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**Sydney**

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## Day 1



### Sydney - The City

Sydney is Australia's largest city, home to beautiful beaches such as world-famous Bondi Beach, iconic buildings, historic landmarks, acclaimed restaurants, and a vibrant culture. From the breathtaking views of Sydney Harbour to the tranquillity of the Royal Botanic Garden, the city is a delight for everyone. If you're looking for a holiday adventure, planning a honeymoon, or searching for a fun-filled getaway, Sydney is a great destination.



### Sydney Harbour

Sydney Harbour is one of the most beautiful natural waterways in the world, with ferries, yachts and tall ships criss-crossing the sparkling blue waters. Aboriginal people have a deep connection with the harbour, dating back at least 50,000 years. Take a ferry from Circular Quay to Manly or Watsons Bay. Cruises depart from the quay and Darling Harbour. You'll also enjoy stretching your legs on delightful walking trails around the harbour foreshore.



### Sydney - Top Things to Do

Sydney is home to Australia's most iconic attractions, and incredible, unique experiences. Whether you wish to cruise in style on the blue waters of the harbour, scale the Sydney Harbour Bridge, relax on Bondi Beach, see a world-class performance in the World Heritage-listed Sydney Opera House, go whale watching or visit with koalas, it's all yours to enjoy in this splendid city.



### BridgeClimb

3 Cumberland Street, The Rocks  
+61 2 8274 7777 - Ticket Hotline

One of the most exciting ways to experience the Sydney Harbour Bridge is to climb to the top of it. Exhilarating and utterly unforgettable, BridgeClimb gives you the opportunity to walk to the summit of the bridge and enjoy one of the world's most spectacular views, 134 metres (440ft) above the water.

Standing above Sydney Harbour - on the world's largest (but not longest) steel arch bridge - gives an incredible panoramic vantage point of the city, its harbour and waterways, and the dynamic lifestyle it affords locals and visitors alike.



### SEA LIFE Sydney Aquarium

Aquarium Wharf, Darling Harbour  
1800 199 657

SEA LIFE Sydney Aquarium in Darling Harbour is one of the world's largest aquariums, with 650 species and 12,000 animals in six million litres of water. It has two of only five dugongs on display in the world. Go on a journey of amazing discovery through the Tropical Bay of Rays, Discovery Rockpool, Mangrove Swamps, South Coast Shipwreck, Dugong Island, Shark Walk and the stunning ocean tunnel walk through Shark Valley.



### Taronga Zoo

Bradleys Head Road, Mosman  
+61 2 9969 2777

Taronga Zoo is a delightful ferry ride across the harbour from Circular Quay. With spectacular harbour views, the award-winning zoo is home to more than 4,000 animals. Kangaroos, koalas, platypus, wombats, wallabies, emus and crocodiles live side by side with gorillas, tigers, snow leopards, bears, chimps, giraffes, zebras and elephants in this zoological garden. The zoo is a must do for families and people of all ages. Don't miss the amazing bird and seal shows.



### WILD LIFE Sydney Zoo

Aquarium Wharf, Darling Harbour  
+61 2 9333 9288

Experience an outback animal adventure right in the centre of the city. Walk through different Australian habitats and encounter some of the most loved, feared and unique native animals. Meet the huge crocodile called Rex, say hello to kangaroos, wallabies and emus, encounter cuddly koalas, beautiful butterflies and more! WILD LIFE Sydney Zoo features interactive displays, and daily keeper talks. You can even fly above Rex on the WILD Flight zip-line.



### Sydney Harbour Tall Ships

Kiosk 3, Wharf 5

Step back in time aboard an historic Tall Ship, in the tradition of those sailors who first sailed into Sydney Harbour back in 1788. These restored antique ships come complete with a crew of old salts - your hosts for the day. You are welcome to get involved and help hoist the sails, take a turn steering the ship or simply sit back and relax. For exhilaration and awe-inspiring views, you can scale a mast in the Mast Climb experience.



### Luna Park

1 Olympic Drive, Milsons Point  
+61 2 9922 6644

Enjoy all the fun of Luna Park, an amusement park on the edge of Sydney Harbour. It was originally built in the 1930s and rides include the fabulous Ferris Wheel, the Tango Train, the Giant Slide, the Space Shuttle and the Big Dipper rollercoaster. There are side shows - the Laughing Clowns, Crazy Crooners and Goin' Fishin' - complete with classic carnival prizes. Treat yourself with hot dogs, fairy floss and fish 'n chips. This iconic landmark is on the State Heritage Register, and has been a family favourite for generations of Australians.



### Sydney Fish Market

Bank Street, Pyrmont  
+61 2 9004 1100

Sydney Fish Market at Pyrmont is one of the largest fish markets in the world. Business begins at 5.30am, when seafood buyers arrive to vie for the best of the day's catch - 2,700 crates of fresh seafood. Buy something for the barbecue, or enjoy lunch on the wharf overlooking the water. You can also reserve a behind the scenes tour to see all the action or join a seafood cookery class hosted by one of Australia's leading chefs.



### Madame Tussauds Sydney

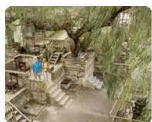
Aquarium Wharf, Darling Harbour  
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Get up close and personal with over 75 of the world's most iconic celebrities and Australia's very own stars. Celebrities on display include Lady Gaga, Leonardo Di Caprio, Justin Bieber, Kylie Minogue, Michael Hutchence, Jimmy Barnes, Mark Webber, Nicole Kidman, Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie and many more, along with fascinating facts on every star. Walk along the red carpet and revel in the unique atmosphere of glamour, fame and history at Madame Tussauds Sydney and go on an interactive star-studded journey through the world of music, sport, culture, film and much more.



