

## SYDNEY

### For Opera Lovers



IMAGE: SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE. PHOTO: TOURISM AUSTRALIA.

This itinerary is a three-day immersion in the world of opera at the iconic Sydney Opera House.

### DAY 1

Start the day in Sydney's **Surry Hills** at the **Opera Australia Opera Centre** – the engine room of Australia's national opera company – where a handmade costume, and wig if needed, will be fitted by a costume dresser in preparation for your walk on role with **Opera Australia** two days later – *Opera Australia: Star at the Sydney Opera House*.

Spend the remainder of the day exploring Surry Hills, one of Sydney's hotspots for eating, drinking, shopping and art. Artist-run **TAP Gallery** is there as is the **Brett Whiteley Studio**, one of Australia's most celebrated artists, his studio has been preserved, including unfinished paintings, art equipment, reference books and his graffiti wall, covered with quotes and images.



IMAGE: OPERA AUSTRALIA. PHOTO: AIDAN CORRIGAN.

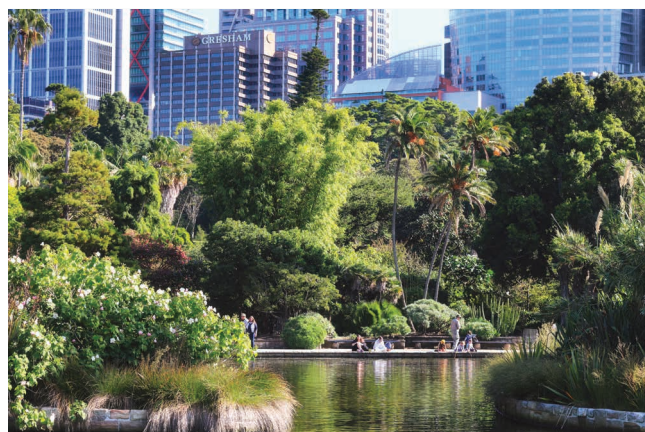


IMAGE: SYDNEY ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS. PHOTO: TOURISM AUSTRALIA.

### DAY 2

The green spaces and harbour vistas of **Sydney Royal Botanic Gardens** are calling. Aboriginal Heritage Tours run in the Gardens Monday to Saturday at 10am, uncovering the Royal Botanic Garden's rich Aboriginal heritage by exploring plant uses, culture, artefacts and tasting some bush foods. Stroll through the Australian Rainforest Garden, the Palace Rose Garden, or the Fernery, a walled garden with dazzling orchids and begonias. The splendid Palm Grove has some of the oldest trees in the Gardens, a Weeping Lilly Pilly planted in 1828 and a Dragon's Blood Tree, planted in 1862, amongst others.

If time permits, a walk to **Circular Quay** to take a return ferry trip on magnificent **Sydney Harbour** is highly recommended.

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#### DAY 2 CONTINUED

The evening's activity is the *Sydney Opera House: A Taste of Opera experience*. An intimate guided tour, learn about the fascinating history of one of the world's most iconic buildings and be mesmerized by insider stories and secrets of what really happens behind the curtain at the **Sydney Opera House**. The second act is an exclusive opera recital by a world-class performer of a selection of famous arias, with the opportunity to meet the singer and pianist after the recital. For the encore, add a private dining experience under the sails with tailor-made menus inspired by local Australian produce, accompanied by fine Australian wine.



IMAGE: SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE: A TASTE OF OPERA.

#### DAY 3

Start with a visit to the **Art Gallery of NSW**. Colonial and 19th-century Australian works and European old masters are on display and dedicated galleries celebrate the arts of Asia and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art. Contemporary works are displayed in expansive spaces with views of Sydney and the harbour. If modern art appeals then Sydney's **Museum of Contemporary Art** in the historic Rocks district is a must. To dive deeper into the history of The Rocks download the Walking The Rocks app.

Be sure to get some rest in the afternoon in preparation for your arrival at the stage door of the **Sydney Opera House** at 6pm sharp. From there the experience of a lifetime unfolds - *Opera Australia: Star at the Sydney Opera House*. First, the Main Rehearsal Room for a briefing on your role with the Assistant Director or Stage Manager. Then on to the Dressing Room to be dressed into costume by a professional dresser. Next, wig and make-up before an official photograph and then the exhilaration of making your **Sydney Opera House** debut as part of the **Opera Australia** chorus (no singing required). Then change out of costume and return to the auditorium to watch the remainder of the performance.

#### BOOKINGS AND MORE INFORMATION

##### EXPERIENCES IN THIS ITINERARY

1. [Opera Australia: Star at the Sydney Opera House](#)
2. [Sydney Opera House: A Taste of Opera](#)

##### BOOKING CONTACT

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