

# Sydney Australia & Things To Do



New South Wales is the state and Sydney is the largest, as well as, the most famous Australian city. This is also the place where Australians first established themselves on the continent during the late 1700s. The United States port originally designated for European convicts was no longer available; therefore, they came to Australia. Crimes back then were as simple as a stolen loaf of bread. One famous convict was a little girl who stole a dress. After serving their sentence in Tasmania, they came to Sydney and started anew. Buildings still remain from that time period contributing to the diverse architectural facades in this modern city now filled with history. The Sydney Opera House is of unique design, while the Sydney Harbour Bridge is nicknamed “coat hanger” due to its appearance. Sydney is continually top rated for having the most scenic harbour in the world.



*Sydney Harbour Cruise*



*Red Lights upon the Sydney Opera House*

In addition to the exquisite museums and myriad shops, local sightseeing is in abundance, most of which are within walking distance, a short ferry or bus ride away. Sydney has excellent local transportation. A guided bus tour is a magnificent way to see the most of this large city. Tours take you to all of the major areas of downtown allowing you to decide where you want to return upon your leisure. The Rocks is where white men first established a settlement in 1788. Bondi Beach is about a 15min drive from Sydney and most famous as the origination of Life Savers, the life guards you now find on all of Australia’s public beaches. The tour bus also makes stops at places offering the best photo opportunities; such as Botany Bay where Captain Cook first landed in 1770. Aussies are very fun and friendly people, most with a humorous personality constantly joking.



*Bondi Beach Surf Lesson*



*Sydney Harbour Bridge Climb*

**Sydney Harbour Bridge Climb** for an aerial view of the city. In groups of 10 every 15 minutes, a guide with microphone and headset commentary, walks you up many steps to the top and back taking approximately 3 ½ hours for the entire experience.

**Surf Lesson** on Bondi Beach for 2hours. With 90% of Australians living within 45min of the ocean, most Aussies surf and now you can experience this local culture. 75% of students stand up on their first try. Wetsuits provided for year round surfing.

**The Rocks Historical Walking Tour** for 2hours you stroll the lanes and alleys of downtown that you would never think to explore on your own while learning the fascinating history of the European Settlers & Australian Natives, known as Aborigines.

**Taronga Zoo** is world famous. A unique experience is their guided tour by a local zoo keeper. Go behind the scenes for private observations at this zoo of natural enclosures set upon a cliff along the Sydney Harbour, which is opposite the Opera House.

**Costellos Opal Store** has a free 15 minute mini-movie theatre with a wonderful introduction to this precious gem only found in Australia. With No Sales pitch; the opals sell themselves and it is worth at least learning about. Opal is the October birth stone and for groups we can arrange a complimentary champagne hour closed to the public. Private showings are also available.

**A Sydney Harbour Cruise** has many options to choose from. Some include lunch or dinner cruises through to fast wet jet boat rides. Yachts that have a maximum of 10 guests, offer personalized service and kayaks onboard, with lunch & spirits included.



**The Blue Mountains** are Australia's version of the Grand Canyon. The abundance of Gum Trees (Eucalyptus) expel a blue mist into the air of the rocky cliffs and most famous 3 Sisters formation. Featherdales is a wildlife sanctuary often visited along the way for Koalas & Kangaroos. Scenic World is an attraction with the country's steepest railway and boardwalks to explore.

**The Hunter Valley** is Australia's first wine region with several cellar doors open for complimentary tastings. The vines were established in the 1700's with the first plant specimens from Persia, since transplanted to other Australian wine regions. These boutique wineries do not export and are some of the finest in the world; most rare because these vines grow in red clay instead of traditional brown dirt. Hunter Valley Gardens is an extensive botanical display of Australia's unique flora and fauna.



*Three Sisters, The Blue Mountains rock formation*



*Hunter Valley cellar door Wine Tasting*

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