

Vivid Sydney

29 May and 5 June 2024 – 3 days, 2 nights



It's bright! It's sparkly! It's glitzy and glamorous! It's Vivid Sydney! Come with us to see the harbour and the city in all its bling and fabulousness at this world-renowned light festival. This annual event just keeps getting better and better, and with a 3 day, 2 night visit, we have time to add in some extra special experiences, such as a Sunset Dinner Harbour Cruise, a guided tour and dinner at the Opera House, and a cruise up the Parramatta River for lunch. Check out the itinerary below for more information...

Day 1 – Canberra to Sydney – D

After our VERY early morning pick-ups, we head to Kingston for the 7am train to Sydney Central. Sit back and enjoy the lovely scenery on this journey and grab some breakfast items from the buffet car. We will arrive in Sydney just after 11am and take the Light Rail to Circular Quay. From here it is a very short walk to our accommodation at the luxurious 5-Star Sydney Harbour Marriott Hotel. We will leave our bags with concierge while we enjoy lunch at the Customs House Bar Gastropub.

Before check-in at 3pm, you will have some time to explore The Quay and the historic Rocks precinct. We will then meet in the hotel foyer at 4pm for a leisurely walk over to Darling Harbour to board our Sunset Harbour Dinner Cruise. Experience the spectacular Vivid 'lights on' at 6pm from your upper deck window seat while you enjoy your scrumptious 3-course meal. After we disembark from our dinner cruise, we will take a walk from Darling Harbour around the waterfront past Barangaroo, Millers Point and Walsh Bay, then under the bridge to view the best of the light installations of the Vivid event.

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Day 2 - Sydney - B,D

After a lavish buffet breakfast at the hotel, you have the option of joining Janine and Jeff on the Sydney Ferries Parramatta River Cat. This relaxing and interesting 1.5 hour journey travels west along the Parramatta River past several historic points of interest and some very affluent suburbs. As the river narrows, we disembark at Parramatta and walk along the Foreshore Reserve to Lennox Bridge. Lunch is overlooking the river before our return journey on the River Cat to Circular Quay.

We will arrive back at the hotel in time to get ready for our Sydney Opera House experience, departing at 4pm. We have our private guided behind-the-scenes tour before dinner at 'Midden by Mark Olive' which is a new restaurant on the western boardwalk of the Opera House with views to the Rocks and the Harbour Bridge. Midden draws on internationally renowned celebrity chef Mark's Indigenous Australian heritage and heroes native Australian ingredients in a delicious modern menu. Dinner finishes early enough for you to catch a performance at the Opera House. This is an optional extra, and we will let you know what performances will be available, once the program is released for our tour dates.

If you do not attend a post dinner performance, you will be free to explore more of the Vivid light installations in other areas of the CBD or revisit your favourites around Circular Quay and The Rocks.

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Day 3 – Sydney to Canberra - B

This morning you have some free time to explore some more of the city's fabulous attractions such as the Botanic Gardens, the Art Gallery of NSW, the National Maritime Museum, or anywhere you like really, as long as you're back at the hotel for checkout at 11am! We will then make our way back to Central Station for our 12pm train journey back to Canberra.

Tour departs Canberra **Wednesday 29 May** and **Wednesday 5 June 2024**

Inclusions:

- Return transfers to Canberra Kingston Railway Station
- Return First Class train travel Canberra to Sydney
- Sunset Dinner Harbour Cruise on Day 1
- Guided behind-the-scenes tour of the Opera House
- Dinner at Midden Restaurant at the Opera House
- All accommodation in a City View Room
- Meals as indicated above
- Two fabulous tour guides and lots of fun and laughs!

Not included:

- Light Rail fares Central Station to Circular Quay return – approx. \$5.50 return (full adult fare) or \$4 return with Gold Opal Card.
- Optional River Cat return to Parramatta – approx. \$19.40 return (full adult fare) or \$2.50 daily cap with Gold Opal Card.
- Meals on board the train – approx. \$13 for a hot meal
- Coffee and/or cake at morning tea stops
- Alcohol

Cost:

\$1700 per person double or twin share
Single supplement = \$300

Please note:

This tour requires a minimum of 12 guests on each departure to run.

