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GIVE THE GIFT OF EXPERIENCE THIS CHRISTMAS WITH A STELLAR LINE-UP OF EVENTS IN NSW

With Christmas only six weeks' away, why not avoid the panic of last-minute gift-buying by giving your loved ones an unforgettable experience tickets to one of the many blockbuster events taking place across Sydney and New South Wales.

Whether it's a world-class opera performance, exclusive art exhibition, a musical or an action-packed sporting event, tickets to New South Wales' stellar line-up of 2017 events are sure to make the fussiest of friends and family happy this Christmas.

Destination NSW has made Christmas shopping easier with these gift ideas:

For sports fans:

- **New Year's Test, Sydney** - From Tuesday 3 January 2017
Tickets from \$31 per day available at www.ticketek.com.au
NSW's biggest sporting event of the year, the annual **New Year's Test**, will see Australia play Pakistan at the Sydney Cricket Ground
- **FAST4, Sydney** - Monday 9 January 2017
Tickets from \$9 available at www.ticketek.com.au
Sydney is set for a blockbuster week of tennis in January when world No.4 and 14-time Grand Slam Champion **Rafael Nadal** (ESP) returns for the **FAST4** showdown. Nadal will be joined in the World team by world No.5 **Kei Nishikori** (JPN) and will take on Australian duo **Nick Kyrgios** and **Bernard Tomic** at the new International Convention Centre in Darling Harbour
- **Apia International, Sydney** - From Sunday 8 – Sunday 14 January 2017
Tickets from \$20 per day available at www.ticketek.com.au
Following FAST4, visitors will be able to watch world No. 1 **Angelique Kerber** (GER) and world No.10 **Dominic Thiem** (AUT) take on the stars of tennis at Sydney Olympic Park Tennis Centre
- **HSBC Sydney 7s, Sydney** – From Friday 3 – Sunday 5 February 2017
Tickets from \$20 available at www.ticketek.com.au
Sydney 7s will include an official leg of the Women's Sevens World Series, giving Australia's Olympic Gold medallists the opportunity to compete in a World Rugby-sanctioned tournament on home soil for the first time, at Allianz Stadium, Moore Park
- **2017 Harvey Norman Rugby League All Stars, Newcastle** - Friday 10 February 2017
Tickets from \$20 available at www.ticketmaster.com.au
NRL fans can get their first taste of Rugby League for 2017 when the **Indigenous All Stars** take on the **World All Stars** team at Hunter Stadium
- **Bowl-A-Rama, Bondi** - Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 February 2017
Tickets go on sale soon from www.oztix.com.au
Bowl-A-Rama is Australia's biggest skateboarding competition, attracting legendary and current pro skaters from around the world. In 2017, Bowl-A-Rama will be held over two days with Tony Hawk returning to defend his Masters title
- **Arsenal Football Club v Sydney Football Club and Western Sydney Wanderers, Sydney** - Thursday 13 and Saturday 15 July 2017
Tickets from \$39 available at www.ticketek.com.au
For the first time in 40 years, English Premier League giants **Arsenal Football Club** will play back-

to-back games against Sydney Football Club and the Western Sydney Wanderers at ANZ Stadium

For artistic souls:

- **iD as part of [Sydney Festival, Parramatta](#)** - Thursday 12 – Sunday 22 January 2017
Tickets from \$40 - \$70 available at www.sydneyfestival.org.au
Sydney Festival's exclusive circus event, *iD*, is a high-energy blend of circus, arts and urban dance, featuring 15 acrobats, aerialists and break-dancers
- **[Disney's Aladdin, Sydney](#)** - until February 2017
Tickets from \$75 available at www.ticketmaster.com.au
From the producer of *The Lion King* and *Mary Poppins*, the hit Broadway musical **Disney's Aladdin** comes to Sydney. With exhilarating choreography, show-stopping production numbers and astonishing visual effects, *Aladdin* is a must-see-show that's "Pure Genie-us!" Now showing at the Capitol Theatre.
- **[Sydney International Art Pass, Sydney](#)** – Various dates until March 2017
Tickets from \$37 available at www.artpass.com.au
Culture lovers will enjoy the **Sydney International Art Pass** which provides entry to two Sydney-exclusive art exhibitions which are part of the **Sydney International Art Series**. *Nude: art from the Tate collection* is on until 5 February 2017 at the Art Gallery of NSW while *Tatsuo Miyajima: Connect with Everything* is on until 5 March 2017 at the Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA)
- **[Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour, Sydney](#)** - Friday 24 March – Sunday 23 April 2017
Tickets from \$59 available at www.opera.org.au
Treat a loved one to world-class opera, sparkling wine, fine dining, sunsets and an incredible spectacle on the harbour's edge at Bizet's *Carmen* for **Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour**

For music lovers:

- **[Parkes Elvis Festival, Parkes](#)** – Thursday 12 – Sunday 15 January 2017
Tickets from \$71 available on the door at Parkes Leagues Club
Elvis lovers will enjoy a ticket to the Feature Concert Series as part of the **Parkes Elvis Festival**. In 2017, UK Elvis tribute artist Pete Storm will be joined by US Elvis tribute artist, Jake Rowley, in a double-header spectacular to mark the Festival's 25th anniversary. They will perform four high-energy shows, taking visitors from the early years of rock'n'roll through to the legendary Las Vegas years of the 1970s
- **[Tamworth Country Music Festival, Tamworth](#)** - Friday 20 – Sunday 29 January 2017
Tickets from \$15 available from www.tcmf.com.au
A ticket to Australia's largest music festival, the **Tamworth Country Music Festival**, will have country music fans in their element this Christmas. With more than 2,800 gigs to choose from, there is sure to be something for everyone.

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