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SWISH AND CHIPS

A once-sketchy Sydney neighbourhood is shaking off its tumbledown image to become the coolest cultural hub



Wondering what's hip on the Sydney scene right now? Whatever it is, it's most likely going down in Chippendale. Formerly the bastion of drug dens and decay, the central enclave is being glossed up in a big way. First came the galleries – don't they always? *White Rabbit* showcases one of the world's most expansive collections of modern Chinese art, and above a pub in a Gothic Revival building on Little Queen Street, *NG Art Gallery* keeps it local with contemporary Australian works. Once the swanky Foster and Partners-designed Central Park complex, *pictured*, opened, it moved *Ambush Gallery*, which specialises in urban art (graffiti and mixed-media installations). Chefs followed in hot pursuit of the buzz and 'Chippo', as the area is known, has become an incubator for burgeoning talent. *Ester* put the district on the culinary map last year thanks to chef Mat Lindsay's inventive use of a

wood-fired oven (whole cauliflower with almond mayo; not a pizza in sight). Soon after, his buddy Luke Powell debuted LP's *Quality Meats*, a haven for carnivorous Sydneysiders. Celebrated hotelier Loh Lik Peng's eagerly awaited 62-room *Old Clare Hotel* has just opened, with three high-profile restaurants tucked away in the revamped heritage building: the industrial-themed *Automata* by Clayton Wells (formerly of Sydney's Quay, *Tetsuya's* and *Momofuku Seiobo*); *Silvereye* by Sam Miller, who lists *Noma* on his CV; and Jason Atherton's Aussie debut, *Kensington Street Social*. Also on board is Singapore chef Frédéric Colin, who is moving in next spring with his Sydney outpost *Bistrot Gavroche*. And where there are galleries, restaurants and hotels, fashion boutiques cannot be far behind. Watch out for a clutch of stylish new shops opening any day in the elegantly refreshed Victorian townhouses of Kensington Street, a formerly derelict stretch that's in the throes of complete restoration.
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THE TRENDS TAKING OFF AND THOSE RUNNING OUT OF FUEL

✂ ARRIVALS ↗

ANGER MANAGEMENT

Scream your way to inner peace at the Tantrum Club spa in Ockenden Manor, West Sussex, or smash up the furniture in Toronto's Rage Room.

IRAN

The UK's Foreign and Commonwealth Office has lifted its advice against travel to many areas, including Persepolis and show-stopping Isfahan.

TRAVEL PATCHES

A new twist on the old-school souvenir: Instagram account @adventurepatch shows them in front of the places they represent, from Big Sur to Berlin.

✂ DEPARTURES ↘

CELEBRITY WINE

The stars prefer caffeine kicks. Snoop Dogg is backing San Francisco's Philz Coffee and Canadian band Anvil is working with Swedish brand Rock Coffee.

WASTE

Silo restaurant in Brighton uses plates made from recycled plastic bags; Berlin's wrapper-free shop Original Unverpackt offers fill-your-own cereal and yogurt.

SEA SICKNESS

Scientists are working on an experimental app that would cure motion sickness by delivering a very small electric current through the headphone jack.