### Sydney - Do and See

From enchanting national parks and tranquil gardens to fascinating museums and beautiful beaches, there's always something to explore and see in Sydney. You'll discover world-class attractions and delight in a ferry ride on Sydney Harbour. And many of the best sightseeing activities are free - all you need is a map, comfortable shoes, and your bus, train or ferry fare (you can get an Opal smartcard ticket to cover all three). Enjoy some of the Sydney locals' favourite places to go.



### Explore The Rocks

The Rocks, NSW 2000

Discover Sydney's convict history in the cobbled laneways near the Sydney Harbour Bridge. The Rocks is where Britain began its colony in 1788. This is a picturesque destination, with a maze of sandstone courtyards, workman's cottages, elegant terraces and Sydney's oldest pubs. Discover vibrant weekend markets, theatres, cafés and bars, as well as several of the city's best hotels and restaurants - you'll love The Rocks.



### Sydney Harbour Bridge

A Sydney icon, and known locally as The Coathanger, the impressive bridge has six million steel rivets and carries rail, bicycle, car, bus and pedestrian traffic across the harbour. It's 134 metres (440ft) from the water to top of the steel arch. The bridge is inspiring to look at, and even more exhilarating to walk across, as many Sydneysiders do, to get to and from work each day. Climb to the summit with BridgeClimb and be stunned by one of the world's most spectacular views.



### Manly Ferry

Wharf 3, Circular Quay

As a harbour city, Sydney has long relied on these grand old ladies - the Sydney Ferries - to criss-cross the sparkling waterways. Take the iconic Manly ferry across the harbour to Manly peninsula and stroll along the Corso to Manly Beach, where the first world surfing championship was held in 1964. Go for a surf, or rent a bike and ride to Fairy Bower and picnic at gorgeous Shelly Beach. Wine and dine at Manly Wharf before taking the ferry back to the city centre.



### Bondi to Coogee Coastal Walk

Marks Park, Tamarama

There's no better way to enjoy the beauty of the Sydney coastline than from the winding cliff walk between Bondi and Coogee beaches. These paths become a stage for whale watching between May and November, the backdrop for Sculpture by the Sea in October-November, and a year-round vantage point to watch surfers carve up the waves. Take in Aboriginal rock carving at Mark's Park, big surf at Tamarama, snorkelling at the coves of Clovelly and Gordons Bay, and the white sands of Coogee Beach. Stop off at the Bronte café strip along the way and cool off with a refreshing dip in an ocean pool.



### Darling Harbour

Darling Harbour, NSW 2000  
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A lively entertainment precinct, Darling Harbour is a 10-minute walk from Town Hall in the city centre. One of Sydney's largest harbourside dining, shopping and entertainment precincts, Darling Harbour enjoys a full calendar of events as well as one of the city's most enchanting gardens - the Chinese Garden of Friendship. You'll also find a zoo, aquarium and a maritime museum. Cockle Bay and King Street Wharf offer funky nightclubs, wine bars and bistros serving fine food and great cocktails.



### Chinese Garden of Friendship

1 Exhibition Place, Darling Harbour  
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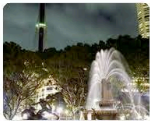
Stepping into this fascinating garden in the middle of bustling Chinatown, is like stepping into a haven of tranquillity. The garden combines old world Chinese architectural principles, with an harmonious balance of running waterfalls, wooden bridges, towering willow trees and colourful koi and carp swimming in lagoons dotted with lotus. Visit the Courtyard of Welcoming Fragrance and the Twin Pavilion, then take a jasmine tea in the traditional Chinese Teahouse.



### Kings Cross

Corner of William Street and Darlinghurst Road, Sydney

An area rich in diversity, Kings Cross is a true melting pot of travellers, stylish restaurants and inviting bars and cafés, and locals from many walks of life. Bronze plaques honouring famous people and venues in the Cross are set in the pavement on Darlinghurst Road. Fitzroy Gardens contains the El Alamein memorial fountain, which flows like a giant dandelion. Theatres such as SBW Stables complement the nightclub acts. Look for the giant neon Coca Cola sign and people dressed to party, and you'll know you've arrived in the Cross.



### Hyde Park

Elizabeth Street, Sydney

Australia's oldest park is 16 hectares of beautiful gardens in the heart of the city centre. Replete with 580 exotic and native trees, art works, monuments and water features, Hyde Park is a favourite lunch time spot, and hosts a number of cultural events such as the Night Noodle Markets for Good Food Month each October. Divided by Park Street, the northern end contains the beautiful Archibald Fountain, with its bronze figures from ancient mythology, and a charming avenue of Hill's Fig trees. The southern end features an ANZAC War Memorial and Pool of Reflections.



### Australian Museum

6 College Street, Sydney  
+61 2 9320 6000

Established in 1827 and the first in the country, the Australian Museum has an international reputation in natural history and in indigenous studies, research, community programmes and accessible, innovative exhibitions. View unique and extensive science and cultural collections, multimedia exhibitions of physics and of indigenous Australian culture and native animals. The permanent Dinosaur exhibition features an awe-inspiring collection of skeletons and answers many age-old questions.



### Centennial Parklands

Oxford Street, Centennial Park  
+ 61 2 9339 6699

A short bus ride from the city centre, Centennial Parklands contain beautiful gardens, an entertainment quarter, 18-hole golf course, sporting fields, tennis courts, equestrian facilities and Fox Studios, which makes films. About 15,000 trees grow in Centennial Parklands' three parks - Centennial Park, Queens Park and Moore Park. Enjoy a picnic under one of the trees or by a tranquil pond. In Centennial Park there's a cafe and a restaurant, and the EQ Village Markets are open on Wednesdays and Saturdays in Moore Park.



### Cockatoo Island

Cockatoo Island, Sydney Harbour  
+61 2 8969 2100

A short ferry ride from Circular Quay in the city centre is Sydney Harbour's largest island and one of Australia's most fascinating historical sites that's on the World Heritage list. Take an audio tour or self-guided journey and explore the island's convict and ship-building history. Cockatoo Island is the only Sydney Harbour island where you can stay overnight in what Lonely Planet described as "one of the world's most spectacularly located campsites".



