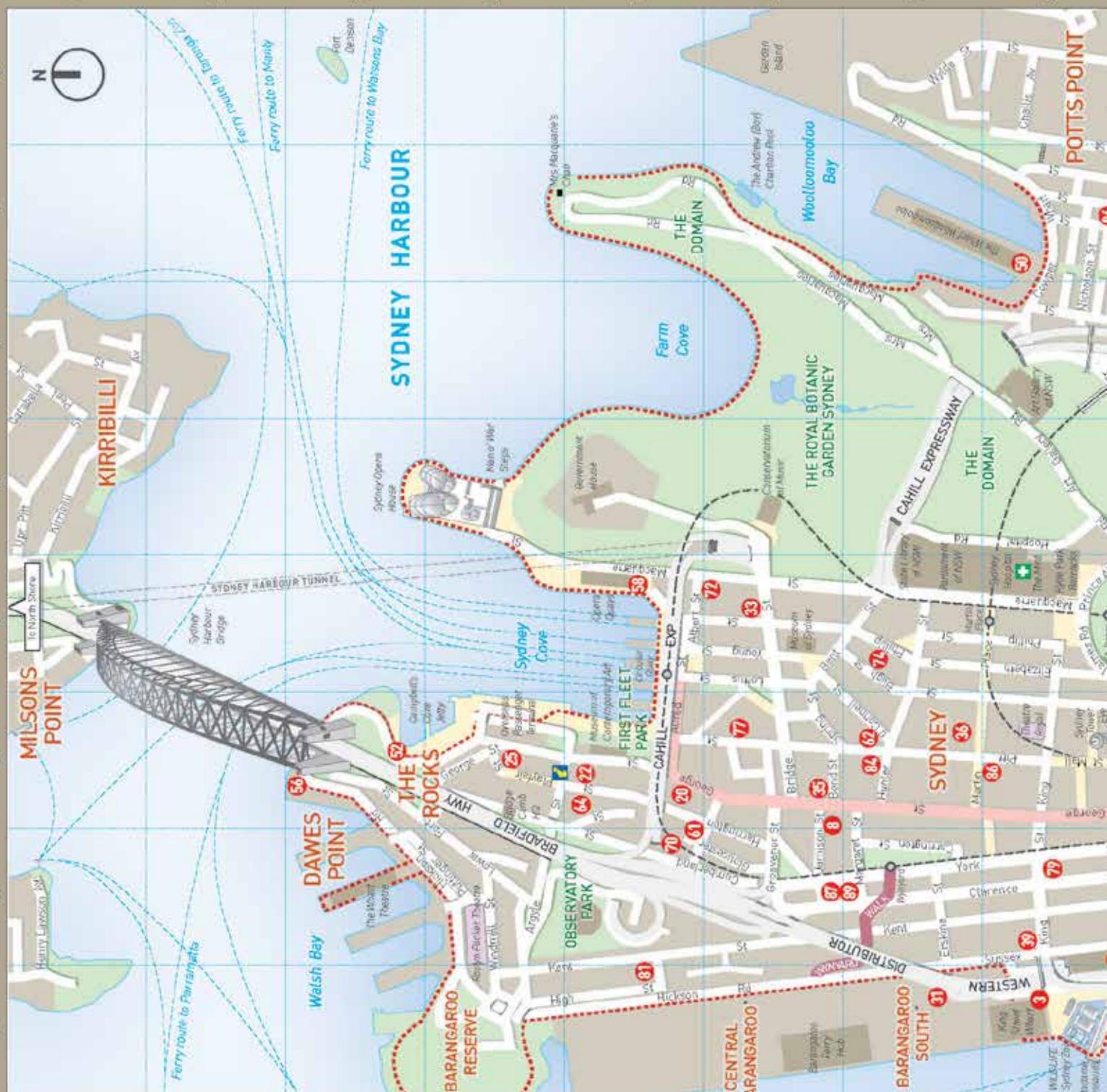
8. Go quad biking or sand boarding in the towering sand dunes of **Port Stephens**, the largest in the Southern Hemisphere



9. Embark on adventures in the **Snowy Mountains** all year round – from conquering the ski slopes in winter to hiking up Mt Kosciuszko in summer



10. Immerse in a local festival in the capital state of events such as the magical light festival of **Vivid Sydney** and festive carnival of the **Royal Easter Show**, to the colourful **Bowral Tulip Time** and the iconic **Blackmores Sydney Marathon Festival**



SYDNEY MAP LEGEND

- 1 Freeway/Highway
- Foreshore walk
- 2 Railway with station
- Light Rail with station
- Tunnel
- Ferry route
- Light Rail proposed route
- Pedestrian area
- Parkland
- Lakes
- 3 Hotel
- Visitor information
- Hospital

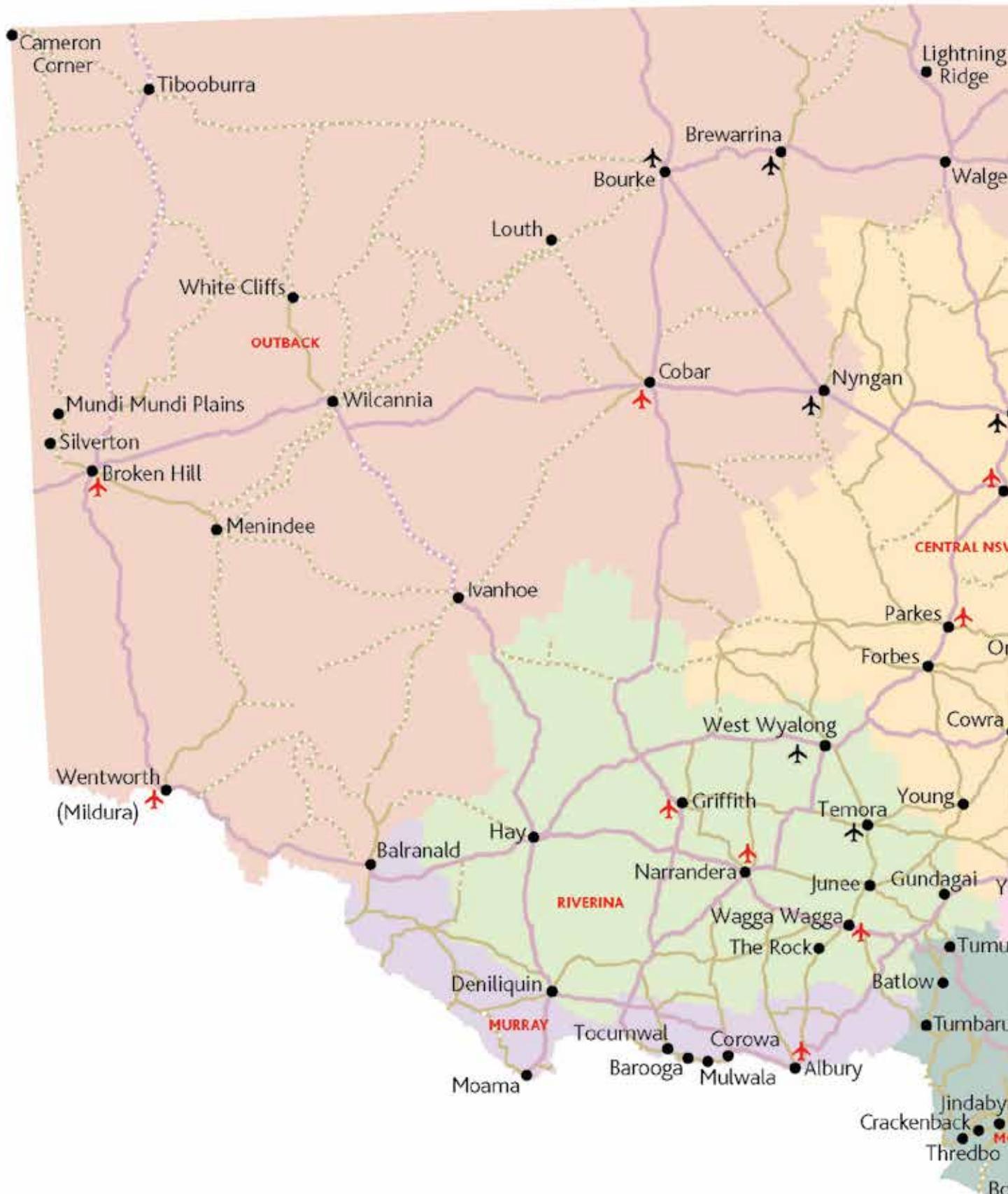


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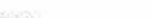
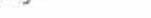


