

2026 National Gathering – Sydney

30 October – 1 November 2026

Frequently Asked Questions

Question 1) What does a Guest – Full Weekend Ticket include?

A “Guest - Full Weekend” ticket can fully participate and perform as part of the whole National Gathering, the same as the other full National Gathering ticket types.

Question 2) What does a “Guest – Saturday Ticket” include?

This ticket type can only be purchased alongside a full weekend ticket.

There was previously a limit of one per full weekend ticket holder. But now there is no limit.

This ticket type can attend the Sydney Opera House as an audience member only and participate fully in the gala dinning on the Saturday night at the ICC Ballroom.

Question 3) Can someone purchase a ticket and or attend as the audience for the Friday night and/or the Sunday morning?

No, these events are only for full weekend attendance tickets.

Question 4) Is Sing Australia Organising Accommodation and Flights for the National Gathering?

We have been working with our good friend Alycia from Travelust. Alycia has been putting together deals from local hotels for the National Gathering.

We unfortunately could not secure flight deals.

Accommodation options are available at the link below.

[Sydney Accommodation Information Sheet](#)

Our Suggestions are The Rydges and Marriott.

**Q6) Is there food and drinks on the Friday Night and the ICC Pyrmont Theatre.
What time is this event?**

No. We encourage attendees to have either an early dinner at one of the many wonderful restaurants surrounding the ICC, something to eat before hand and a late dinner after the event concludes.

Q7) Can anyone attended the conductor's workshop on Friday Afternoon? How much does it cost?

Yes, everyone interested is welcome, and it is free to attend.

If you haven't already, you must register your interest in advance to be on the list for the Conductors workshop. Events@singaustralia.com.au

1:30pm – 3:30pm – Conducting 101

Brushing up on the basics - a chance to refresh basic communication with your singers through gesture, or if you are a singer, a chance to understand better what the person out the front is doing.

Q8) What Books do I need?

Songbooks required:

SATP: 1 & 2

Songbooks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

We understand these are a lot of books, but we have an action-packed weekend of singing and we want a good variety of songs.

Yes, there will be loan books. Please see Question 12.

Q9) Will there be room to move around at the venues to stretch my legs, and get a drink?

Yes, there will be room to move around if needed.

We would suggest bringing a drink bottle for the weekend.

Specifically, the intermission at the Sydney Opera House will have light snacks and drinks available to purchase from the venue in the Norther Foyer overlooking the Sydney Harbour.

Q10) How do I dress for the Gala Dinner theme “Saturday Night Fever”?

The Saturday Night Fever theme brings the 1970s disco era back to life with white/colourful suits, sequin dresses, mirror balls, and high-energy dance music.

Q11) How do I dress for the other venues? Do I need my Sing Australia Uniform?

Wear nice comfortable clothing to the Friday and Sunday venues.

Yes, please bring your Sing Australia shirt (Black or Teal Only) for the Sydney Opera House. If you don't have a Sing Australia shirt, please bring along a nice black shirt.

Q12) Will there be loan books available?

Yes, there will be loan books available. The cost will be \$20 for the weekend. We will also take a deposit for the book which we will return once the books are handed back in at the end of the weekend. Books will also be at the Gathering for sale.

Please send an email to Events@singaustralia.com.au if you intend to loan books for the weekend to ensure we have enough.

Q13) Will there be other merchandise available for purchase?

Yes, we plan to have some fun bits and bobs available for sale. The merchandise sales will be available at the Pyrmont Theatre on Friday and pending stock, open again on Sunday at the SCG.

Q14) It's after the 25th of August; can I still buy a ticket?

Yes absolutely. We still have:

70 x Full Weekend tickets

New Tickets can be purchased on the website or at this link: [New Tickets Booking Form](#)

Q15) I have already bought a ticket, I want to bring a Guest – Saturday Only Ticket, can I do that and how can I do that?

Yes of course, as of the 3rd of September, we currently have available:

100 x Guest - Saturday Only Tickets

Guest – Saturday Only Tickets can be purchased at this link: [Guest – Saturday Only Tickets Booking Form](#)

Q16) Can I still pay a deposit and set up a payment plan?

Payment plans closed on 6 August 2026.

Q17) What is the refund policy if I can no longer attend?

Refunds requested after 1 July 2026, will be refunded the amount paid, less the initial deposit of \$150.

Example: if someone has purchased a ticket and paid \$550. They will be refunded \$400.

Refunds requested after 1 October will not be eligible for a refund.

Q18) Will I be able to take my bags to the SCG on Sunday if I have checked out of my hotel?

Yes, we will have a dedicated place for everyone to store their bags safely at the SCG.

Q19) Will I received a physical ticket or digital?

You will have your name checked off on the Friday at the Welcome Night and collect your physical ticketing information for the whole weekend.

Sign in is open from 12:30pm – 6:20pm. To help avoid a rush in the evening, please feel free to sign in and collect your ticketing information throughout the day if you are nearby the venue.

Q20) Do I need to dress up on the Saturday night?

No, you are welcome to not dress up and wear whatever you like.

Q21) Will everyone have a seat at each of the venues?

Yes, everyone will have a seat at each event (including SOH) so no one will need to stand for long periods of time.

Q22) How can I get a public transport card for Sydney?

Opal cards can be ordered online and delivered to your address in Canberra, seniors and pensioners have heavily discounted fares on buses, trams and ferries, just need to put your senior or pension number in.

<https://transportnsw.info/tickets-fares/opal>

Trams run from central right down George Street and then a short walk to the opera house.

Q23) Are their Audience only tickets for the Sydney Opera House?

Yes, click on the link below.

<https://www.sydneyoperahouse.com/contemporary-music/sing-australia-2026-national-gathering>

Q24) Should I wear my Sing Australia Name Badge?

Absolutely! If you don't have a name badge, we will have a station for you to make your own.