

AUSTRALIAN EVENTS & FESTIVALS 2018

Each year Australia puts on an impressive line-up of festivals and events that shines the spotlight on the country's passion for arts, music, food and wine, sport, nature and our beach lifestyle. Here's a snapshot of what you can experience when visiting Australia.



JANUARY

AUSTRALIA DAY NATIONAL

26 Jan | australiaday.org.au

SUMMERNATS CAR FESTIVAL ACT

4 to 7 Jan | summernats.com.au

SYDNEY FESTIVAL NSW

6 to 28 Jan | sydneyfestival.org.au

PARKES ELVIS FESTIVAL NSW

10 to 14 Jan | parkeselvisfestival.com.au

HSBC SYDNEY 7S NSW

26 to 28 Jan | sydney7s.com.au

AUSTRALIAN OPEN VIC

15 to 28 Jan | ausopen.com

MIDSUMMA FESTIVAL VIC

14 Jan to 4 Feb | midsumma.org.au

FESTIVAL OF SAILS VIC

26 to 28 Jan | festivalofsails.com.au

HOTTEST 7S IN THE WORLD NT

20 to 21 Jan | hottest7s.com

BRISBANE INTERNATIONAL TENNIS QLD

31 Dec to 7 Jan | brisbaneinternational.com.au

MAGIC MILLIONS CARNIVAL QLD

5 to 16 Jan | magicmillions.com.au

WHITSUNDAY CLIPPER RACE CARNIVAL QLD

13 to 29 Jan | whitsundayclipperrace.com.au

SANTOS TOUR DOWN UNDER SA

13 to 21 Jan | tourdownunder.com.au

TUNARAMA FESTIVAL SA

25 to 28 Jan | tunarama.net

CRUSH FESTIVAL SA

26 to 28 Jan | crushfestival.com.au

HOBART INTERNATIONAL TAS

TENNIS TOURNAMENT
7 to 13 Jan | hobartinternational.com.au

MONA FOMA TAS

12 to 22 Jan | mofo.net.au

MASTERCARD HOPMAN CUP WA

30 Dec to 6 Jan | hopmancup.com



Field of Light – Uluru, © Mark Pickthall.
On now through to March 2018.