New South Wales





MAP LEGEND

Sydney and Surrounds	
North Coast	
New England	
Outback	
Central NSW	
Riverina	
Murray	
Goulburn, Yass, Queanbeyan	
Snowy Mountains	
South Coast	
Lord Howe Island	
Freeway/Highway	
Main Road	
Airport (Commercial flights)	
Airfield (Charter/Private flights)	

SCALE



Sydney's Coastal Walks & Beaches

Manly Lagoon to North Head

Sand, sea and stunning lookouts for the family

Catch the iconic Manly ferry with prime views of the Sydney Harbour Bridge and Sydney Opera House to the beautiful Manly Beach and enjoy a walk up to the cliff tops of North Head. You can even explore on a bicycle!



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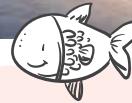
The scenic Fairfax Walk connects 3 fantastic lookouts and is an easy circuit, ideal for children. It's the perfect location to spot migrating whales from June to October.



Watson's Bay

Breathtaking coastal cliffs with the finest seafood

Discover the best of both worlds with Sydney Harbour on one side and the vast Pacific Ocean waves crashing onto dramatic cliffs on the other side.



DON'T MISS!

Enjoy prime Australian seafood at the famous Doyles Restaurant on the Beach. If you visit at sunset, you can watch the Sydney city skyline light up!



Bondi to Bronte

Dramatic coastlines and the coolest ocean pools

Stroll along the dramatic cliffs between two of Sydney's iconic beaches, Bondi and Bronte. Stop at various lookouts along the way for photo opportunities. For some action, take a dip at the iconic Bondi Icebergs Pool – or give surfing a try!



DON'T MISS!
Sculpture by the Sea, the world's largest annual free outdoor sculpture exhibition from 19 Oct - 5 Nov 2017.



DON'T MISS!

Venture into The Avenue, Sydney's newest High Street at Barangaroo and discover a trove of hand-crafted goodness, including Bourke Street Bakery - Sydney's unofficial temple of pastry.



Cockatoo Island

Explore a historic UNESCO World-Heritage Island

Wander around one of Australia's most fascinating historical islands and discover its colourful pasts as a shipbuilding yard, Commonwealth naval base as well as a convict island. Entrance is free – simply catch a ferry from Circular Quay or Darling Harbour.



DON'T MISS!
Camp overnight at what Lonely Planet described as "one of the world's most spectacularly located campsites"

Barangaroo Reserve

Sydney's newest waterfront park

A spectacular, brand new waterfront park that sits right in the heart of Sydney city. Check out its extraordinary shoreline laid with skilfully cut sandstone slabs. Wander along the winding paths around its hills and beautifully designed terrace gardens.

Farmstays



Drive time from Sydney 1h30min | Distance 98km

Mowbray Park Farmstay

Onsite Activities

- Experience an authentic working farm
- Farm activities include whip cracking, feeding the cattle, collecting eggs and milking cows
- Experience a tractor ride and boomerang throwing
- Traditional Billy tea and Damper by a fireplace
- Tennis, swimming, table tennis, canoeing, archery
- Horse-riding and Kids Club (optional cost)
- Includes breakfast, lunch, dinner

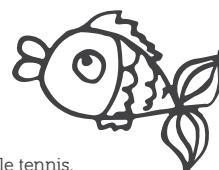


Drive time from Sydney 1h45min
| Distance 110km

Bilpin Springs Lodge Stay

Onsite Activities

- Play with farm animals
- Fishing or catch crayfish
- Kids playground
- Swimming, canoeing, table tennis, trampoline, basketball
- Bush walking
- Includes breakfast



Drive time from Sydney 1 h 40 min | Distance 120 km

Downunder Farmstays

Onsite Activities

- Experience country life in the Southern Highlands with a real Australian family as your farm hosts
- Farm activities* include hay feeding of animals (such as alpaca, cattle, horse and sheep), collecting eggs, fruit picking
- Spot wild kangaroos during sunrise/sunset
- Go bush walking, star gazing and more
- Includes hot breakfast, 2-course lunch and 3-course dinner

*Activities vary from farm to farm



Nearby Attractions

- Fruit-picking at orchards (Apples from Feb to May)
- Blue Mountains, Botanic Garden, Mt Tomah



1. Stay at **Mowbray Park Farmstay**, an authentic working farm and feed cattle, collect eggs or milk cows. Or, play with farm animals at **Bilpin Springs Lodge** and visit nearby fruit orchards, where you can pick apples, plums or peaches.



2. Have a good time on the thrilling rides at **Luna Park**, Sydney's very own amusement park on the edge of the beautiful Sydney Harbour.

Whether it's wildlife, nature or action-packed activities you're after, there's something fun for everyone in Sydney & New South Wales!

Top Activities for the Family



3. Meet native wildlife; interact with the kangaroos at **Taronga Zoo** or have breakfast with the koalas at **WILD LIFE Sydney Zoo**.



4. Climb aboard tall ships, explore inside a real life submarine and learn about brave explorers at the **Australian National Maritime Museum**.



5. Feel the exhilaration of horse-riding in the wilderness at **Glenworth Valley**, Central Coast, just an hour's drive north of Sydney.



6. Enjoy the ride of your life with **TreeTop Crazy Rider** on the Central Coast, the world's longest and Australia's first rollercoaster zip line.



7. Get up close and personal with wild dolphins on a dolphin-watching cruise in **Port Stephens** or **Jervis Bay**.



8. Experience the thrill of riding a quad bike or sandboard at **Stockton Beach**, situated at the southern end of Newcastle, on the largest moving coastal sand dunes in the Southern Hemisphere.



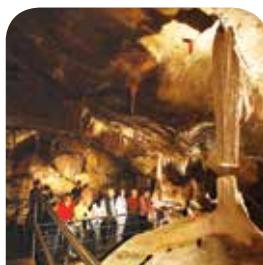
9. Discover the unique experience of hand feeding and interacting with marine life at **Irukandji Shark & Ray Encounters** in Nelson Bay.



10. Have a magical time in the Hunter Valley as your favourite nursery rhyme characters come to life in the **Storybook Garden** and catch the magical **Christmas Lights Spectacular** from November 2017 to late January 2018.



11. Ride the world's steepest incline **Scenic Railway** or take the **Scenic Skyway** for breathtaking views of spectacular waterfalls and the iconic Three Sisters in the Blue Mountains.



12. Explore the **Jenolan Caves**, some of the world's oldest and most spectacular limestone caves located in the Blue Mountains.



