



GLOBAL CULINARY ICON TO TAKE OVER THE KITCHENS AT CROWN FOR A LIMITED SERIES

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24 March 2026: Crown is bringing world-renowned chef Gaggan Anand to Australia for a sensational and limited series of exclusive dining events.

Gaggan is the creative mind behind Bangkok's acclaimed **Gaggan**, the number-one ranked restaurant in Asia for 2025-26 and among the top ten in the world, by *Asia's 50 Best Restaurant Academy*. He is famed for reshaping modern Indian cuisine and creating some of the world's most wildly inventive and emotionally charged dining experiences

With tickets on sale this week, his Australian visit will begin with a 12-course degustation dinner at Crown Sydney, from 28 April – 3 May, featuring bold flavours, a glass of Dom Pérignon, and his signature energy, imagination and theatrical touch, alongside a progressive Indian lunch series from 1-3 May. The celebrity chef will also design a dedicated bar and snacks menu for Cirq, exclusively available throughout May.

Gaggan's creative flair arrives at Crown Melbourne on 6 May for a special collaboration with Marmont – lifting the party vibes at this riverside setting to new heights.

A vibrant fusion of fine dining and music set against a lively social atmosphere will take hold over the course of the three-day series, with an iconic 8-course menu of Gaggan's most celebrated creations. The unique nightlife energy will dial up as the evening unfolds, with Grant Smillie and Gaggan setting the pulsing soundtrack and delivering an extraordinary journey through taste, smell, light and sound.

Crown Melbourne CEO, Ed Domingo, said the collaboration brings a world-renowned experience direct to local guests.

"Gaggan is an international rock star of the culinary world. We're delighted to be bringing him to Crown Melbourne for this truly a once-in-a-lifetime dining experience."

Gaggan Anand said: "Gaggan is not just about food, it's about an experience and we have never cooked in Australia before. It's always been a dream to see my peers cooking at Crown in Sydney or Melbourne, and we are fortunate that this year we will be cooking with both! We will bring our minds, our techniques, your ingredients and our madness to your plate. In the end, it will be all about living in the land Down Under."

Gaggan Anand's remarkable story is testament to how talent, imagination and resilience can defy circumstance. Born into poverty in Kolkata and largely self-taught, he rose from Indian hotel kitchens to the world's leading culinary stages, culminating in the creation of his groundbreaking Bangkok restaurant.

Tickets are strictly limited and available from 30 March at: crownsydney.com.au and [Marmont | Crown Chefs in Residence](#). American Express Centurion and Platinum Card Members will receive first access to tickets from 27 March. This experience is made possible through our partners American Express and Dom Pérignon.

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About Crown Sydney

Since opening in December 2020, Crown Sydney has made a stunning addition to the city's skyline, commanding breathtaking views of the Harbour from its prime Barangaroo location.

Crown Sydney boasts 349 world-class hotel rooms, suites and villas, alongside premium residential apartments, providing unrivalled waterfront views and an unprecedented array of luxurious offerings. Guests can indulge in the infinity pool facilities and flagship Crown Spa Sydney, a sanctuary of relaxation and wellness.

Home to some of Sydney's most acclaimed restaurants and bars, Crown's dining precinct includes the legendary Golden Century, the renowned buffet at Epicurean, and a selection of award-winning venues including a'Mare, Yoshii's Omakase, Nobu and Woodcut.

For hotel guests, visitors and Sydneysiders seeking premium gaming entertainment, Crown Sydney offers a compelling members casino, all within stylish, world-class surrounds.

Now a globally recognisable landmark, Crown Sydney attracts thousands of national and international tourists, helping Sydney compete with other global tourism destinations for business, leisure, and sporting events.

Crown Sydney has redefined luxury in our Harbour City, quickly establishing itself as Sydney's premier integrated resort. Offering an unparalleled mix of world class accommodation, dining, entertainment and events, Crown Sydney has become a must-visit destination for both locals and international guests.

About Crown Melbourne

Crown has been an iconic Melbourne landmark since 1994, transforming the Southbank precinct into one of Australia's most recognised and visited destinations. Nestled along the Yarra River, Crown is Melbourne's only integrated resort, offering a world class experience that attracts more than 26 million visitors annually.

Crown Melbourne's waterfront location boasts unrivalled luxury accommodation, with over 1,600 exquisitely appointed rooms across Crown Towers, Crown Metropal and Crown Promenade.

Guests enjoy access to Victoria's best indoor hotel swimming pools, the award-winning Crown Spa and an exclusive retail precinct featuring designer brands and prestigious luxury outlets.

Home to an exceptional array of award-winning restaurants, including Nobu and Rockpool, alongside bars, cafes and clubs, Crown is Melbourne's ultimate entertainment destination with venues for every occasion.



Marmont and Kolkata Cricket Club are new additions to the dining offering, and Victor Churchill is set to open an exquisite new bar and grill restaurant overlooking the Yarra in 2027.

Construction is underway to renovate and expand Crown Live Theatre, featuring additional seating capacity and a new balcony for pre-theatre drinks, scheduled to open later this year.

Crown Palladium Ballroom remains Australia's premiere major events destination, hosting prestigious awards and celebrations. This compliments a combined 7,350 square metres of versatile space offered by the Crown Conference Centre.

The 24-hour casino at Crown Melbourne features 540 gaming tables and over 2,600 electronic gaming machines, providing guests a wide variety of entertainment options all under the one roof.

Crown Melbourne is the state's largest single-site private employer and the largest employer of hospitality staff. The resort plays a key role in driving Melbourne's tourism sector, contributing \$1.9 billion to the local economy each year.