FEBRUARY

CANBERRA GOOD FOOD MONTH ACT

10 to 18 Mar | goodfoodmonth.com/canberra

HURLEY AUSTRALIAN OPEN OF SURFING NSW

Feb | australianopenofsurfing.com

BOWL-A-RAMA BONDI NSW

17 to 18 Feb | bowlarama.com.au

SYDNEY GAY AND LESBIAN MARDI GRAS NSW

16 Feb to 4 Mar | mardigras.org.au

SYDNEY CHINESE NEW YEAR NSW

16 Feb to 4 Mar | sydneychinesenewyear.com

SURFEST NSW

20 Jan to 25 Feb | surfest.com

TROPFEST AUSTRALIA NSW

24 Feb | tropfest.org.au

WHITE NIGHT MELBOURNE VIC

17 Feb | whitenightmelbourne.com.au

FIM SUPERBIKE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS VIC

PHILLIP ISLAND
23 to 25 Feb | phillipislandcircuit.com.au

BRISBANE GLOBAL RUGBY TENS QLD

9 to 10 Feb | brisbaneglobaltens.com

ISPS HANDA WOMEN'S AUSTRALIAN OPEN SA

15 to 18 Feb | womensausopen.com

ADELAIDE FRINGE SA

16 Feb to 18 Mar | adelaidefringe.com.au

FESTIVALE TAS

2 to 4 Feb | festivale.com.au

EVANDALE VILLAGE FAIR & NATIONAL PENNY

FARTHING CHAMPIONSHIPS TAS

24 Feb | evandalevillagefair.com

WORLD SUPER 6 PERTH WA

8 to 11 Feb | worldsuper6perth.com

PERTH INTERNATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL WA

9 Feb to 4 Mar | perthfestival.com.au



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MARCH

ENLIGHTEN CANBERRA ACT

2 to 17 Mar | enlightencanberra.com.au

CANBERRA BALLOON SPECTACULAR ACT

10 to 18 Mar | balloonspectacular.com.au

TASTE OF SYDNEY NSW

8 to 11 Mar | sydney.tastefestivals.com

BIENNALE OF SYDNEY NSW

16 Mar to 11 Jun | biennaleofsydney.com.au

HANDA OPERA ON SYDNEY HARBOUR NSW

23 Mar to 22 Apr | operaonsydneyharbour.com.au

SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW NSW

23 Mar to 3 Apr | eastershow.com.au

VIRGIN AUSTRALIA MELBOURNE FASHION FESTIVAL

1 to 18 Mar | vamff.com.au VIC

MELBOURNE'S MOOMBA FESTIVAL VIC

9 to 12 Mar | melbourne.vic.gov.au/Moomba

MELBOURNE FOOD AND WINE FESTIVAL VIC

16 to 25 Mar | melbournefoodandwine.com.au

MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL FLOWER AND

GARDEN SHOW VIC

21 to 25 Mar | melbflowershow.com.au

MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE EXPO VIC

22 to 24 Mar | internationalcoffeexpo.com

FORMULA 1® AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX VIC

22 to 25 Mar | grandprix.com.au

MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL COMEDY FESTIVAL

28 March to 22 Apr | comedyfestival.com.au VIC

TIWI ISLANDS GRAND FINAL AND ART SALE NT

18 Mar | northernterritory.com

NOOSA FESTIVAL OF SURFING QLD

10 to 17 Mar | noosafestivalofsurfing.com

QUIKSILVER AND ROXY PRO GOLD COAST QLD

11 to 22 Mar | quiksilver.com.au/progoldcoast

WORLD SCIENCE FESTIVAL BRISBANE QLD

21 to 25 Mar | worldsciencefestival.com

ADELAIDE 500 SA

1 to 4 Mar | adelaide500.com.au

ADELAIDE FESTIVAL SA

2 to 18 Mar | adelaidefestival.com.au

WOMADELAIDE SA

9 to 12 Mar | womadelaide.com.au

SCULPTURE BY THE SEA, COTTESLOE WA

2 to 19 Mar | sculpturebythesea.com

CHANEL SEVEN MANDURAH CRAB FEST WA

17 to 18 Mar | mandurahcrabfest.tv

WHALE SHARK MIGRATION STARTS WA

Mar to Jul | exmouthwa.com.au



APRIL

ANZAC DAY NATIONAL

25 Apr | awm.gov.au

AUSTRALIAN RUNNING FESTIVAL ACT

14 to 15 Apr | runningfestival.com.au

ORANGE F.O.O.D WEEK NSW

6 to 15 Apr | orangefoodweek.com.au

SYDNEY COMEDY FESTIVAL NSW

23 Apr to 20 May | sydneycomedyfest.com.au

BYRON BAY BLUESFEST NSW

29 Mar to 2 Apr | bluesfest.com.au

MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL COMEDY FESTIVAL VIC

28 March to 22 Apr | comedyfestival.com.au

RIP CURL PRO BELLS BEACH VIC

29 to 8 Apr | ripcurl.com.au

TJUNGU FESTIVAL NT

26 to 29 Apr | ayersrockresort.com.au/events

BLEACH* FESTIVAL QLD

28 Mar to 15 Apr | bleachfestival.com.au

FESTIVAL 2018 QLD

4 to 15 Apr | gc2018.com.au/festival2018

GOLD COAST 2018 COMMONWEALTH GAMES QLD

4 to 15 Apr | gc2018.com

SILVER RAVEN FESTIVAL SA

7 Feb | silverravenfestival.com

TASTING AUSTRALIA SA

13 to 22 Apr | tastingaustralia.com.au

TARGA TASMANIA TAS

16 to 21 Apr | targa.com.au

MARGARET RIVER PRO WA

aspworldtour.com

STAIRCASE TO THE MOON WA

australiasouthwest.com/events/staircase-to-the-moon-2018



Above: Vivid Sydney 2017 – Sydney, © Destination NSW
Below: Bleach* Festival – Queensland, © Lamp Photography

