



PARAMOUNT HOUSE HOTEL

NEIGHBOURHOOD GUIDE

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Sydney is blooming. Restaurant openings, live music, Lebanese delis, martini bars! We're sensing a new lease on life for our sunny city and all its friendly inhabitants. Welcome to the Paramount House Hotel Neighbourhood Guide, your one-stop-shop for dining, drinking and living excellence. Proudly presented by our tenth hazelnut bombolone from A.P. House.

RESTAURANTS

“Bar Vincent is a recent addition to my life. I grew up eating at Frattini in Leichhardt and Tre Scalini in Darlinghurst (which is where Bar Vincent now sits) up until now I thought this kind of Italian food in Sydney was lost forever. Take someone you love here.”

— Lauren Ross- Founder, CHUNK

Club Fontana 133a Redfern Street, Redfern

New kid on the inner-city block, Club Fontana is a celebration of good times, regional wines and really tasty food. The lively upstairs space promises elevated Italian without taking itself too seriously. Save room for the dessert seabadas, Sicilian honey fritters filled with chef Dan's house-made ricotta.

Bar Vincent 174 Liverpool Street, Darlinghurst

Old-school charm, European flare and effortless hospitality, Bar Vincent is a home away from the House. Score a seat at the bar and watch head chef Andy Logue dish the perfect plate: kingfish carpaccio with fennel and bottarga, King mushroom risotto or a 500g ribeye with fries on the side.

Azuma Chifley, L1/2 Chifley Square, Sydney

“I love Azuma for a few very specific reasons: Tuna Nigiri, Vegetable Tempura, Agedashi tofu with eggplant & Rangers Valley Shabu Shabu Hot Pot. No ‘scene’. No ‘vibe’. You’re here for the food.” —Lauren Ross.

HACO 102/21 Alberta Street, Sydney

A most unique 12-seater, hidden from plain sight and bursting with raw talent. In the hands of Chaco Bar Group executive chef Keita Abe and ex-Sasaki chef, Kensuke Yada, HACO comes to life as a singular, extraordinary tempura experience, with a hyper-seasonal omakase menu ranging from wild snapper to A5 Wagyu, persimmon or whole truffle tempura.

Baba's Place 20 Sloane Street, Marrickville

There's a special place in our heart for Baba's hummus. A thoughtful execution of whipped chickpeas topped with hazelnut praline, parsley oil and lacto-mushrooms, it's part of an ever-changing menu celebrating the diversity of Western Sydney cuisine. Come for a shot of Pear Rajika, the house spirit, and stay for one of everything, served on eclectic plates in a cool warehouse space.

Lucky Prawn Chinese Bistro 8-12 Sydney St, Marrickville

The in-house Chinese bistro at Hawke's Beer & Leisure Centre comes with lazy Susan, RSL-red carpet and prawn crackers to match. A playful take on the OG Chinese restaurant, Chef Nic Wong brings big flavour to the classics; Sweet & Sour Pork, Special Fried Rice and for dessert? Mango Pudding or Deep Fried Viennetta Cake.

Poly 74-76 Commonwealth Street, Surry Hills

It's worth mentioning one of Sydney's best, Poly, sits bunkered in the sloping corner of the Paramount building. Poly is a wine bar and restaurant by Chef Mat Lindsay and Sommelier

Julien Dromgool, where carefree locals and hotel guests enjoy wines farmed organically with minimal intervention. Throw in a slew of classic cocktails, some in-house inventions, and all the staple spirits to pair with a menu of modern Australian dishes all cooked over their signature open wood fire.

Ester 46-52 Meagher Street, Chippendale

It's also worth mentioning that Chef Mat Lindsay's original and long-standing sister restaurant to Poly, Ester, still makes our guide every season. And for good reason. Like Poly, everything is cooked on an open flame, with incredibly unique takes on classic Australian ingredients. Try their famous potato bread with house-made cultured butter or signature dessert: leftover sourdough ice-cream. “This restaurant is incredible ~ no new information here. Seafood is generally the focus for me when I go, this is where I go when I want to be slapped with a crustacean. The room is great, and the wine list is spectacular.” — Lauren Ross

Lucky Kwong 2 Locomotive St, Eveleigh

Kylie Kwong's latest creation, a space for her adored dishes to sit alongside new and vibrant creations, with deep respect for local produce, sustainable practice and punchy flavours. Don't miss her steamed spanner crab & prawn dumplings, or home-style fried eggs with XO sauce, all served in a light-filled, fast-paced eatery in Eveleigh. Side note: A recent favourite of Nigella Lawson.