Recommended Itinerary

Sydney & Surrounds

Day 1

Explore the Iconic Sydney Harbour

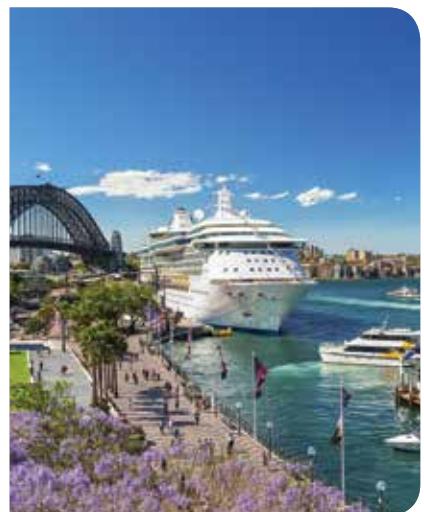
- Explore Circular Quay and the iconic Sydney Opera House.
- Experience the exhilarating BridgeClimb adventure atop the Sydney Harbour Bridge.
- See Sydney Harbour on a thrilling jetboat ride or a leisurely Harbour Cruise.
- Feed koalas and giraffes at the award winning Taronga Zoo with a million dollar view.



Day 2

Shop & Discover Darling Harbour + Manly Lagoon

- Visit Sydney's tallest tower, the Sydney Tower Eye for an awe inspiring view.
- Shop for international and local designs at the Queen Victoria Building or Pitt Street Mall.
- Explore Darling Harbour and its highlights: SEA LIFE Sydney Aquarium, WILD LIFE Sydney Zoo and Madame Tussauds.
- Taste the freshest seafood at the world famous Sydney Fish Market.
- Enjoy waterfront dining at Cockle Bay or King Street Wharf (try Nick's for seafood).
- Catch the iconic Manly ferry to Manly wharf and enjoy the sun, sand and sea. Choose to hike or cycle the scenic coastal walk to North Head.



Day 3

Stroll along Bondi Beach + visit local neighbourhoods and buzzing markets

- Explore Sydney's quirky neighbourhoods, from Newtown's street art to Surry Hills' cafes.
- Take in the dramatic ocean views, golden beaches, artistic graffiti and delightful cafes along the Bondi to Bronte Walk.
- Every Sunday, head to Bondi Markets for local designer clothing, arts and crafts and more.



Days 4-6

Experience Sydney & Surrounds

With many surrounding regions within a day's drive away, take your pick of activities to excite you:

- **Adventure Seekers:** Go dolphin watching, quad biking, sandboarding and parasailing, all at Port Stephens.
- **Nature Lovers:** Relax and rejuvenate in the freshest eucalyptus air in the Blue Mountains or go fruit picking at Bilpin Springs Orchard.
- **Gourmet Enthusiasts:** Visit the Hunter Valley to taste cheese, chocolates and boutique beers and enjoy a hot air balloon ride over the picturesque vineyards.
- **Road Trip Lovers:** Drive along the coastal route of Grand Pacific Drive and take in the sights on the magnificent Sea Cliff Bridge.
- For an immersive experience, stay overnight!





The Grounds of Alexandria

A popular landmark coffee roastery, cafe and sustainable garden known for its fresh produce and hands-on experiences.
Location: Alexandria



Hidden Gems for the Foodies



Aqua S

Order the sea salt with the bright blue soft serve and a swirl of lemon ice tea! The dreamiest, Instagram-worthy gelato.

Locations: George Street, Sydney CBD



Brewtown Newtown

Aside from serving up really photogenic and equally delicious brunches, it is also reputedly the pioneer of the cronut (donut-shaped croissant hybrids) movement in Sydney.

Location: Newtown



Gelato Messina

Indulge in flavours like poached figs in marsala, salted caramel with white chocolate chips (their best seller) and apple pie.

Locations: Roseberry, Darlinghurst, Surry Hills, Bondi, Parramatta, Miranda and The Star, Circular Quay, Newtown and

Tramsheds-Glebe



Black Star Pastry

Be sure to try the strawberry watermelon cake with fresh slices of watermelon sandwiched between layers of rose-flavoured fresh cream. Other recommendations include the persimmon marshmallow and raspberry cake.

Locations: Newtown, George Street (Sydney CBD) and Rosebery



Devon Café

Devon on Danks serves up quirky touches to classic cafe dishes, alongside a range of delicious seasonal house-made 'cronnies' or cronuts, doughnuts and soft serves.

Locations: Barangaroo and Surry Hills



Bourke Street Bakery

Enjoy the legendary Ginger Brûlée Tart at Sydney's most loved bakery, opened by local bakers and chefs who share a love of good food and an appreciation of all things handmade.

Locations: Alexandria, Barangaroo, Banksmeadow, Marrickville, Surry Hills, Parramatta, North Sydney, Newtown, Neutral Bay and Kirrawee

Explore Sydney's Quaint Neighbourhoods



If you are looking for the quaint and funky, Sydney's many precincts and suburbs will amaze you!



Surry Hills

📍 Cream on Crown and Grandma Takes a Trip are great for vintage shopping while fabulous Australian designer labels are at Paris Texas or SARK Studio.

🍴 Chow on a gourmet burger at Chur Burger, try Surry Hills locals favourite Bourke Street Bakery or grab excellent coffee from Sample Coffee and Single Origin Roasters.

🍴 Food **🛍 Shopping** **🎭 Arts & Culture**



Glebe

📍 Visit the Earth vs Sky art installation by Allan Giddy at the Glebe's Bicentennial Park. The dramatic bathing of light against the immense fig trees comes to life for 75mins during each sunset.

🍴 Every Saturday, go by the Glebe Markets for amazing produce, arts and crafts and more. For the ever delightful churros, visit Chocolateria San Churro.



Chippendale

📍 Visit White Rabbit, home to one of the world's most significant collections of contemporary Chinese art.

🍴 Visit Koi, by Indonesian Masterchef judge Arnold Poernomo and Masterchef contestant Reynold Poernomo. Try the Nomtella with espresso mousse, salted caramel and a base of brownie all packed into a dome.



Newtown

📍 Explore famous street art pieces like the I Have a Dream mural in King Street, featured in Coldplay's "A Sky Full of Stars" music video, or catch an international band at The Enmore Theatre.

🍴 Devour the fabulous Strawberry Watermelon cake from Black Star Pastry and for coffee and all day breakfasts, visit Brewtown.



Potts Point

📍 Expect the unexpected from the award winning home décor and fashion store Becker Minty or visit Mon Petit Chou, for local and international designer fashion and accessories.

🍴 Enjoy an ice-cream at Good Times Artisan or visit celebrity chef Kylie Kwong's Chinese eating house - Billy Kwong.



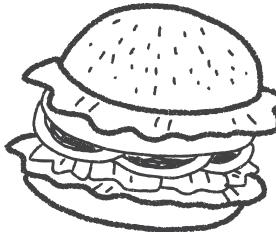
Darlinghurst

📍 Visit Footage on Burton Street for heritage brands of clothing, footwear and accessories. Alternatively, try street wear and sneaker boutique Above the Clouds.

🍴 For renowned cocktails, a well-crafted food menu, friendly and professional bar staff, try the award-winning Eau De Vie.



6 Buzzing Markets



Sydney Fish Market

This is the largest working market of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere. Book a Behind the Scenes Tour and see all the action. Taste a wide variety of fresh seafood and enjoy it on the wharf overlooking the water.

Daily, 7AM – 4PM

Sydney Seafood School

The school holds a variety of seafood cookery classes including some that are hosted by Australia's leading chefs!



Marrickville Organic Food Market

Be delighted by the wide mix of fresh produce and hot food at this local market. Buy organic fruit and vegetables direct from the farmers or simply pick up some delicious corn fritters or burgers from the variety of food stalls.

Every Sunday, 8.30AM – 3PM



Bondi Farmers' Markets

Fresh seasonal fruit and vegetables, organically grown meat and poultry, flowers, artisan breads, homemade jams, farmstead cheeses, seafood, olive oils, herbs, spices and more!

