

Celebrate Year of the Pig at The Rocks Lunar Markets *With over 30 stalls of street food and gifts for everyone to enjoy*

The Rocks will come alive this Lunar New Year with over 30 stalls popping up for **The Rocks Lunar Markets**, in celebration of the Year of the Pig. Stroll down the cobblestone laneways with friends and family where you can feast your eyes on the sights, scents and sounds of delicious street food. Visitors will also be able to shop for loved ones or treat themselves with a variety of unique gift stores scattered throughout The Rocks.

A variety of food options will be cooked to perfection across The Rocks Lunar Markets, including **Mr Bao's** pillow-soft steamed buns. Mr Bao has mixed Vietnamese and Japanese food and added them to the iconic Taiwanese street food, *Gua bao*. The contemporary Asian flavours make for the perfect mouthful every time. For fresh buns and dumplings cooked on-site, head to **Let's Do Yum Cha**. The food stall is guaranteed to fill your stomach and delight your taste buds. **Jarrod's Shakes and Snags** will offer a Lunar special with a Bahn Mi beef snag paired with a lychee and coconut milkshake. For something a bit different, head to the **AGAPE Organic Food Stall** where all the food served is organic and bio-dynamic. The stall will offer a large menu with a variety to choose from, including spelt dumplings, scrambled tofu san choy bao and duck fries!

Merry Pops will have special lychee and green tea ice cream bars for anyone wanting to cool down. The bars are all handmade to perfection from fresh ingredients and are guaranteed to have you coming back to try all the flavours. **Yum Thai Juice Bar** will be serving ice cold drinks, including mango and lychee real fruit smoothies and Thai-style ice drinks made with organic Suva instead of sugar. If you are a cotton candy lover, look no further than **Som Som Candy**, who will be creating specially crafted animal shapes out of cotton candy, with a pig shape option especially for Lunar New Year!

The Lunar New Year also calls for gifting! Treat yourself or gift a friend with 100 per cent silk or pure Australian Merino products from **Bee Bowen**. Each piece is handcrafted and dyed using real flora, with special red hues available for the Lunar occasion. **buKo** offer a variety of fashion and tech accessories made from timber and laser cut etching and to tie in with the Lunar New Year, they will have phone covers with special lunar designs to choose from. For gourmet and handmade condiments for your home or to gift, make sure you stop by **The Village Providore**. Artisan fudge packs will be sold as a dessert bento box and fudge pops in special Asian flavours. There will also be specialised Asian condiments including Thai Peanut & Coconut Sauce as well as Asian Lime Pickle.

The Rocks Lunar Markets will also be bursting with colour as red lanterns line the streets, representing the colour of good fortune. Keep your eye out for traditional lion dance performances on Fridays at 1pm and 6pm, Saturdays 1pm, 2pm and 6pm and Sundays 1pm, 2pm and 6pm, from Friday 1 February to Sunday 10 February.

Other food and drink offers are available throughout the Lunar New Year in The Rocks including \$1 dumplings at **The Argyle** every Tuesday. They will also be offering \$5 Sapporo beers, so dumplings are the perfect match! **The Push** will also be joining in the Lunar New Year celebrations with cocktails inspired by Chinese flavours from 1 to 10 February. *The Red Lotus* boasts a vibrant red colour and the sweet flavour of lychee, China's native tropical fruit. If orange is more suited to your taste palate, try the *Orange Blossom*. The mandarin orange is traditionally gifted during Lunar New Year and is also the hero of this cocktail. Visitors can also sit back and sip on a cocktail while enjoying a delicious meal made with local produce at **Mrs Jones**, a new terrace bar in one of the city's oldest pubs. Make sure you try their limited special Lunar New Year Blue Moon cocktail.

If you are looking for a new outfit to celebrate the new year, look no further than fashion boutiques **Shab & Shadi** and **Sardis**. You can also find yourself a great deal at the **T Galleria** with a wide selection of designer colognes, handbags and perfumes!

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The Russell Boutique Hotel is also joining in the celebrations with a special Lunar New Year offer for anyone that wants to stay close by to all the action. Book using the code LUNAR to receive an eight per cent discount on the best available room rates as well as a lucky red envelope with a complimentary offer inside.

With over 30 stalls showcasing delicious Asian-inspired food and unique gifts and handmade goodies, to tantalising cocktails and new clothes and shoes, The Rocks has something for everyone this Lunar New Year!

For all further information and to find out more about all the Lunar New Year offers available, head to therocks.com

The Rocks Lunar Markets

10am – 10pm

Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, 1 – 10 February

Jack Munday Place, Playfair Street and George Street, The Rocks

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