

Australian Open - The Grand Slam of Asia/Pacific

Event Dates – 14 to 28 January 2024

Venue - Melbourne Park, Melbourne, Victoria

The Australian Open is one of the biggest events in tennis. There are only four Grand Slam events in the world and the two-week Australian Open is the first each year, kicking off the annual tennis calendar before players follow the circuit to the French Open, Wimbledon and US Open.



Summer in Australia is tennis. Balmy nights, world-class tennis players, colourful fans, live entertainment at Grand Slam Oval and all the tennis action live on the big screen at Garden Square.

For two weeks in January/February, Melbourne Park has it all.

Witness the drama unfold as the world's greatest athletes dominate the courts at Melbourne Park and test each other's skill, determination, courage and endurance. More than mere sporting heroes, the global tennis superstars are all striving to claim the first Grand Slam title of the tennis season.

To see the tennis superstars and your favourite players, mid-range tickets offer entry to the 7500-seat Margaret Court Arena, or you can spend more to watch matches at the 15,000-seat Rod Laver Arena, considered the tournament's "centre court".

One of the most underrated and affordable tickets is a Ground Pass, which gives you access to the outdoor courts, as well as the John Cain Arena (unreserved seating). Between matches, you can easily fill your day (and night) exploring the fan zones, shops, dining, bars, live music and attractions like Grand Slam Oval.

Every year the Australian Open gets bigger, better, more intense and more breathtaking as these stunning athletes leave nothing to chance in their quest for the ultimate prize.

Melbourne Park is in close proximity to the Melbourne City Centre – about 10 minutes' walk. Trams and trains are an easy way to access the Melbourne Park. Limited car parking is available at Yarra Park at the MCG.

Facilities:

- Alcohol, Bar, Dining
- Entertainment; Child Activities
- Coach Parking
- Access With Assistance for the Disabled; Toilet facilities for the Disabled
- Medical Facilities, Shops

Santos Tour Down Under

Event dates: 12 – 21 January, 2024

Venue: Adelaide and Regional South Australia

Australia's premier cycling event, the Santos Tour Down Under will once again welcome the best cyclists from around the world to South Australia.



This event brings UCI WorldTour professional cycling (male) teams to race on the streets of Adelaide and regional South Australia each January. Up for grabs are important UCI points and the Santos Ochre Leader's Jersey.

The event, first staged in 1999, has a rich history and has grown year on year to become the biggest cycling race in the southern hemisphere. In 2008 the TDU joined the prestigious UCI World Tour, the first event outside cycling's traditional home of Europe to do so.

The Santos Tour Down Under is home to the largest Festival of Cycling in the southern hemisphere, with a range of associated events, mass-participation rides for kids and adults, street parties and live music combining to create a massive party atmosphere across South Australia.

The race visits some of South Australia's spectacular beaches, world famous wine regions and country towns before the finale on the streets of Adelaide.

A reworked Tour Down Under Classic Criterium route will have the Tour Village as backdrop to the men's curtain-raising ride. Success here doesn't count towards Santos Tour Down Under standings – but there's nothing like victory to boost an athlete's early-season confidence. In 2024 the circuit will extend across 1.35 kilometres, starting on Wakefield Street before continuing along Pulteney, Flinders and King William.

The Men's race routes include the Down Under Classic and 6 Stages.
The Women's race routes include the Down Under Criterium and 3 stages.

The Santos Tour Down Under invites the whole state to the party, by taking the race through South Australian regions.

Take the hassle out of your travel to and from each regional stage by securing your place on a Santos Tour Down Under spectator bus transfer. Buses depart from the Tour Village in Victoria Square / Tarntanyangga.

Byron Bay Bluesfest

Event Dates: 28 March - 1 April 2024

Byron Bay Bluesfest is Australia's Premier Contemporary Blues & Roots Music Festival. From a modest crowd of 6,000 when it began in 1990, Bluesfest now attracts an audience of over 100,000.

It showcases music from around the world annually on the Easter long weekend on 120 hectares at Tyagarah Tea Tree Farm, just north of Byron Bay in New South Wales.

Bluesfest presents over 200 performances across multiple stages over five 12 hour days, as well as camping for up to 6,000 people, 5 licensed bars, over 100 food and market stalls, undercover food courts, beer gardens, and family entertainment.

Bluesfest presents the biggest names in music to Australian audiences each year that have included Bob Dylan, Hozier, Paul Simon, Gary Clark Jr., Angus & Julia Stone, Robert Plant, Alabama Shakes, John Mayer, Jurassic 5, James Brown, Zac Brown Band, Joss Stone, David Gray, Trombone Shorty, Angelique Kidjo, John Legend & BB King, to name but a few.

It is regarded as the foremost destination festival in Australia & renowned for being a safe, fun, family-friendly event.

SERVICES & FACILITIES

5 Undercover Performance Stages & 1 Busking Stage
5 licensed bars
CAR PARKS: free car parking for day festival holder.
SEATING: yes you can bring your own portable chairs.
Food & market stalls
Merch Shop
Artist signing
Undercover food courts with seating
Undercover coffee tent with seating
Child Activities daily
Breastfeeding and Nappy Change Area
EFTPOS Facilities
First Aid
Disability Access- parking, toilets and camping
Cloak Room
Information stall
On site Camping with shower and toilet facilities.
Shuttle bus services from town centre and surrounding towns
Phone charging facilities
Big screens in both the Mojo and Crossroads areas

How to get there - The closest airports are Ballina and Gold Coast Airports, both 45 minutes by car. Brisbane International Airport is another option, two hours by car. Byron Bay is well served by buses, and once you're in the town, regular shuttle buses run to the Bluesfest site.

Perth International Arts Festival

Event Dates – 9 February – 3 March 2024

Venue - Perth

The Perth International Arts Festival has its roots in providing entertainment and cultural opportunities to participants in The University of Western Australia's adult education program in the early 1950's.



Unashamedly modelled on the Edinburgh International Festival, Perth International Arts Festival presented its first program in 1953 to an audience of some 42,000 attendances and has continued to do this with extraordinary success every year.

Perth International Arts Festival curates and presents an annual arts festival of the highest international quality. We aspire to create new work and stimulate discourse about Western Australia and our place in a complex and political world.

The Festival's ambition is to lift audience expectations and opportunities for Western Australian arts practice, contributing to a vibrant and resilient culture.

Founded in 1953 by The University of Western Australia, the Perth International Arts Festival is the longest running international arts festival in Australia and Western Australia's premier cultural event.

The Festival has developed a worldwide reputation for excellence in its international program, the presentation of new works and the highest quality artistic experiences for its audience.

Over the years PIAF has welcomed to Perth some of the world's greatest living artists and now connects with over 500,000 people each year in Perth and the Great Southern.

Festival Categories include – Performance, Free, Music, Literature & Ideas, Film, Visual Arts, Touring WA.

Perth International Arts Festival acknowledges that our events take place on the traditional lands of the Noongar people and we wish to pay our respects to the traditional custodians of this Country.

As we celebrate the work of contemporary artists from around the world, we also acknowledge and respect the continuing culture of the Whadjuk people and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region.