

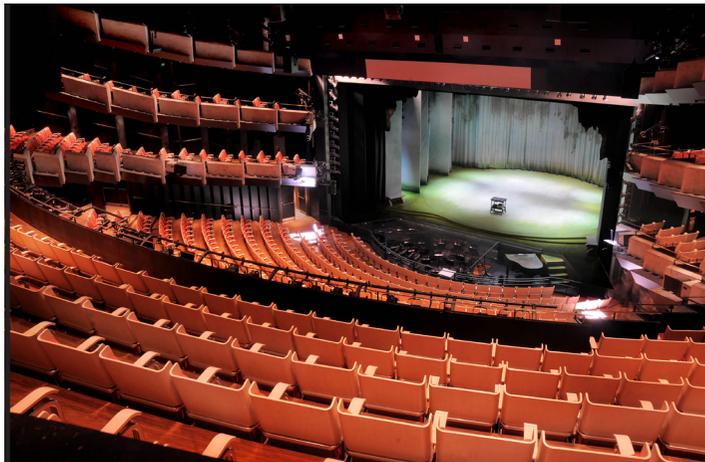
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Welcome to Opera Australia

*Sydney Opera House
was built for opera.*

*A visit to Sydney Opera
House is worth more than just
a photograph outside.*



Sydney Opera House (Photo - Jack Atley)



Carmen (Photo - Branco Gaica)

Sydney Opera House is on the to-do list of every visitor to Australia. But seeing isn't enough. To get the full benefit of this architectural wonder of the world, your customers need to climb the steps, enter the building and experience an opera performance that's unlike anywhere else in the world.

After travelling all the way to Australia, your clients deserve the full Sydney Opera House experience. Whether they're on holiday or business; by themselves, with family, friends, or colleagues; whether they have seen a hundred operas or never been before, opera in the Sydney Opera House is not to be missed and will make them the envy of everyone back home.

We also perform in Melbourne, and put on lots of special events throughout year, including the immensely popular outdoor event Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour.

Sydney Opera House

January to March June to November

At Sydney Opera House, the grandest and most popular operas, operettas and musicals are performed most nights from January to March, and June to November.

From the moment the soaring sails of Sydney Opera House are glimpsed, the excitement kicks in. There's the buzz in the foyer bars as you enjoy a drink overlooking the magnificent Sydney Harbour, and when you take your seat the anticipation builds as the orchestra tunes and the curtain rises.

Make the evening complete. Enjoy pre-theatre dining on-site at one of the Sydney Opera House dining venues, or one of the many restaurants around Circular Quay.



New Year's Eve Gala Opera Concert

December New Year's Eve at Sydney Opera House

Sydney's spectacular New Year's Eve celebrations are famous around the world. Get front row seats for the fireworks and watch a grand performance of *La bohème* or The Opera Gala while waiting for the countdown to midnight.

The interval is timed to see the early fireworks at 9pm, and Sydney's best view of the full fireworks display is available at the Midnight Party overlooking the harbour, after the show.

Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour



Madama Butterfly Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour (Photo - James Morgan)

March to April

For just three weeks of the year, an astonishing, purpose-built outdoor venue is created alongside the Royal Botanic Gardens on Sydney Harbour, and a truly remarkable opera event happens. A huge stage is erected on the water's edge complete with seating for 3000, cafés, restaurants and bars. This is 'pop-up' at its grandest.