Every Saturday, 9AM – 1PM

Bondi Markets

Original designer clothing, exotic imports, handmade jewellery, arts, crafts, homewares, retro furniture, vintage clothes, and more!

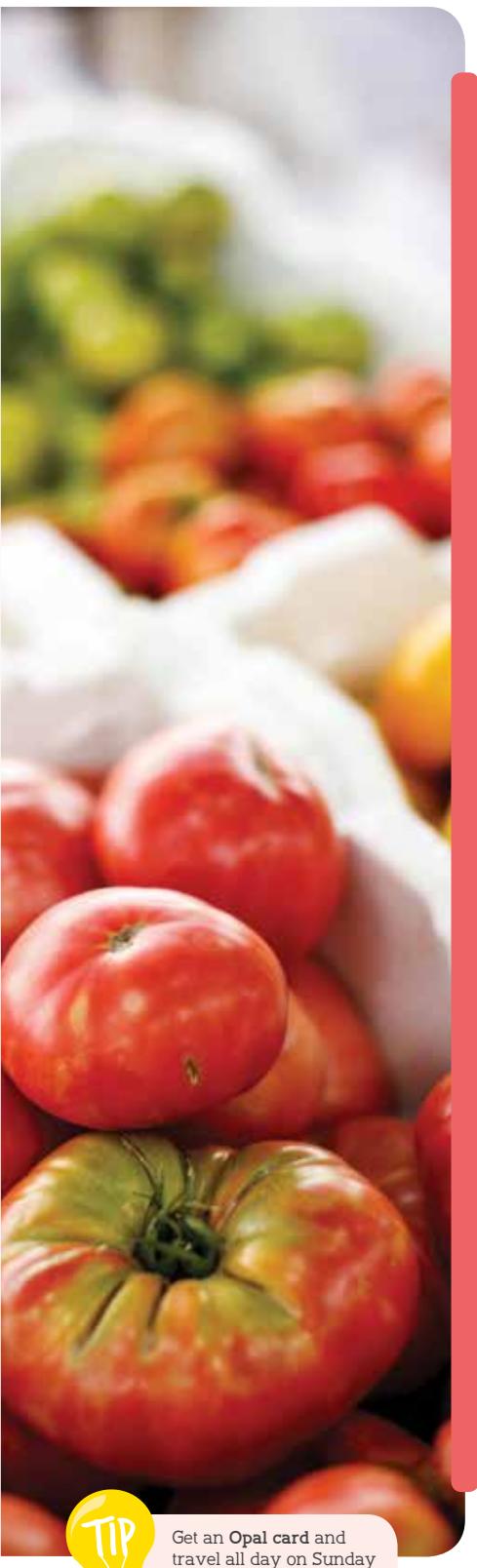
Every Sunday, 10AM – 4PM



Carriageworks Farmers Market

An award-winning authentic Farmers' Market with over 70 farmers and artisan food producers packing their trucks with fresh, seasonal, and homemade produce they grow or make. Don't forget to try some dumplings and pancakes from celebrity chef Kylie Kwong!

Every Saturday, 8AM – 1PM



Get an Opal card and travel all day on Sunday for no more than \$2.50!

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4 Itineraries for Every Traveller



for the Foodies

- Go café-hopping in Surry Hills or Newtown
- Indulge in some of Australia's best **gelato** and **pastries** such as Black Star Pastry's 'world's most instagrammed' Strawberry Watermelon Cake
- Fresh oysters, crayfish, sashimi slices and all sorts of seafood at the **Sydney Fish Market**
- Or meet the oyster farmers direct at **Australia's Oyster Coast Trail** along the NSW South Coast
- Enjoy fresh local produce direct from NSW growers at markets like the **Carriageworks Farmers' Markets**



for Nature Lovers

- Explore the stunning cliffs, gorgeous waterfalls and crisp, eucalyptus-scented air of the **Blue Mountains**, a World Heritage-listed heritage site 90mins west of Sydney
- Take a road trip down the **Grand Pacific Drive** and meander along the dramatic sea cliffs of the **Royal National Park**
- Discover natural rock pools and magnificent rock formations along the rugged coastlines north and south of Sydney
- Escape the city and live on a beautiful farm stay in the **Southern Highlands**
- Visit the breathtaking **Snowy Mountains**, where you can ski or snowboard during winter or hike up Australia's highest peak, Mt Kosciuszko



for Wildlife Fans

- Watch migrating humpback whales swim along NSW's coastlines every May to November
- Spot wild dolphins all year round at **Port Stephens**, Australia's Dolphin Capital
- Meet local Australian wildlife including koalas, kangaroos and wombats at Taronga Zoo, Symbio Wildlife Park, Featherdale Wildlife Park and more
- Swim with fur seals at **Montague Island** in the South Coast



for Adrenaline Junkies



- Go jet boating in the heart of Sydney Harbour and whizz past the Sydney Opera House and Sydney Harbour Bridge
- Skydive at Wollongong and enjoy sweeping views of the coast from Australia's highest altitude jump of up to 14,000 feet
- Quad bike and sand board in Port Stephens, home to the largest coastal sand dunes in the Southern Hemisphere
- Glide over the rolling vineyards of the Hunter Valley atop a hot air balloon

Blue Mountains Escapade

The Blue Mountains is a World Heritage-listed area just a 90-minute drive from Sydney city. This scenic wonder has waterfalls, limestone caves, art galleries and quaint villages where you can enjoy Devonshire tea and scones.

6 UNIQUE EXPERIENCES IN THE BLUE MOUNTAINS



1. Catch the sunrise at **Sublime Point** or **Govett's Leap** and watch the vast mountain range light up as the sun casts a beautiful golden hue over the magnificent limestone cliffs.



2. Visit **Scenic World** and take in stunning views of the **Three Sisters** from the world's steepest **Scenic Railway** or the **Scenic Skyrail**.



3. Join a guided tour to the **Jenolan Caves** and be awed by its impressive cave formations – from underground rivers to striking stalactites.



4. After a day of hiking in the **Blue Mountains**, sit back and enjoy a stunning sunset before the night skies come to life in one of NSW's best stargazing spots.



5. Go on an extreme canyoning adventure – abseil off waterfalls, rock-climb steep cliffs, jump into deep pools and swim through narrow rock gorges.



6. Learn about Australia's living Aboriginal culture and enjoy traditional Aboriginal dance and music at the **Waradah Aboriginal Centre**.

Grand Pacific Drive

This delightful drive meanders through coastal rainforest, seaside towns and along a string of uncrowded beaches. In Jervis Bay, find the world's whitest sand, beaches with clear turquoise waters or join a dolphin watch cruise to see wild dolphins at play.

10 GREAT STOPS ALONG THE GRAND PACIFIC DRIVE



1. **Royal National Park**, Australia's oldest (and the world's second oldest) national park. Home to several scenic hiking trails, dramatic coastal cliffs, the famous Wedding Cake Rock and Figure Eight Pools.



2. **Bald Hill**, a magnificent lookout and one of the best hang gliding spots in the world.



3. **Sea Cliff Bridge**, 665 metres of spectacular elevated road that hugs the coastline.



4. **Glenbervie Orchard**, pick your own peaches and nectarines from this family owned orchard and even get a taste of their homemade fresh cider.

5. **Symbio Wildlife Park**, feed kangaroos, pat koalas and play with red pandas in this family-friendly zoo.

6. **Skydive The Beach**, take your roadtrip experience to a totally new level and get the best coastal views by jumping out of a plane.

7. **Illawarra Fly Treetop Walk**, experience the rainforest from above with the highest zip line experience in Australia.

8. **Kiama Blowhole**, visit the world's largest blowhole.

9. **Dolphin-watching**, get up close with wild dolphins on board a Dolphin Watch Cruise at Jervis Bay.

