

## Dinner in Sydney

Sydney has a very lively foodie culture. Many of the more popular restaurants and bistros do not take reservations for less than parties of 6. Some take no reservations at all. Others need to be booked months in advance. So plan ahead, get a group together or be prepared to queue. Many of the no-reservation places will take your phone number, and it's off to the nearest bar to wait for that call!

Many, if not most of the restaurants listed under "Lunch Time Options" are also open for dinner.

Restaurants listed below are in the city or inner east and west, relatively close to the SMC.

### City/The Rocks

### Surry Hills

### Potts Point/Darlinghurst/Woolloomooloo

### Kensington Street Precinct/Chippendale

### Newtown/Enmore

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**Aria** with spectacular views at Circular Quay. **2 Hats**  
1 Macquarie St, Circular Quay

**Automata** in the new Kensington St food precinct. **2 Hats**  
5 Kensington St, Chippendale

**Bennelong** under the little sails at the Sydney Opera House **2 Hats**

**Bentley Bar and Bistro** **2 Hats**  
Corner Pitt and Bridge Streets, Sydney

**The Bridge Room** **3 Hats in Sydney's food awards**  
44 Bridge Street, Sydney

**The Dining Room** Fabulous views from the Park Hyatt.  
7 Hickson Road, The Rocks

**Firedoor** Smokey goodness. **1 Hat**  
23-33 Mary Street, Surry Hills

**The Gantry** Sophisticated, sustainable seafood on the waterside. **1 Hat**  
11 Hickson Road, Walsh Bay/The Rocks

**glass brasserie** In the Sydney Hilton. **1 Hat**  
Level 2, 488 George St, Sydney

- O Bar and Dining**      Revolving restaurant high up in Australia Square. The lounge bar might be enough...  
Level 47, Australia Square, 264 George St, Sydney
- Oscillate Wildly**      Innovative, intimate fine dining      **2 Hats**  
275 Australia Street, Newtown
- Otto Ristorante**      Italian on the “Finger Wharf”      **1 Hat**  
Area 8, 6 Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomooloo
- Porteno**      Super hip Argentinian BBQ meats, seafood and veg      **1 Hat**  
50 Holt Street, Surry Hills
- Quay**      One of Sydney’s most consistently awarded restaurants, with spectacular views across the harbour – except when there is a ship...      **3 Hats**  
Upper Level, Overseas Passenger Terminal, The Rocks/Circular Quay
- Restaurant Hubert**      French.      **2 Hats**  
Basement, 15 Bligh St, Sydney
- Sepia**      Super chic, much awarded, extraordinary.      **3 Hats**  
201 Sussex Street, Sydney
- Tetsuya’s**      French/Japanese. A legend.      **2 Hats**  
529 Kent Street, Sydney.

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- 4Fourteen**      Mod Brit/Oz share plates. Very buzzy.  
414 Bourke Street, enter from 7c Fitzroy Street, Surry Hills
- Acme**      Super stylish, super popular Italian/Oz      **1 Hat**  
60 Bayswater Road, Rushcutters Bay,
- Alpha**      Stylish, modern Greek, walking distance from SMC  
238 Castlereagh Street
- Apollo**      Another *very* popular modern Greek,      **1 Hat**  
44 Macleay Street, Potts Point
- Baccomatto Osteria**      Modern Italian      **1 Hat**  
212 Riley Street, Surry Hills
- Bar Brose**      Bar food, sandwiches, atmosphere till latish      **1 Hat**  
231a Victoria Street, Darlinghurst