## Sydney - Beach Lifestyle

Sydney's beaches are world famous, and thanks to the mild climate, you can enjoy them year-round. Whether you want to ride waves on a surfboard or bodysurf at Bondi Beach, enjoy quiet time on a secluded stretch of sand, swim in a tranquil ocean pool or harbour cove, or dine overlooking the vast Pacific Ocean, Sydney's picturesque harbour and gorgeous coastal beaches have it all.



### Surf beaches

Sydney is blessed with many surf beaches that cater to all levels of surfing skill, from small waves for beginners to big breaks for the more experienced and adventurous. Sydney beaches featured on the National Surfing Reserves, a list of iconic surfing locations in Australia, are Manly and North Narrabeen in Sydney's north and Maroubra and Cronulla in Sydney's south.



### Surf schools

Need a lesson? Beginners can find accredited surf schools at many of Sydney's favourite surf beaches, each school offering its own unique techniques for teaching you how to catch a wave. For an iconic Sydney surfing experience with experienced teachers who know the waves, head to Bondi or Manly beaches. You'll also find accredited surf schools at Maroubra and Cronulla beaches.



### Bondi Beach

White sands, turquoise waters and perfect waves make Bondi Beach one of the most popular destinations in the world, and you'll discover plenty more to do beyond the great surf and fine sands. Gourmet dining, eclectic shopping markets, gorgeous coastal walks and a buzzing nightlife can all be experienced in Bondi. The promenade along the beachfront is a favourite track for joggers and walkers, and you'll find plenty of inviting cafés and wine bars on Campbell Parade and in Hall Street.



### Manly Beach

Manly is a delightful destination for the whole family. Near the wharf where the ferry arrives, there is sheltered swimming in the netted harbour pool at Manly Cove, plus Manly SEA LIFE Sanctuary, cafés, restaurants and ice-cream shops. The paved Corso leads you past surf shops and pubs to Manly Beach. Walk or cycle along the Norfolk Pine tree-lined Steyne promenade from the white sands and rolling surf of Manly Beach to the neighbouring haven of Freshwater Beach.



### Coogee Beach

With a shimmering bay, magnificent coastal walk and a protected Marine Reserve that attracts snorkellers and scuba divers, Coogee epitomises the classic Sydney beach scene. When you're not lying on the sand or frolicking in the waves, explore the parks and ocean pools. Grab an icecream, a coffee or look out for great clothing bargains as you wander up Coogee Bay Road. For cool drink, visit one of the beer gardens, or check out the latest movies in the Art Deco grandeur of the heritage-listed Ritz Cinema at The Spot in Randwick.



### Ocean and Harbour Pools

Sydney's coastline features a number of delightful outdoor pools, carved into rock platforms. These saltwater pools are a perfect complement to the surf – ideal for lap swimmers, families or those who just want to relax and float. You'll find many of the ocean pools tucked into the corners of Sydney's surf beaches or down a cliffside, such as the women's baths at Coogee. In Sydney Harbour, outdoor pools include the Andrew Boy Charlton pool at Woolloomooloo, near the Art Gallery of NSW, Royal Botanic Garden and Mrs Macquarie's Chair.



### Palm Beach

Palm Beach is Sydney's northernmost stretch of sand, featuring great surf and coastal walks. It's famous as the gorgeous setting in the long-running TV soap Home and Away, which has a huge international following. Known to locals as Palmie, the northern end of the beach is good for surfing and the southern end offers protected swimming, including a 35-metre ocean pool. Enjoy spectacular views of Palm Beach and Pittwater from the historic Barrenjoey Lighthouse, or fish from Palm Beach Wharf.



### Manly Scenic Walkway

Starts at the Spit Bridge, near Mosman  
+61 2 9976 1430

A great way to marvel at the beauty of Sydney Harbour and the enchanting bushland on the foreshore is on foot, and one of the best walking trails is the Manly Scenic Walkway. This 10 km path meanders through the bush around the harbour foreshore from Spit Bridge past gorgeous Clontarf Beach to Manly. Stop at the crest of Dobroyd Head and look straight out to sea through the Heads, the entrance of the harbour. There are six entry and exit points for shorter strolls, and the whole walk takes 3-4 hours. Enjoy a post-walk feast at Manly Wharf before taking the iconic Manly ferry across the harbour to Circular Quay.



### Secret Spots

Quiet, secluded beaches sprinkled around Sydney Harbour and along the coast, are charming spots to relax and unwind. Pack a picnic and head off to discover your own secret beach hideaway, many of which are accessible by ferry. The picturesque Milk Beach is a small stretch of white sand hidden within Sydney Harbour National Park, near Vacluse, in Sydney's east. In Sydney's north, relax on Shelley Beach, near Manly, and Chinaman's Beach, near Mosman. In Sydney's south, the Royal National Park is home to Jibbon Beach.





### Watsons Bay

Australia's oldest fishing village is Watsons Bay in Sydney Harbour, and home to the famous seafood restaurant Doyles on the Beach. Take a ferry from Circular Quay to Watsons Bay Wharf, or take in spectacular views aboard a bus on the cliff-hugging drive down to Watsons Bay. Enjoy fish and chips at the wharf along with splendid harbour views. You can walk to the lighthouse at South Head and swim in the harbour pools. There's also a pub, Watsons Bay Beach Club, with great vistas, drinks and food - and jazz every Sunday. The sunsets from Watsons Bay are glorious.



### Snorkelling in Sydney

With a snorkel, mask and flippers, you can explore a huge range of marine life from starfish and sea anemones to spotted goaffish and cuttlefish, coral and more, at Sydney's many sheltered seaside coves. Clovelly Beach is a natural rock pool, and one of Sydney's best snorkelling spots - keep an eye out for the famous blue gropers. Nearby, Gordons Bay is protected by a reef and is an ideal site for beginners and families. Great snorkelling can also be enjoyed around Coogee's rock pool at the northern end of the beach.



