



Getting there

Location

Opera on the Beach is located on Coolangatta Beach, on Marine Parade between Warner Street and McDonald Street.

Parking

Road closures along Marine Parade (between Warner Street and McDonald Street) will be in effect from Thursday 8 May until Sunday 11 May, from 4pm to 11pm to manage traffic around the event.

If you are not using a pre-paid, designated car spot we highly recommend arranging an alternative drop off/meeting point, or using public transport.

Public transport

Visit translink.com.au for information on public transport in the Gold Coast.

Taxis

Within the Gold Coast, book with Gold Coast Cabs on 131 008. If you are travelling to and from New South Wales book with Tweed Heads Coolangatta Taxi Service on 1300 656 818.

For the return journey there is a taxi rank located in Coolangatta - outside entrance of Showcase on the Beach.



Venue information

Ticket collection

You will need a valid ticket to obtain entry to the site.

Tickets can be collected for that night's performance from 5pm at the box office located and clearly signposted near the entrance to the venue (next to the John Cunningham Building). For ticket collection, valid identification (eg. a driver's license or passport) will be required.

What to wear

There are no rules about what to wear at an opera performance. It is always great fun to dress up for the occasion but remember this is an outdoor event and seating is directly on the beach. Most importantly you should dress for all weather conditions.

Seating

All seating is on the sand. Premium, A-reserve and B-reserve are all general admission so we recommend arriving as early as possible to choose your seat. [The seating map is on our website.](#)

In the Premium section, a low-set beach chair will be provided (See picture beside). A-reserve and B-reserve patrons may bring a similar chair to sit on. Please make sure the back of the chair is no taller than 80cm. Camping chairs are not permitted.



If you cannot bring a chair, we recommend you bring a blanket, towel or beach mat.

Venue information cont.

Venue facilities

- There are no cloak room facilities available. We recommend that you do not bring large or bulky items (including eskys).
- There will be no ATMs on site. ATMs are located along Marine Parade.
- Opera on the Beach is largely a non-smoking venue, however limited designated areas will be provided where smoking is permitted.
- There will be a designated holding area for all prams etc. located near the ticket office. All articles left at this location will be at the owner's responsibility.

Food and beverage

There are a number of food and beverage outlets at the venue. Alcoholic beverages must be purchased on site venue – sorry, no BYO. And of course you must be over 18 to purchase or consume alcohol at the venue.

Payment will be by cash only.

BYO food and non-alcoholic beverages will be permitted into the venue.

There are a number of restaurants located along Marine Parade to cater for all budgets and tastes. [More information](#) on nearby dining options.

Special needs seating

We have a special needs seating area for people who cannot sit on the ground, as well as a limited number of beach wheelchairs available.

To register to sit in this section or to reserve a wheelchair, email info@bleachfestival.com.au or call 07 5534 3500. Space is limited, so we recommend registering early.

Wet weather

Opera on the Beach is an open-air event. The performance will proceed if there is light rain. We recommend that guests bring warm and rainproof clothing. Please note that although umbrellas can be brought to the site, out of consideration for other members of the audience they cannot be used during the performance.

In the case of extreme weather, *The Magic Flute* may be delayed by up to 50 minutes at any point throughout the performance.

Cancellation will occur in the event of heavy rain and/or strong winds, when the weather poses a threat to the safety of performers or the audience.

[Read our full wet weather policy](#)

Enjoying the performance

The story

Tamino, a young explorer, finds himself in a mysterious tomb-like maze. It is here where he meets Papageno, the former ornithologist now bird catcher who works for the Queen of the Night.

Together they embark on a dangerous quest to rescue the beautiful Pamina (daughter of the mysterious Queen of the Night) from the terrible man who has kidnapped her.

On a perilous journey a hero needs more than courage and so Tamino is given a magic flute, one that can bewitch even the darkest of hearts.

Will Tamino and Papageno pass the series of trials that await them in the maze?

[Read the full synopsis here](#)

Running time

Approximately 2 hours and 20 minutes.

There will be a 30-minute interval which will allow you to have a drink or something to eat, freshen-up and stretch your legs.

Following the story

The Magic Flute is sung in English. Don't worry if you can't follow every word as the action will convey a great deal of the story.

If you wear glasses make sure to bring them.

Cast

[Visit our website](#) to see who will be performing.

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