10. **Jervis Bay**, discover its white sand beaches and clear turquoise waters.

Blue
Mountains

Day
3

Sydney

Day
1

Wollongong

Kiama

Jervis Bay

Day
2



Self-Drive
Itinerary

best of Grand Pacific Drive & the Blue Mountains

Day 1

Sydney to Jervis Bay

Drive time 3h13min | Distance 198km

- Depart Sydney via the Princes Highway onto the Grand Pacific Drive.
- **Symbio Wildlife Park** to witness Australian wildlife up close.
- **Bald Hill Lookout** for magnificent views. Photo opportunities at **Sea Cliff Bridge**.
- **Skydive the Beach** - freefall over the beach while taking in the spectacular views at 14,000 ft.
- **Nan Tien Temple**, the largest Buddhist Temple in the southern hemisphere.
- Continue on to **Kiama** for spectacular views of plumes of water at **Kiama Blowhole**.
- Drive 76mins (80km) to join a **Dolphin Watch Cruise** in Jervis Bay to see wild dolphins at play.
- **Hyams Beach**, listed in the Guinness Book of World Records 2006 for having the world's whitest sand.
- Mingle with the resident kangaroos at **Pebbly Beach**.
- Overnight at **Jervis Bay**.



Day 2

Jervis Bay to the Blue Mountains

Drive time 3h13min | Distance 243km



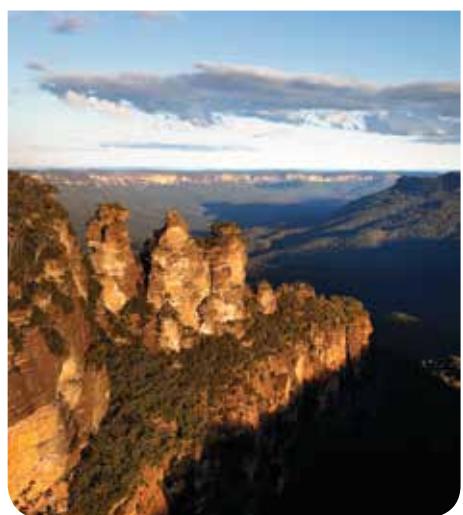
- Explore the Southern Highlands for its heritage villages and fine wines.
- Take the M4 western motorway to the Blue Mountains.
- **Echo Point Lookout** for panoramic views.
- Ride the world's steepest incline **Scenic Railway** or take the **Scenic Skyway** for views of the **Three Sisters**.
- Learn about Aboriginal Culture through traditional dances and performances at **Waradah Aboriginal Centre**.
- Visit **Leura**, a quaint shopping village to hunt for vintage treasures.
- Enjoy Devonshire Tea with scones at **Bygone Beautys**.
- Take in the sights and smells of the huge eucalyptus trees - the oil from which gives a blue haze and the Blue Mountains its name.
- Overnight in the **Blue Mountains** - watch the spectacular sunrise or sunset.

Day 3

The Blue Mountains to Sydney

Drive time 1h20min | Distance 74km

- Continue West to **Jenolan Caves**, the world's oldest open limestone caves.
- Explore one of 11 caves on a guided tour.
- Fresh fruit picking at **Bilpin Springs Orchard**: Pick fresh apples, peaches, berries and Nashi pears directly from the tree! (Seasonal activity: call to enquire before arrival).
- Head to Direct Factory Outlets (DFO) at **Homebush** before returning to **Sydney**.



The Hunter Valley is the oldest wine-growing region in Australia. Explore its famous vineyards, sample gourmet cheese and wine, and enjoy a scenic hot air balloon ride across rolling hills.

the Hunter Valley Getaway



1. Explore local wineries, sample some of Australia's finest wines at cellar door tastings and learn about the secrets behind producing the perfect glass of the region's iconic Semillon.



2. Enjoy breathtaking views of the Hunter Valley from a hot air balloon. What better place to take flight than in Australia's oldest wine growing region and home to world champion balloon pilot, Nicola Scaife!



3. Savour exceptional local produce in the valley from jams to cheeses, olive oil to cured meats and discover hand-crafted wines from surrounding towns like Broke.



4. Be enchanted by the fragrances and colours of the Hunter Valley Gardens. Kids will love the Storybook Garden where their favourite nursery rhyme characters come to life. Don't forget to catch the Christmas Lights Spectacular from Nov 2017 to late Jan 2018.



5. Stroll between the vines, have a picnic with a view or ride the wine trail with Grapemobile Bicycle Hire along off-road private vineyard trails and quiet country laneways to visit a host of boutique wineries



6. Live amongst the picturesque vineyards and rolling hills and watch wild kangaroos come out to feed during sunrise and sunset.



Port Stephens is the dolphin capital of Australia. Go on a dolphin watch cruise and you can ride in the boom net to get closer to the friendly dolphins! You can even whale watch from May to November. Ride a thrilling quad bike and sandboard at Stockton Beach, home to the largest moving coastal sand dunes in the Southern Hemisphere!

Port Stephens Adventure



1. The **Dolphin Capital of Australia** is home to around 150 resident bottlenose dolphins.



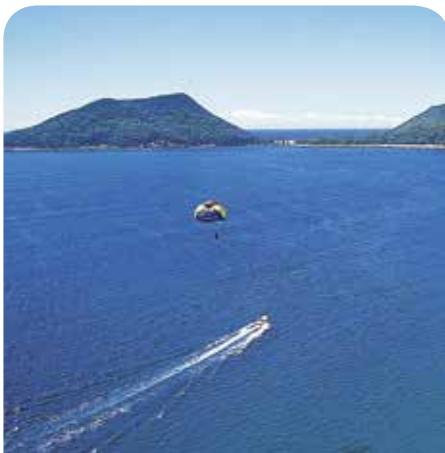
2. Quad bike or sandboard to your hearts' content on the **largest moving coastal sand dunes** in the Southern Hemisphere.



