

MASTERPIECES FROM PARIS

Van Gogh, Gauguin, Cézanne & beyond

POST-IMPRESSIONISM FROM THE MUSÉE D'ORSAY

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Due to popular demand National Gallery of Australia announces extension of season for Masterpieces from Paris

Now showing until April 18

The National Gallery of Australia announced today that *Masterpieces from Paris: van Gogh, Gauguin, Cézanne and beyond* will be extended by a further two weeks. The exhibition will now be on show in Canberra until Sunday April 18.

Ron Radford AM, Director of the National Gallery of Australia said, "The response to *Masterpieces from Paris* has been extraordinary and we are very grateful to the Musée d'Orsay for their generosity in allowing us to extend the time that this exhibition will be on show at the National Gallery of Australia.

We would also like to thank the French government with the support of the French embassy in Australia.

It is very rare indeed to be able to extend an exhibition, due to commitments to other institutions. To be allowed to keep these works of art in Canberra for an extra two weeks is marvellous and a unique opportunity."

This extended period will provide significant additional viewing times for the Australian public to see these works of art before they must travel to Japan.

The Gallery is also introducing new initiatives to extend opportunities to view the exhibition and to attempt to reduce waiting times experienced, particularly on weekends. From now on additional daily ticket sales will be limited to assist with managing visitor numbers.

Opening hours will be extended on weekends for the final month of the exhibition. The exhibition will be open throughout Easter with extended hours on Good Friday, Easter Saturday and Easter Sunday until 9pm.

For the last two weeks of the exhibition the Gallery is introducing timed entry and limited capacity sessions every day. Visitors can purchase a timed entry ticket to ensure the best possible viewing experience.

The National Gallery is also working with our caterers and partners to introduce additional entertainment and external catering to improve visitor comfort and enjoyment while queuing.

Timed entry tickets for April 6 to April 18 will be on sale Monday 15 March through Ticketek.

Images: A selection of images from the exhibition can be downloaded via
www.nga.gov.au/mediacentre

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Season extended – fast facts

Ticketing

- The Gallery is introducing **timed entry tickets on the half hour and hour with a limited capacity per session** for the final two weeks of exhibition
- **All timed entry tickets will be on sale through Ticketek on Monday 15 March at ticketek.com.au or by calling 132 849** (*transaction fees from \$3.95 apply*)

TICKET PRICES:

Adult \$25

Concession / Member \$16

Child \$6 (7-16 years)

Family \$55 (2 adults + 2 children)

Family Concession / Member \$37

- In response to the delayed waiting times particularly on the weekend **the Gallery is limiting additional daily ticket sales from now until 18 April to assist with managing visitor numbers**

Extended opening hours

- For the **last month** of the exhibition the Gallery will be **extending hours on Friday and Saturday nights until 9pm**
- The exhibition will be open **throughout Easter with extended hours on Good Friday, Easter Saturday and Easter Sunday until 9pm**
- For the **last two extended weeks from 6 April until 18 April** we will open an hour **earlier from 9am**