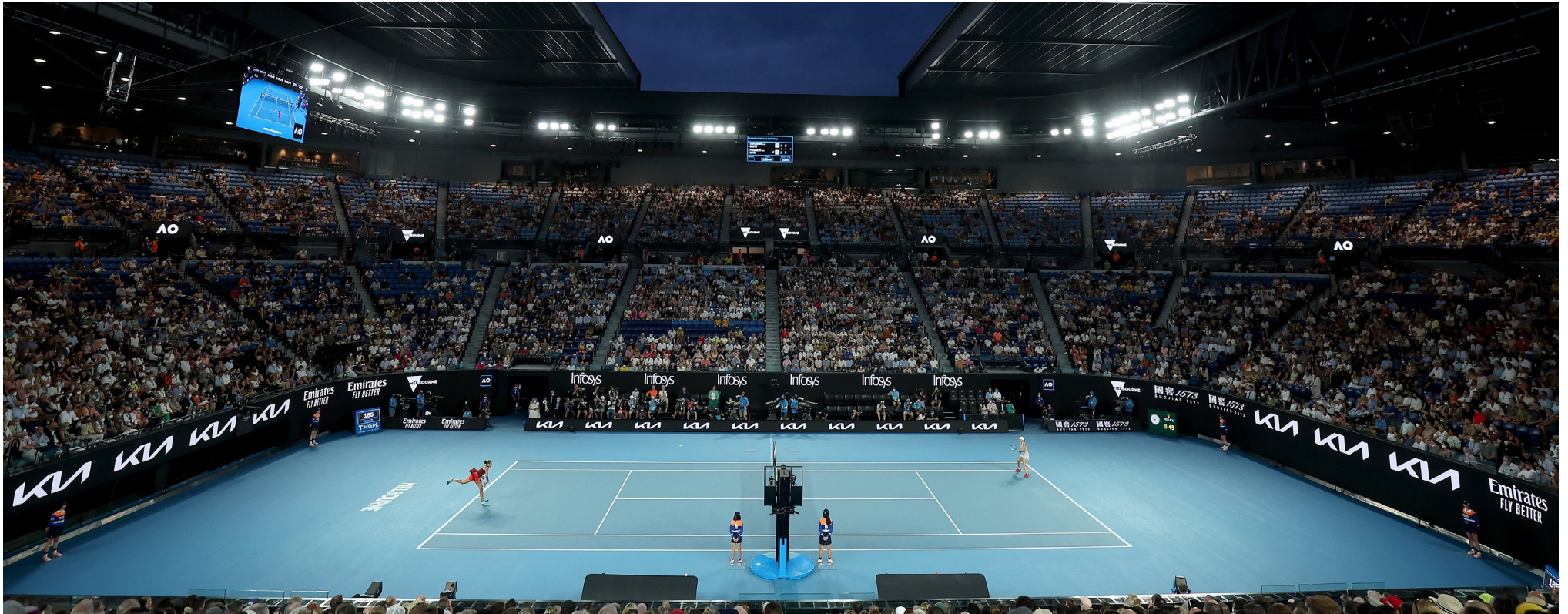
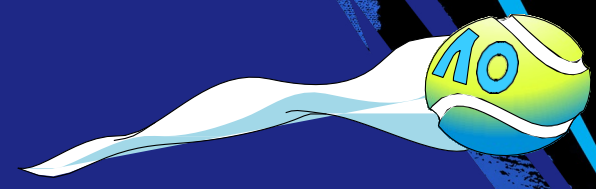