### Sydney - Dining

Sydney's enviable reputation as a world-class dining destination is built on talented chefs using the freshest local produce and seafood caught daily in the Pacific Ocean. You might hear the term Mod Oz, which is short for Modern Australia - a fresh fusion of Asian and European culinary styles adored by locals and visitors alike. Welcome to foodie heaven! Each year The Sydney Morning Herald Good Food Guide reviews restaurants and awards one, two or three chef's hats to the best - it's similar to Michelin stars. Three hats is the top award.



### Infinity at Sydney Tower

Westfield Sydney, Level 4  
+61 2 8223 3883

360 Bar and Dining is the revolving restaurant high above the city in Sydney Tower, with gorgeous 360-degree views of Sydney and beyond. The sophisticated restaurant has a menu consisting of Modern Australian cuisine, and is the perfect spot for a romantic date.



### ARIA Sydney

1 Macquarie Street, East Circular Quay  
+61 2 9240 2255

Owned by chef Matt Moran and renowned restaurateur Peter Sullivan, ARIA is a prestigious chef's hatted restaurant on the edge of Sydney Harbour at Circular Quay. ARIA offers an unparalleled dining experience with striking views, an award-winning menu and extensive wine list, served in an elegant dining room.



### **Café Sydney**

5th Floor, Customs House  
+61 2 9251 8683

On the roof of the 19th century Customs House, this restaurant captures the very essence of Sydney dining with spectacular harbour views, an outdoor terrace for fine days and delightful nights, a cocktail lounge, and a relaxed modern interior. The menu features contemporary classics using fresh seasonal produce, with seafood a speciality.



### **CHISWICK Restaurant**

65 Ocean Street, Woollahra  
+61 2 8388 8688

Located in the beautiful neighbourhood of Woollahra in Sydney's east, CHISWICK is a superb casual dining venue co-owned by Matt Moran and Peter Sullivan. With charming floor-to-ceiling French windows, and an open kitchen where chefs prepare dishes to share made from fresh produce straight from the kitchen garden outside - this restaurant is a delight.



### **Icebergs Dining Room and Bar Bondi**

Level 3/1 Notts Avenue, Bondi Beach  
+61 2 9365 9000

Named after Sydney's iconic swimming club - Bondi Icebergs - that swims in the ocean pool at Bondi Beach, Icebergs Dining Room and Bar is consistently awarded chef's hats. Since opening in 2002, the restaurant's spectacular views, superb cuisine and atmosphere of relaxed elegance have delighted visitors from all over the world. Under the direction of head chef Paul Wilson, the menu focuses on seafood dishes with an Italian flavour.



### **Golden Century Seafood Restaurant**

393-399 Sussex Street, city centre  
+61 2 9212 3901

An impressive Cantonese palace with its lavish menu of delicious seafood dishes, Golden Century Seafood Restaurant is famous for its live fish, lobsters, crabs and abalone. And it stays open until the early hours of the morning. Busy most nights of the week, it's definitely worth the wait - or make a reservation.



### **Pilu at Freshwater**

Moore Road, Freshwater  
+61 2 9938 3331

With beautiful Freshwater Beach as a backdrop, enjoy delicious Italian cuisine at this award-winning restaurant in Freshwater, just north of Manly. You'll enjoy spectacular seaside views through big bay windows in an elegant yet relaxed setting. It was awarded two hats in the 2016 Good Food Guide.



### **Monopole Restaurant and Bar**

71A Macleay Street, Potts Point  
+61 2 9360 4410

Brent Savage and Nick Hildebrandt, of the renowned Bentley in the city, launched Monopole Restaurant and Bar in the heart of Sydney's elegant Potts Point in 2012. Monopole is a chef's hatted restaurant. Brent's unique, award-winning dishes and Nick's incredible list of over 500 rare and boutique wines are worth experiencing, as is the rich dark wood and industrial metal interior and open bar.



### **Bennelong at the Opera House**

Sydney Opera House, Bennelong Point  
+61 2 9240 8000

Under the iconic 'white sails' of the Sydney Opera House, Bennelong showcases Australian produce and wine in a majestic setting. One of the world's top chefs, Peter Gilmore, is at the helm of Bennelong. Awarded two hats in the 2016 Good Food Guide, Bennelong offers several dining options.



### Mr Wong

3 Bridge Lane, Sydney  
+ 61 2 9240 3000

This grand 240-seater is a love letter to the great Cantonese restaurants of Hong Kong. Timeless colonial furnishings - timber floors, bamboo French chairs and slow turning fans - and the Cantonese-influenced contemporary Chinese menu of over 60 dishes, have won Mr Wong multiple restaurant awards including two chef's hats.



### Quay

Upper Level, Overseas Passenger Terminal  
+61 2 9251 5600

Named among the top 50 Restaurants in the World, this multi-hatted award winner is almost suspended over Sydney Harbour, with floor-to-ceiling windows allowing for breathtaking views. The food is as splendid as the outlook: creativity and quality, textural variety and complexity as well as beautiful plating are all features of chef Peter Gilmore's gastronomical dishes, in which he utilises rare local ingredients. Dining at Quay makes for a truly special occasion.



### Spice Temple

10 Bligh Street, Sydney  
+61 2 8078 1888

Out of the Neil Perry (Rockpool) stable, Spice Temple offers regional Chinese cuisine. Think Sichuan, Yunnan, Hunan, Jiangxi, Guangxi and Xinxiang. There's a whole lot of chilli for those who like it hot, subtlety for those wanting something milder and plenty of spice to boot. The atmosphere is elegant, underground and seductive, with acute attention to design.



