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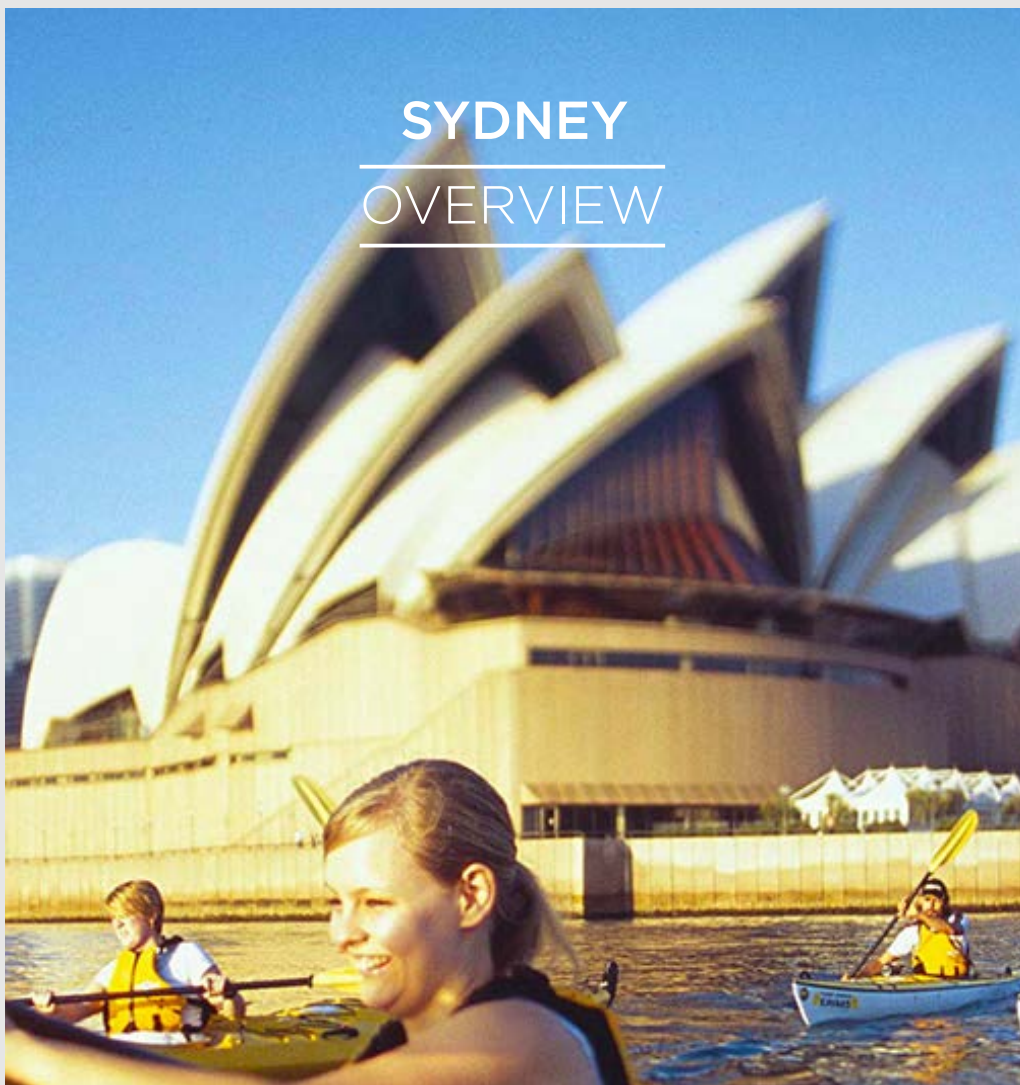
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SYDNEY

OVERVIEW



Sydney is recognised as one of the most vibrant and exciting international cities in the world. Australia's gateway for visitors, Sydney is home to three of the most potent symbols of Australia around the world: the Sydney Opera House, Sydney Harbour Bridge and Sydney Harbour. But beyond the famous icons, there's a lot more to uncover in this dynamic, cosmopolitan city.