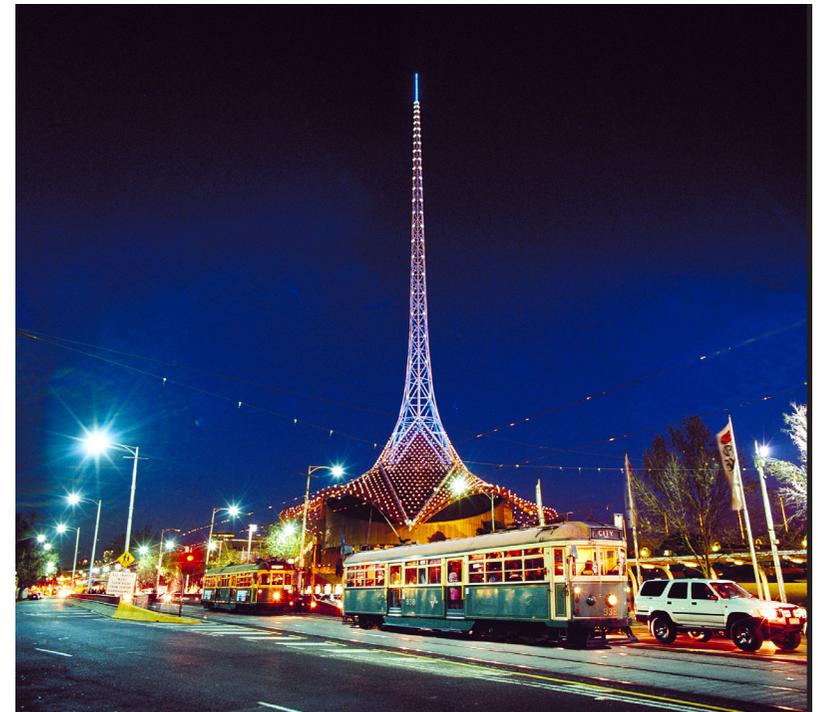
Before the opera, enjoy a glass of something fizzy and a light meal at one of the cafés, or indulge in a three-course meal in the exclusive Platinum Club, looking out over a stunning view of the Sydney skyline, Harbour Bridge and Sydney Opera House.

April to May November to December

No visit to Melbourne is complete without a magnificent live performance in the grand State Theatre at Arts Centre Melbourne, right in the heart of the cultural district. Opera Australia performs two short seasons in Melbourne every year – April to May and November to December.

The recently renovated Arts Centre Melbourne boasts new restaurants and bars overlooking the river and city skyline. The theatre complex is just a short walk from Southbank, Federation Square and Melbourne's CBD.

Arts Centre Melbourne



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Special events



Aida (Photo - Jeff Busby)

Check the calendar page at opera.org.au/calendar for special events that will be on nearby whilst your customers are visiting Australia.

We stage special events, sometimes at unusual venues like Opera on the Beach on the Gold Coast in Queensland. We also tour our Broadway musical productions to Brisbane, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth as well as a season in Sydney.

Travel trade customers receive:

Commissioned rates to all our performances.

No booking fees.

Dedicated ticketing coordinator to look after your bookings.

FOC for tour escort (subject to conditions).

Book now, pay later.

Priority seating after subscribers.

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Dedicated trade web page.

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Online purchase at your net rates (conditions apply).

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Information for tour operators and travel agents

Are you bidding on a MICE event?

What would be more spectacular than a night at the opera as part of your program?

Check on the trade page at opera.org.au/traveltrade for the link to our MICE page to find out more about how we can help you offer the most enticing bid.

To book or for more information:

Contact your Wholesale or Inbound agent to request rates and information.

If you do not use an Inbound or Wholesale agent, contact us directly at Groups & Tourism.

Other useful information

Performance times

Evening performances usually commence at 7.30pm and Saturday matinees at 1pm, with occasional Sunday afternoon performances. Performances are usually between two and three hours in duration. You can check the performance calendar at opera.org.au/calendar to confirm details of each production.

Intervals

Most performances have at least one interval that usually lasts twenty minutes; plenty of time for you to purchase refreshments and use the restroom facilities.

Surtitles

English language translations are projected onto a screen above the stage for all performances. We call these 'surtitles'. Please note that from some seats the surtitles aren't visible. We'll make this clear when confirming your order.

Dress code

There are no rules about what to wear to the opera in Australia. It's fun to dress up for the performance and make it a glamorous occasion, but casual dress is equally acceptable.

Dining options

Whether your customers want a 5-star dinner for a special night out, something more casual and relaxed, or simply a quick snack before the show, each of the venues have restaurants, bars and cafés within the building or in the nearby precinct. Interval drinks and snacks are also available at the theatre foyer bars.

Pricing

Ticket pricing varies depending on the type of performance and the seating position chosen. Ticket prices range from \$69 to \$315 gross.

Accessibility

All of the venues have mobility access and services to assist patrons with disabilities. Wheelchair and companion seats are available however these are subject to availability. Please let us know when you make your booking. Sydney Opera House and Arts Centre Melbourne have assisted listening devices for hearing impaired patrons which can be used free of charge at the venue.



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