Tasting Australia – Adelaide, © South Australian Tourism Commission

MAY

AUSSIE WINE MONTH NATIONAL

1 to 30 May | aussiewinmonth.com

MERCEDES-BENZ FASHION WEEK AUSTRALIA NSW

May | mbfashionweek.com/Australia

HEAD ON PHOTO FESTIVAL NSW

5 to 28 May | headon.com.au

VIVID SYDNEY NSW

26 May to 16 June | vividssydney.com

GRAMPIANS GRAPE ESCAPE VIC

5 to 6 May | grampiansgrapeescape.com.au

GOOD BEER WEEK VIC

11 to 20 May | goodbeerweek.com.au

GREAT OCEAN ROAD MARATHON VIC

19 to 20 May | greatoceanroadmarathon.com.au

HIGH COUNTRY HARVEST FESTIVAL VIC

May | highcountryharvest.com.au

BASS IN THE GRASS NT

May | bassinthegrass.com.au

ULURU CAMEL CUP NT

25 to 26 May | ulurucamelcup.com.au

BLUES ON BROADBEACH MUSIC FESTIVAL QLD

17 to 20 May | bluesonbroadbeach.com

NOOSA FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL QLD

17 to 20 May | noosafoodandwine.com.au

CLARE VALLEY GOURMET WEEKEND SA

18 to 21 May | clarevalleywinemakers.com.au

ARGYLE DIAMONDS ORD VALLEY MUSTER WA

May | ordvalleymuster.com.au

PERTH SUPERSPRINT WA

4 to 6 May | supercars.com/perth

CABLE BEACH POLO WA

26 to 27 May | cablebeachpolo.com.au

JUNE

CANBERRA & CAPITAL REGION TRUFFLE FESTIVAL ACT

1 Jun to 31 Aug | trufflefestival.com.au

HUNTER VALLEY WINE AND FOOD MONTH NSW

1 to 30 Jun | winecountry.com.au

SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL NSW

6 to 17 Jun | ssf.org.au

PEAK MUSIC FESTIVAL NSW

8 to 11 Jun | peakfestival.com.au

GOOD FOOD AND WINE SHOW MELBOURNE VIC

1 to 3 Jun | goodfoodshow.com.au/Melbourne

MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL VIC

1 to 10 Jun | melbournejazz.com

MASTERWORKS FROM MOMO VIC

8 Jun to 7 Oct | ngv.vic.gov.au

ALICE SPRINGS BEANIE FESTIVAL NT

29 Jun to 2 Jul | beaniefest.org

BARUNGA FESTIVAL NT

8 to 10 Jun | barungafestival.com.au

CROWNBET DARWIN TRIPLE CROWN SUPERCARS NT

15 to 17 Jun | supercarsdarwin.com

GOLD COAST AIRPORT MARATHON QLD

30 Jun to 1 Jul | goldcoastmarathon.com.au

ADELAIDE CABARET FESTIVAL SA

8 to 23 Jun | adelaidecabaretfestival.com.au

MCLAREN VALE SEA AND VINES SA

9 to 11 Jun | seaandvines.com.au

DARK MOFO TAS

15 to 24 Jun | darkmofo.net.au

TRUFFLE KERUFFLE SOUTHERN FOREST FOOD FESTIVAL WA

trufflekeruffle.com.au

WILDFLOWERS SEASON STARTS IN WA

NORTHERN WESTERN AUSTRALIA
Jun | westernaustralia.com/wildflowers



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JULY

- SPLENDOUR IN THE GRASS** NSW
Jul | splendourinthegrass.com
- MILLION DOLLAR FISH** NT
Jul | milliondollarfish.com.au
- LASSETERS CAMEL CUP** NT
14 Jul | camelcup.com.au
- DARWIN LIONS BEER CAN REGATTA** NT
22 Jul | beercanregatta.org.au
- THE AUSTRALIAN OUTBACK MARATHON** NT
28 Jul | australianoutbackmarathon.com
- BRISBANE TIMES GOOD FOOD MONTH** QLD
Jul | goodfoodmonth.com/brisbane
- HUMPBACK WHALE WATCHING SEASON STARTS IN QUEENSLAND** QLD