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WHAT TO SEE



The Sydney Harbour Bridge

Do the bridge climb to step on Sydney's most famous landmark and for the best view of Sydney Harbour and the Opera House.

**Access via
Cumberland St**



Centennial Park

Explore the Centennial Parklands on horseback or on bicycle.

Eastern Suburbs



Surfing at Manly Beach

Learn from the pros at beautiful Manly Beach.

**North Steyne,
Manly**



The Rocks

Visit the old centre of Sydney and explore the cobbled laneways and cosy cafes.

Central Sydney



Cockatoo Island

Learn about Australia's convict history while enjoying the breathtaking views of Sydney Harbour.

Sydney Harbour



Barrenjoey Lighthouse

Catch a glimpse of the pristine Northern Beaches and take a stroll up to the lighthouse for panoramic views.

Palm Beach



The Powerhouse Museum

This arts and sciences focused museum always has new exhibits and is fun for the whole family.

Ultimo



The Sydney Observatory

Both an observatory and a museum, visit at night for a telescope viewing of the planets and stars.

Millers Point



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SHOPPING



Pitt St Mall

A pedestrian mall in the city centre offering a huge range of stores.



Oxford St

High class shopping with all the latest designers.



Paddington Markets

Every Saturday local designers, craftspeople and artists set up their stalls at the local school.



Mosman

Some of the best boutique shopping in Sydney with an art and crafts market held here on the first Saturday of every month.



The Grounds

Stroll around the former pie factory and see the organic garden, small animal farm, artisan bakery and popular café.

Alexandria



The Corso

The pedestrian street connects the Manly Wharf to Manly Beach and is lined with surf shops and cafes.

Manly Beach



Bondi Markets

Discover an eclectic mix of clothing, jewellery, art, and home wares at Sydney's famous Bondi Beach.

Bondi Beach Public School



Surry Hills

A popular destination among locals, Crown St and Bourke St feature a host of design and fashion stores, as well plenty of cafes and bars.

Surry Hills



ATTRACTIONS IN SYDNEY

Famous Sydney landmarks provide their own entertainment - take an exhilarating BridgeClimb to the summit of Sydney Harbour Bridge, enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of Sydney Opera House, or explore Sydney Harbour and its small islands on ferries, yachts, a cruise, high-speed jet boats, or kayaks.

HIGHLIGHTS



Arts and Culture

See some of the stars of Australian theatre.



Sydney Zoos and Aquariums

See extraordinary wildlife at Taronga Zoo Sydney.



ARTS AND CULTURE

Sydney has an astonishing assortment of arts, music and theatre performances at any time of the year. You may be lucky enough to see some of the stars of Australian theatre like Cate Blanchett, Geoffrey Rush and Hugo Weaving on stage with the Sydney Theatre Company or at the Belvoir Street Theatre. Acclaimed Aboriginal performers from Bangarra Dance Company perform regularly at the Sydney Opera House as do the Australian Ballet, Opera Australia and Sydney Symphony Orchestra. If you're keen to see the best of contemporary art, don't miss a visit to the Museum of Contemporary Art Australia (MCA) or the Art Gallery of NSW.



SYDNEY ZOOS AND AQUARIUMS

See extraordinary wildlife at Taronga Zoo where a huge range of animals including kangaroos, wallabies, koalas, and echidnas inhabit an idyllic harbourside setting. WILD LIFE Sydney Zoo at Darling Harbour is another great place to see Australia's native animals by the harbour. The harbour is home to more than 600 species of marine life and at SEA LIFE Sydney Aquarium you can see many of them. You'll also see platypus, little penguins, rays, sharks, and dugongs in purpose-built habitats.





FASHION AND SHOPPING

Sydney offers a dynamic melting pot of shopping experiences showcasing an extensive collection of renowned Australian designers, local boutique offerings and one-of-a-kind market wares that deliver an innate sense of place for international travellers.