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# The Australian Open

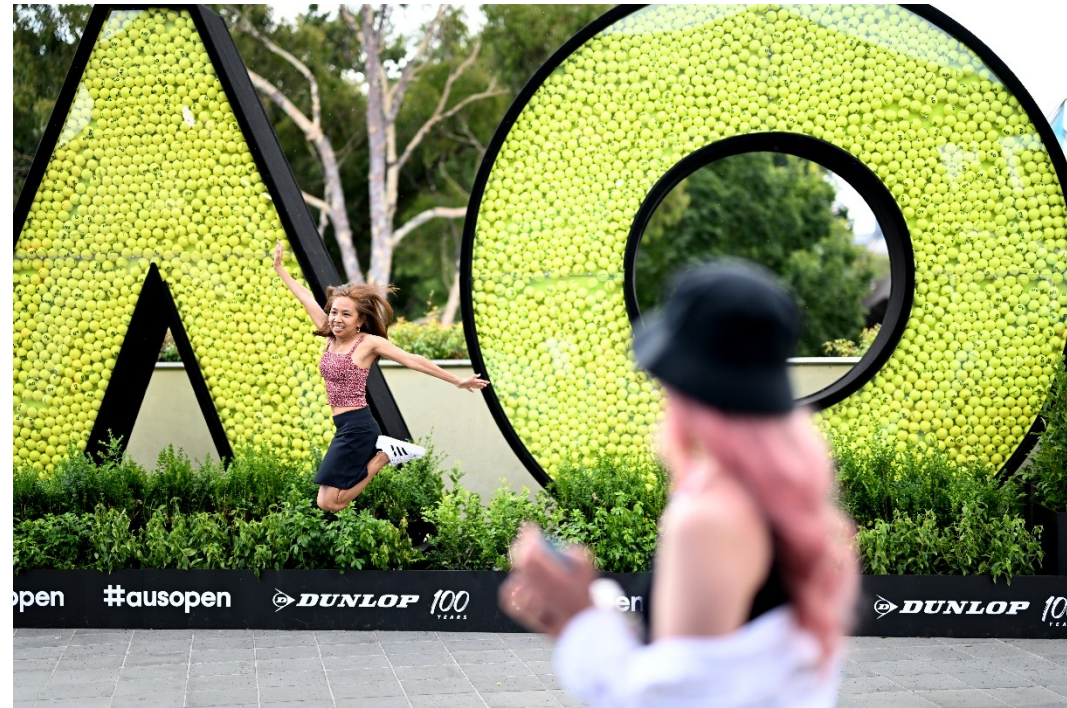
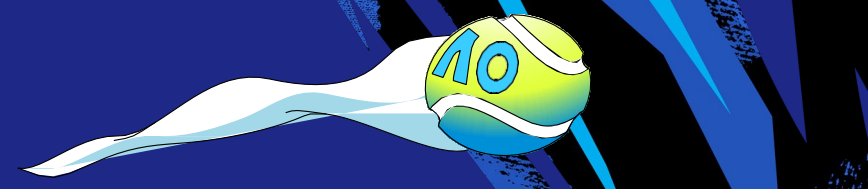






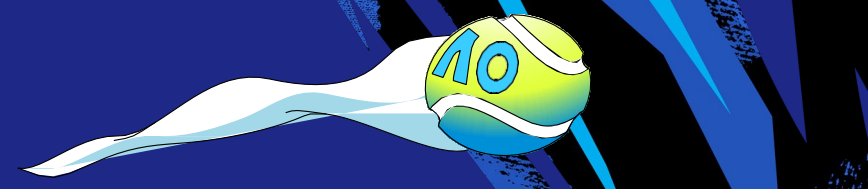
I am going to the Australian Open! The Australian Open is the place where the best tennis players in the world come to play.





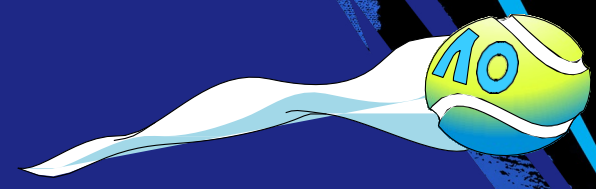
Sometimes the Australian Open is called the AO. At the AO, there will be tennis matches to watch as well as lots of other activities.





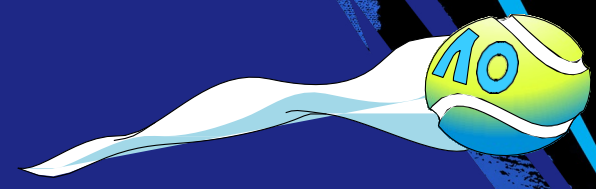
When I arrive at the gate, if I have accessibility needs, I am able to use the accessible entry.