3. Be treated to one of the best 360° **views of the coastline** after a scenic hike up to Tomaree Head.



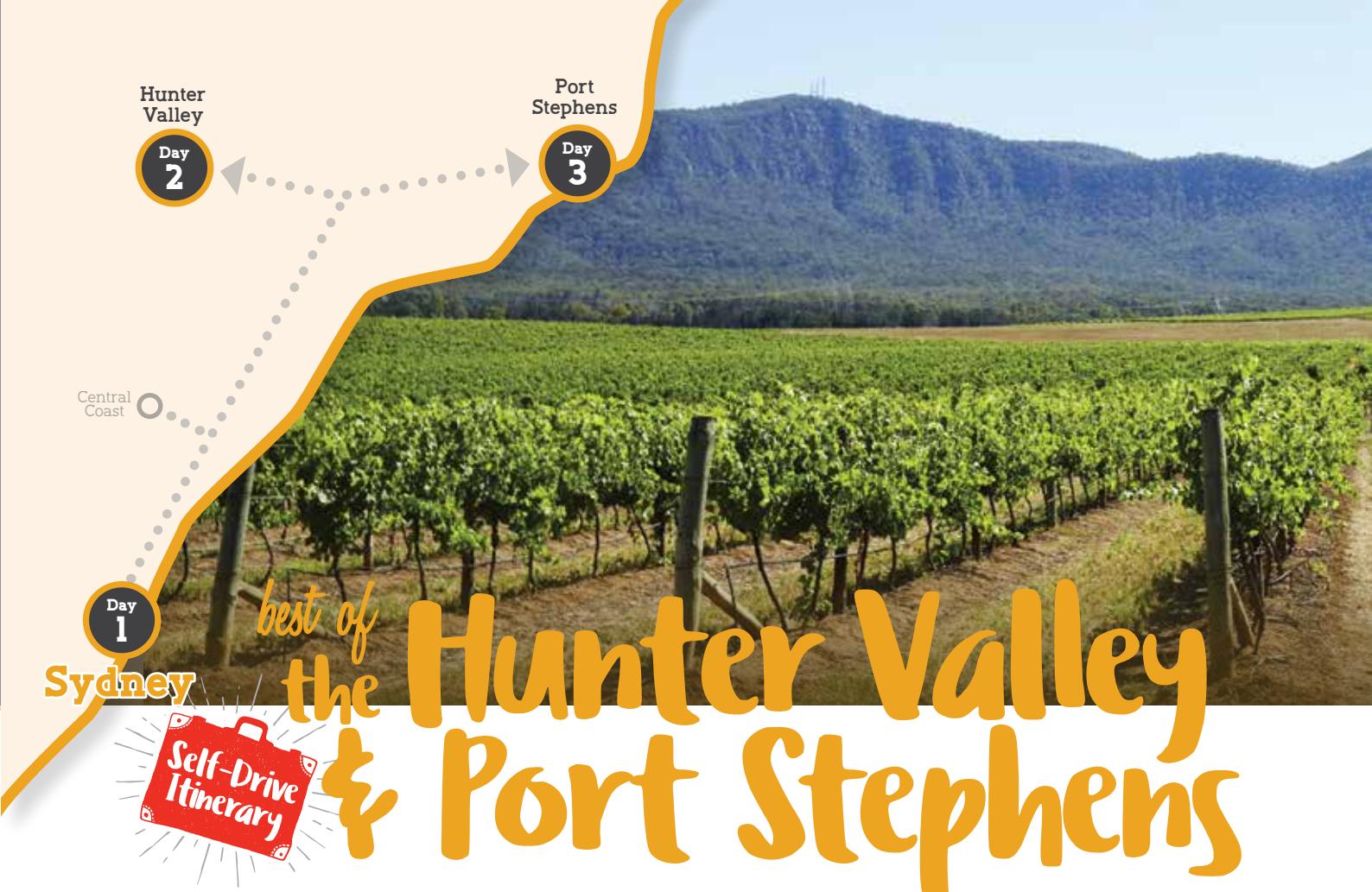
4. Enjoy a stunning Port Stephens sunset at one of its waterfront restaurants as you savour **hand-shucked oysters** and grilled fresh local seafood.



5. Experience the adrenaline-charged adventure of parasailing solo or tandem with **Port Stephens Watersports** as you soar 150 metres into the air.



6. Handfeed baby sharks and get up close to the world's largest species of stingrays at **Irukandji Shark & Ray Encounters**.



best of the Hunter Valley & Port Stephens

Day 1

Sydney to the Hunter Valley

Drive time 2h | Distance 153km

- Drive 2hrs to the **Hunter Valley**, the oldest wine-growing region in Australia.
- Stop over at main towns **Cessnock** and **Pokolbin**.
- Taste wines from renowned wineries such as **Tyrrells Wines** and **Lindemans**.
- Learn quick wine facts at the **Hunter Valley Wine School**.
- Visit the **Hunter Valley Gardens** and explore the 10 different themed gardens.
- Taste gourmet cheese at the **Hunter Valley Cheese Company**.
- Sample hand-made chocolates and fudge at the **Hunter Valley Chocolate Company**.
- Overnight in the **Hunter Valley**.



Day 2

The Hunter Valley to Port Stephens

Drive time 1h40min | Distance 100km

- Before departing for Port Stephens, take a hot air balloon ride over the vineyards.
- In Port Stephens, spot the playful dolphins on a **Dolphin Watch Cruise**.
- Witness **whales** on their annual migration (May - November).
- Quad bike or sandboard on **Stockton Beach**.
- Visit **Nelson Bay** waterfront for boutique shops ranging from homewares to fashion, art to souvenirs.
- **Murray's Craft Brewing Co**, one of Australia's leading craft beer brewers.
- **Medowie Macadamia Farm** for delicious flavours of macadamia nuts.
- Feast on freshly caught seafood in **Nelson Bay** and at the **Tea Gardens**.
- Overnight in Port Stephens.



Day 3

Port Stephens to Sydney

Drive time 1h8min | Distance 91km

- Parasail over beautiful beaches.
- Hand feed sharks and rays at **Irukandji Shark & Ray Encounters**.
- Visit the Central Coast for **Australian Reptile Park** or seek thrills at **TreeTop Adventures**.
- Visit **The Entrance** at 3:30pm to witness daily feeding of pelicans.
- Head back to **Sydney**.





the legendary Pacific Coast

Follow the magnificent coastline and spectacular hinterland that makes the Legendary Pacific Coast Touring Route one of Australia's great driving holidays.

Soak in the beautiful beaches and unspoilt nature, encounter wildlife and dolphins and indulge in delicious local seafood and fresh farm-gate produce.

Day 5

Byron Bay to Gold Coast

Drive time 1h10min | Distance 88km



- Catch the sunrise at the **Cape Byron Lighthouse**.
- See **whales** during the **whale watching season** between May and November.
- Dive or snorkel with sea turtles at **Julian Rocks Marine Reserve** during warmer months.
- Discover more than 500 varieties of fruit at **Tropical Fruit World**.
- Return car to Gold Coast Airport for flight back home.

Gold Coast

Byron Bay

Day 5

Day 4

Coffs Harbour to Byron Bay

Drive time 2h50min | Distance 238km



- Drive to **Byron Bay**.
- **Byron Bay Markets** are some of the best in Australia. Products sold include local produce, handmade crafts, delicious food and unique artworks.
- Visit **Byron Bay Farmers' Market**, **Byron Artisan Market**, **Byron Beachside Market** and more.

Coffs Harbour

Day 4

Nambucca Heads

Day 3

Port Macquarie to Coffs Harbour

Drive time 2h | Distance 159km



- Take a coastal walk from Shelly Beach to **Tacking Point Lighthouse**.
- Leave your mark on the **Nambucca V-Wall**, an outdoor rock wall art gallery by the beach.
- Enjoy close encounters with dolphins and seals at **Dolphin Marine Magic**.
- Try the delicious chocolate-coated frozen bananas at the **Big Banana**.
- Wind down at the end of the day and take in the sunset at **Forest Sky Pier**.

Port Macquarie

Day 3

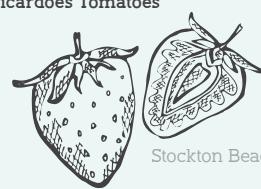
Day 2

Port Stephens to Port Macquarie

Drive time 2h42min | Distance 248km



- Visit Australia's only koala hospital at **Port Macquarie**.
- Pick strawberries straight from the vine at **Ricardoes Tomatoes and Strawberries**.
- Enjoy a relaxing dinner at **The Beach House** and catch the sunset by the Hastings River.



Port Stephens

Day 2

Day 1

Sydney to Port Stephens

Drive time 2h40min | Distance 213km

- Go on a dolphin watch cruise at **Port Stephens**.
- Sand board down the tall sand dunes at **Stockton Beach** or take a ride on a camel.



Sydney

Day 1





Roadtrip Itinerary: Sydney-Melbourne



New

The spectacular coast between Sydney and Melbourne is a blockbuster drive that will take you through gorgeous national parks, dramatic coastal cliffs, pristine white beaches and an abundance of wildlife.

Discover some of Australia's best local experiences as you explore the great outdoors, spot wild dolphins and kangaroos, or savour hand-shucked oysters and fresh local produce.