Head to the heart of the city where Pitt Street Mall delivers the very best in high-street fashion, luxury global brands and culinary delights set against the dramatic backdrop of the city skyline. Switch up the pace by venturing to the Eastern Suburbs where Bondi Beach offers one of Sydney's most unique shopping spots at the Bondi Markets – a place to shop like a local and experience new designer fashion not yet discovered on the world stage.

When it comes time to depart, you'll need to allow plenty of time after checking in at Sydney Airport to experience the wealth of luxury brands available at T1 International. Fast becoming one of Australia's premium fashion destinations, T1 offers the best of global and local designers from MaxMara and Hugo Boss to Alice McCall and Seafolly – the perfect purchase pre-flight.

HIGHLIGHTS



Market shopping

Home to some of Australia's best markets.



Spoil yourself

Fashion lovers should head to the CBD.



MARKET SHOPPING

Sydney is home to some of Australia's best markets featuring fresh food, beautiful gifts, stylish fashion, vintage furniture, free entertainment, and much more. A trip to the markets is the perfect way to spend a day exploring the city, picking up everything from quirky souvenirs to ugg boots, resin jewellery and vintage fashion. Paddington Market has long been regarded as the place to launch a fashion career and you'll find fresh design talent here every Saturday. As well as fabulous fashion, you'll find stylish ceramics, homewares, art, and accessories. Bondi Market is well worth a browse on Sunday mornings for summer-styled dresses, silky tops and one-off jewellery.



SPOIL YOURSELF

Fashion lovers should head to the CBD and the likes of the Pitt Street Mall, the Strand Arcade and the Queen Victoria Building - don't miss a peek at Versace, Gucci and Finnish design store Marimekko. Sought-after local labels including Akira Isogawa, Camilla Franks, Josh Goot, Dion Lee and Willow are also likely to be on your wish list. Find them and other cutting-edge luxury brands in shopping neighbourhoods like Mosman, Paddington, Double Bay, Balmain, Surry Hills, and Bondi or visit the vast, shop-till-you-drop Westfield Bondi Junction for everything that's fashionable in the one place.





Sydney is one of the world's great dining destinations. You can dine by the harbour in five-star style, enjoy the atmosphere of heritage pubs and cool rooftop bars, or sample cuisine from around the globe.

An ever-growing list of gourmet restaurants, boutique cafés and casual pubs means you'll never be short of inspiration about where to eat in Sydney. Looking for a unique Sydney dining moment? Visit the funky noodle bar at Ms G's or try the legendary fish and chips from The Boathouse at Palm Beach, modern Vietnamese at Luke Nguyen's Red Lantern or organic, biodynamic and sustainable fare at Billy Kwong.

If you enjoy dining in style, make sure you visit some of the city restaurants that have starred on the S. Pellegrino World's Best Restaurants list: Tetsuya's, Quay, Marque, and Momofuku Seiobo.

HIGHLIGHTS



Fresh is best

Sydney chefs have been growing their own.



The market trail

An ever-increasing number of regular farmers' markets.



FRESH IS BEST

In the constant search for high-quality produce, Sydney chefs have been growing their own. Some of Sydney's most acclaimed restaurants now boast urban kitchen gardens and farms to help chefs work their culinary magic. At the acclaimed Chiswick, Matt Moran has a kitchen garden with produce picked in the morning and on your plate by lunchtime. Moran also uses NSW lamb produced on his family farm in the Central Tablelands. In the heart of the city, Quay's chef Peter Gilmore has a growing room for vegetables and herbs in the restaurant at Circular Quay. In Newtown, Hartsyard has a flourishing kitchen garden: teas are made with fresh-picked herbs from the on-site tea garden. The Restaurant at 3 Weeds uses produce from the on-site organic herb and vegetable garden to create beautiful food, while The Grounds of Alexandria has a micro-farm, bakery and resident horticulturalist.