### Sydney Fish Market

Bank Street, Pyrmont  
+61 2 9004 1100

Sydney Fish Market's six main fish retailers offer Australia's biggest variety of fresh seafood and over 100 species of fish as well as crabs, lobsters, oysters and other succulent seafood. One of the biggest seafood markets in the world, the site also features numerous restaurants, including Peter's Seafood Grill and Doyles, as well as cafés, a bakery, gourmet deli, greengrocer, bottle shop, fishing supplies store, butcher and gift shop. The daily fish auction starts at 5.30 am in the morning.



### Tetsuya's

529 Kent Street, Sydney  
+61 2 9267 2900

Ranked among the world's top restaurants, Tetsuya's has held chef's hats in the Good Food Guide for more than 20 years. The heritage-listed Kent Street restaurant is a temple of restrained chic and refined French-Japanese culinary masterpieces with a degustation menu that constantly evolves in the acclaimed chef Tetsuya Wakada's kitchen. This is a truly impressive dining experience.

## Sydney - Bars, Pubs & Nightlife

You'll discover plenty of stylish bars, hip venues and cool clubs in Sydney. Near the sparkling waters of Sydney Harbour are bars and pubs with spectacular views of the city's iconic attractions. Enjoy beachside bars with outdoor seating. After sightseeing, you'll appreciate the relaxed, friendly atmosphere of Sydney's eclectic bars and pubs.



### Baxter Inn

Basement, 152 -156 Clarence Street

Head underground to the candle-lit basement of the Baxter Inn. 360 premium whiskies line the cabinets of this speakeasy-themed drinking den. With thick carpet, jazz and blues, beer on tap, a wine and port cellar, and a whisky for every day of the year - Baxter Inn is more than inviting. To top off the great service, you also get bartenders dinging an old boxing bell and tooting a trumpet at shot time.



### The Pumphouse Sydney

17 Little Pier Street, Darling Harbour NSW 2000

Inspired by its history as one of Sydney's first microbreweries, located right in the heart of Darling Harbour, the Pumphouse Sydney consistently stocks an evolving and diverse beer selection tailored to quench the thirst of beer lovers and novices alike. The heritage listed bar offers a range of over 60 different craft and premium brews alongside specialty beers unique to the Pumphouse Sydney, including their very own renowned signature, the Thunderbolt Strong Ale.

To complete your experience at The Pumphouse, executive chef Jason Palmero and his team has created a new range of food, suited to accompany any of your drinks preference. The concept of the new menu has been inspired by the Pumphouse's rich history, fusing good Australian pub grub with American influence to keep you satisfied.

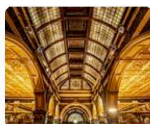
Pumphouse Sydney features an outdoor terrace, one of Australia's longest steel bars, and relaxed ottoman style seating area.



### ivy

330 George Street, Sydney  
+61 2 9240 3000

Ivy is an entertainment palace in the city centre. From cocktail bars and dancing to bistros and a rooftop pool bar, ivy is a Sydney party destination. Enter via Angel Place laneway and head to French bar and bistro Felix for a dry Martini, or to Ash Street Cellar for tapas. Palings, on level one, delivers Mod Oz cuisine. Up the elevator you'll discover a sparkling rooftop pool at Ivy Pool Club. Friday hip-hop nights and Pacha Saturdays offer dance party heaven.



### Marble Bar

Level B1, Hilton Sydney  
+61 2 9266 2000

Built in 1893 and preserved in all its opulent glory, the Marble Bar is a delightful Victorian-era bar underneath the Hilton Hotel in the city centre. A hundred tonnes of the best marble in the world were used to build the bar, creating a splendid ambience. The Marble Bar is a great place to enjoy fine Australian wines and beers and classic cocktails and Australian beer. Enjoy live music on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.



### O Bar and Dining

Level 47, Australia Square  
+61 2 9247 9777

A stylish escape 47 floors up in the sky, O Bar and Dining's vast circular layout provides 360-degree views of beautiful Sydney and beyond. Located at Australia Square, a landmark building near The Rocks, the ambient light, plush couches and deep leather chairs ensure a night at O Bar is an enchanting experience. There's tapas for sharing, and the delightful cocktail list is based on fragrance and seasonality. On the revolving lower level guests can recline while dining on a Modern Australian menu and enjoying spectacular views.



### Opera Bar

Lower Concourse Level, Sydney Opera House  
+61 2 9247 1666

Opera Bar has spectacular views of Sydney Harbour and the Sydney Harbour Bridge from the lower concourse of the World Heritage-listed Sydney Opera House. You'll enjoy delicious food prepared by talented chefs at this world-class destination for dining and drinking. Enjoy drinks and dinner before a performance at the Sydney Opera House. In a truly splendid setting, Opera Bar is great fun, with a buzzing atmosphere, any time. And the sunsets are glorious.



### The Glenmore Hotel

96 Cumberland Street, The Rocks  
+61 2 9247 4794

This three-storey heritage hotel in The Rocks has a rooftop bar with 180-degree views of Sydney Harbour and the city centre. On the middle floor is the lounge cocktail bar, with Juliette balconies and an elegant ambience for gatherings of friends or family. The ground floor has traditional pub vibe. A great place to meet for lunch or after-work drinks.



### **The Lord Nelson**

19 Kent Street, The Rocks  
+61 2 9251 4044

Sydney's first boutique brewery and the oldest in Australia, the Lord Nelson is famous for its award-winning 100% natural ales. Fermentation occurs at the brewery at the rear of the bar, and the beer is matured in the cellar, then perfectly conditioned before heading straight to the taps on the bar, and into your schooner or pint glass. The pub itself has been restored to its former 1852 glory, revealing a beautiful sandstone facade plus high ceilings, blazing hearths and convict history.



### **The Wine Library**

18 Oxford Street, Woollahra  
+61 2 9360 5686

This small, sophisticated bar is stocked with a veritable library of wines. You can choose from than 500 wines, with a great selection of Australian and international wines. You'll appreciate the casual, cosy seating nestled around the warmly lit bar. Afternoon snacks and pre-dinner drinks are available at the bar, and there is also a separate dining area and a secluded, intimate outdoor oasis.



