

In 2012, NSW will host a spectacular array of international art exhibitions, high adrenalin sports, exciting family entertainment and world premieres. If it's worth seeing, it's on in NSW! Below is just a sample of what's in store until Winter's end. [Please use sticky tabs on back to affix.](#)

JANUARY



Sydney Festival 7 – 29 January

The world's most wonderful summer festival!
Locations across Sydney and Parramatta

Rafael Lozano-Hemmer: Recorders until 12 February

Interact with amazing artworks to bring them to life.
Museum of Contemporary Art

Harry Potter: The Exhibition until 18 March

Casts a spell with hundreds of authentic costumes and props.
Sydney Powerhouse Museum

Picasso: Masterpieces from the Musée National Picasso, Paris until 25 March

Experience a collection of 150 works spanning 70 years.
Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney

Jayco Tamworth Country Music Festival 20 – 29 January

Hundreds of performances celebrating its 40th anniversary.
Tamworth, NSW

FEBRUARY



Australian Open of Surfing 11 – 19 February

Inaugural event featuring the best of surfing, skating and music.
Manly Beach, Sydney

Sydney Chinese New Year Festival 20 January – 5 February

The Year of the Dragon roars with cultural events and the Twilight Parade.
Chinatown and Haymarket, Sydney

KFC T20 International Cricket 1 February

See Australia and India battle it out in this fast paced match.
ANZ Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park

Movie Extra Tropfest 17 – 19 February

The 20th year of the world's largest outdoor short-film festival.
The Domain, Sydney Central Business District

Armor All Bathurst 12 Hour 24 – 26 February

The best of prestige cars race for top honours.
Mt Panorama, Bathurst

MARCH



Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour 24 March – 15 April

Experience the grandeur of Verdi's 'La Traviata' outdoors on a harbour stage.
Sydney Royal Botanic Gardens

Sydney Mardi Gras Parade 3 March

A dazzling celebration of diversity and flamboyance.
Oxford Street, Sydney

Surfest 7 – 18 March

See over 700 men and women compete at this 6-star event.
Merewether Beach, Newcastle

CMC Rocks The Hunter Festival 16 – 18 March

Tim McGraw and Faith Hill headline a weekend of country music.
Hope Estate Wineries, Hunter Valley

Opera in the Paddock 24 March

Enjoy renowned singers and a 22-piece orchestra in a natural bush setting.
Inverell, NSW

APRIL



Sydney Carnival 24 March – 28 April

See the famous AAMI Golden Slipper Day, David Jones Australian Derby Day, Doncaster Day and more.
Rosehill Gardens and Royal Randwick

Yonex Australian Open – Grand Prix Gold 3 – 8 April

See the world's best badminton players compete.
Sydney Convention Centre, Darling Harbour

Sydney Royal Easter Show 5 – 18 April

Fun for everyone, showcasing the best of Australian country life.
Sydney Showground, Sydney Olympic Park

Orange F.O.O.D Week 13 – 22 April

Savour the finest foods and wines in a festival atmosphere.
Orange, NSW

ITU World Championship Series Sydney Triathlon 14 – 15 April

The first round of the eight-city series is open to elites and age-group competitors.
Sydney

MAY



An Officer and a Gentleman – World Premiere Opens 18 May

One of the most enduring love stories premieres in Sydney.
Lyric Theatre – The Star, Sydney

Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week Australia 30 April – 4 May

Designers present their collections to the fashion fraternity.
Overseas Passenger Terminal, Sydney

Urban Hotel Group Ironman Australia Port Macquarie 6 May

See the fittest athletes compete in this challenging course.
Port Macquarie

Sydney Writers' Festival 14 – 20 May

Australia's largest annual festival for literature lovers.
Sydney

Archibald Prize Exhibition until 3 June 2012

Australia's extraordinary art event displaying The Archibald, Wynne and Sulman Prize Winners.
Art Gallery NSW, Sydney

JUNE



Vivid Sydney 25 May – 11 June

Sydney is transformed into a creative canvas of light installations, live music and creative forums.
Sydney Opera House, Circular Quay and The Rocks

Wintersun 1 – 11 June

Nostalgic fun, with over 80 bands, car shows and street parades.
Coffs Harbour, NSW

Sydney Film Festival 6 – 17 June

Enjoy the many films, shorts, documentaries and archive classics.
Various venues across Sydney

Harvey Norman State of Origin II 13 June

See the true Rugby League colours of the Blues and the Maroons at their best.
ANZ Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park







18th Biennale of Sydney 27 June – 16 September

Australia's leading contemporary visual arts event.
Various venues across Sydney

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