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## Shangri-La Sydney turns iconic toy into themed tea

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*Shangri-La Sydney is hosting a birthday party for Barbie. Image credit: Shangri-La Sydney*

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Shangri-La Hotel, Sydney is centering its latest culinary offer around Barbie, creating an afternoon tea inspired by the fashionable doll.

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Executive pastry chef Anna Polyviou developed a high tea menu around the doll, and Barbie's signature pink has been incorporated into the hotel's lobby lounge to round out the themed experience. Barbie has spanned generations, allowing her appeal to bridge both children and adults.

I still love playing with Barbie dolls with my niece, as she's part of all our childhood memories," Ms. Polyviou said in a statement. "I want family and friends to have fun, eat epic desserts and enjoy the deliciousness of my new Barbie High Tea menu."

### Barbie birthday party

Barbie is celebrating her 60th anniversary, and the doll was recently awarded the Board of Directors' Tribute by the Council of Fashion Designers of America, honoring her position as a style icon.

Shangri-La's celebration is positioned as a birthday party. The menu offers savory items such as vegetable sushi and a chicken sandwich along with sweet treats including fairybread cake, Barbie macarons, rainbow trifle, scones and a shake.

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### *Instagram post from Shangri-La Sydney*

The menu will be available from July 5 to 28.

As part of the month-long festivities, the lobby lounge will be hosting a retrospective photo display that looks at Barbie over the years.

On July 6, Ms. Polyviou will host a party including a high tea, a workshop and a DJ. Those who attend will get to take home a Barbie doll and a Barbie-themed cookbook.

Hotels often incorporate playful concepts into their afternoon teas, creating an experience centered on more than just food.

For instance, Hotel Rosewood London took inspiration from famous artists throughout history and incorporated pop art into a culinary experience.

Celebrating cubism and pop art, the hotel in London created a special afternoon tea experience to cater to travelers who are also art fanatics. Launched last August, executive pastry chef Mark Perkins created six pastries that were inspired by famous artists in these categories ([see story](#)).