Coming soon...

Champion of all things seafood, Josh Niland, will take over the Grand National Pub in Paddington. The recently refurbished venue will become the new home for his Saint Peter restaurant, with a 45-seat dining area, private dining room, bar and boutique hotel.

CAFES + DINERS

Valentina's 132 Livingstone Road, Marrickville

Retro diner culture is revived at Valentina's, a much-loved local serving Egg & Bacon breakfast sandwiches, vegan Sloppy Joes and everything in between. Perch on a barstool for bottomless filter, a zesty Arnold Palmer or side of onion strings, with ranch.

Reuben Hills 61 Albion Street, Surry Hills

Just a short walk up the road, the micro coffee roastery's menu is inspired by owner Russel Beard's trips around Africa and South America. Try their new Winter warmers; a pulled pork panini or lamb, kale and lentil soup with ciabatta and sage butter.

Paramount Coffee Project Hotel Lobby

Bringing 'industrial chic' to life, the PCP's concrete tables and plant strewn pillars make it our favourite spot to kick back and enjoy a coffee or two (the location helps too). We're big fans of the Crumbed Eggs, Buttermilk Fried Chicken Waffle and indulgent milkshakes. Enjoy brunch downstairs or on the balcony of your room.

Primary Coffee Roasters Shop 1, 9 Ward Ave Potts Point

Taking 'nothing but brews' to another level, find rare single origin coffees paired with pastries at this spot dedicated to high quality caffeine.

Single O 60-64 Reservoir Street, Surry Hills

A new take on batch brew with a unique self serve bar, the cafe is a few minutes walk from the hotel and is open Monday to Sunday, with a changing coffee and food menu.

Bills Surry Hills 359 Crown Street, Surry Hills

From the man who practically pioneered Sydney's obsession for avocado on toast and brunch, Bills is a must visit. Enjoy al fresco dining on Crown Street, and greet the day with their iconic ricotta hotcakes, topped with honeycomb butter.

Room 10 10 Liankelly Place, Potts Point

One of the busiest cafés in town, Room 10 delivers generous salads, toasties and seasonal soups. Order an espresso and The Deb, pull up a stool and soak up all the people watching Potts Point has to offer.

“I can’t go past Room 10 in Potts Point for its high quality and consistency. I usually order the Ziad salad with chickpeas, avocado, fattoush and fig toast, or for something sweet the Room 10 Breakfast Rice with red rice, black quinoa, walnuts and seeds topped with rhubarb, yoghurt & fresh fruit.”

— Nina Treffkorn, China Heights Gallery.

DELIS + BAKERIES + TAKEAWAY

Westwood Pizza 245 Australia Street, Newtown

The best pizza in Sydney? Westwood makes a compelling case. Their sourdough base, made with single-heritage flour, is the canvas for an almost-illegal amount of flavour. We choose their fermented garlic and honey pizza, with a can of Olasagasti anchovies on the side, and a glass of something fizzy from PnV up the road.

Teta's 48 Roslyn Street, Potts Point

Homemade za'atar, labne, olives and ferments, Teta's is a treasure trove for Lebanese goods. Pick up a limited portion of Riz a Jej, moreish chicken and rice, hummus made with hand-peeled chickpeas or a slice of Baklava cake, courtesy of owner Dina's aunt.

AP House / AP Town

Rooftop, 80 Commonwealth St, Surry Hills

A Paramount House staple, this rooftop bakery serves daily-changing viennoiseries, pizzas and breads made from ancient and artisanal grains. Soak up the sunshine, sip a Reuben Hills espresso and make the near-impossible choice between a curry leaf butter and crisp bacon sandwich, many cheese toastie or buckwheat and chocolate crois-sant. + Double-down on delicious and check out just-opened AP Town, our bakery's sister restaurant at 1a Bucknell Street, Newtown.

Rico's Tacos 15 Meagher Street, Chippendale

(Taco window open Thursday-Sunday 8-2pm)

Toby Wilson's tacos have found their permanent home, offering chicken tinga tostada, lamb shank birria and zucchini flower quesadilla all morning long. For the breakfast inclined, a pancake with chorizo syrup, hibiscus iced tea and hash brown really hits the spot.

S'wich 149 Glenayr Ave, Bondi Beach

A newcomer switching up the sandwich scene. Cruise into Bondi's coolest joint for one of their creative combinations, such as the Schnitz: a house-favourite of panko-crumbed chook, slaw, mayo and peanut chilli 'crack', sandwiched between Sonoma sourdough.

