

THE MURRAY

HONG KONG

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DISCOVER AUSTRALIA THROUGH YOUR PLATE AT POPINJAYS

13 July 2021, Hong Kong SAR, China – From 15 to 25 July, Popinjays at The Murray, Hong Kong, a Niccolo Hotel will present an exclusive culinary encounter where Chef de Cuisine Alexandre Viriot will join hands with guest chef Jack Carson to showcase the finest ingredients from the pristine waters and fertile soils of Australia.

Bonded over a mutual passion for the finest seasonal produce to deliver the most authentic tastes, Chef Alexandre and Chef Jack contest that Australian ingredients can rival the best suppliers from across the globe. Australia's unique climate makes it home to a wealth of highly sought-after and exquisite fare, not always readily associated with the Southern hemisphere. From quail and truffle, to octopus and sea salt, **Discover Australia Through Your Plate** will portray the balance and beauty of the bountiful plains and coastal shores of Australia.

The four-course menu begins with Chef Alexandre's **Grilled Fremantle Octopus**. The wild-caught octopus from the Western Australian coast is marinated with olive oil, paprika and garlic. The dish is paired with the barigoule jus, a traditional and flavourful French sauce made of braised fennel, French artichoke and bacon.

Chef Jack's **Brisbane Valley Oak Smoked Quail** spotlights the jumbo quail and its delicate gamey flavour. The bird is complemented with house bacon braised cabbage, crispy sweet potato hay and a tarte sherry jus.

A choice from two impeccable mains, the **"Acquerello" Risotto** by Chef Alexandre adds a creative twist to the traditional risotto using half rice and half hand-cut squid. Tomato paste is added to the risotto to give it a refreshing sweetness. For extra indulgence, the risotto is topped with a roast half lobster tail and black truffle shavings.

Meat lovers should not miss the **6-Hour Slow Smoked 2GR Wagyu Short Ribs**. The dish takes inspiration from Chef Jack's Louisiana roots where creole style slow cooked techniques are used to create a meltingly tender texture. The short ribs are paired with Australian black truffle mashed potato, crispy smoked maitake mushroom and brussels sprout leaves.

To conclude, Popinjay's resident Pastry Chef, Arnaud Labbe has created **62% Dark Chocolate Truffle**. A decadent treat to end the night on a sweet note, the chocolate truffle is infused with the velvety Irish whiskey cream, and paired with sea salt caramel sauce. The earthy notes of Tasmanian pepperberry add a new dimension to the round and aromatic profile of the dark chocolate.

The four-course dinner menu will be available from 15 to 25 July at Popinjays for HKD 888* per person with optional Australian wine pairing for HKD 428*.

For enquiries, please call +852 3141 8888 or email popinjays@niccolohotels.com. Alternatively, book online at <https://app.optitable.com/en/reservation/at/popinjays/>

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*Prices are subject to 10% service charge.

The Murray, Hong Kong, a Niccolo Hotel

The Murray, Hong Kong is a high-profile preservation project by British international studio for architecture and integrated design Foster + Partners. The hotel, part of Hong Kong SAR's Conserving Central initiative, was previously the stand-alone Murray Building, one of the city's most iconic landmarks. A member of Global Hotel Alliance's Ultratravel Collection, the USHKD 1 billion contemporary sanctuary features 336 oversized rooms and suites spanning 25 floors. Other facilities include a swimming pool and spa, a stunning rooftop bar with breath-taking views of the central business district and the green oasis of Hong Kong Park, a series of signature restaurants and bars, as well as creative meeting and event spaces. The Murray is also the only hotel in China and Hong Kong SAR to be listed as "Sharecare VERIFIED® Health Security with Forbes Travel Guide" to recognise the hotel's health security achievement. Further details on The Murray, Hong Kong are available at niccolohotels.com

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