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SYDNEY

Highlights



The metropolis known as Sydney, surrounds the world's largest natural harbour and is currently home to around 5.5 million Sydneysiders (as they are colloquially known). Famous for its iconic Opera House, Botanical Gardens and the infamous Bondi Beach.... you'll find some wonderful and exquisite places to wander around and soak up the vibes that Sydney has on offer.

These are our Top 10 must do's when visiting Sydney, although you'll find there to be an endless number of exciting things to get up to when you visit this city!

1. Sydney Opera House

No trip to Sydney would be complete without a visit to the iconic performing arts centre that was designed by Jorn Utzon of Denmark, in a competition back in 1956 to represent a fleet of sails on Sydney Harbour. Originally estimated at \$7 million in cost and 4 years to build it, the final cost of construction was a whopping \$102 million and took 14 years for completion!

Regardless of the cost and time it took to build, it ultimately does stand out as a magnificent piece of architectural design. When you get there you'll actually find that the building comprises multiple performance venues which together hosts well over 1,500 performances annually and attract more than 8.2 million visitors a year!



Situated on Bennelong Point, it is set in the perfect surrounds of the harbour, the harbour bridge and even the Botanical Gardens. Uncover the stories, history and magic with a guided tour of the Opera House. Tours run daily between 09:00 and 17:00 and we suggest booking a tour in advance to guarantee a place as they often sell out.

For more information and to book a tour, call the Sydney Opera House on +61 (0)2 9250 7111, drop them an Email: infodesk@sydneyoperahouse.com or you visit their website to find out more <https://www.sydneyoperahouse.com>.

2. Sydney Harbour

With 150 miles of shoreline and more than 30 square miles of water, Sydney Harbour is the largest and probably the most beautiful natural harbour in the world! Take any of the scenic ferry rides and stop off at one of the many ferry terminals littered with shops and restaurants to explore nearby.



Arguably one of Sydney's No.1 buzz place, Circular Quay is a great place to start your adventure in this vibrant city. Circular Quay is the major transport hub for water taxis, harbour cruises, buses, trains and taxis and ferries depart from here throughout the day to different parts of the harbour, connecting the city with its waterside suburbs.

If you want to take the view in from above, then you could consider climbing the Sydney Harbour Bridge for unforgettable panoramic views. We've heard mixed reviews on the value of the bridge climb, as prices start from around \$163 pp, it'll depend on what you value the most, but if eye popping views is your thing, then give this a go!

Sydney's harbour beaches are some of the most beautiful in the city as they are generally calmer than the ocean waves, which makes them popular with the families. Take a dip in the cool turquoise waters of Camp Cove and take a picturesque walk around to Watsons Bay. Stroll the scenic 1.8km Hermitage Foreshore track where you'll find yourself twisting along the coastline up past Milk Beach and finishing up in Nielsen Park. There is so much you can do here and to find out more detail where you can visit, check out the Australia Tourism website <https://www.australia.com>.

3. Royal Botanical Gardens

Escape the hustle and bustle of the City in the 74-acre gardens, abound with bright and colourful flora and fauna – an oasis nestled on Sydney Harbour. Australia's oldest botanic garden has an array of spectacular things to see and do here.

Visit the Calyx – which is a hub of activity offering food, shopping and an exciting range of events, exhibitions and workshops.

Shop in the Garden – an exquisite shop selling books, seeds, giftware's and home baked goodies are on offer too!

Wildlife – discover the amazing variety of native and exotic birds, mammals, reptiles, insects, fish and spiders – all of whom call this place their home.



Take a tour and learn about Aboriginal culture, soak up the atmosphere in the themed gardens or learn about the unique history of the gardens. There are free tours and paid tours on offer.

The gardens are open every day of the year but have varying hours depending on the month. Still, they're guaranteed to be open between 07:00 and 17:00 (excluding Christmas Day and Good Friday).

For more details contact The Royal Botanical Gardens Sydney on: +61 (0)2 9231 8111 or visit their website <https://www.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au>.

4. The Rocks



One of our fav places to explore! This suburb earned its name from the sandstone rocks that line Sydney Harbour. This hip neighbourhood is lined with cobblestone streets, charming 19th century buildings and is scattered with restaurants, shops, pubs and galleries which screams an eclectic vibe making for an interesting afternoon of exploring.

Located next to the Sydney Opera House, the Harbour Bridge and Circular Quay, its prime location makes it very convenient to get to. Although the neighbourhood offers plenty of activity during the week, on weekends, the area runs an arts and craft market (Saturdays and Sunday 10:00 – 17:00) and a foodie market on Fridays 09:00 – 15:00.

Take an easy 15-minute walk, downhill, from the Town hall station, 10-minutes from Wynyard Station and a 2-minute walk from Circular Quay. **For more details** check out their site <https://www.therocks.com>

5. The National Maritime Museum

Nestling on the interior of Sydney Harbour, this museum provides the ideal destination to combine your visit with many other sightseeing highlights in this and the surrounding area. Even if you have no interest in the field of Maritime, this museum does display an impressive set of exhibitions that any manner of persuasion will find it worthwhile visiting.