## **Sydney - Shopping**

Sydney is a shopper's paradise, with all your favourite international brands and labels plus trendy boutiques and buzzy weekend markets. And Sydney designers wow the fashion world with their creations; browse in boutiques and markets for innovative local designs. Stock up on boots, party frocks or unique pieces of jewellery including opals, natural pearls and pink diamonds in stylish shopping malls and boutiques.



### **Queen Victoria Building**

455 George Street, Sydney  
+61 2 9265 6855

Rich in history, the grand Queen Victoria Building occupies an entire block on Sydney's George Street, and houses more than 180 of Sydney's finest fashion boutiques, jewellery shops and homewares, accompanied by delightful cafes and restaurants. You can enjoy a morning or afternoon tea at the The Tea Room.



### **Pitt Street Mall**

Pitt Street, Sydney

Pitt Street Mall is Sydney's fashion central in the heart of the city, encompassing several retail centres across two city blocks including stylish Westfield Sydney, department stores David Jones and Myer and the elegant Strand Arcade. You'll discover all the top international brands and labels as well as top local designers in the many boutiques and stores in this delightful shopping precinct.



### Strand Arcade

412 - 414 George Street, Sydney  
+ 61 2 9232 4199

The Strand Arcade houses many of Australia's best designer labels, jewellers, coffee shops, gift shops and beauty salons. The majestic Victorian building sits in the middle of Sydney city on bustling Pitt Street Mall, housing many retail outlets that have traded there for decades. Established in 1891 and opened in 1892, the Strand Arcade was the last of the arcades built in Victorian Sydney and is the only one remaining today in its original form.



### Westfield Sydney

188 Pitt Street, Sydney NSW 2000  
+61 2 8236 9200

Shopping and dining in Australia begins at Westfield Sydney, with over 250 fashion, food and lifestyle stores, located in the centre of Sydney city.

Offering a mix of top Australian designers and international high street fashion across four levels, with a further three levels of dining, Westfield Sydney is the ultimate shopping and dining destination.

To welcome visitors to Sydney, Westfield have created the Westfield Sydney Privilege Card offering visitors to Sydney exclusive discounts, special offers and access to their onsite Concierge Team.

The Westfield Sydney Privilege Card is available to out-of-town guests who present their driver's license or passport at the Concierge Desk located at street level on both sides of Pitt Street Mall.

Westfield's friendly concierge staff will give you a list of special offers and a centre directory for your convenience, then all you need to do is start shopping!



### Westfield Bondi Junction

500 Oxford Street, Bondi Junction  
+61 2 9947 8000

Along with Westfield Sydney in Pitt Street Mall, Westfield Bondi Junction caters for shoppers interested in designer labels, including Louis Vuitton and Chanel, among other prized international and Australian brands. Explore hundreds of specialty stores and services including Australia's largest department stores, David Jones and Myer, as well as a food court, supermarkets, fishmonger and butcher.



### MidCity Centre

197 Pitt Street Mall, Sydney NSW 2000

Like a personal stylist, MidCity Style Space provides all the tools for you to put together the perfect look. Take a walk through its four levels, including bold looks for men and women, fitness solutions to get that body into shape, and boutique dining. It is small enough to be effortless and big enough to be rewarding.



### The Galleries Victoria

500 George Street, Sydney  
+61 2 9265 6888

A diverse mix of boutiques and retailers offering fashion, art and music. Give your wardrobe a serious upgrade in a matter of hours, shopping at Incu, Alphaville or Carhartt. Grab a bite to eat at the food hall and a beer at The Arthouse. Browse the latest music and technological gadgets at JB Hi-Fi and discover an extensive range of books at Kinokuniya.



### World Square

644/680 George Street, Sydney

Spanning three levels of an entire block in Haymarket, near Chinatown, World Square shopping centre offers fresh and prepared food, a tempting selection of fashion, homewares, lifestyle items and services, with over 90 specialty retailers.



### **The Rocks Markets**

Playfair and George Streets, The Rocks NSW 2000  
+61 2 9240 8717

It's said that only good things happen on Fridays and from 9am - 3pm at The Rocks Foodies Market it's all about good things you can eat and enjoy in the lovely Jack Munday Place. While you're at it, pick up fresh fruit, crusty bread, irresistible chocolate, olive oils, condiments and homewares as buskers coax laid-back tunes from guitars and banjos. Wander down for gourmet wraps and burgers, barbecued salmon, lamb kebabs, Turkish gozleme and a whole range of Australian-made gourmet produce.

Open every Saturday and Sunday from 10am - 5pm year round, The Rocks Markets is about more than just shopping - it's a Sydney institution. Set amid convict-carved sandstone and along The Rocks' quaint cobblestone laneways, the colourful markets are home to more than 200 eclectic stalls where you can find fashion and accessories by emerging designers, locally-produced homewares, beauty products and original photography, art, crafts and jewellery.



### **Glebe Markets**

Glebe Public School, 183 Glebe Point Road

Browse through the many and varied stalls featuring a treasure of goods, from original design clothing to pre-loved attire, books, records, jewellery, accessories, art and bric-à-brac. Enjoy multicultural food stalls and outdoor entertainment including bands, jugglers and acrobats.



### **Bondi Markets**

Bondi Beach Public School, Campbell Parade

The Bondi Markets, established in 1993, are open Sundays in the beachfront grounds of Bondi Beach Public School. Discover original local designer clothing and imported fashions, handmade jewellery, arts, crafts, homewares, retro furniture, vintage clothes and more. After browsing in the markets, stroll to the world-famous Bondi Beach and enjoy the white sands and curling waves.