- Bar H Dining** Funky, indigenous/Japanese/Chinese/French  
80 Campbell Street, Surry Hills
- Berta** Sleek, modern Italian, a stone's throw from SMC  
17-19 Alberta Street, Surry Hills
- Bill's** Relaxed Sydney institution, one of several...  
359 Crown Street, Surry Hills
- Billy Kwong** innovative Chinese with focus on biodynamic and bush ingredients,  
28 Macleay Street, Potts Point **1 Hat**
- Bishop Sessa** Nose-to-tail philosophy, in-house butchery, tasting menu. Plus seafood!  
527 Crown Street, Surry Hills
- Bloodwood Restaurant & Bar** A favourite in hipster haven Newtown.  
416 King Street, Newtown
- Bodega** Uber cool tapas from the **Porteno** team (see \$\$\$) **1 Hat**  
216 Commonwealth Street, Surry Hills
- China Doll** Modern Asian on the "Finger Wharf" **1 Hat**  
Area 4, 6 Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomooloo
- Cho Cho San** Contemporary, coool Japanese **1 Hat**  
73 Macleay Street, Potts Point
- Continental Deli Bar & Bistro** Charcuterie, cheese, seafood share-plates, canned  
cocktails *and* a bistro from the Porteno team. *Verrrrry* hip **1 Hat**  
210 Australia Street, Newtown
- Dolphin Hotel Dining Room** Buzzy Italian, great pizza **1 Hat**  
412 Crown Street, Surry Hills
- Ester** Woodfired, modern, very popular **2 Hats**  
46-52 Meagher Street, Chippendale
- Flour Eggs Water** Lively modern Italian, hand-made pasta.  
Shop 3, 355 Crown Street, Surry Hills
- Harpoon Harry Dining Room** Southern US-style, in a pub, very close to SMC  
40-44 Wentworth Avenue, corner Goulburn Street, Surry Hills
- Hartsyard** Nose-to-tail, root-to-leaf, everything made in house. Be hungry.  
33 Enmore Road,

- Izakaya Fujiyama** “gangster” Japanese bar food, sake and whiskies  
38-52 Waterloo Street, Surry Hills
- Kensington Street Social** New Kensington St precinct, super chic  
3 Kensington Street, Chippendale
- Longrain** Thai, long a Sydney favourite. Communal table...  
85 Commonwealth Street, Surry Hills
- LP’s Quality Meats** Big share plates. Be very hungry **1 Hat**  
Suite 1, 12-16 Chippen Street, Chippendale
- Mekong** Upper Level is the restaurant, Street food in Lower Mekong below,  
14 Kensington Street, Chippendale.
- Monopole** Restaurant/bar with share plates – very busy! **2 Hats**  
71a Macleay Street, Potts Point
- Nomad** Open central kitchen, local produce, in house charcuterie, cheese room,  
bakery and exceptional wines. Hugely popular. **1 Hat**  
16 Foster Street, Surry Hills
- Osteria di Russo & Russo** Italian plus Australian native bush ingredients.  
158 Enmore Road, Enmore
- Red Lantern** Classic Vietnamese, boisterous bar, discrete booths.  
60 Riley Street, Darlinghurst
- Sagra** Seasonal Italian, **daily changing menu** **1 Hat**  
62 Stanley Street, Darlinghurst
- Salaryman** Ramen, lobster rolls, carbonated margaritas.  
52-54 Albion Street, Surry Hills
- Stanbuli** Modern Turkish from the Porteno team in the fabulous art deco Mary Louise  
Beauty Salon **1 Hat**  
135 Enmore Road
- Vini** Pan-Italian enoteca. Very Trastevere... **1 Hat**  
Shop 3, 118 Devonshire Street, Surry Hills
- Yellow** Spectacularly innovative **vegetarian** **1 Hat**  
57 Macleay St, Potts Point
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*See also restaurants listed under lunchtime options, especially:*

**Chat Thai**

**Din Tai Fung**

**Hawker**

**Mamak**

**Spice I Am**

Thaitown and Chinatown generally.

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The relatively new Kensington Street precinct (in Chippendale alongside the green wall of the Central Park complex on Broadway opposite the University of Technology) has options to suit all budgets. Spice Alley houses 6 “hawker” eateries, and several restaurants. See

[www.kensingtonstreet.com.au](http://www.kensingtonstreet.com.au)

[www.spice-alley.com.au](http://www.spice-alley.com.au)

Similarly, the harbourside Barangaroo development has many possibilities and the opportunity to stretch ones’ legs in the recreated foreshore parklands.

[www.barangaroo.sydney/about/eat-drink-shop/](http://www.barangaroo.sydney/about/eat-drink-shop/)