

3-day Sydney

Sydney

Sydney: Harbor City of Natural Beauty and Cultural Icons

Welcome to Sydney, Australia's stunning harbor city where iconic architecture meets natural splendor. This comprehensive 3-day guide will take you through the city's most remarkable landmarks, cultural institutions, and vibrant neighborhoods.

Historical Overview

Sydney, established in 1788, holds the distinction of being Australia's first European settlement. From its origins as a penal colony to its transformation into a global city, Sydney has evolved into a multicultural metropolis that beautifully preserves its historical heritage while embracing modernity.

Iconic Landmarks

- Sydney Opera House: A UNESCO World Heritage site and architectural masterpiece
- Sydney Harbour Bridge: The world's largest steel arch bridge, offering breathtaking harbor views
- The Rocks: Sydney's historic quarter featuring colonial architecture and cobblestone streets
- Queen Victoria Building: A magnificent 19th-century building showcasing Romanesque architecture

Cultural Treasures

- Art Gallery of New South Wales: Home to significant Australian and international art collections
- Museum of Contemporary Art: Australia's leading museum of contemporary art
- Hyde Park: The city's oldest public parkland, featuring important monuments and memorials
- Royal Botanic Garden: A peaceful oasis offering stunning harbor views and diverse plant collections

Charming Neighborhoods

- Circular Quay: The hub of Sydney Harbor, surrounded by iconic attractions
- Darling Harbour: A vibrant waterfront precinct with restaurants and entertainment
- Chinatown: A bustling area known for its Asian cuisine and cultural experiences
- Barangaroo: A newly developed waterfront precinct with parks and dining options

Sydney Lifestyle

- Beach Culture: Famous coastal spots like Bondi and Manly Beach
- Markets: From Paddy's Markets to the Rocks Markets
- Dining: Diverse culinary scene ranging from fine dining to casual cafés
- Harbor Life: Ferry rides, waterfront dining, and maritime activities

Green Spaces

- Hyde Park: Australia's oldest park, featuring the ANZAC Memorial
- Royal Botanic Garden: 30 hectares of themed gardens with harbor views
- Barangaroo Reserve: A waterfront parkland with walking trails and indigenous history

Practical Travel Tips

- Transportation: Use the Opal card for trains, buses, and ferries
- Best Times to Visit: Spring (September-November) or Autumn (March-May) for mild weather
- Language: English is the primary language
- Safety: Generally very safe; take normal precautions in tourist areas

3-Day Itinerary Highlights

Day 1:

- Sydney Opera House
- Royal Botanic Garden

- Art Gallery of New South Wales
- The Rocks

Day 2:

- Museum of Contemporary Art
- Circular Quay
- Sydney Harbour Bridge
- Darling Harbour

Day 3:

- Queen Victoria Building
- Paddy's Market
- Chinatown
- Hyde Park

Additional Attractions

- Taronga Zoo
- Sydney Tower Eye
- Luna Park Sydney
- Australian National Maritime Museum
- Powerhouse Museum
- Sydney Fish Market
- Cockatoo Island
- Mrs. Macquarie's Chair

Sydney offers a perfect blend of natural beauty, cultural experiences, and historical significance. Whether you're admiring the harbor views, exploring world-class museums, or relaxing in the botanical gardens, the city provides endless opportunities for memorable experiences.

Let Sydney's charm captivate you as you discover its iconic landmarks, vibrant

culture, and beautiful surroundings. Enjoy your Sydney adventure!



Itinerary Preview

3 days

DAY 01

Sydney Opera House
Royal Botanic Garden Sydney
Art Gallery of New South Wales
The Rocks

DAY 02

Museum of Contemporary Art Australia
Circular Quay
Sydney Harbour Bridge
Darling Harbour

DAY 03

Queen Victoria Building
Paddy's Markets Haymarket
Chinatown Sydney
Hyde Park





Daily Events



Day 1

09:00

Sydney Opera House

Bennelong Point, Sydney NSW 2000, Australia

11:00

11:45

Royal Botanic Garden Sydney

Mrs Macquaries Rd, Sydney NSW 2000, Australia

13:45

14:30

Art Gallery of New South Wales

Art Gallery Rd, Sydney NSW 2000, Australia

16:15

17:00

The Rocks

The Rocks NSW 2000, Australia

18:45

Map for Day 1



Day 2

09:15

Museum of Contemporary Art Australia

140 George St, The Rocks NSW 2000, Australia

10:45

11:15

Circular Quay

Circular Quay, Sydney NSW 2000, Australia

12:45

13:30

Sydney Harbour Bridge

Sydney Hbr Brg, Sydney NSW, Australia

15:00

17:45

Darling Harbour

Sydney NSW 2000, Australia

19:30

Map for Day 2



Day 3

09:30

Queen Victoria Building

455 George St, Sydney NSW 2000, Australia

11:30

12:00

Paddy's Markets Haymarket

9/13 Hay St, Haymarket NSW 2000, Australia

13:30

13:45

Chinatown Sydney

82/84 Dixon St, Haymarket NSW 2000, Australia

15:30

16:00

Hyde Park

Elizabeth St, Sydney NSW 2000, Australia

18:00

Map for Day 3





Spots



Hyde Park

Elizabeth St, Sydney NSW 2000, Australia

Summary:

Large city park bordered by many significant buildings and containing statues of famous Australians.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours
Tuesday: Open 24 hours
Wednesday: Open 24 hours
Thursday: Open 24 hours
Friday: Open 24 hours
Saturday: Open 24 hours
Sunday: Open 24 hours

Phone:

(02) 9265 9333



Paddy's Markets Haymarket

9/13 Hay St, Haymarket NSW 2000, Australia

Summary:

Large, time-tested marketplace with an eclectic array of goods such as souvenirs, clothes & produce.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: Closed
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Friday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Sunday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Phone:

(02) 9325 6200



Museum of Contemporary Art Australia

140 George St, The Rocks NSW 2000, Australia

Summary:

Cutting-edge Australian & international contemporary art in a grand, waterside art deco building.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Phone:

(02) 9245 2400



Chinatown Sydney

82/84 Dixon St, Haymarket NSW 2000, Australia

Summary:

Bustling zone with night markets & Chinese restaurants alongside souvenir shops & gardens.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours

Tuesday: Open 24 hours

Wednesday: Open 24 hours

Thursday: Open 24 hours

Friday: Open 24 hours

Saturday: Open 24 hours

Sunday: Open 24 hours



Enmore Theatre

118-132 Enmore Rd, Newtown NSW 2042, Australia

Summary:

Long-running, rollicking music and comedy joint in a classic building with a sloped viewing area.

Phone:

(02) 9550 3666



Surry Hills Market

Crown St, Surry Hills NSW 2010, Australia

Summary:

Monthly neighborhood event featuring stalls selling food & used or handcrafted clothes & artwork.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: Closed

Friday: Closed

Saturday: 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday: Closed

Phone:

(02) 9356 4977



Luna Park Sydney

1 Olympic Dr, Milsons Point NSW 2061, Australia

Summary:

Longstanding fun park reopened in 2004 after redevelopment, including a big top & a Ferris wheel.

Phone:

(02) 9922 6644



Hyde Park Barracks

Queens Square, Macquarie St, Sydney NSW 2000, Australia

Summary:

Former prison providing a glimpse into the lives of convicts & orphans who dwelt there in the 1800s.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Phone:

(02) 8239 2311



Dawes Point Reserve

Hickson Rd, The Rocks NSW 2000, Australia

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours
Tuesday: Open 24 hours
Wednesday: Open 24 hours
Thursday: Open 24 hours
Friday: Open 24 hours
Saturday: Open 24 hours
Sunday: Open 24 hours

Phone:

(02) 9265 9333



Bligh & Barney Reserve

112 George St, The Rocks NSW 2000, Australia

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours
Tuesday: Open 24 hours
Wednesday: Open 24 hours
Thursday: Open 24 hours
Friday: Open 24 hours
Saturday: Open 24 hours
Sunday: Open 24 hours



Mrs Macquarie's Chair

Mrs Macquaries Rd, Sydney NSW 2000, Australia

Summary:

Sandstone bench carved by convicts in 1811 for the then-governor's wife, offering harbour views.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 7:00 AM - 6:30 PM
Tuesday: 7:00 AM - 6:30 PM
Wednesday: 7:00 AM - 6:30 PM
Thursday: 7:00 AM - 6:30 PM
Friday: 7:00 AM - 6:30 PM
Saturday: 7:00 AM - 6:30 PM
Sunday: 7:00 AM - 6:30 PM

Phone:

(02) 9231 8111



Barangaroo Reserve

Hickson Rd, Barangaroo NSW 2000, Australia

Summary:

Waterfront park with walking & cycling paths, plus a variety of trees, grassy areas & scenic views.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours
Tuesday: Open 24 hours
Wednesday: Open 24 hours
Thursday: Open 24 hours
Friday: Open 24 hours
Saturday: Open 24 hours
Sunday: Open 24 hours

Phone:

(02) 9255 1706



Sydney Fish Market

Corner Pyrmont Bridge Rd &, Bank St, Pyrmont NSW 2009, Australia

Summary:

Large marketplace featuring shops for seafood, deli items, wine & baked goods, plus restaurants.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Tuesday: 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Wednesday: 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Thursday: 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday: 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Saturday: 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday: 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Phone:

(02) 9004 1100



Cockatoo Island

Cockatoo Island, New South Wales 2110, Australia

Summary:

Camping is available on this historic island with a shipyard & former penal establishment.