### **Paddington Markets**

Paddington Uniting Church, 395 Oxford Street  
+61 2 9331 2923

Every Saturday, local fashion designers, craftspeople, jewellery makers and artists fill more than 150 stalls with creative fashion, accessories, handcrafted goods and pictures that keep inspiring new generations of Sydneysiders, year in and year out. In the heart of Paddington, the markets have been operating since 1973.



### **Paddy's Markets**

Corner of Thomas and Hay Streets, Haymarket  
+61 2 9325 6200

Paddy's Markets has held a central place in Sydney's history for over 150 years. In the Chinatown area, explore hundreds of stalls stocked with a wide range of goods, from souvenirs to sporting goods, clothes to cosmetics, footwear to sheepskins, plants, fruit and vegetables, an amazing food court and more.



### **Carriageworks Farmers Market**

243 Wilson Street, Eveleigh  
+61 2 8571 9099

Every Saturday, more than 70 farmers and artisan food producers pack their trucks with fresh, seasonal and homemade produce and head for the Carriageworks Farmers Market. Lovers of fresh produce and fine food can find a variety of goods including artisan breads, olive oil, boutique wine, sweets and gourmet fare from dips to chutneys.



## Oxford Street

A popular shopping destination for its boutiques, Oxford Street stretches through Sydney's eastern neighbourhoods of Darlinghurst, Paddington and Woollahra. Explore designer fashion houses, art galleries, booksellers, furniture shops and take a shopping break in one of the many trendy cafés or enjoy lunch at one of the beautifully restored pubs in the main street or in side streets.



## The Intersection Paddington

Corner of Oxford Street and Glenmore Road, Paddington  
+61 2 4888 2359

The Intersection is a strip of handpicked boutiques and upcoming Australian designers on the corner of Oxford Street and Glenmore Road in Paddington. It's home to top local designers, such as Willow, Ellery, sass & bide and Josh Goot, who have put Australia on the global map of fashion.



## Sydney - Accommodation

You'll find plenty of accommodation options in Sydney to suit your budget, from hotels with Sydney Harbour views to boutique hotels, B&Bs, and inexpensive youth and backpacker hostels. You can even camp on an island in beautiful harbour.



### Hilton Sydney

488 George Street, Sydney NSW 2000  
+61 2 9266 2000

Imaginative. Iconic. Illuminated. Inspired.

Cradled in the heart of the city, Hilton Sydney is close to shopping, entertainment and Darling Harbour and features luxury accommodation, stunning conference facilities and innovative restaurants and bars including Luke Mangan's renowned restaurant glass brasserie, the stylish Zeta Bar and iconic Marble Bar. Plus enjoy the city's largest hotel gym LivingWell Premier Health Club with Day Spa.



### Ovolo 1888 Darling Harbour

139 Murray Street, Pyrmont  
+61 2 8586 1888

Ovolo 1888 Darling Harbour is a heritage-listed boutique hotel, set in a converted 19th century wool store. 1888 combines Sydney's old world charm - maintaining period windows and ironbark beams - with contemporary design and modern-day comfort. The decor is vibrant, staff are charming and the bar menu is a tasty twist on local Australian produce.



### Adge Boutique Apartment Hotel

222 Riley Street, Surry Hills  
+61 2 8093 9888

This boutique hotel offers a collection of two bedroom, two bathroom fully serviced apartments, styled with bold and individual character. Each open plan apartment suite features lounge and dining areas, LED televisions, a full kitchen, as well as an internal laundry. In the inner city neighbourhood of Surry Hills, Adge is the perfect base from which to explore Sydney.

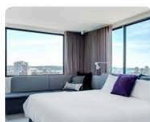


### Ovolo Woolloomooloo

Finger Wharf, 6 Cowper Wharf Road  
+61 2 9331 9000

Ovolo Woolloomooloo is a boutique hotel on one of the longest timber wharves in the world, the beautifully restored Woolloomooloo Finger Wharf on Sydney Harbour. Near the Royal Botanic Garden, Art Gallery of NSW and elegant Potts Point, the hotel is in an ideal location to explore Sydney's iconic attractions.





### Larmont Sydney by Lancemore

14 Kings Cross Road, Potts Point  
+61 2 9295 8888

Luxury Boutique accommodation in the avant-garde hub of Sydney. Larmont Sydney by Lancemore is a landmark of Potts Point – a rejuvenated borough that is renowned for its contagious energy. Within walking distance of the CBD and just minutes from Sydney's best shopping strips, cafes, bars and restaurants. Featuring a new interior design from the award winning Hassell Studio and bespoke amenities, Larmont is a haven for the well travelled – guests who want more than just a hotel room and who are here to experience the soul of Sydney.



### Four Seasons

199 George Street, Sydney  
+61 2 9250 3100

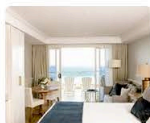
The Four Seasons Hotel Sydney is in the historic Rocks, with spectacular views over the Sydney Opera House, Sydney Harbour Bridge and Sydney Harbour, one of the world's most beautiful natural waterways. Spoil yourself in one of Sydney's best luxury hotels decorated in a contemporary, elegant style.



### Intercontinental

117 Macquarie Street, Sydney  
+61 2 9253 9000

The Intercontinental is near the edge of Sydney Harbour, just moments from the Sydney Opera House, Royal Botanic Garden, the ferries at Circular Quay and exclusive shops. Built around the restored Treasury Building of 1851, the hotel blends heritage with contemporary features, and a rooftop bar offers delicious cocktails and glorious sunsets over the majestic harbour.



### Jonah's

69 Bynya Road, Whale Beach  
+61 2 9974 5599

Jonah's Whale Beach is one of Australia's most prestigious ocean retreats with an award-winning restaurant. Located just an hour out of Sydney's city centre, on the Northern Beaches peninsula overlooking the Pacific Ocean, Jonah's is a true escape into nature and luxury. You can even fly to Jonah's in a seaplane from Rose Bay, in Sydney Harbour.



