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## **SURRENDER YOUR SIGHT. IMMERSIVE, SENSORY DINING LANDS IN CARLTON.**

Dans le Noir? launches at Rydges on Swanston.



At a time when the Insta-worthiness of an eatery has become equally as important as the quality of its food, *Dans le Noir?* reminds us there's more to the dining experience than Instagram. In fact, at *Dans Le Noir?* you can't see anything, ever, because it's pitch black. Oh, and mobile phones and cameras are banned.

*Dans le Noir?* launches at its new home at **Rydges on Swanston** (Carlton), bringing their unique concept to central Melbourne. Dining in complete darkness, and being hosted and served by vision impaired people may change your perspective on the World.

*"This restaurant is totally devoid of vanity"*

— Anon.



The *Dans le Noir?* experience sharpens the senses and sees guests trust and rely on hosts for guidance. Guests aren't blindfolded, the restaurant is pitch black, in a complete blackout and the hosts replace the eyes of the guest. The menu is a surprise (other than dietary requirements which guests can specify beforehand) and this unusual context sees authentic conversation thrive and preconceptions disappear.

With restaurants across the World, *Dans le Noir?* has successfully shared their experience in in **Paris, London, Madrid, Barcelona, St Petersburg, Auckland, Casablanca**, and now, **Melbourne**. With over 1.5 million visitors worldwide for more than fifteen years, this experience is an international success based on a totally innovative approach of tasting.

After a 12-month operation in South Yarra which saw the restaurant shortlisted for the **Melbourne Awards 2018**, *Dans le Noir?* joins the Melbourne University precinct. Rydges Head Chef **Christian Oblak** collaborated on the 2019 menu which changes seasonally and is **Vegan, Vegetarian and Pescatarian friendly** and accommodates allergies and food restrictions.

This one-of-a-kind dining experience challenges guests in more ways than one. The only question is; are you up for the challenge?

*Dans le Noir?* opens February 14 (fully booked) and trades on Thursday, Friday and Saturday Evenings.



**ADDRESS**

**Dans le Noir? at Rydges on Swanston**

701 Swanston St, Carlton VIC 3053

Reservations Recommended.

Children aged 6+ are permitted if accompanied by an adult.

**MENU OPTIONS**

**3 Courses \$89**

w/ Matched Drinks \$119

### **5 Courses \$119**

w/ Matched Drinks \$169

### **ABOUT DANS LE NOIR?**

*Dans le Noir?* (literally: In the Dark?) is a set of unique human and sensory experiences founded in 2004 in Paris by **Edouard de Broglie**. It is first a restaurant chain where guests dine in complete darkness served by unexpected guides. With over 1.5 million visitors worldwide for more than fifteen years, this experience is an international success based on a totally innovative approach of tasting.

### **ABOUT RYDGES ON SWANSTON**

Located in the heart of the Melbourne University Precinct and minutes away to central Melbourne, Rydges on Swanston Melbourne is the perfect choice for business and leisure accommodation, functions, meeting and events. Rydges on Swanston Melbourne features 107 guest rooms with on-site covered parking and is located in one of Melbourne's best-know cosmopolitan districts, Carlton.

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