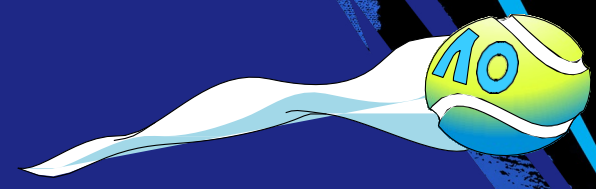
I will go to the entrance for security checks.  
I will have a security person check inside  
my bag.





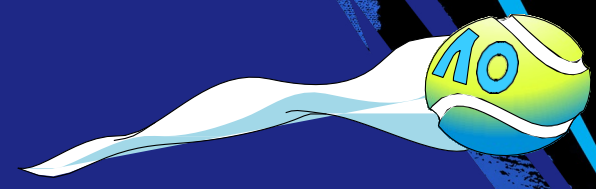
I might also have a security person scan me with a handheld security wand. This makes sure that everyone only brings safe things into the AO.





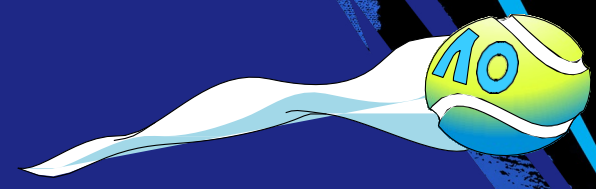
I will then have my ticket scanned and walk through.





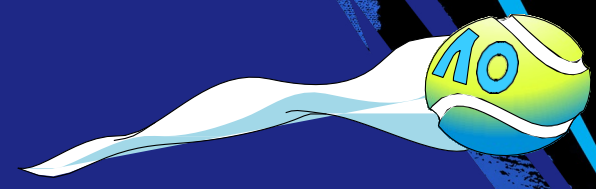
Once I am inside it will be very busy with lots of people.





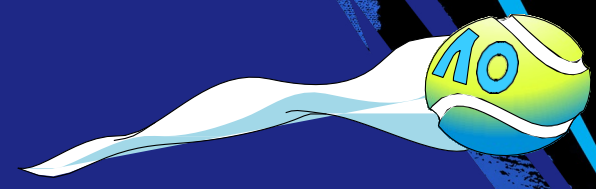
I might visit Garden Square.





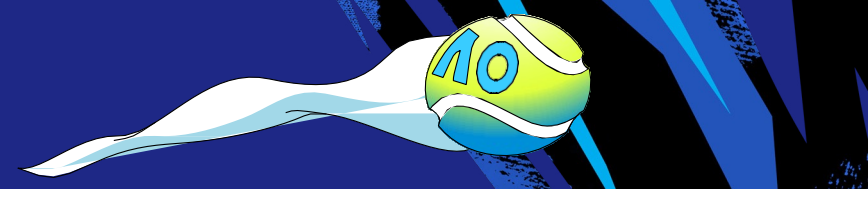
I might visit Grand Slam Oval.





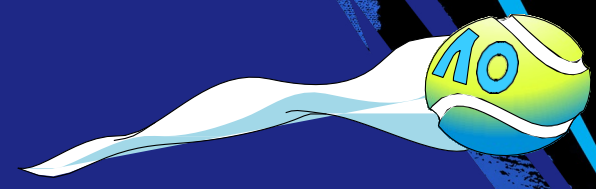
I might visit some shops.





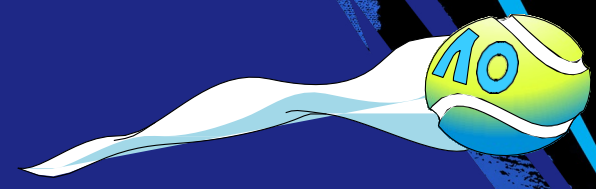
I might visit the AO Ballpark where there will be lots of activities and games for kids and families.





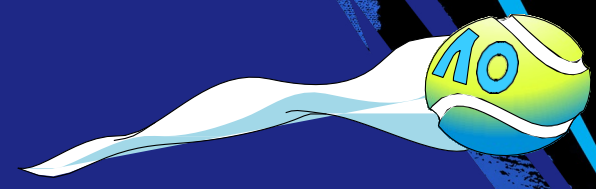
I might also visit a restaurant.