Balances for this tour will be due 90 days prior to departure on 28 February and 4 March 2024 respectively.

This tour involves walking (sometimes over uneven surfaces) and stairs at some locations, including on the boat for our Sunset Dinner Cruise and during the Opera House tour. The walk from the hotel to the wharf for our Sunset Dinner Cruise is 1.1km. The walk from the hotel to the Opera House is also 1km. Other walks to view installations other than at the Quay are longer, and optional.

The Sydney Harbour Marriott Hotel

All rooms included in the tour price are 'City View Rooms,' are ensuited and have level access and walk-in showers. There is the option to upgrade to a 'Bridge View Room' for \$100 per night, or an 'Opera View Room' for \$120 per night. Please advise upon booking if you would like to purchase an upgrade. We will require your credit card number at least 30 days prior to departure, to be given to the hotel to cover mini-bar and incidentals to your room.

Travel

We will need a copy of your government issued seniors card or pension card, as well as an image of your photo I.D. to book your train fare with Trainlink (photos from your phone via text to Janine will be fine). If you are a pension card holder, and would like to use your 2 free travel vouchers for the train, we will also need copies of those. If these are valid and accepted by Trainlink, you will receive a \$50 discount off your tour balance owing with us at 90 days prior.

If you have neither a government issued seniors card nor a pension card, your train journey will be at the full adult rate, which will be an additional \$50 to be added to your balance owing with us at 90 days prior.

To tap on and off for travel on the Light Rail and the River Cat at seniors' fares (see above), you will need a Gold Opal Card with at least a \$10 balance. If you're an ACT Seniors Card holder or an interstate Pensioner Concession Card holder, you can apply for your Gold Opal Card at www.opal.com.au/ordercard. Alternatively, you can use your regular contactless Visa/Mastercard/American Express card for full adult fare only. See; <https://transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/opal/contactless-payments>

Booking with us is confirmation that you have read and accept our Terms and Conditions (see below).

Thank you for your interest in our tour, and please do not hesitate in contacting us should you have any questions at all, including how to book your seat/s.

We look forward to having you on board soon!



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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The agreement

When you make a booking with Gang Gang Tours Pty Ltd (ACN 612628878), you agree to have read and accept the following terms and conditions.

Validity

All advertised dates, itineraries and prices are valid until 31 December 2024.

Travel insurance

To travel with us, international guests will need comprehensive travel insurance that covers cancellation, and that includes the highest level of medical cover available. You will need to show it to the guide before you board the bus. We strongly suggest that domestic guests also have comprehensive travel insurance that covers cancellation, amendment and emergency accommodation. Please speak to your travel agent, or visit [CHOICE](#) for unbiased product reviews. Please see our [FAQs](#) for more information.

Payment and cancellation policy

A \$300 non-refundable deposit is paid at the time of booking to secure your place (\$855 for Lord Howe tour 8 April 2024). The balance of the tour cost (plus a single supplement if applicable) is payable 60 days prior to departure (180 days for Lord Howe tour 8 April 2024, 90 days for Vivid Sydney 28 May and 4 June 2024). If a booking is made within 60 days of the departure date (180 days for Lord Howe tour 8 April 2024, 90 days for Vivid Sydney 28 May and 4 June 2024), full payment will be required at the time of booking.

Our tours require extensive planning, coordination and costs, as well as advance bookings and payments of accommodation and activities. In the unfortunate event that you have to cancel your tour with us, the following cancellation fees will apply:

Bookings cancelled more than 60 days prior to departure - Forfeit of \$300 non-refundable deposit (90 days for Vivid Sydney 28 May and 4 June 2024, 180 days for Lord Howe tour 8 April 2024, \$855 deposit).

Bookings cancelled within 60 days prior to departure - 100% of tour cost (180 days for Lord Howe tour 8 April 2024, 90 days for Vivid Sydney 28 May and 4 June 2024).

Please note that your tour cost is fully transferrable. If you have someone that is willing to take your seat on the tour, a simple name transfer can take place.

Notice of cancellation must be received in writing and must be sent to info@ganggangtours.com.au or PO Box 568 Jindabyne NSW 2627.

Transferring to another tour date may be treated as a cancellation if we cannot fill your seat.

