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The harbourside hideaway with a killer view, **a world-first in Melbourne** + the huge fine-dining bargain nobody seems to know about: THE DETOUR

- It's a week of Asian fusion treats, a French world-first and a secret recipe
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Welcome to The Detour: Your food and travel guide to the best flavours, hidden haunts, insider tips and unforgettable new experiences that reward those who wander off course.

Chateau Merveilles: A Melbourne world first

Melbourne has been chosen as the first city outside France to host **Château Merveilles**, a spectacular immersive dining experience that blurs the lines between fine dining, theatre and digital art.

Making its international debut at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre on October 22, the one-night-only event uses breathtaking 360-degree projections, cinematic storytelling and immersive sound to transport guests through some of iconic destinations including Versailles, the Louvre and the Loire Valley.

The experience is paired with an exclusive four-course menu by acclaimed French chefs Guillaume Brahimi, Pierrick Boyer and Quentin Zerr, celebrating the country's renowned food, wine and craftsmanship.

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Melbourne was selected for its internationally recognised dining scene, thriving arts culture and strong ties to the French community.

Created by the renowned Allegria Agency, the production is the brainchild of producers Baudouin Lacoste and Jean-Pierre Ferrand, who have spent more than three decades creating large-scale cultural events around the world.

It comes with a price to match, however, as tickets are \$658 a head. Worth it? You decide.



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