



SYDNEY (NEW SOUTH WALES), AUSTRALIA

Once the de facto capital city of Australia (before Federation), today Sydney retains all that makes it feel like a major capital. From the famous Opera House on the waterfront to the beautiful Royal Botanic Gardens and many sprawling neighborhoods, each with its own distinct character

KEY INFO

Currency: Australian Dollar (1 USD = 1.5 AUD)	Languages: English
Population: 5.31 million (8.17 million NSW)	Drive on the: Left
Emergency #: 000	Pharmacy: Chemist Warehouse, 251 Pitt St
Drinking water: Tap water is drinkable	Protection: Bug Spray & SPF 30+
Time Zone: GMT+11	Wi-Fi: Libraries, Shopping Malls, Galleries, Beaches
ID Requirements: Photo ID	Post Office: 477 Pitt St, NSW 2000

PORT LOCATION

Ships dock in either White Bay (under the Sydney Harbour Bridge) or the Overseas Passenger Terminal (at Circular Quay). When docked at White Bay, a shuttle bus takes you into the city (20-minute drive)

Getting Around: While Sydney is a big city, the central districts are walkable. It is about 2km (30-minute walk) from Darling Harbour to Circular Quay. Public transport includes trains, metro, light-rail, buses, and ferries – all of which can be paid via contactless debit/credit cards. Alternatively, top-up an Opal Card. Daily fares cap at \$17.80 (Mon-Thu) and \$8.90 (Fri-Sun)

www.transportnsw.info for timetables, maps and journey planner

For taxis, dial 13 2227 ([13cabs](http://13cabs.com))

[Official City Map](#)

Tourist Bus: [Sydney Bus Tours](#) has a 48-hour ticket for both of its HO-HO routes (\$85).

City Tour: 23 stops | every 30-45 mins | 9a-4p). **Bondi & Bays Tour:** 11 stops | hourly | 9:30a-3:15p)

Port Facilities (White Bay): Toilets, Taxis, Cafe

Port Address: White Bay Cruise Terminal, 2041 James Craig Rd, Rozelle NSW 2039

CAN'T MISS IN SYDNEY

Sydney Opera House: Arguably the most famous opera house in the world. Iconic and striking, this facility is the site of six theatres. Tours are also available.

www.sydneyoperahouse.com

Sydney Harbour Bridge: Six million rivets hold this monumental structure together. Walk across it for free (and take amazing photos of the city), or brave the heights and take a Bridge Climb tour to the top. 24 hours | Free (Bridge Climb: \$294)

www.bridgeclimb.com

Royal Botanic Garden: Hugging the waterfront, this spectacular garden was originally conceived as the garden of an English country manor. Now it is a free garden for everyone to enjoy. 7a-sunset | Free

www.botanicgardens.org.au

MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

Art Gallery of New South Wales: The premier art gallery in the State. With a magnificent collection of international works by world-renowned masters. Architecturally impressive too. 10a-5p | Free

📍 www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au

Museum of Contemporary Art Australia: For modern art appreciators, this waterfront gallery at the foot of The Rocks (near Circular Quay) is a must-see gallery. 10a-5p | Free

📍 www.mca.com.au

Australian Museum: The oldest museum in Australia and the fifth oldest natural history museum in the world. Internationally respected for natural history and anthropology.

9a-9p (Mon-Wed), 9a-5p (Thu-Sun) | Free

📍 www.australian.museum

Museum of Sydney: A small-but-mighty museum in the CBD, telling the city's story, with locally relevant exhibitions. 10a-5p | Free

📍 www.mhnsw.au/visit-us/museum-of-sydney

Justice & Police Museum: Sydney grew out of a penal colony, so it should come as no surprise that this museum has more than a few fascinating tales to share. In the CBD, in a former police station.

10a-5p (Sat-Sun) | Free

📍 www.mhnsw.au/visit-us/justice-and-police-museum

SHOPPING & SIGHTSEEING

Sydney has many fantastic shopping areas, from the **DFO** (outlet mall in Homebush) to **Queen Victoria Building** and the Victorian **Strand Arcade** in the CBD. **Westfield Sydney** (a big modern mall) is in the base of the Sydney Tower (see below).

Sydney Tower Eye: Take in 360 degree views of the city from the viewing platform in Sydney Tower. Feeling brave? Step out on the Skywalk – Sydney's highest outdoor adventure. For something calmer, eat in the revolving restaurant. 10a-7p | \$20 (Skywalk: \$95)

📍 www.sydneytowereye.com.au

BEACHES

Bondi Beach: Probably the most famous beach in Australia, certainly in Sydney. This lifeguarded (7a-5p) beach is very popular and gets busy. Good swimming, good sunbathing, good restaurants.

📍 www.visitbondibeach.com

Lady Bay: Also known as Lady Jane, this nudist beach (popular with LGBT bathers) is found (rather amusingly) beneath a Royal Australian Navy facility.

Tamarama Beach: Known for its powerful surf, this is another LGBT hotspot in Australia's LGBT Capital. Nicknamed 'Glamarama', you'll need to be a strong swimmer to go out in to the water.