THE MARKET TRAIL

Sydney has an ever-increasing number of regular farmers' markets, many of them selling sustainable and/or organic produce direct from the source. If you're visiting Sydney and you love good food, check them out at Frenchs Forest, Leichhardt, Marrickville, Parramatta, Manly, Redfern, and the Entertainment Quarter Moore Park. There's also The Rocks Foodies Market on Fridays and the Sydney Morning Herald Grower's Market on the first Saturday of each month in Pyrmont. You might encounter a celebrity chef or two: Billy Kwong's Kylie Kwong cooks at Eveleigh Markets and Darren Robertson from Bronte's Three Blue Duck sells his pulled pork buns at Bondi Farmers Markets.





It's rare for a world city such as Sydney to have such a huge bounty of stunning natural attractions – beaches, national parks, gardens, pristine waterways, and plenty of open space. As a result, Sydney's physical allure and laid-back outdoor lifestyle make it one of the most enjoyable cities in the world to live and visit. Luckily, you don't have to travel far in Sydney to discover one of more than 70 surf beaches and 30 secluded harbour beaches, including iconic Bondi and Manly.

HIGHLIGHTS



Beach Lifestyle in Sydney

Sydney is known around the world for its beaches.



Sydney Harbour National Park

Many places to walk, swim, tour and sightsee.



Sydney's Green Trail

Filled with fascinating eco-experiences.



Walks in Sydney

A great city for walkers.



BEACH LIFESTYLE

Sydney is known around the world for its beaches, and visitors can choose from a variety of spectacular surf-and-sand options. Whether you want to take to the waves with your surfboard, enjoy quiet time on a secluded beach or dine overlooking the ocean, Sydney has it all. Two of Sydney's most popular beaches are Bondi and Manly. Both are renowned for their great surf, as well as the communities built around the two beaches. Many people visit the areas just to soak up the vibe and enjoy the beachside dining options.



SYDNEY HARBOUR NATIONAL PARK

This stunning national park, so prized by Sydneysiders, offers many places to walk, swim, tour, and sightsee. Sydney Harbour National Park protects five historic islands and foreshore areas around one of the world's most famous harbours. See native wildlife living in rare pockets of bushland once common around Sydney, or take a fascinating walk to explore the park's cultural history.



SYDNEY'S GREEN TRAIL

Sydney's spectacular natural setting encompasses vast green spaces, bushland, coastal reserves, national parks, riverside walks, and delightful secret gardens. Sydney is filled with fascinating eco-experiences and, even in the most urban CBD setting, you'll find green spaces where you can create your own adventure. A good place to start is with a bike ride along the leafy tracks of Centennial Parklands. Then wander through the Royal Botanic Garden's 30 hectares along the harbour's edge and admire its outstanding collection of plants from Australia and overseas.





SHORT BREAKS FROM SYDNEY

Most visitors to Sydney take a short break to one of the regions close by to enjoy a wide variety of astonishing natural attractions and experiences.

- The vast 1000-metre sandstone cliffs, eucalypt forests and sublime lookouts of the Blue Mountains are part of a spectacular World Heritage Area offering bushwalking, delightful gardens and fine guesthouses.
- While wine tasting is an essential part of a Hunter Valley visit, there are also hot-air balloon flights, championship golf courses, fabulous restaurants, and spas.
- Beautiful beaches and spectacular coastal scenery is best explored on the Grand Pacific Drive.

HIGHLIGHTS



Beautiful Beaches

Beach holidays never stop in NSW.



Food and Wine Experiences

Wine-producing regions within a short drive from Sydney.



Natural Attractions

World heritage-listed areas just a few hours' drive from Sydney.



BEACH LIFESTYLE

A temperate climate means that beach holidays never stop in NSW, at any time of the year. On the South Coast, Wollongong is surrounded by a coastline of beautiful beaches where you can learn to surf, go for long beach walks or ride along a network of beachfront cycle paths. Further south is beautiful Jervis Bay, a marine reserve noted for its dolphins and extensive water sports. On the North Coast, fantastic beaches stretch from the Central Coast to Port Stephens, Port Macquarie, Coffs Harbour, and Byron Bay.