The museum displays the nautical sorties of the whole of Australia as well as Sydney, specifically dating back to the arrival of the first settlers through to the various military actions that the Australian navy have been in engaged with.

Open every day except Christmas Day (hours do vary depending on the time of year, check directly with them) opening hours 09:30 – 17:00.

Admission is free but there are several types of tickets on offer which allows you to access all the vessels. **For more information** call them on +61 (0)2 9298 3777 or visit their website for more information <http://www.anmm.gov.au>.

6. Sydney Tower Eye

The tallest structure in Sydney and the second tallest observation tower in the southern hemisphere. If you are looking to get your bearings in the city, this is a great place to start your adventure! It offers incredible 360-degree views of the city and it is an interesting way to get an understanding of the scale of the city.

Remember to take your camera!



For the cost of a single ticket standard admission into the tower, we recommend checking out their site directly as they often run specials and combine their passes with some of the other tourist attractions in Sydney.

Open: 09:00 – 21:00 (times vary depending on season, check their website <https://www.sydneytowereye.com.au>)

TOP TIP: Check out their website before visiting and see if you can save a few \$\$.

7. The Queen Victoria Building



If shopping is your thing, then for an incredibly graceful and elegant shopping experience, you'll want to visit the Queen Victoria Building. While the huge range of variety in shopping options is of obvious appeal, the building itself is an architectural marvel that adds a touch of class to the shopping environment with many fine details in its craftsmanship that the discerning eye can appreciate.

Intricate tiling, stained-glass windows, metalwork, facades, and its amazing grand staircase are just a few of the things that make even simple window-shopping at the Queen Victoria Building a wonderful experience.

Regardless of whether you enjoy shopping or not, a visit to the Queen Victoria Building is a highly worthwhile time investment while in Sydney – even the restrooms are impressive!

Located at 455 George Street, a short stroll from the beautiful Hyde Park or Cockle Bay Wharf, you'll discover a world set back in time. Pop along and enjoy a relaxing cuppa and soak up the incredible historic atmosphere.

Opening hours: 09:00 – 18:00 Mon-Sat (Level 1 & 2 opening at 10:00). Sunday hours 11:00 – 17:00 (Levels 1 & 2 opening at 11:00).

8. Government House Sydney

Located on Conservatorium Road alongside the Royal Botanic Gardens and overlooking Sydney Harbour, this quite magnificent and very regal structure demands adoration!

This possibly one of the most well-maintained and well-preserved examples of colonial-style architecture in Australia. It has been home to 27 governors since its construction in 1846 and is one of the city's true "hidden gems" with an interior that has a hint of gothic influence.

The house itself is set in 12 acres of superb gardens that are a riot of colour when visited within certain seasons. A destination where many high-profile international visitors are accommodated, and high-powered government meetings take place, Government House is appropriately decorated with beautiful paintings and exquisitely crafted furniture that make viewing the interior a spectacle in and of itself.

Guided tours are available although numbers are limited, and they often soon fill up, making waiting times sometimes long. As the venue is used for Vice Regals Functions throughout the year, from time to time it is closed to the public. Please check their website (<https://www.governor.nsw.gov.au/government-house/visit-us/visitor-information>) to see when they are closed.

With its ease of access both to and from the city along with the peace and quiet of the area, it makes it a great and easy getaway from the hustle and bustle of the city centre and a refreshing location to spend a few hours to relax and recharge while soaking up some history.

Tours run every 30 minutes from 10:30 to 15:00 and takes 45 minutes.

Admission is free however, for security reasons all visitors are required to present valid identification when registering for a tour. Located on Macquarie Street or for more information visit their site or call them +61 (0)2 9228 4111

9. Taronga Zoo



Home to over 4,000 animals from over 350 species – native and rare and endangered exotic animals, the award winning Taronga Zoo is one of Sydney's most famous attractions.

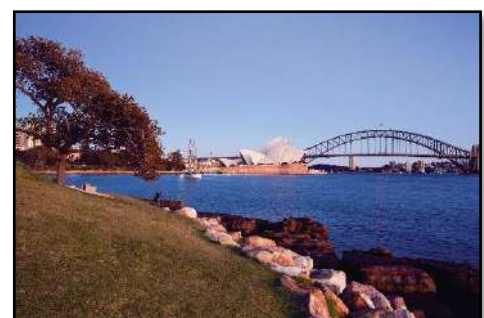
The magnificent spot, overlooks Sydney Harbour and is a convenient 12-minutes away from the city by ferry. Admission includes daily keeper talks and shows, and access to the Sky Safari, Sydney's only cable car and is open 365 days a year!