Goodways Deli 20 Cooper Street, Redfern

This new corner bakery, deli and café is a nod to Australiana, with outstanding sandwiches and treats made using local ingredients. Try the kangaroo mortadella sandwich, with white onion, "hot" butter (butter mixed with onion, white soy, lemon juice), fermented chilli and dressed broadleaf rocket, or browse the bakery cabinet filled with house-made Aussie classics like lamingtons, Anzac biscuits and Vegemite-and-cheese scrolls.

Shwarmama 106-112 Commonwealth Street, Surry Hills

This tiny standing-only kebab shop, run by chef Mat Lindsay and team serves traditional shawarma-style dishes including tightly wrapped kebabs, hummus plates and snack packs. Order the full takeaway menu online for pick up or delivery straight to your hotel room.

“A.P. Bakery (obviously) – Benni loves to squeeze in a visit before Small’s opens and the crowds arrive on the rooftop. Everything is so full of flavour. Just over the bridge in McMahons Point is another recent favourite: Fiore Bakery. Beautiful, light and airy – they make great sourdough, coffee and paninos.”

– Em & Benni, Smalls Deli

DRINKING + SNACKS

“Aside from the incredible natural wine store (that also has a Newtown location) in the front, P&V Paddington also has an energetic courtyard out the back. There you can go as deep on the wine menu as you like, but they’ll also feed you some of the best food you’ve ever eaten.”

— Charlie O’Brien Winemaker, Chateau Acid.

Bar Planet 16 Enmore Rd, Newtown

An intergalactic dream from the team behind Tio’s and Cantina OK, complete with star-studded Terrazzo bar top made from surfboard resin, jade and rare French glass. Perfecting the quintessential Martini, Bar Planet’s specialised menu offers a selection of curated cocktails as well as a ‘How You Like It’ option with a variety of local gin and vodka.

Ante 146 King Street, Newtown

A world-class saké bar with equally profound snacks. Matt Young (of Black Market Sake fame) and business partner Jemma Whiteman have 2,500 records between them, played overhead whilst junmai saké is poured by glass, carafe or bottle.

P&V Wine & Liquor Merchant 28 Oxford St, Paddington

The team at P&V; passionate importer and distributors of Australian and international wines, decided to build a bricks and mortar store to allow them to connect with the local community and share in the things they buy. P&V (Piss and Vinegar!) is a local bottle shop where the neighbourhood can gather to sip natural wine and eat bistro-style snacks while chatting to the knowledgeable staff.

10 William 10 William Street, Paddington

An intimate 2-storey bistro and bar with a seasonal Italian menu featuring lots of soft cheese, bread and everything else you need to soak up their extensive European wine list. The Pretzel & Whipped Bottarga is a non-negotiable.

Cafe Freda's 191-195 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst

The team behind Freda’s Chippendale have recently opened this sorbet-coloured neighbourhood eatery and bar in the heart of Taylor’s Square. Chef Xinyi Lim serves a unique, sustainably-focused menu using locally sourced produce and a drinks list of freshly-juiced cocktails and an extensive wine offering to pair. The space also celebrates our local community and culture with a rotating roster of live music, performances, exhibitions and events.

Gildas 48 Albion Street, Surry Hills (COMING SOON...)

A Basque-inspired wine bar by chef Lennox Hastie of Firedoor fame, opening late 2022 in the neighbourhood. We can’t wait.

Le Foote 101 George Street, The Rocks (COMING SOON...)

Swillhouse has taken over 101 George St, one of Australia’s oldest pubs in The Rocks, with a plan to turn it into a Euro wine bar and restaurant. The site is unique, it’s ramshackle, charming, and set to opening mid-2022.

SHOPPING + CONCEPT STORES

Chinatown Country Club 222 Clarence Street, Sydney

A unique retail concept, combining the exclusive energy of country clubs with the homeliness of Chinatown, reflecting the founders Asian heritage and Western upbringing. Chinatown Country Club features emerging and established labels, with a slick aesthetic and in-house library.

Supply Store Cnr Burton & Riley Streets, Darlinghurst

A great place to go if you like Palace, drop retail and have a sneaker collection.

Incu 258 Oxford St, Paddington

An iconic Australian fashion and lifestyle brand, offering a variety of international and emerging local wears. Incu have been our go-to for almost two decades, merging an innovative in-store experience with exceptional taste.

Hands 279 Australia Street, Newtown

A quirky retail space with a range of colourful lifestyle gifts and home decor. Straight from the designer's hands into yours.