FOOD AND WINE EXPERIENCES

Food, wine and indulgence go hand-in-hand in Australia's oldest wine-producing region, the Hunter Valley, as well as in the spectacular Southern Highlands. Both regions are within a short drive from Sydney and offer plenty of tempting food and wine experiences. Sample local gourmet produce from olives to cheese, chocolate to coffee, pick berries fresh from the farm or meet the farmers and winemakers.



NATURAL ATTRACTIONS


If getting out and enjoying nature is your style, there are two inspiring World heritage-listed areas just a few hours' drive from Sydney. Enjoy the spectacular sandstone cliffs and forested valleys of the Blue Mountains National Park, 90 minutes drive from Sydney. A network of well-marked walking trails criss crosses the rugged terrain with plenty of opportunities to see waterfalls, bird life and great views, as you breathe in the crisp mountain air.



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ACCOMODATION



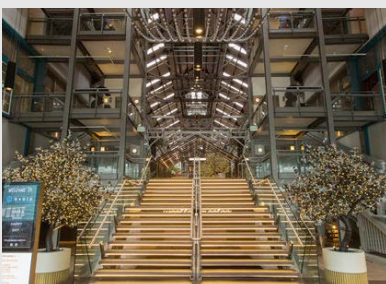
 *Based on 691 reviews


ADGE APARTMENT HOTEL

222 Riley St, Surry Hills
Sydney, New South Wales, 2010
Tel: +61288063748

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
ATLluxury
Reviewed 5/01/2017*

A friend and I stayed in a beautiful city view 2 bedroom suite recently and thoroughly enjoyed our week's stay. From the moment of arrival to our check out, the staff was so friendly and professional. It was a wonderful touch upon our arrival after a day of exploring Sydney to be welcomed back and asked if there was anything we needed. The modern hotel with new top of the line appliances in the kitchen and very comfy beds made our stay a super o...



 *Based on 881 reviews

OVOLO WOOLLOOMOOLOO

6 Cowper Wharf Rdwy,
Sydney, New South Wales, 2011
Tel: +61282945740

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Jay S
Reviewed 8/01/2017*

Spent a night at Ovolo Woolloomooloo. It was different, but nice. If you want a change from the standar 4 or 5 star hotel this is the place to stay. Everything in the mini bar including drinks and snacks is included in the price. Bathroom accessories are ample and you can call for more if needed. Staff are really good and helpful. They also have a cheerful and party mode demeanor which is a great start to your weekend or holiday. Another nice thi...


*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017



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 *Based on 2116 reviews


PARK HYATT SYDNEY

7 Hickson Road, The Rocks
Sydney, New South Wales, 2000
Tel: +61292561234

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
478cameronr
Reviewed 6/01/2017*

We stayed at the Park Hyatt Sydney for the New Years Eve fireworks. It was an experience I will remember for the rest of my life. The room was immaculate on check in and returned to that condition every day. The staff were attentive, courteous and professional. They went above and beyond the call to cater for our every need. The food was excellent. I would not hesitate to stay here again.



 *Based on 2508 reviews

MERITON SERVICED APARTMENTS WORLD TOWER

95 Liverpool Street,
Sydney, New South Wales, 2000
Tel: +61288800711

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
sarah_8422
Reviewed 8/01/2017*

Booked a 2 bed suite here as we were planning on having guests over before heading out into the city. There was no issue doing this, Hotel were very accommodating.


Room was very clean and well appointed. Nice views from the 62nd floor. Our 2 bedroom suite was massive, including two bathrooms and a laundry also.

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017

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WINE & DINE



 *Based on 279 reviews


FARMHOUSE KINGS CROSS

Shop 4 40 Bayswater Rd,
Sydney, New South Wales, 2011
Tel: +61 448 413 791

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
CaitBronwen
Reviewed 6/01/2017*

Great dinner experience. Everyone sits at one large communal table which was cozy and great food. Set menu and we loved every dish.