### Metro Hotel Marlow Sydney

431 - 439 Pitt Street, Sydney  
+61 2 9281 6999

Conveniently located in Sydney's city centre opposite the Capitol Theatre, Metro Hotel Marlow Sydney Central offers well appointed guestrooms and suites as well as a spacious restaurant and bar, rooftop swimming pool and conference rooms.



### Park Hyatt Sydney

7 Hickson Road, The Rocks  
+61 2 9256 1234

With an unrivalled harbourfront location between the world-famous Sydney Opera House and the Sydney Harbour Bridge, Park Hyatt Sydney offers guests an intimate, residential-style hotel that caters for the most discerning travellers.



### QT Sydney

49 Market Street, Sydney  
+61 2 8262 0000

QT Sydney is a hip, boutique hotel that fuses cutting-edge art, bold interior design and historical architecture. All guestrooms feature luxurious bedding, free Wi-Fi, walk-in showers and most suites features an indulgent soaking tub. QT Sydney connects visitors with insider experiences and local insight. It's also where the fashionable come to hang out, dine, party and soak up the creative ambience.



### Shangri-La Hotel

176 Cumberland Street, The Rocks  
+61 2 9250 6000

The deluxe Shangri-La Hotel Sydney is situated in the historic Rocks within easy walking distance of Sydney Harbour and Sydney Opera House, as well as the city's main shopping and commercial districts. Along with the hotel's breathtaking harbour views and superb service, enjoy a wide selection of award-winning dining options. After a day's sightseeing, indulge in the luxurious CHI day spa's range of therapies based on ancient healing traditions of China and the Himalayas.



### The Darling

80 Pyrmont Street, Pyrmont  
+61 2 9777 9000

The Darling Hotel is a luxury boutique hotel with many international awards and spectacular harbour views. In Pyrmont at The Star, the hotel is a short walk from the city centre. The 171 rooms and suites are elegantly simple, and the infinity pool and luxury spa add to the pleasure. You'll also be able to access The Star's range of fine dining restaurants, bars, nightclubs, live performances and more.



### The Grace

Corner of King and York Streets, Sydney  
+61 2 9272 6888

The heritage-listed Grace Building is recognised as one of Sydney's most elegantly restored neo-Gothic buildings, located in the heart of downtown Sydney. Built in 1930 and converted into The Grace Hotel in 1997, it stands beautifully renovated with many of the original unique features restored and retained. The Grace is an elegant base from which to explore Sydney.



## Sydney - Events

Sydney stages spectacular events year-round. With fireworks and arts festivals, musicals and outdoor concerts, the city enchants visitors. Start your year with the dazzling New Year's Eve fireworks on Sydney Harbour. The Sydney Festival is in January. At any time of the year, see a show at the Sydney Opera House or a blockbuster musical at a charming theatre. Don't miss Australia Day on January 26, and sports fans have plenty of choices. The Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras culminates with a glittering parade in March. In winter, Vivid Sydney lights up the city.



### Sydney New Year's Eve

Welcome in the new year with one of the world's most impressive fireworks displays and join the 1.6 million along the Sydney Harbour foreshore and filling the city's streets, bars and gardens. A children's fireworks display is at 9pm before the dazzling midnight display on one of the world's most beautiful natural harbours.



### Badu Gili

Upper level Podium Sydney Opera House, Sydney NSW 2000  
+61 2 9250 7111

Badu Gili – meaning 'water light' in the language of the traditional owners of Bennelong Point, the Gadigal people – is a new daily experience that will explore ancient First Nations stories in a spectacular seven-minute projection, illuminating the Opera House's eastern Bennelong sail year-round at sunset and 7pm.

A celebration of the rich history and contemporary vibrancy of Australia's First Nations culture, Badu Gili continues the traditions of Bennelong Point, formerly known as Tubowgule, which has been a meeting place for the local Gadigal people for thousands of years.

Curated by the Opera House's Head of First Nations programming, Rhoda Roberts AO with the support of Yakazoo, the projections weave together the work of the diverse voices of established artist and community leader Djambawa Marawili AM, vibrant watercolour painter Mervyn Rubuntja, internationally renowned artist and prestigious Telstra NATSIAA awards finalist Mabel Juli, painter, lecturer and traditional healer Patricia Ansell Dodds, ceramicist Penny Evans and emerging printmaker Aiona Tala Gaidan, with an original soundscape by Damian Robinson.

Badu Gili has been enabled by the Opera House, its Idealist donors and the Australia Council for the Arts.



### Vivid Sydney

This annual event of light, music and ideas is Sydney's premier winter festival, held over several weeks in May and June. Watch the city transform into a spectacular canvas of light displays, with signature events such as the Lighting the Sails of the Sydney Opera House and the impressive Light Walk that meanders around Sydney Harbour and the city centre. Catch live performances in Sydney's iconic music venues with the Vivid Music and Vivid LIVE programs. Connect with the world's creative leaders at inspiring talks and workshops as part of Vivid Ideas.



### Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras

Sydney's Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras is a world-famous drawcard with its universal message of gay pride, diversity, equality, love and acceptance. The three-week calendar of shows, parties and exhibitions, kicks off in February each year and culminates in the glittering Mardi Gras parade in March featuring a splendid assortment of lavish floats, eye-popping costumes and vibrant colours.



### Sydney Royal Easter Show

Sydney Showground, 1 Showground Road

Bringing the country to the city since 1823, the Sydney Royal Easter Show celebrates all things agricultural and attracts about 900,000 visitors each year. It's held during the Easter school holidays in March and April. Taste some of Australia's best fresh produce, discover great shopping, see more than 14,000 animals and enjoy hours of family fun with carnival rides, entertainment and more.



### Sydney - Tourist Information

Sydney is a clean, safe modern city with a sophisticated infrastructure to service your needs.



### Public Transport

+61 13 15 00

The Sydney public transport system consists of commuter rail, bus, ferry and light rail. Combined, they can get you virtually anywhere in the metropolitan area.



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