Jul | queensland.com/whales
- GOLD COAST AIRPORT MARATHON** QLD
30 Jun to 1 Jul | goldcoastmarathon.com.au
- BIRDSVILLE BIG RED BASH** QLD
10 to 12 Jul | bigredbash.com.au
- CAIRNS INDIGENOUS ART FAIR (CIAF)** QLD
13 to 15 Jul | ciaf.com.au
- REGIONAL FLAVOURS** QLD
21 to 22 Jul | regionalflavours.com.au
- ADELAIDE BEER AND BBQ FESTIVAL** SA
Jul | adelaidebeerfest.com.au
- UMBRELLA: WINTER CITY SOUNDS** SA
Jul | umbrellaadelaide.com.au
- WINTER REDS WEEKEND** SA
Jul | winterreds.com.au
- FESTIVAL OF VOICES** TAS
29 Jun to 15 Jul | festivalofvoices.com
- HUON VALLEY MID-WINTER FESTIVAL** TAS
13 to 15 Jul | huonvalleymidwinterfest.com.au
- REVELATION PERTH INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL** WA
5 to 18 Jul | revelationfilmfest.org



Penguin breeding – Tasmania, © Chi Kueng Renault Wong

AUGUST

- CITY2SURF** NSW
12 Aug | city2surf.com.au
- BLDISLOE CUP** NSW
25 Aug | rugby.com.au
- MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL** VIC
Aug | miff.com.au
- MELBOURNE WRITERS FESTIVAL** VIC
25 Aug to 3 Sep | mwf.com.au
- GARMA FESTIVAL** NT
3 to 6 Aug | garmafestival.com.au
- ALICE DESERT FESTIVAL** NT
Aug | alicedesertfestival.com.au
- DARWIN FESTIVAL** NT
9 to 26 Aug | darwinfestival.org.au
- HENLEY-ON-TODD REGATTA** NT
18 Aug | henleyontodd.com.au
- AUSTRALIAN FESTIVAL OF CHAMBER MUSIC** QLD
27 Jul to 5 Aug | afcm.com.au
- AUDI HAMILTON ISLAND RACE WEEK** QLD
18 to 25 Aug | hamiltonislandraceweek.com.au
- MOUNT ISA MINES ROTARY RODEO** QLD
9 to 12 Aug | isarodeo.com.au
- SALA FESTIVAL** SA
1 to 31 Aug | salafestival.com
- TASMANIAN WHISKY WEEK** TAS
Aug | taswhiskyweek.com
- CINÉFESTOZ** WA
22 to 26 Aug | cinefestoz.com
- SHINJU MATSURI FESTIVAL OF THE PEARL** WA
22 to 26 Aug | shinjumatsuri.com.au

SEPTEMBER

- AFL FINALS SERIES** NATIONAL
Sep | afl.com.au/finals
- FLORIADE** ACT
15 Sep to 14 Oct | floriadaustralia.com
- BLACKMORES SYDNEY RUNNING FESTIVAL** NSW
16 Sep | sydneyrunningfestival.com.au
- MELBOURNE FRINGE FESTIVAL** VIC
13 to 30 Sep | melbournefringe.com.au
- SPRING RACING CARNIVAL** VIC
Sep | springracingcarnival.com.au
- DESERT MOB** NT
8 Sep | desertmob.nt.gov.au
- BIRDSVILLE RACES** QLD
1 to 2 Sep | birdsvillerraces.com
- BRISBANE FESTIVAL** QLD
Sep | brisbanefestival.com.au
- ITU WORLD TRIATHLON GRAND FINAL GOLD COAST** QLD
12 to 16 Sep | goldcoast.triathlon.org
- SWELL SCULPTURE FESTIVAL** QLD
14 to 23 Sep | swellsculpture.com.au
- TOOWOOMBA CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS** QLD
21 to 30 Sep | tcof.com.au
- BAROSSA GOURMET WEEKEND** SA
31 Aug to 2 Sep | barossagourmet.com
- OZASIA FESTIVAL** SA
Sep to Oct | ozasiafestival.com.au
- LITTLE PENGUINS BEGIN TO BREED ALONG THE TASMANIAN COASTLINE** TAS
Sep | discovertasmania.com.au
- KINGS PARK FESTIVAL** WA
1 to 30 Sep | kingsparkfestival.com.au



