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## New tour gives a ‘Taste of the Opera House’

– *Ultimate degustation experience takes visitors on a culinary tour of Australia’s icon* –

**Sydney – Tuesday, 22 November 2016.** Launched today, the Sydney Opera House’s first ever degustation tour offers a unique opportunity to experience the symbol of modern Australia through the finest contemporary Australian cuisine.

The intimate, all-inclusive *Taste of the Opera House* degustation experience takes foodies on a three-hour guided tour of the Opera House’s award-winning restaurants and bars. Bringing together the best of Australian food and culture, the new gastronomic experience includes:

- Cocktail-making at [Opera Bar](#) with one of their top mixologists, followed by a seafood and charcuterie tasting at the popular Raw Bar and Meat + Cheese Room;
- A Japanese sushi-making masterclass at [Opera Kitchen](#) to learn the tricks of the trade from one of their top chefs, where guests will have the chance enjoy their creations with a glass of sake;
- Specially prepared lunch menu from [Portside Sydney](#)’s ‘hatted’ head chef Lauren Murdoch including paired wines showcasing local winemakers; and
- A signature dessert and theatrical cocktail experience at Peter Gilmore’s [Bennelong](#), skilfully served and hosted by Bar Manager Aaron Gaulke.

**Jade McKellar, Sydney Opera House Director of Visitor Experience**, said: “Food is such an important part of Australia’s culture and lifestyle. It is central to so much of what we offer at the Opera House, from the diverse and sophisticated dining options showcased in our new *Taste of the Opera House* experience to our talks and ideas programming, including Chez Panisse’s Alice Waters, Noma founder Rene Redzepi and food superstars Jamie Oliver and Nigella Lawson.



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“More than 450,000 people now take a tour of the Opera House each year. *Taste of the Opera House* takes them behind the scenes of our celebrated restaurants for the first time to experience the drama and theatre of food while delving into the history, architecture and insider stories of this world-famous cultural icon.”

*Taste of the Opera House runs once a month on a Sunday (dates vary) from 10:45am to 2:30pm for a maximum of 10 people. Tickets are \$295 per person.*

To book, call +61 (2) 9250 7250 or visit: [www.sydneyoperahouse.com/tasteoftheoperahouse](http://www.sydneyoperahouse.com/tasteoftheoperahouse)

Images are available for download here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/6303bxmseve1ms6/AAC7zRNYzKM3RilsqK2oDNega?dl=0>

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The Opera House is a masterpiece that belongs to all Australians. It is the country's number one tourist destination and its busiest performing arts centre, welcoming more than 8.2 million visitors a year on site and hosting more than 2,000 performances attended by more than 1.5 million people. Deloitte has estimated the total cultural and iconic value of the Sydney Opera House to Australia at \$4.6 billion. On its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2013, the Opera House embarked upon a Decade of Renewal to prepare it for future generations of artists, audiences and visitors.