NEW SOUTH WALES

AUSTRALIA

New South Wales really steps up to the plate when it comes to food and wine experiences - from the oldest wine region in Australia, the Hunter Valley, to Sydney Harbour dining with a view, award winning world-class restaurants, to more than 2000km of coastline bursting with fresh seafood, New South Wales offers visitors exceptional food and wine experiences.

WINE REGIONS: THE HUNTER VALLEY AND ORANGE

THE HUNTER VALLEY

Australia's oldest wine-growing region, the **Hunter Valley**, is also renowned for its fine dining, cooking schools, galleries, health spa retreats and golf courses. A diverse calendar of food and wine events including performances by world famous names in jazz, opera and blues music also take place throughout the year.

SPOTLIGHT:

HUNTER VALLEY STAND OUT DROPS ARE SHIRAZ, SEMILLON AND CHARDONNAY

» The Hunter Valley's dry white Semillon is said to be the best in the world

» Located a 2 hour drive from Sydney. Easy self-drive, alternatively one day and multi-day tours available from Sydney

» 150 wineries, vineyards and cellar doors and 65 restaurants

» Local produce includes cheese, chocolate, oils, olives and more

» Overnight at Audrey Wilkinson's Guesthouse with a gourmet dinner prepared by a private chef

» Experience fine dining at Bistro Molines, The Tallavera Grove Vineyard

ORANGE

With some of the best regional restaurants in NSW, award winning cool climate wines and charming boutique accommodation, Orange is a must for gourmands.

SPOTLIGHT:

ORANGE

» Located four hours' drive west of Sydney

» Tour family-run vineyards and top-notch providores

» Dine at highly-regarded restaurants such as **Lolli Redini, Union Bank** and **Bistro Ceello.**

» Sample local produce at **Orange Farmers Market** (second Saturday of every month)

» Time visit with an event such as **F.O.O.D**. in April and **Orange Wine Week** in October

SYDNEY FISH MARKETS

Sydney Fish Markets are the largest of their kind in the Southern Hemisphere providing the perfect opportunity to sample fresh Australian seafood. One of Sydney's most popular attractions, attracting locals, food fanatics and tourists alike.

SPOTLIGHT:

» Located just behind Sydney's iconic Darling Harbour

» Open daily from 7am-4 pm (except Christmas Day)

» **Behind the scenes tour** held every weekday except Tuesday 06:40am-08:30am, includes a visit to the live auction floor and viewing of over 100 species of seafood.

» **Sydney Seafood School**, offers a range of cooking classes delivered by some of Australia's finest chefs

» Dine at on-site restaurants or pick up supplies from one of the retailers

RESTAURANT AUSTRALIA

EMIRATES ONE&ONLY WOLGAN VALLEY, GREATER BLUE MOUNTAINS

Set on a 1,618 hectare property, surrounded by towering sandstone escarpments and home to grazing wombats, wallabies and wallaroos, this former cattle station in the greater Blue Mountains, is considered one of the state's finest luxury food destinations.

SPOTLIGHT:

» Located 3 hours' drive from Sydney, helicopter and luxury vehicle transfers available

» For self-drive clients, recommend a lunch stop at the historic **Paragon Café** in Katoomba nearby Three Sisters Lookout

» 40 luxury villas. Rate includes meals and sommelier-selected wines from top NSW vineyards

» The resorts culinary mantra is 'seasonal, regional and organic' drawing upon the finest ingredients from the area's artisan producers as well as the resorts own kitchen garden

» Add on a food and wine tour, exploring the local wine regions of Mudgee or Orange

FLY AND DINE

For a dining experience where the journey to the restaurant is as spectacular as the food, try **Sydney Seaplanes** fly and dine packages.

SPOTLIGHT:

SYDNEY SEAPLANES

» Depart Rose Bay in Sydney's east to one of Sydney Seaplanes partner restaurants

» Amazing waterfront restaurants, offering world class cuisine, service and location

» Alternatively fly to a secluded beach accessible only by boat or seaplane for a romantic picnic. Popular for proposals!

» Return scenic flight takes in Sydney's spectacular harbour with views of the Harbour Bridge and Sydney Opera House

MORE FOOD AND WINE EXPERIENCES IN NEW SOUTH WALES

» Visitors to pristine **Lord Howe Island**, just 2 hours flight from Sydney are in for a seafood treat. Here they can catch garfish off the jetty, head out to the Pacific to bag some serious game fish, hand feed schools of mullet in the shallows of famous Ned's beach or dine on simply grilled kingfish caught earlier that day.

» There aren't many awards that Sydney restaurant **Quay** has not won. With point blank views of Sydney's famous and iconic Sydney Opera House as well as food consistently rated among the best in Australia – Quay has it all.

» Another stupendous Sydney site for a restaurant, **Icebergs** offers unrivalled views of Bondi Beach, superb service, Italian-ish food and great people spotting.

» In the Hunter Valley the **Margan** name has become synonymous with excellence with their multi-award winning vineyard, cellar door and restaurant.

FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL AND EVENTS CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

NSW Food & Wine Festival

A month-long, statewide celebration, featuring everything from wine dinners and special wine-tastings to master classes and workshops.

JUNE

Hunter Valley Wine and Food Month

Throughout June the Hunter Valley's winemakers together with its produce growers and chefs come together for four weeks of wine-themed activities.

OCTOBER

Orange Wine Week- Orange, New South Wales

This Week-long festival highlights the cool-climate reds and whites of the Orange region. Events include the Orange Wine Show, winery tours, workshops and tastings.

USEFUL LINKS

Sydney Food and Wine Itinerary

Hunter Valley

Orange

Lolli Redini, Orange

Union Bank, Orange

Bistro Ceello, Orange

F.O.O.D. Orange

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Legendary Pacific Coast Touring Route