WELCOME TO THE **DOUBLE BAY** INSIDER COLLECTION

Truly memorable meetings and events with authentic local flavour – that is the inspiration behind the InterContinental Insider Collection. Our network of hotels and resorts is global; our knowledge and expertise local, giving planners guaranteed choice, range and depth to add to any meeting or conference. Each hotel offers its own bespoke selection of services which are firmly rooted in their location and are responsibly guided by our partnership with National Geographic’s Centre for Sustainable Destinations.

The options are limitless, the local knowledge rich, the service professional and faultless, the delegate experience enriching and rewarding every time.

Sample for yourself some of our wonderful Double Bay experiences.
INSIDER LOCATIONS
Choose an InterContinental venue for your event and a world of possibilities opens up. As locals, your hotel team hold the key to a side of your locality tourists never see. What and who they know gives you an exclusive mix of authentic venues and experiences to play with.

INSIDER SPEAKERS
Bring your event to life with an inspirational speaker – someone who can really strike a chord with your delegates and enrich their experience beyond measure. Fascinating and engaging, motivating Insider Speakers range from celebrities and cultural experts to sporting heroes. Whatever their passion, they all have a local connection and you will discover that their unique insights and local know-how make your event one to remember.

INSIDER COMMUNITY
There’s nothing quite like immersing yourself in the community to gain an added depth and understanding to your experience in a new destination. Insider Community has been designed to benefit local people and create truly memorable and meaningful experiences for your delegates too.

INSIDER INTERACTIONS
This team-building experience will help your delegates connect with each other as never before. Using the unique character, heritage or geography of your destination to inspire interaction, each experience, whether based on or off-site offers an original way to engage delegates and motivate them to build effective working relationships.

INSIDER BREAKS
With Insider Collection even your breaks are fulfilling experiences. From serving up a delicious lunch of provincial dishes for a taste of regional cuisine to spending some quality time with your Concierge team to get their best insider tips, a few minutes out of your busy schedule becomes a whole experience in itself.
We believe that a responsible meeting is not only what you experience in the meeting room but also knowing that your hotel respects the destination around it.

We’re proud to partner leaders in geotourism, the National Geographic Centre for Sustainable Destinations. Our ambition is that guests enjoy enriching experiences that reveal what makes a place truly special – its heritage, culture and tradition – and the importance of protecting it.

At InterContinental we use a holistic approach to being a responsible business: to work from the grass roots up, recognising each individual hotel team as the experts best placed to use their local knowledge for developing community and environmental initiatives that meet the specific needs of the destination.

This Insider Collection gives delegates access to some of these unique experiences, and for those meetings that stay in the meeting room, you can be assured our hotel is working behind the scenes to protect what is special about the place for fellow travellers.
BRING ARTISTIC FLAIR TO YOUR NEXT EVENT

Just across the road from InterContinental Sydney Double Bay, Frances Keevil Art Gallery is a stylish gallery space showcasing quirky contemporary works from emerging and mid-career artists.

Owned by local creative Frances Keevil and Lynn Westacott, the gallery is a great option for unique events, with white walls and timber floors providing a natural backdrop punctuated by intriguing artworks.

Complete with a stockroom and charming courtyard, the space can host a variety of experiences, from cocktails and canapés, life drawing classes, art lessons and sit-down dinners.

Friends of the hotel, Frances and Lynn are also available to share their stories on art, the local area and their own fascinating backgrounds.

Contact us for pricing specific to your group.
DISCOVER YOUR INNER WHISKY CONNOISSEUR

Be immersed in a world of whisky in this specialist store in Double Bay, just minutes' walk from the hotel.

Offering a complete whisky experience, World of Whisky is Australia's first specialist concept whisky store, stocking more than 400 different expressions from all over the world.

With walls lined with colourful bottles of all different shapes and sizes, the shop provides an impressive backdrop to dining experiences and private functions.

For budding whisky connoisseurs, a whisky appreciation masterclass allows guests to increase their knowledge and discover new flavours. Pair the experience with local artisan cheeses presented by McIntosh & Bowman’s Claudia Bowman, for an event to remember.

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BOWL A HAT TRICK WITH MICHAEL BEVAN

Regularly dubbed the world’s best batsman, Michael Bevan was an essential part of Australia’s one-day cricket outfit for a decade.

He is best known for guiding Australia to victory in impossible circumstances and situations, absorbing immense pressure in the dying overs of a run chase often leaving victory until the last balls of the match.

Picking the gaps, running hard and knowing the right moment and place to strike are the hallmarks of his success.

One of the few cricket players to have played over 250 games for Australia, Michael takes his on-field experience and winning ways and translates it into inspiring stories and strategies to help and motivate individuals and teams define goals and achieve success.

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INSIDER SPEAKERS

BE BUTTERED UP
BY PIERRE ISSA

Making the unexceptional into something exceptional – that’s what Pierre Issa, aka Pepe Saya, has done with butter.

A foodie from birth, when Pierre discovered that there was no artisan butter being made in Australia, it decided to do something about it. Pierre founded The Pepe Saya Butter Company in 2010, making Pepe Saya cultured butter by hand using single origin local cream in his Sydney factory.

Pierre has stopped at nothing to find the best ingredients and deliver an amazing product to tables across Australia. His passion for locally-made produce and his enthusiasm for life is infectious. He’s a great storyteller and will inspire groups with his tale of success.