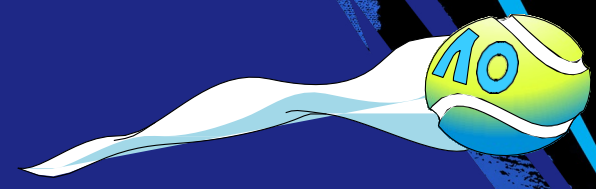
I might watch some tennis. A staff member might show me where to sit.





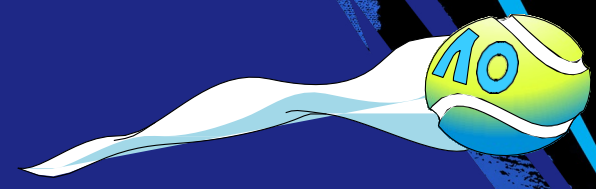
Everyone is quiet when the players are hitting the ball.





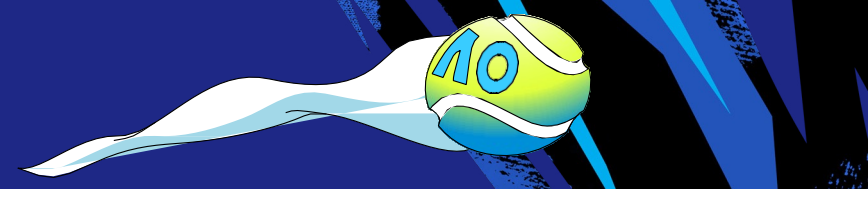
There will be cheering and clapping when a point ends.





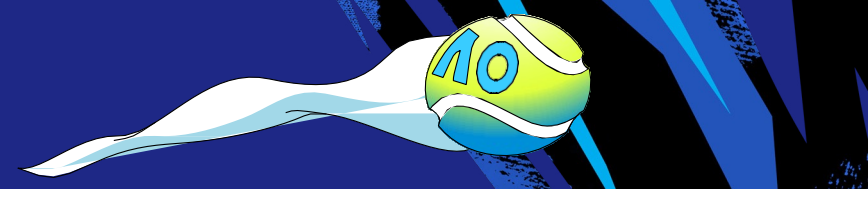
I will stay in my seat until the players change sides.





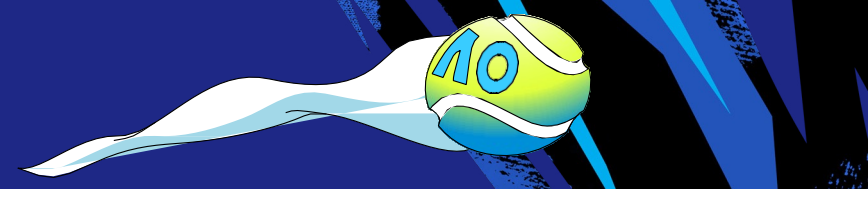
If I need a break I can go to the sensory room, quiet room or find a shaded place outdoors.





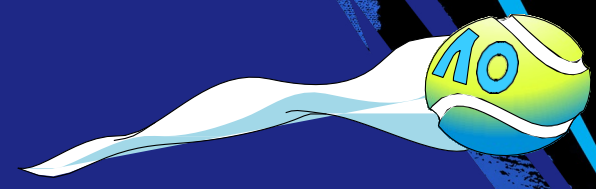
If I need to use the toilet, I can look for a sign or ask a staff member to direct me.





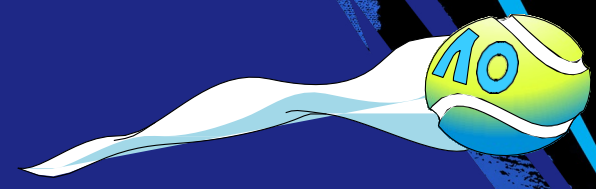
The weather may be hot. If I get hot I can cool down in the misters or get a drink of water.





If I need help or advice, there are many people wearing yellow shirts and holding an umbrella who can help me.





There is lots of fun things to see and do at the AO. Visiting the Australian Open can be a great day out.