There's plenty happening here with animal encounters, shows and talks, tours, tiger trek, keeper for a day, kids activities, wild ropes and even a squirrel monkey jungle walk – which we recommend doing, a one of a kind experience that allows you to enter their habitat and the monkeys walk around you and are quite inquisitive. Make sure you don't have any food in your pockets is all we'll say!

Enjoy the breath-taking views of Sydney Harbour from the zoo and enjoy a fun filled day here at the zoo. We suggest booking your tickets directly with them online and save yourself 20% off the ticket price. Online ticket price start at \$41.40, concessions \$32.40. Open: 09:30 – 16:30 (May-Aug) and 17:00 (Sept-Apr). For more information you can call them on +61 (0)2 9969 2777 or visit their website <https://taronga.org.au>

10. Mrs Macquarie's Chair

If you are still in the vicinity of Sydney Harbour then for those history buffs, check out the view of the Sydney Harbour from Mrs Macquarie's chair which is just north of the Royal Botanic Gardens. It is a free attraction steeped in history as it was carved out of sandstone rock by the city's convicts back in 1810. The Governor of the time Lachlan Macquarie commissioned it for his wife.



Due to its location, it's a popular tourist attraction as you will bear witness to the picture-perfect views of the Sydney Opera House and the Sydney Harbour Bridge within a single frame!

TOP TIP: Grab the No.144 bus as it'll drop you off within walking distance.

Now we couldn't just stop at the Top 10, in fact there is so much to do in and around Sydney that we haven't listed.

– Bondi Beach

No visit to Sydney is complete without a trip to Bondi Beach!

With its sweeping white-sand crescent beach, this is possibly one of the most iconic beaches of not only Sydney but of Australia!



It has recently been dubbed one of the Top 10 beaches in Australia, almost purely for cultural impact reasons. So, while it may not strictly speaking be the most beautiful beach in Australia, it certainly is one of the most famous.

Bondi has a grassy hill that slopes onto it and a series of casual lunch options coupled with a few higher-end restaurants that make getting food a relatively easy (albeit pricey) proposition.

If you are travelling there with your own vehicle, parking can be an absolute nightmare. Due to the popularity and crowded nature of the beach, you will most likely have to park so far away you may as well have gotten public transport there or you'll be expected to pay the exorbitant hourly parking fees for the privilege of being closer to the action, so keep this in mind.

If walking is your thing, then we suggest that while you are there, taking the 6km clifftop Bondi to Coogee Coastal Walk which we recommend doing if you have a relatively good fitness level. Take the bus to Bondi and have a mooch around there first and then take the coastal walk. It can get hot so be sure to take water and sunscreen with you although there are water fountains along the way. This is a medium grade urban walk with some steep gradient paths and several staircases along the track. However, there are plenty of rest stops with great views and seating along the way – you won't be disappointed.



For more information on these walks, check out their website (<http://www.bonditocoogeewalk.com>) if you are interested in finding out more about this walk and others available from here.

– SEA LIFE Sydney Aquarium

SEA LIFE Sydney Aquarium is a great aquatic attraction that features five separate habitat exhibitions of Aussie ocean, estuarine and river creatures. An underwater adventure in which you'll be able to walk and explore the rich and diverse aquatic life and habitats of Australia's ocean-dwelling animals.



Home to thousands of saltwater, fresh water, cold water and tropical fishes, mammals and dozens of others of amazing species on display. There is the usual expert commentary and plenty of information boards provided along the way plus a range of free show-and-tell sessions as you see the animals being fed and much more.

SEA LIFE Sydney Aquarium is situated in a convenient location near Sydney Harbour's Circular Quay making accessing it a breeze due to all the available transport options.

TOP TIP: SEA LIFE Sydney Aquarium can often get very busy. To beat waiting in the queues, we recommend that you buy your tickets online <https://www.sydneyaquarium.com.au>. You'll also find some possible combo deals on tickets too which could save you money.

Open daily from 10:00, location: 1-5 Wheat Rd, Darling Harbour.

Getting around Sydney

If you have already picked up your motorhome and are looking for somewhere to set up camp for the night, you could try the Sydney Harbour National Park. Quite simply, a stunning location to park up at, pretty much in the heart of Sydney. You'll be able to leave the motorhome there and hop on to a ferry into the city and surrounds. This is a perfect location and this campsite is conveniently located to nearby public transport.

We recommend that you avoid driving around the city if you can help it, parking is tricky at the best of times and with a large vehicle, it'll be next to impossible!

Once in Sydney, grab yourself an 'Opal' card as this is Sydney's ticket to travel on the city's public transport. International and interstate visitors heading to Sydney can buy an Opal card from many retailers. Head to 'NSW Government Opal' website <https://www.opal.com.au> for more information.

Useful Information

'Sydney Visitor Centre' have many Information Kiosks located throughout the city centre and surrounds. To find one most suitable for you check out their website <http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au>. At each of these kiosks you'll be able to pick up offers all the usual brochures and maps, guides on 'What's On' as well as providing more information on public transport. Tel: +61 (02) 9265 9333.

Sydney Map