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GO FISH – THE ENVIRONMENTALLY-FRIENDLY WAY

Embark on a fishing expedition with a difference in Sydney’s Centennial Parklands – 360 hectares of lush, heritage-listed parklands, just 5km from the CBD.

Guided by a fishing expert, budding anglers join in this unique volunteer program aimed at improving the parklands environment, through the management of the European Carp population found in the park’s ponds. The introduced species are a recognised pest, unfortunately causing erosion to the environment and outcompeting native species.

Helping to keep their numbers at bay, the fishing experience starts with a lesson on how to angle, net and handle carp, with rods, reels and tackle provided, followed by a leisurely morning or afternoon of fishing.

At the end of the three-hour session, enjoy a BBQ lunch by the water courtesy of our chefs.

Proceeds from the activity go back to The Centennial Parklands Foundation – the charitable organisation ensuring the Centennial Parklands environment and heritage value continues.

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GET BACK TO NATURE, HELP OUT A NEIGHBOUR

Roll up your sleeves and reconnect with nature as part of this unique community initiative at local Rose Bay Community Garden.

Discover the therapeutic benefits of gardening, split into teams and lend a helping hand by building planter boxes and tending the gardens.

Start the experience by delivering compost materials from the hotel’s kitchen to the community garden, followed by a gardening basics or an organic gardening workshop with local horticulturalist Emma Daniell, who has been involved in community gardening for more than a decade.

Pick fresh produce straight from the garden and bring the spoils back to the hotel for a cooking class with our chefs, followed by lunch.

Funds generated by the activity will go back to the community garden.

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TO MARKET, TO MARKET, AWAKEN YOUR SENSE OF CREATIVITY

Wake up and smell the roses – literally, with this unique local Sydney experience. An early rise and off to the markets to meet local florist Fleur Vander Straaten, who runs the beautiful little florist, Summers Floral in Woollahra.

Fleur will personally guide you around Australia’s largest flower market for fresh cut flowers, the Sydney Flower Market, introducing you to local flower growers and traders, and help you hand-pick flowers to take away. Armed with florals, you return to the Eastern Suburbs to Fleur’s florist on historic Queen Street. After a coffee and light breakfast from the café next door, enjoy a one-hour floral arrangement session lead by Fleur’s own florist teacher, Sandra, who teaches classes in the local area.

Learn how to pick the right flowers, combine colours and varieties, and style into pose or bouquet.

Take a break between the markets and class, leaving the floral arranging to the evening, and Fleur will treat you to champagne and nibbles in her florist.

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DISCOVER LOCAL SECRETS OF THE AREA

Get to know the secrets of Double Bay on this fashion, food and art trail of the suburb, created exclusively for guests of InterContinental Sydney Double Bay.

Go behind the scenes of this affluent and historic village suburb, with special access to selected boutiques, local stores and cafes. Meet with designers en route, discover the secrets of local gallery owners, visit hidden laneways and hole in the wall coffee spots, with sparkling wine and cheese/fruits at the final stop.

Designed for smaller groups, this intimate experience can be tailored to individual interests, for day or after dark trails, with added activities such as private styling with designers also available.

The privately-guided tour also offers private and exclusive meetings with renowned local figures, art legend Francis Keevil of Francis Keevil Gallery, and internationally renowned jeweller Jan Logan.

Guests also receive a complimentary gift from a selected retailer on the tour.

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LEARN THE ART OF COFFEE MAKING

Sydneysiders love their coffee and the cafe culture in Double Bay and the surrounding Eastern Suburbs is thriving.

Be immersed in this culture with a coffee-making masterclass with local boutique barista and roaster, Elbon Coffee.

Established in Double Bay in 1957, Elbon Coffee is a family owned business that has been supplying freshly roasted 100% Arabic coffee for more than 50 years.

Award winning roaster Andrew Lowlett, who hand roasts on his Double Bay site daily, is onhand to share his knowledge and coffee making skills with groups at the hotel, or in his hole-in-the-wall boutique across from the hotel.

Allow Andrew to introduce you to the story behind coffee, different coffee blends and ways to achieve the perfect pour. The masterclass includes coffee tasting and a take-away gift of beans and a perculator.

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FALL IN LOVE WITH AUSTRALIAN FAVOURITES

Australia is a melting pot of cultures and cuisines, making it a challenge to define our national dishes. There are, however, a number of classic favourites which are guaranteed crowd pleasers among Australians. Our culinary team have selected their favourites and added a gourmet twist with this unique insider break experience.

Enjoy white chocolate lamingtons filled with local Cutaway Creek blueberry jam, crushed avocado and Vegemite on freshly-baked multiseed bread and strawberry Pavlova with vanilla meringue and passion fruit.

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INSIDER BREAKS

DISCOVER NATIVE BUSH FOODS

Experience the richness and variety of Australian native bush food and ingredients with this unique break. Executive Chef Julien Pouteau and his team will introduce you to the flavours and textures of different native bush foods used in his kitchen, including his personal favourites muntries, beach bananas, wattleseed and fingerlimes.

Julien and his team like to experiment and enhance recipes by adding native bush foods, sourced from around Australia.

Try culinary creations such as yabby pie with sea parsley and lemon aspen, chargrilled pork belly with buttered muntries and mountain pepper, and salted caramel and chocolate tart with wattleseed Chantilly.

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