



SYDNEY

AUSTRALIA

Pocket Guide

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About Sydney

Blessed with an extraordinarily beautiful location on the east coast of Australia, the city of Sydney wraps itself around its splendid harbour offering stunning coastal scenery, beautiful beaches, great food & a relaxed, friendly vibe.

Sydney is famous for its remarkable Opera House and Harbour Bridge. It's the largest city in Australia and the capital of New South Wales.

No trip to Australia is complete without a visit to Sydney.

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Travel Basics

When to Visit: Anytime

Ideal seasons: Autumn (March – May)

Spring (September – November)

Stay 3+ Days

Currency: AUD\$ Australian Dollars

Budget: AUD\$150 - \$250+ per day

Fly to Kingsford Smith International
Airport

Travel by Taxi or Uber, train or shuttle
bus from the airport to the CBD

Travel locally by plane, train, bus,
ferry

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Top Things to Do

- Cruise on Sydney Harbour
- Climb the Sydney Harbour Bridge
- Enjoy a concert at the Sydney Opera House
- Take an Opera House tour
- Relax in a café at Circular Quay, soaking up the great atmosphere & the stunning views
- Take a walking tour of The Rocks
- Catch a ferry on Sydney Harbour to Manly, Taronga Zoo or Watsons Bay
- Meet Koala's & Kangaroo's at Taronga Zoo
- Take a stroll through the Royal Botanical Gardens to Mrs Macquarie's Chair
- Watch the sunset over Sydney Harbour
- Take a helicopter ride & see Sydney harbour from above
- Learn to surf at Bondi Beach
- Enjoy the Bondi to Coogee Coastal Walk
- Visit the Blue Mountains

Top Places to Visit

- Sydney Opera House
- Sydney Harbour Bridge
- The Rocks
- Circular Quay
- Royal Botanical Gardens
- Queen Victoria Building
- George Street shopping mall
- Darling Harbour
- Sydney Aquarium
- Taronga Zoo
- Hyde Park
- Centre Point Tower
- Art Gallery of New South Wales
- Museum of Sydney
- Bondi Beach
- Manly Beach
- Watsons Bay
- Palm Beach
- Cronulla Beach

Best Areas to Stay

Expect to pay a premium for Sydney accommodation near the harbour or in the CBD. Prices are cheaper further away from the harbour and in the suburbs

- **The Rocks** is an ideal location for a short stay in Sydney within walking distance of the harbour, Opera House & Circular Quay
- **Sydney CBD** is good for shopping & sight seeing
- **Darling Harbour** is a central location
- **Central** station is a bus ride away from the harbour & accommodation may be a bit cheaper
- **Bondi Beach** is about 5km outside the city with easy access to the CBD by ferry, train & bus
- **Manly Beach** is about half an hour from the city by ferry

Where to Eat & Drink

- The **Opera House Bar & Café** near Circular Quay
- **Guylian Belgian Chocolate Café**, Circular Quay
- **MCA Café** at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Circular Quay
- **Botanical Gardens Café & Restaurant** located inside the gardens
- The **Harts Pub** at The Rocks
- **Marigold** serves great Yum Cha in China Town
- **Din Tai Fung**, in China Town
- **Chongqing Street Noodles**, in China Town
- **Doyles** in Watsons Bay, Sydney's oldest seafood resaurant

Sydney Travel Tips

- **Free wi-fi** is common
- Buy a **SIM Card** for the most reliable internet access
- **Save \$** by packing a picnic lunch & refilling your water bottle
- **Tap water is safe** to drink
- **Taxis** are expensive. **Uber** is often a cheaper option
- Using **public transport** will save you money
- Buy an **Opal Card** to use on public transport. Swipe on & off when you travel & top up your card as needed
- **Electricity:** 3 pin plug type I
- Wear strong **sunscreen** to avoid sunburn

My Recommendation

as a Sydney local

Sydney is a busy, energetic city & a great place to visit. Sydney's magnificent harbour is the main attraction so make sure you get out on the water. Take a harbour cruise, catch a ferry to get around or go sailing. The coastal location is stunning! So sun, sand & surf should be high on the list. Plan to spend some time relaxing & swimming at one of Sydney's many gorgeous beaches, enjoy the laidback surf scene & the outdoor café culture.

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A person is silhouetted against the ocean, carrying a surfboard under their arm. The scene is set at sunset, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The water is dark with white foam from the waves. The overall mood is serene and adventurous.

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