



DISCOVER HIDDEN LUXURY IN THE HEART OF SYDNEY

OVERVIEW

Originally designed by renowned architect George McRae in the early 1900s, the former Department of Education building has long been one of the defining landmarks of Sydney's historic Sandstone Precinct.

Meticulously restored and reimagined by Pontiac Land in collaboration with Make Architects, the heritage-listed icon is now home to Capella Sydney, Australia's leading luxury hotel and the first Australian property in the Capella Hotels and Resorts portfolio.

Since opening in March 2023, Capella Sydney has earned international acclaim for its intuitive hospitality, exceptional culinary experiences and deep connection to culture and place. Ranked No. 12 in The World's 50 Best Hotels 2025 and Best Hotel in Oceania, the hotel continues to set the benchmark for luxury hospitality in the region. Located moments from Circular Quay, the Sydney Opera House and Harbour Bridge, the hotel features 192 guestrooms and suites, the award-winning Auriga Spa, signature dining destinations including Brasserie 1930, Aperture and McRae Bar, and elegant event spaces.

Blending rich heritage with contemporary luxury, Capella Sydney celebrates the stories of Sydney through thoughtful design, curated art, personalised experiences and a genuine sense of place, offering a peaceful urban sanctuary in the heart of the city.



ACCOMMODATION

Hidden within historic sandstone walls, Capella Sydney's Guestrooms and Suites offer a peaceful urban sanctuary where contemporary comfort meets timeless design. Meticulously crafted and thoughtfully curated, each space provides a serene retreat from the bustle of the city.

Capella Sydney offers 192 spacious guestrooms and suites including:

- 157 Guestrooms (average 52m²)
- 22 Suites (average 80m²)
- 4 Prestige Suites (average 144m²)
- 9 Accessible Rooms (average 59m²)

LUXURY INCLUSIONS

- Complimentary non-alcoholic beverages from the personal bar during your stay
- Access to The Living Room, including refreshments and an evening ritual
- Bespoke cultural programming curated by our Capella Culturists
- Complimentary high-speed Wi-Fi
- Garment pressing for up to five items per stay
- Access to Auriga Spa and Wellness, featuring a 20-metre heated indoor swimming pool, vitality pool, state-of-the-art fitness centre and yoga platform
- Evening turndown service

ROOM FEATURES

- Custom Italian Frette linen
- Spacious ensuite with double vanity and rain shower
- Stylish sofa, dining table and chair
- Bathrobe and slippers
- Bamford bathroom amenities
- Personal bar and wine fridge
- Complimentary high-speed wireless internet access
- In-room tablet to control temperature, curtains and lights
- 65-inch television with streaming services
- LG soundbar & Bose speaker
- In-room safe
- Dyson Hairdryer
- Nespresso Coffee Machine



CULINARY EXPERIENCES

The ground floor of Capella Sydney plays host to a collection of world-class dining destinations.

Anchored to the Young Street corner of the building, award-winning Brasserie 1930 features a menu of modern brasserie classics using exceptional local produce and an extensive world-class wine list, served in a casual yet dynamic inner-city atmosphere for up to 136 guests.



Situated at the heart of the property, Aperture is a tranquil sanctuary that is memorable for its confluence of international art, inimitable hospitality and abundance of nature. The bespoke kinetic sculpture 'Meadow' by Amsterdam-based duo Studio Drift blossoms overhead as guests savour a signature food and beverage offering curated by Executive Chef Gabriele Taddeucci. Aperture can accommodate up to 68 people.



In the north corner of the lobby is an intimate ground floor bar, named after the building's original architect, George McRae. McRae Bar is a modern rendition of a Victorian-era drinking den that offers an elegant cocktail experience with late 1800s touches, celebrating the first golden age of fine drinking through a contemporary Australian lens and can accommodate up to 44 guests.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Meet, strategise or celebrate across two of Sydney's most significant heritage buildings. Nestled in the heart of the historic Sandstone Precinct, Capella Sydney and The Lands by Capella offer an exceptional collection of venues for weddings, social occasions, corporate events and executive meetings.

Within Capella Sydney, a collection of elegantly restored meeting and event spaces accommodates intimate gatherings of 10 to 80 guests. Located adjacent to the hotel, The Lands by Capella expands the offering with beautifully reimagined ballrooms and versatile meeting suites, hosting events for up to 420 guests.

Thoughtfully restored to honour their rich architectural heritage while embracing contemporary luxury, both buildings feature soaring ceilings, abundant natural light and state-of-the-art audiovisual technology, creating distinctive settings for every occasion.



THE LIVING ROOM

Guests of the hotel are invited to experience The Living Room - a signature space in all Capella properties that places guests on the pulse of local cultural connection. Exclusive to in-house guests, this private retreat not only offers tranquility, but serves as a creative hub where an array of culture and experience programs come to life.

It is here where guests meet our knowledgeable and passionate team of Capella Culturists. Drawing inspiration from the hotel's rich history, remarkable location and modern vibrancy, the Capella Culturists share their invaluable insights for the local neighbourhood and its surrounds in order to shape the travel story of each individual who passes through the hotel's doors.

From gastronomic and vibrant nightlife recommendations through to cultural tours and hands-on workshops, our Culturists have spent time scouring what makes Sydney unique to bring you a selection of world-class, curated experiences that are designed to become lifelong memories.



AURIGA WELLNESS

Set within a restored heritage space on the sixth floor, Auriga Spa draws inspiration from the phases of the moon to offer a restorative wellness experience. Its holistic treatments are designed to support renewal, balance and connection.

Amenities include:

- Immersive treatment rooms for individuals and couples
- 20-metre heated indoor pool and vitality pool
- Technogym-equipped fitness centre and yoga platform
- Steam room, sauna, experiential showers and ice fountain

AWARDS

2023 - 2026

No. 1 Best Hotel Brand in the World
Travel + Leisure World's Best Awards

2026

No. 16 in The 50 Best Hotels
Best Hotel in Oceania
The 50 Best Hotels

Hotel of the Year
Gourmet Traveller Hotel and Travel Awards

Best City Hotel in Australia
Travel + Leisure Luxury Awards Asia Pacific

Best Hotel in Australia
DestinAsian Readers' Choice Awards

2025

No. 12 in The World's 50 Best Hotels
Best Hotel in Oceania
The World's 50 Best Hotels

No. 1 Best City Hotel in Australia
Travel + Leisure Luxury Awards Asia Pacific

No. 1 Best City Hotel in Australia
Travel + Leisure World's Best Awards

2024

No. 1 Best City Hotel in Australia
Travel + Leisure Luxury Awards Asia Pacific

Best Hotel in Australia
DestinAsian Reader's Choice Awards

Best Deluxe Accommodation in Australia
AHA Awards for Excellence

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