

Sydney Precincts

City Centre

Sydney is one of the busiest commercial hubs in the Asia-Pacific region with a cosmopolitan population, many historic sites, museums and parks. Sydney's city centre offers visitors a huge variety of attractions, including designer boutiques, fine restaurants, hip bars and lavish department stores.

The city fans out from the focal point of Circular Quay. This transport hub is within walking distance of the city's star attractions – Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Sydney Opera House, hailed as a 20th-century architectural masterpiece.

Sydney has two World Heritage cultural sites - Sydney Opera House and Hyde Park Barracks, an Australian convict site.



Fashion Fix...

- For boutiques offering jewellery and luxury and cutting edge fashion and design, explore the stylish mezzanines of the **Queen Victoria Building**.
- Head to the new city centre shopping mall, **Westfield Sydney**, in Pitt Street with Gap, Zara, Bardot, Gucci and Guess to name just a few of the centre's 250 shops.



Inner City

The inner Sydney suburbs that form a ring around the city centre are lively precincts, packed with attractions and plenty of things to see and do. To the east are Paddington, Surry Hills and Darlinghurst, each with its own unique style. Take your time exploring the fashionable boutiques, bookshops, cafes, bars and restaurants. At night, Oxford Street buzzes with nightclubs, pubs and late-night bars.

Glebe, Newtown, Balmain and Leichhardt make up Sydney's inner west. Second-hand shops, restaurants, bars, cafes, bookshops and design shops line the main streets of each neighbourhood- Glebe Point Road, King Street, Darling Street and Norton Street respectively. Weekend

Excite me...

- Climb the span of the Harbour Bridge with **BridgeClimb** or visit the Pylon Lookout.
- Fun packed day in Darling Harbour visiting **Sydney Aquarium & Wild Life Sydney**.
- Book a **Rocks Ghost Tour** and learn about macabre tales of murder, suicide, hanging and haunting.
- Soak in the views of the most picturesque city in the world by **cruising the harbour**.

Fashion Fix...

- Take a chic in the city **shopping tours**, where you'll discover the best spots in the city to get your style fix with Urban Walkabout Tours.
- Visit **Paddington Markets** for eclectic local and Australian produce, arts and crafts.

markets are popular offering everything from organic produce to vintage fashion and artworks. Getting around inner Sydney is easy with regular bus, train and light rail services.

Excite me...

- Surry Hills is buzzing with wine bars, small Sydney restaurants and some of the most creative dining spots; **The Winery** is a great spot!
- See the sunken water garden at architectural urban park **Paddington Reservoir Gardens**.
- Discover the giant **'I Have a Dream'** mural featuring Martin Luther King and the Aboriginal flag on King Street that was originally sponsored by local philanthropist Tony Spanos.
- Walk the the McElhone stairway that runs from Woollahroomooloo to Victoria street and indulge in a **Harry's Café De Wheels** famous pie.



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North Sydney



Pic: Hamilo Lund, Destination NSW

Just across the harbour from the city lies a cluster of leafy northern suburbs known for their easy bushwalks, bustling markets and family entertainment. Some of the city's most stunning views of the Harbour Bridge and Sydney Opera House can be enjoyed from North Sydney's foreshore or from Kirribilli's cottage-lined streets.

Famous beaches - Manly and Palm Beach - are at either ends of a beautiful stretch of coastline that has great surfing beaches, clifftop walks plus cafes and restaurants where you can dine outdoors. At Mosman, you'll find Taronga Zoo in a dramatic harbourside location, perfect for a day out with the kids. Further north is the beautiful Hawkesbury River which you can explore by boat and even stay overnight in a cosy riverside boathouse.

Excite me...

- **Travel across Sydney Harbour from Circular Quay** by ferry (30 minutes)
- **Explore the Manly to Spit Bridge scenic walkway**, which meanders through native bushland in a coastal setting.
- **Sample the diverse restaurant and café cuisine** with harbour or ocean views.
- **Take a dip at the ocean surf beach** or at one of the tranquil inner harbour beaches.

Sydney South

Dramatic cliff tops that you can explore on foot, great surfing beaches, lush countryside and historic landmarks make this a fascinating part of Sydney. Beachside suburbs include Cronulla, Maroubra and Malabar; Bundeena is just a short ferry ride away, on the edge of Royal National Park. At Mascot you'll find Sydney International Airport as well as excellent shopping at factory outlets.

The southern beaches were the scene of first contact between European and Aboriginal people when Captain Cook sailed into Botany Bay in 1770. Cook's

original landing place is in Botany Bay National Park; nearby La Perouse is where French explorer, Comte de la Perouse, arrived in 1788.

Excite Me...

- Enjoy the natural beauty of this area on walking trails that follow the rugged coastline of **Botany Bay National Park**.
- **Kayak from Bundeena** which is considered one of Sydney's top paddling locations with bordering ocean bays, beaches and the stunning Royal National Park all in easy reach.



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Sydney East

Located between the city and the coast, the eastern suburbs are home to some of Sydney's best outdoor attractions - iconic Bondi Beach, Watsons Bay, South Head and Nielsen Park. In Centennial Parklands, just 15 minutes from the city centre, you can go horse riding, cycling or hiking through a 360-hectare green space.

Beaches here have always had a style of their own. For great waves, great cafes and great shopping. The Bondi to Bronte Coastal Walk is a highlight, especially during the outdoor sculpture event, Sculpture by the Sea. Paddington, Bondi Junction and Double Bay offer some of Sydney's best shopping experiences with a mix of high street shops and boutiques and stylish malls.

Excite me...

- **Do the Bondi-to-Coogee scenic cliff walk** – take a stroll, have a swim and sip a latte at a café along the way.
- **Watch the Bondi lifeguards** run lifesaving demonstration activities, or even participate in the program.
- **Take a dip in the Bondi Icebergs surf pool**, one of Sydney's iconic locations.
- **Dine at sunset** with spectacular ocean views at various restaurants at Bondi Beach.



Sydney West

Pic: Sydney Olympic Park Authority

As you head west from the city centre to the foothills of the Blue Mountains, you'll uncover plenty of things to see and do in Sydney's west. Highlights include historic Parramatta, Australia's second oldest European settlement, and the space-age complex that was the location for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. You can travel to Parramatta from Circular Quay by rivercat, following Sydney Harbour as it heads west to become the Parramatta River. Sydney Olympic Park can also be reached by rivercat as well as train. You can easily spend a day touring the famous site with its outstanding

stadiums, sports facilities and parklands via cycleways and walking trails. Other attractions in Sydney's west can be found at Penrith and Windsor.

Excite Me...

- ANZ Stadium holds a special place in the hearts of sports fans throughout the world. Explore the world-class venue from a different angle with an official **ANZ Stadium Tour**.
- Get up close with Australian wildlife at **Featherdale Wildlife Park**.
- Satisfy all your shopping needs at **Westfield Parramatta**.



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Fashion Fix

- Visit **Westfield Bondi Junction** and **Bondi Markets** for a mall and market-stall shopping fix by the ocean
- Walk the along the **beachfront promenade** and experience its carefree sun-drenched lifestyle, while enjoying some retail therapy
- For High end fashion **Double Bay** is a must do. Double Bay is Sydney shopping heaven, with exclusive boutiques offering the pick of European designers and fabulous shoes from Jimmy Choo, Prada and Bottega.