State Theatre

49 Market St, Sydney NSW 2000, Australia

Summary:

Live music, film and comedy establishment with ornate Gothic, Italian and art deco architecture.

Phone:

(02) 9373 6655



Taronga Zoo Sydney

Bradleys Head Rd, Mosman NSW 2088, Australia

Summary:

Harbourside animal attraction with over 350 separate species & a ferry service to the city centre.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

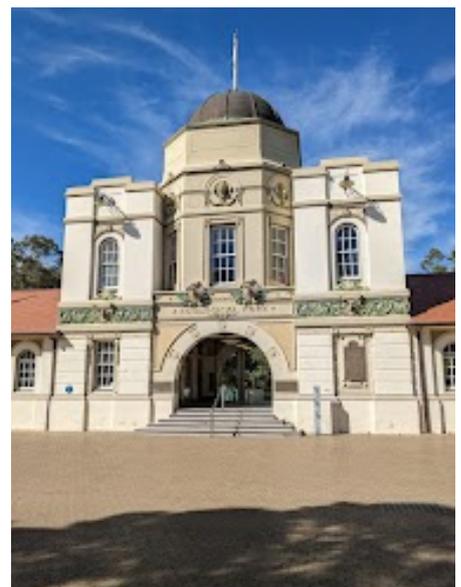
Friday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Phone:

(02) 9969 2777



Bondi Beach

Bondi Beach, NSW 2026, Australia

Summary:

This popular surf spot features a wide sandy beach, waterfront eateries & a skate park.



Australian National Maritime Museum

2 Murray St, Sydney NSW 2000, Australia

Summary:

Harbourside attraction with naval vessels, a replica of Cook's Endeavor and temporary exhibitions.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Phone:

(02) 9298 3777



Sydney Tower Eye

Westfield Sydney, Level 5/108 Market St, Sydney NSW 2000, Australia

Summary:

Landmark tower building with a 4-D cinema, observation deck & outdoor viewing platform.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM



Manly Beach

Manly Beach, New South Wales, Australia

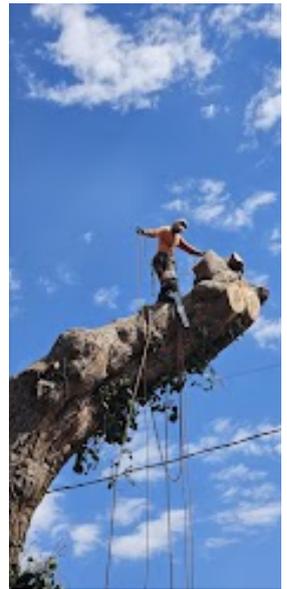
Summary:

Bustling beachfront & surfing destination surrounded by tall trees & a variety of shops & eateries.



Hyde Park

Los Angeles, CA 90012, USA



Cadmans Cottage

110 George St, The Rocks NSW 2000, Australia

Summary:

Built in 1816, this sandstone cottage served as a sailors' home, water police headquarters & more.

Phone:

(02) 9240 8500



Circular Quay

Circular Quay, Sydney NSW 2000, Australia



Queen Victoria Building

455 George St, Sydney NSW 2000, Australia

Summary:

George McRae-designed building in a Romanesque style and now housing a varied collection of stores.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Phone:

(02) 9265 6800



Darling Harbour

Sydney NSW 2000, Australia

Summary:

Waterfront destination housing many of Sydney's major attractions & hosting large-scale events.

Phone:

(02) 9240 8500



Sydney Harbour Bridge

Sydney Hbr Brg, Sydney NSW, Australia

Summary:

Iconic structure opened in 1932, offering a BridgeClimb & the Pylon Lookout, hosting exhibitions.



The Rocks

The Rocks NSW 2000, Australia



Art Gallery of New South Wales

Art Gallery Rd, Sydney NSW 2000, Australia

Summary:

Contemporary, modern & indigenous art displayed in a classical-style building, founded in 1871.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sunday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Phone:

1800 679 278



Royal Botanic Garden Sydney

Mrs Macquaries Rd, Sydney NSW 2000, Australia

Summary:

Harbourside haven for city wildlife with a rose garden, fernery and 'Jurassic Jungle' for kids.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Tuesday: 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Wednesday: 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Thursday: 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Friday: 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Saturday: 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Sunday: 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Phone:

(02) 9231 8111



Sydney Opera House

Bennelong Point, Sydney NSW 2000, Australia

Summary:

Landmark, skyline-dominating arts centre for opera, theatre, music & dance, plus guided tours.

Phone:

(02) 9250 7111

