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# SYDNEY

Theatre, Music & Art

## Overview

Academy Travel is delighted to present a four-night program in Sydney for lovers of the performing and visual arts. The itinerary is based around four outstanding performances: a live theatre production of *Light Shining in Buckinghamshire*, Sydney Theatre Company's timeless masterpiece *Death of a Salesman*, starring Wayne Blair and *Sibelius' Fifth Symphony* performed by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra and the smash hit musical *Hamilton*. We have excellent seats for all events.

Around the performances we have woven a program of gallery visits and experiences designed to show off some of Sydney's hidden treasures. We have also included dining in some excellent restaurants. Accommodation is in the luxurious Fullerton Hotel, located in the former GPO of Sydney on Martin Place.

## Tour leader

The tour is led by Christopher Menz. Christopher is a former art museum director and curator of the Art Gallery of South Australia and has been leading tours since 2013. He has expertise and interest in the visual arts and music. He has published and lectured extensively on Australian and European decorative arts, and led several tours abroad for Academy Travel and *Australian Book Review*.

## Essential information

**Tour dates:** November 9-13, 2021

**Price per person:** \$3,870

**Supplement for sole use of double room:** \$740

**Deposit:** \$500

**Maximum number in group:** 20

**Start:** 4pm, November 9, Fullerton Hotel

**Finish:** After breakfast, November 13, Fullerton Hotel

## Fitness level

★ Reasonable stamina required

## Itinerary

Sydney (4 nights)

## Further information and bookings

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## Highlights

### Hamilton

Lin-Manuel Miranda's once-in-a-generation musical is having a sell-out run in Sydney. *Hamilton* tells the dramatic story of one of the founding fathers of the United States with witty, poetic dialogue and an inventive score.

### Sibelius' Fifth Symphony

Partially inspired by sixteen swans taking flight, the Sydney Symphony Orchestra soars before reaching a rock star finish, with an Australian premiere performance of Jaakko Kuusisto's dramatic Violin Concerto.

### Death of a Salesman

In some of the best writing ever composed for the stage, Arthur Miller's timeless masterpiece is a compassionate insight into the life of a family facing broken dreams, and a realisation of living for now.

### Private motor launch tour of Sydney Harbour

The motor catamaran *Fleetwing* takes us to the Quarantine Station on North Head and then to lunch in a secluded restaurant overlooking Clifton Gardens.

## Detailed itinerary

### Tuesday, 9 November 2021

Independent check in to the Fullerton Hotel from 2pm.

At 4.00pm meet your fellow tour participants for an early dinner and transfer to the Belvoir theatre for an evening performance of *Light Shining in Buckinghamshire*. (D)

### Wednesday, 10 November 2021

This morning we walk down to the King St Wharf, where the 38-foot motor catamaran *Fleetwing* takes us on a private cruise up Sydney Harbour to the Quarantine Station at North Head. Here a guide explains the history of this beautiful site. We then head to Clifton Gardens, an exclusive harbourfront neighbourhood. We enjoy lunch at Ripples, a restaurant in a historic building overlooking the beach. We return in the mid-afternoon. After a talk in the hotel, we head to Sydney Town Hall for a performance of *Sibelius' Fifth Symphony* performed by Sydney Symphony Orchestra. (B, L)

### Thursday, 11 November 2021

This morning there is a heritage tour of the hotel. Depart by coach to see the remarkable contemporary Chinese art shown at the White Rabbit, a private gallery run by philanthropist Judith Nielsen. We then head to fashionable Chippendale for lunch at Bistro Gavroche. This evening we, transfer by coach and enjoy a performance of *Death of a Salesman*. (B, L)

### Friday, 12 November 2021

This morning there will be a lecture in the hotel, as US historian Dr Richard Bell presents a background talk on *Hamilton*. Richard provides both an overview of the production and an expert appraisal of the way the story is told. The talk is transmitted on to a large screen from Maryland in the USA. We take the light rail to the Museum of Contemporary Art for the 'Place' exhibition before enjoying a fine-dining lunch at Café Sydney with views overlooking the harbour. We continue to the Art Gallery of New South Wales to see the new Matisse exhibition. This evening we enjoy farewell drinks and hors d'ouves before a coach takes us to and from the Lyric Theatre in Pyrmont for our performance of *Hamilton*.

### Saturday, 13 November 2021

The tour ends after breakfast. (B)

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