Above: Humpback Whale Watching – Hervey Bay, © Vince Valitutti



Below: Sydney Running Festival – Sydney, © Destination NSW



OCTOBER

THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD GOOD FOOD MONTH NSW
1 to 31 Oct | goodfoodmonth.com/sydney

INVICTUS GAMES SYDNEY NSW
20 to 27 Oct | invictusgames2018.org

SYDNEY BEER WEEK NSW
sydneycraftbeerweek.com

ORANGE WINE FESTIVAL NSW
orangewinefestival.com.au

SCULPTURE BY THE SEA, BONDI NSW
sculpturebythesea.com

AUSTRALIAN MOTORCYCLE GRAND PRIX VIC
motogp.com.au

MELBOURNE FESTIVAL VIC
melbournefestival.com.au

MELBOURNE MARATHON VIC
melbournemarathon.com.au

WORLD PARACHUTING CHAMPIONSHIPS QLD
7 to 13 Oct | apf.com.au

V8 SUPERCARS GOLD COAST 600 QLD
supercars.com/gold-coast

NOOSA TRIATHLON MULTI SPORT FESTIVAL QLD
31 Oct to 4 Nov | noosatri.com

ADELAIDE FASHION FESTIVAL SA
adelaidefashionfestival.com.au

CAPE TO CAPE MTB WA
18 to 21 Oct | capetocapemtb.com

WILDFLOWERS SEASON STARTS IN SOUTHERN WESTERN AUSTRALIA WA
Oct | westernaustralia.com/wildflowers

NOVEMBER

MTV BEATS & EATS NSW
mtvbeatsandeats.com.au

EMIRATES AUSTRALIAN OPEN NSW
golf.org.au/ausopen

SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL ART SERIES NSW
artpass.com.au

AUSTRALIAN MASTERS GOLF VIC
australianmasters.com.au

MELBOURNE CUP CARNIVAL VIC
melbournecup.com

QUEENSLIFF MUSIC FESTIVAL VIC
qmf.net.au

TASTE OF MELBOURNE VIC
tasteofmelbourne.com.au

THE AGE GOOD FOOD MONTH VIC
melbourne.goodfoodmonth.com

AUSTRALIAN PGA CHAMPIONSHIP GOLD COAST QLD
championship.pga.org.au

WANDERLUST SUNSHINE COAST QLD
wanderlust.com

CREDIT UNION CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SA
cupageant.com.au

FEAST FESTIVAL SA
feast.org.au

HANDPICKED FESTIVAL SA
handpickedfestival.com

EFFERVESCENCE TASMANIA TAS
effervescencetasmania.com

MARGARET RIVER GOURMET ESCAPE WA
gourmetescape.com.au



Top: Wanderlust Festival – Sunshine Coast, © Melissa Gayle
Middle: The Taste of Tasmania – Tasmania, © Alastair Bett
Below: Lavender Flowering – Tasmania, © Mitch Osborne

DECEMBER

FALLS FESTIVAL NSW TAS VIC
fallsfestival.com

SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE NSW TAS
rolexsydneyhobart.com

SYDNEY NEW YEAR'S EVE NSW
sydneynewyearseve.com

V8 SUPERCARS SYDNEY 500 NSW
supercars.com/sydney

WOOLWORTHS CAROLS IN THE DOMAIN NSW
carolsinthedomain.com

BOXING DAY TEST VIC
cricket.com.au

THE BIG DESIGN MARKET MELBOURNE VIC
melbourne.thebigdesignmarket.com

WOODFORD FOLK FESTIVAL QLD
27 Dec to 1 Jan | woodfordfolkfestival.com

LAVENDER FLOWERING BEGINS IN NORTH-EAST TASMANIAN TAS
discovertasmania.com.au

THE TASTE OF TASMANIA TAS
thetasteoftasmania.com.au

MANJIMUP CHERRY HARMONY FESTIVAL WA
cherryfestival.com.au

RED BULL LIGHTHOUSE TO LEIGHTON WA
lighthouse2leighton.com.au



MTV Beats & Eats 2017 – Wollongong, © Rocket K



Above: Invictus Games Sydney 2018
Below: Melbourne Cup Carnival – Victoria, © Karon Photography

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