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Discover a different side of Sydney Harbour with Island Hopping

The Deputy Premier and Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Carmel Tebbutt, today launched a spectacular new event on the Sydney Harbour Islands.

Ms Tebbutt said 'Sydney Harbour Island Hopping', which is part of the 31 day Crave Sydney festival in October, was a Sydney first.

"For the first time, Fort Denison, Shark, Clark and Garden islands will be linked with an Island Hopper ferry ticket, with exciting and unique experiences and activities planned for each island," Ms Tebbutt said.

"This is a great initiative and will give tourists and Sydney-siders alike an opportunity to enjoy our magnificent harbour like never before.

"Sydney Harbour Island Hopping is a full day excursion with something for everyone.

"Departing Circular Quay each half-hour on the first three Saturdays and Sundays of October, the Hop will be a celebration of our Harbour islands' colonial and cultural history and natural beauty.

"Visitors can learn about Sydney's last line of maritime defence while enjoying fine food amidst the battlements at Fort Denison or picnic amongst the theatre of mysterious prehistoric predators and mythical indigenous creatures on Shark Island.

"Clark Island will host the Indigenous Tribal Warriors and people can learn how to fish, dance and appreciate Aboriginal culture and then hop over to Garden Island to experience Australia's Naval history."

Ms Tebbutt said other fresh events in October would also include the first Rodd Island Tea Dance and the Perfect Picnic on Clark Island.

"The Rodd Island event is for lovers of the music and dances of the 20s, 30s and 40s and the Perfect Picnic is for anyone looking to enjoy an afternoon with friends on Clark Island."

For more information or to book tickets to any of these events, visit www.harbourislandhopping.com.au or call Ticketmaster on 136 100.

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Sydney Harbour Island Hopping

The Island Hopper will depart Circular Quay every half hour between 9am and 3pm on the first three Saturdays and Sundays of Crave Sydney, between 3 and 18 October.

The event includes fine food on historic Fort Denison; fantastic prehistoric and mythical creatures roaming among the picnickers on Shark Island; Aboriginal art and culture on Clark Island; and Sydney's naval history and beautiful gardens on Garden Island.

Ticket prices, include all ferry passes and the experiences planned on each island, (food excluded) are \$48.50 for adults, \$35 for concessions and \$16.50 for children.

Rodd Island Tea Dances

Be transported to the 20s, 30s and 40s as Rodd Island hosts Tea Dances on 21 and 22 October. Offering up everything from the Charleston to the pulsating rhythms of Latin America, the New Trocadero Dance Orchestra will set the mood for the romantic and sophisticated Tea Dances.

There will be three two hour sessions per day at 11am to 1pm, 1:30pm to 3:30pm and 4pm to 6pm. Tickets \$50 per adult (\$40 concession) includes return ferry transfers from Circular Quay and all dining and entertainment on the island. For more information or to book, visit www.harbourislandhopping.com.au or call Ticketmaster on 136 100.

Perfect Picnic

DJ Lady Tre will set the ambient mood for an afternoon chilling on Clark Island on Sunday 25 October. Bring your own picnic and drinks, with prizes throughout the day for the best costumes and picnic setups. Explore the island and get into group games, or just lay back among the trees in the biggest picnic Clark Island has ever seen.

The ticket price of \$50 per adult (\$35 concession) includes ferry shuttles to and from the island, which will leave Circular Quay every half hour between 11am and 5:30pm on the day. For more information or to book, visit www.harbourislandhopping.com.au or call Ticketmaster 136 100.