Hay 255 Crown Street, Darlinghurst

Hay have opened a brand new fit-out for their contemporary interiors shop on Crown Street. The store is bigger, better and filled with more of their signature colour-laden accessories, lighting, textiles, stationary and glassware to take home.

“Loewe (Westfield Sydney) I go in most weekends and treat the store like an art gallery (whether they like it or not). Jonathan Anderson + craft is a beautiful thing”

— Lauren Ross, Chunk

BEAUTY + HEALTH + WELLNESS

Bionik Wellness Suite 2, 410 Crown Street, Surry Hills

A wellness and recovery centre in the heart of Surry Hills, focused on improving form and function in daily life. Choose from a range of treatments including infrared saunas, a hyperbaric oxygen chamber or Himalayan salt therapy.

Luna Beauty & Apothecary 71 Fitzroy Street, Surry Hills

A neighbourhood favourite for conscious beauty and living. Fay is a qualified Naturopath who offers specialised facial treatments, nutrition advice and an apothecary of considered skin care products, health foods and home-ware, as well as a healing Infrared Sauna.

Slow House Bondi 151 Curlewis Street, Bondi Beach

Promoting the slow lifestyle, Slow House offers a restoration experience dedicated to those who wish to take a moment and recharge. Offering a laid back space reminiscent of a Roman bath house, perfect for indulging in alternative healing and holistic therapies.

Paramount Rec Club Level 2, 80 Commonwealth St, Surry Hills

Paramount Recreation Club is a modern spin on the musty old gym. Set amongst an abundant succulent garden on the rooftop of Paramount House, they bring together physical, mental and social health to provide a well-rounded approach to modern living.

Orchard Street Shop 4, 2-16 Glenmore Rd, Paddington

A treasure trove of adaptogenic plant medicines, organic juices and vegan treats. Choose your own wholesome adventure with a customised Elixir – cacao, matcha or espresso with added medicinal mushrooms on house-made nut mylks.

“I love to visit the Cambridge Markets at EQ Moore Park on a Wednesday morning to grab some fresh fruit and vegetables. The authentic Ethiopian food there is an amazing lunch option. After that, it’s a lovely walk back through the park to Surry Hills.”

– Fay Mulholland, Luna Beauty & Apothecary

LATE NIGHT CULTURE

“Nothing beats a night at Phoenix. Whether psychedelic indie pop or experimental classical, I’ll leave that incredible space feeling inspired, alive and super in-tune with Sydney’s creative energy.”

— Ange Yu, Broadsheet

Phoenix Central Park O’Connor Street, Chippendale

The vision of arts philanthropist, Judith Nielson, Phoenix Central Park is a collaboration between visual and performance art. The two spaces are designed by individual architects, John Wardle Architects (East Gallery) + Durbach Block Jagers (Performance Space), linked internally by a courtyard and garden. Programming is varied and eclectic; expect classical and modern, contemporary dance, gritty performance pieces and more.

Golden Stage at Golden Age Cinema & Bar

LG, 80 Commonwealth Street, Surry Hills

An Oscar-worthy stage with live music on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Listen out for folk, synth, dream pop and experimental audio filling the halls of Golden Age, the award-winning cinema and bar tucked under our Paramount precinct.

NSW Gallery-Art After Hours Art Gallery Rd, Sydney

Wander through the Art Gallery after hours and discover new art and old favourites in their latest exhibitions and collection displays. Join a guided tour, enjoy a drink or a bite to eat in the cafe. *Every Wednesday night until 10pm.

Powerhouse Late Museum of Applied Arts and Science

Powerhouse Late is a series of free after-hours events featuring live music, film screenings, workshops, talks and exhibition tours, every Thursday night. Thursdays 5–9pm

MCA Late 140 George Street, The Rocks

Welcome the weekend every Friday night at MCA Late. Visit exhibitions after-dark with and enjoy cocktails overlooking the harbour. *Every Friday night 5 – 9pm

Liberty Hall (COMING SOON.)

The Mary’s team are resurrecting Sydney’s live music scene with a 1200 pax dedicated live music venue in the Entertainment Quarter. Thankfully, they are also bringing Mary’s burgers to the restaurant next door for post-revelry munchies.

PARADISE HOTEL

A still life photograph featuring a polished brass vase with a bulbous body and a short neck, resting on a thick, rustic wooden plank. The vase contains a bouquet of roses, including a large, vibrant yellow one and a white one. The scene is dramatically lit from the side, creating strong highlights and deep shadows. The background is dark and out of focus.

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