 *Based on 689 reviews

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L 1 252 George St,
Sydney, New South Wales, 2000
Tel: 61292403000

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
spogie
Reviewed 6/01/2017*


It does not get much better anywhere in the World. More than just excellent food, served by more than just excellent staff in more than just excellent surroundings. An yet not stiff and formal. Modern, creative, classy and very tasty dishes in the signature menu accompanied by good wines of mainly European origin. An Australian/New Zealand wine menu World have been more interesting for a visiting European. Definitely a candidate for at least o...

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WINE & DINE



 *Based on 543 reviews

THE BAXTER INN


156 Clarence St,
Sydney, New South Wales, 2000
Tel: +61 (0) 2 8354 1223

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Greg S
Reviewed 7/01/2017*

Wander down a quiet lane, take a sharp right toward the trash cans and flash your ID to the non-descript bouncer. Descend the industrial stairs and thru an unlabeled door is The Baxter, Sydney's speakeasy homage to the yonder years of whisky and deal making.

With a wide selection of scotch, bourbon, and rye, if you love the brown stuff then this should be in your must-do list.
Strictly 18+.



 *Based on 255 reviews

ZAHLI

529 Elizabeth Street,
Sydney, New South Wales,
Tel: +61 2 9318 2228

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
SarahAshlea101
Reviewed 8/01/2017*

Myself and my partner went to zahli on Saturday 7th Jan and we were blown away by the food we received. We had the Mediterranean banquet and it was jam packed full of food and worth every cent.

The manager then came and had a chat with us about the night and asked why we were visiting Sydney and we told him it was for my partner's birthday. He then organized a desert for her and themed happy birthday music. It's little things like this that mak...

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INFORMATION

PACKING ESSENTIALS

- **Swimsuit** - With so many beautiful beaches there will be ample opportunity for swimming.
- **Walking shoes** - The best way to see the city is by foot.
- **Sunscreen** - The sun is strong all year round.
- **Camera** - Capture every moment.
- **Umbrella** - The weather is always unpredictable!

INFORMATION

TRAVEL TIPS

- Plan your visit to Sydney Airport by doing some research on the airport and your terminal, whether it be T1, T2 or T3.
- Check the security regulations in relation to what you can and cannot take through the security screening point and onto an aircraft, including prohibited items, dangerous goods, and liquids, aerosols, and gels (LAGs).
- Check your baggage allowance with your airline.
- Use the directional signage at the terminal to ensure a smooth and enjoyable journey through the airport.
- Ensure that your driver's licence can be used in your country of destination or that you have organised an international driver's licence.
- If you have not already purchased travel insurance along with your ticket, you can purchase it at Sydney Airport at the Last Chance Travel Insurance located in the International Terminal (T1) after Customs. Alternatively, purchase insurance at any Travelex outlet or the Australia Post Shop at International Terminal (T1) located before Customs, near check-in counter J.

GET TO THE AIRPORT

- Make sure you have plenty of time ahead of check-in. If you are unsure as to when you should arrive at the airport, contact your airline directly.

GET READY FOR BOARDING

- Security screening – whether your destination is within Australia or overseas, allow sufficient time to proceed through security screening.
- **Australian Customs and Border Protection Service** – allow sufficient time to proceed through Customs and Border Protection.
- **Passports** – must be valid for a minimum of six months ahead of your departing date for most countries. We strongly recommend you verify exact requirements with your airline.
- **Boarding passes** – issued at the airline check-in counter upon presentation of your ticket reservation (printed e-ticket) or booking confirmation number along with your valid passport.
- **Immigration cards** – available before you enter Customs and Border Protection. The cards must be filled out and presented to the Customs and Border Protection Officer along with your passport and boarding pass.
- **Find your departing gate** using display screens. These screens are available in the airline check-in area and at each departure gate.

RELAX

- At Sydney airport, you have plenty of options to shop while you are waiting to board your flight. Remember that all duty free purchases must be finalised 20 minutes before your flight departs.

INFORMATION

YOUR DESTINATION



WHEN TO GO

Between September and
December (spring)



LANGUAGE

English



WEATHER

Summer: 18-26° Celsius
Winter: 10-18° Celsius



TIME ZONE

UTC+10



CURRENCY

Australian Dollar