Melbourne

Day 6

Phillip Island

Lakes
Entrance
Day 5



Sydney

Day 1

Wollongong
Kiama

Jervis Bay

Batemans Bay

Narooma

Merimbula

Eden

South Wales
Victoria



Sydney to Kiama

Drive time 2h10min | Distance 130km

- Take a scenic drive through the Royal National Park.
- Detour to Glenbernie Apple Orchard for some seasonal fruit picking, honey and cider tastings (pre-booking for fruit picking required).
- Visit Symbio Wildlife Park to pat, cuddle or feed a host of furry and feathered friends.
- Get magnificent views at Bald Hill Lookout, one of the best hang gliding spots in the world.
- Follow the Grand Pacific Drive across the stunning Sea Cliff Bridge.
- Visit Nan Tien Temple, largest Buddhist Temple in the southern hemisphere.
- Skydive the Beach at Wollongong and take in spectacular views as you freefall over the beach at 14,000 ft.
- Discover Australia's premier treetop walk and zipline experience at Illawarra Fly Treetop Adventures.



Day 2

Kiama to Batemans Bay

Drive time 3h | Distance 220km

- Hop on the Bigfoot 4WD to enjoy an adventurous climb up Mt Coolangatta and drive through the vineyards.
- Take a cruise at Jervis Bay to see dolphins and even whales during their migration season between May and November.
- Discover the white sand beaches and clear turquoise waters.
- Stop over for Fish & Chips at Innes Boatshed, Ulladulla.
- Spot resident kangaroos at Pebbley Beach.
- Sample fresh oysters at Batemans Bay in Australia's oyster coast.

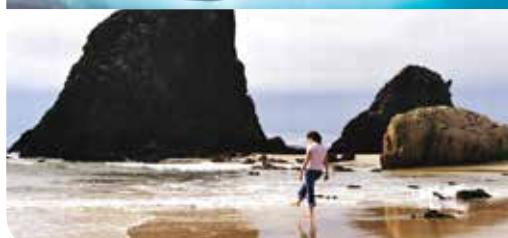


Day 3

Batemans Bay to Merimbula

Drive time 2h15min | Distance 175km

- Venture out on a kayaking tour with Region X to explore the coastal waterways.
- View the magnificent coastline with a scenic flight aboard the South Coast Seaplane.
- Take a cruise to Montague Island with Island Charters Narooma, where you can snorkel, scuba dive or swim with seals.
- Take a leisurely walk along Mill Bay Boardwalk to view the rugged coastline and 'Australia Rock' from Bar Rock Lookout.
- Stop at the historic township of Central Tilba.
- Taste a wide variety of local cheese at Bega Cheese Heritage Centre.
- Follow the coast to Merimbula and visit the charming coastal villages along the way.



Day 4

Merimbula to Lakes Entrance

Drive time 3h10min | Distance 270km

- Join a whale watching cruise at Eden, a prime spot for sighting southern right and humpback whales.
- Visit the Eden Killer Whale Museum to discover the long history of whales in the area and relics showcasing past human interactions.
- Continue your trip through to Victoria and explore more beautiful and authentic coastal and inland regions.

Drive time 4h | Distance 275km

Phillip Island to Melbourne

Drive time 1h40min | Distance 140km

Day 6



Sydney

Canberra

Snowy
Mountains



Getting Here

By Car

460km | 5.5km

- Sydney to Canberra: 3 hours
- Canberra to Jindabyne: 2.5 hours

By Coach

- During the winter months, a number of coach providers depart Sydney to Bullock's Flat Skitube Terminal and Perisher.

By Plane

- Scoot, Qantas, Singapore Airlines and Virgin fly to Canberra Airport located 2 hours from Jindabyne.

Snowy Mountains in Magical Winter

Soak in the breathtaking snowy landscape from June to October, whilst experiencing many exciting winter sports at the numerous resorts located in **Kosciuszko National Park**, where Australia's highest mountain is located.

Amazing Winter Experiences



Ski or Snowboard

The "Snowies" have a wide range of terrains for both first-time and experienced skiers and snowboarders, from some of Australia's longest runs to an area dedicated for beginners where you can take lessons from an instructor.



Snow-tubing & Tobogganing

Sit in a big rubber tube or snow toboggan and slide down the slopes of the Snowy Mountains.



Snow Shoe Tours

Take a walk through the gorgeous alpine landscapes and explore the hidden places of Kosciuszko where only snow-shoes go.



Skitube

If you'd prefer not to ski or snowboard, you can still get to enjoy amazing views of the snow-covered slopes on the Skitube Alpine Railway at Perisher, or from a scenic chairlift.

Evening Magic

Experience the thrill of night skiing, or catch the magical flare run and fireworks display on Saturday nights.

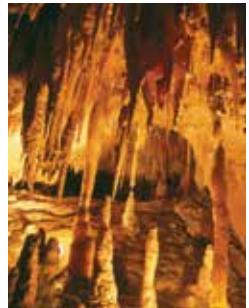




Snowy Mountains in Sun-kissed Summer

There is so much to see and do in the Snowy Mountains during the warmer months. It's Australia's "hidden jewel" for tourists in the summer, temperatures are mild, it's very safe, and boundless adventures await in this breathtaking landscape.

Must-Do Summer Adventures



Mt Kosciuszko

Conquer "Kozzie", Australia's highest mountain and one of the World's 7 Summits! It's a scenic 13km round trip. For an easier hike, turn back at Kosciuszko Lookout at the 2km mark.

Glacial Lakes

Swim, kayak or experience some of the best trout fishing in the world at the picturesque lakes and rivers of the Snowy Mountains.

Mountain Biking

Enjoy world-class mountain biking trails for all levels, from extreme downhill courses to paved bike paths.

Yarrangobilly Caves

Explore the beautiful Yarrangobilly Caves and swim in the pristine thermal pool that is heated all year round.

Chairlift Ride

Take in spectacular views of the mountains and dangle your legs in the air as you ascend 560 vertical metres over the almost 2km-long ride.

Local Wine, Beer & Schnapps

- Discover the cellar doors of the Snowy Mountains' vineyards, such as **Courabrya Wines**.

- Visit Wildbrumby, Australia's only schnapps distillery.

- Taste unique brews at the **Kosciuszko Brewery** and **Snowy River Vineyards** and **Micro-brewery**.

Where to Stay

- Lake Crackenback Resort & Spa**
4-star tranquility with spectacular views of the Snowy Mountains from your balcony.

- Rydges Thredbo Alpine Hotel**
Modern lodge located in the heart of the village, near the base of Kosciuszko Express Chairlift.

- Rydges Horizons Snowy Mountains**
Overlooking Lake Jindabyne.



South Coast

Southern Highlands

Snowy Mountains

Day 7

Bowral to Sydney

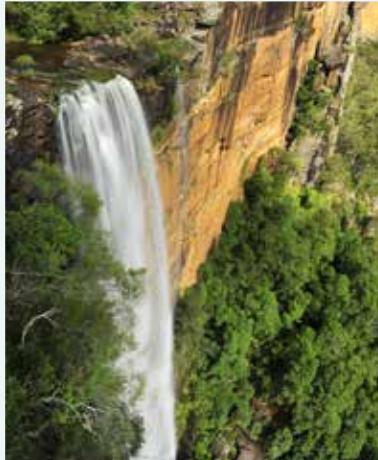
Drive time 1.5h | Distance 120km

Day 6

Canberra to Bowral

Drive time 2h | Distance 170km

- Have a visual feast with the Southern Highlands' flowers at festivals such as the **Autumn Gardens Weekend** in April and **Tulip Time** in September
- Go on a truffle hunt tour with **Yelverton Truffles** from May to August
- Experience country life in the Southern Highlands with **Downunder Farmstays** where you can stay with real Australian families as your farm hosts
- Discover rainforest gullies, stunning look outs and waterfalls at **Fitzroy Falls** in Morton National Park
- Explore **Wombeyan Caves**, some of the most impressive limestone caves in the region