Our customised private tours will require a 30% non-refundable deposit, payable upon booking. The balance of the tour cost will be due 60 days prior to departure, with no refunds after this time.

Our scheduled tours require a minimum of eight persons to run.

Payment of deposit and/or tour balance can be made by direct bank transfer, personal cheque or bank cheque. Unfortunately, we cannot accept credit cards for payment.

PLEASE NOTE: If a tour is cancelled by us due to Force Majeure (i.e. circumstances and/or events outside the control of Gang Gang Tours Pty Ltd) such as (but not limited to) bushfires, floods and pandemics (i.e. lockdowns and/or border closures that prohibit us from conducting the tour), all monies possible will be refunded to you, minus your \$300 deposit which will be held as credit for you for a future tour (and will be

fully transferable). In addition, if any of our third-party providers do not provide a refund to us, but instead offer us a credit, then these monies will also be held in credit for you.

Privacy policy

Any information we collect from you, will only be used for the purpose of providing our tour product to you, and will be kept confidential. We may use your email address in the future to let you know about new Gang Gang Tours products and news.

Health, fitness, mobility and medical conditions

Any pre-existing medical conditions must be disclosed at the time of booking, and a Confidential Application and Medical History Form may be emailed to you, to be completed prior to departure. We may request further information and/or a medical clearance to travel (at your expense), before your booking is confirmed.

Our tours suit guests of all fitness levels, however, our guests' mobility should be adequate to board and disembark our 22 seater bus (3 steps with handrails available) and to negotiate uneven surfaces and a few steps at some locations. Some of our tours involve more walking than others (e.g. our garden tours, walking tours, or tours including guided town walking tours). Where a tour includes for example more stairs than is regular, or showers over baths, this will be stated in the tour itinerary on our website. Please familiarise yourself with the tour itinerary and activity inclusions before booking.

Guests should be able to manage their own luggage, although Jeff and Janine do aim to help with your bags at every opportunity. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate walking frames, as our bus does not have any under-bus storage, and we cannot guarantee smooth level access at all locations. The only form of walking aid that can be accommodated is a walking stick.

Please click [HERE](#) for our current Covid-19 policy.

Gang Gang Tours is a non-smoking tour operation.

Change of itinerary

From time to time, travel routes, activities, accommodation and scheduling may have to be changed with little or no notice due to, but not limited to, events such as inclement weather, road works, natural disasters, operational issues, accidents, or other unforeseen circumstances. In these instances, no refunds will be offered, nor is Gang Gang Tours liable for any cancellation fees incurred from connecting services. If while on tour, additional accommodation costs are incurred due to (but not limited to) the factors listed above, these additional costs will be the responsibility of the guest. These 'emergency accommodation' costs are claimable on a comprehensive travel insurance policy.

Yarrangobilly Caves House

This heritage listed accommodation is very popular, and a long lead time is required to guarantee availability. Every effort will be made on every Snowy Mountains Hydro Majestic tour to secure this accommodation, but if it is not available, then an alternative of equal quality will be provided.

Acceptance of risk

Your safety and comfort are our highest priority. All of our guests participate in our tours at their own risk, and Gang Gang Tours can accept no responsibility for any loss, accident, illness or injury incurred by you. All guests will need to sign liability waivers and Covid-19 declarations before they can board the bus.

Limit of liability

To put together our tours, we work with a number of other quality businesses, who also have your safety and comfort as their number one priority. Some of these providers may also require you to sign a liability waiver before participation. Gang Gang Tours takes no responsibility for any act of neglect by these providers or their agents that may result in loss, accident, illness or injury to you.

Authority on tour

Guests must abide by any direction given by the tour guides regarding their behaviour and/or actions. This is especially important in National Parks, in or near a body of water, and in any area with elevated and/or particular risks and hazards, as deemed by the tour guides. Failure to abide by the tour guides' direction may result in denial of onward travel with no refund. This also pertains to any behaviour or action, as deemed by the tour guides, to be negatively impacting on the safety and or enjoyment of another guest or guests.

Gang Gang Tours Pty Ltd reserves the right to amend these Terms & Conditions from time to time, without notice, and these Terms & Conditions apply as at the date of your initial booking.