Day 5

Jindabyne to Canberra

Drive time 2h | Distance 180km



- Visit the cellar doors of the Snowy Mountains' vineyards, such as **Shut the Gate Wines**
- Soar above Australia's capital on a **hot air balloon ride**
- Reflect on the diverse experiences of war and learn about their enduring impact at the **Australian War Memorial**
- Ride a Segway, savour Canberra's best fish and chips, or simply enjoy a stunning sunset on **Lake Burley Griffin**
- Take a flight out from **Canberra Airport**, or continue on to the Southern Highlands

Day 4

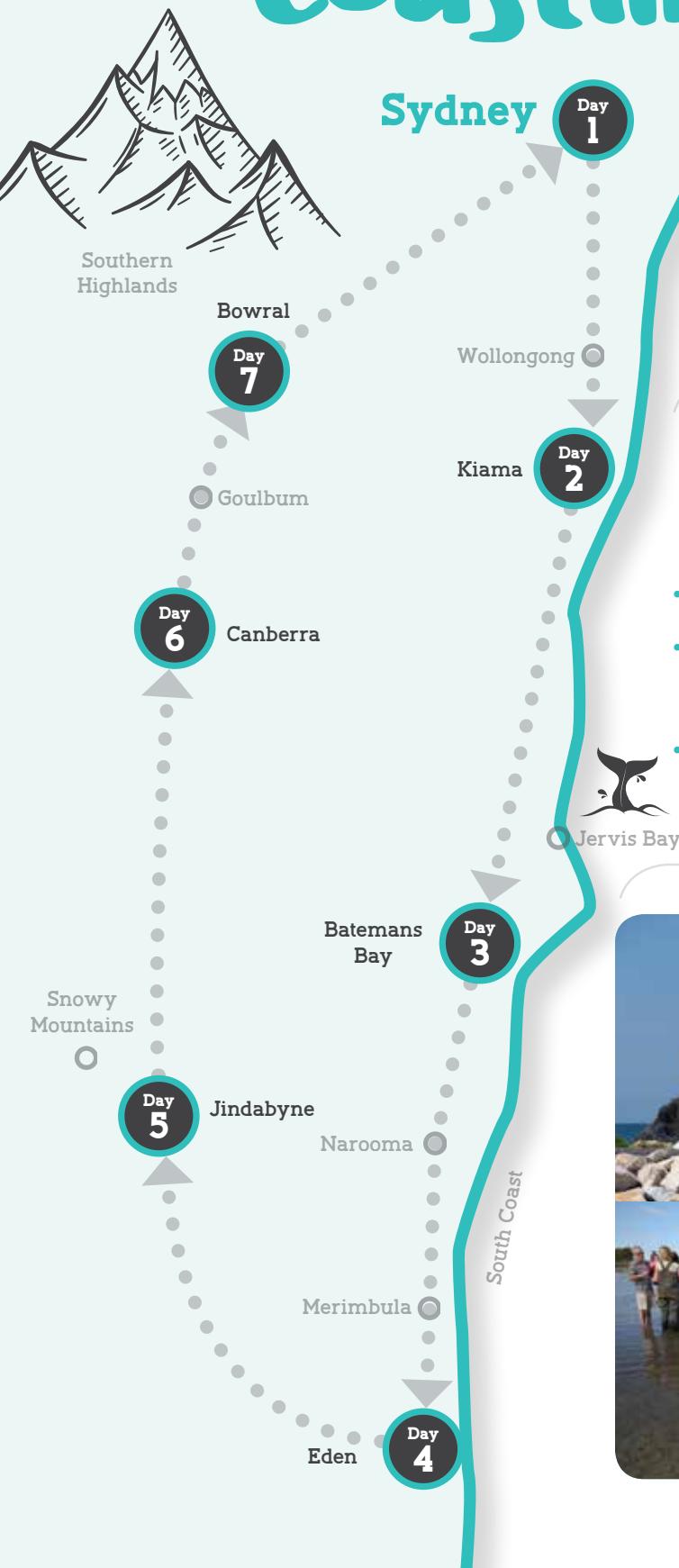
Eden to Jindabyne

Drive time 2h30min | Distance 185km

- Go skiing or snowboarding at **Thredbo** or **Perisher** in winter
- Hike to the summit of **Mt Kosciuszko**, Australia's highest mountain in summer
- Explore **Kosciuszko National Park** by horse-riding, mountain biking or canoeing
- Enjoy a scenic chairlift ride available all year round for spectacular views of the mountains as you dangle your legs in the air
- Dine at **Eagle's Nest**, Australia's highest restaurant
- Visit award-winning **Wildbrumby Distillery & Café**, Australia's only schnapps distillery



7D6N Mountains to Coastlines



Day 1

Sydney to Kiama

Drive time 2h10min | Distance 130km



- Explore the Royal National Park, such as Eagle Rock and Curracurrong Falls
- Venture across the magnificent Sea Cliff Bridge
- Hang glide at Stanwell Park or Skydive the Beach at Wollongong
- Visit the Wollongong Head Lighthouse, a scenic picnic spot

Day 2

Kiama to Batemans Bay

Drive time 3h | Distance 220km



- Experience the dramatic Kiama Blowhole, largest in the world
- Explore the white sand beaches and crystal clear waters of Jervis Bay, a playground for dolphins, whales, kangaroos and seals
- Indulge in fresh seafood straight off the boat at Bannisters in Mollymook

Day 3

Batemans Bay to Eden

Drive time 2h30min | Distance 200km



- Visit the iconic Australia Rock shaped in the map of the continent and Glasshouse Rocks at Narooma
- Snorkel, scuba dive or swim with seals at Montague Island
- Soak in the stunning Blue Pool at Bermagui, a natural ocean rock pool
- Take a coastal walk and check out Camel Rock and Horse Head Rock
- Savour fresh oysters right on Australia's Oyster Trail
- Go on an oyster farm experience with Captain Sponge's Magical Oyster Tour
- Catch your own abalone, sea urchin, mussels and more seafood with Australia's Coastal Wilderness Adventures' Ocean to Plate experience
- Catch a domestic flight back from Merimbula Airport back to Sydney, or continue on to the Snowy Mountains



upcoming Events



17th September 2017

Blackmores Sydney Marathon Festival

Join in the Blackmores Sydney Marathon Running Festival and enjoy Australia's most scenic course with a run over the iconic Sydney Harbour Bridge. You can participate in a Full Marathon, Half Marathon, Bridge Run or Family Fun Run.



19th October - 5th November 2017

Sculpture by the Sea - Bondi

See the spectacular Bondi to Tamarama coastal walk transformed at the world's largest free-to-the-public outdoor sculpture exhibition, featuring 100 sculptures by artists from Australia and across the world.



November 2017 -January 2018

Christmas Lights Spectacular

Have a magical time in the Hunter Valley as your favourite nursery rhyme characters come to life in the Storybook Garden and catch the magical Christmas Lights Spectacular



23rd March - 3rd April 2018

Sydney Royal Easter Show

The Sydney Royal Easter show celebrates the Australian culture, from rural traditions such as international rodeo and woodchop competitions, to modern day lifestyle and entertainment featuring over 14,000 animals on display and 560 retail and food outlets.



May 2018

Hunter Valley Wine & Food Festival

Hunter Valley Wine and Food Festival is the much anticipated annual event which showcases the region's diverse wine and food culture with a series of themed activities. Wine and dine with leading Hunter Valley winemakers and chefs, or take part in an array classes to fine tune your culinary skills.



May - June 2018

Vivid Sydney

Vivid Sydney is the world's largest festival of light, music and ideas, and the biggest event in Australia. It transforms the Harbour City into an outdoor art exhibition with its colourful creative canvas, featuring large scale light installations and projections; music performances and collaborations; and creative ideas, discussion and debate.

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