

SYDNEY MUST-SEE EXPERIENCES

Sydney fans out from the sparkling harbour to the stunning coastline in the east, golden Palm Beach in the north, Australia's oldest national park in the south and the city's adventure capital in the west. Start your trip delving into fascinating Indigenous culture, a thriving arts scene and unique shopping. Explore the ever-evolving food and drink scene and spectacular calendar of events in Australia's most memorable city. Stunning day trips take you to the nearby mountains, coastline or wine country.



ABORIGINAL HERITAGE

Connect with Sydney's aboriginal culture and history with thought-provoking gallery exhibitions, museum collections, and tours through the city and national parks. The Gadigal people are the traditional owners of the lands on which the city of Sydney is located. Join a tour to explore places such as The Rocks, Royal Botanic Gardens, or one of Sydney's national parks through the lens of a local Aboriginal guide, to discover their deep connection to country and culture.



PAINT THE TOWN

Sydney has a dynamic cultural and arts scene, with iconic galleries, artist-run spaces and performances in world-class venues. Take in a show at the Sydney Opera House, see a blockbuster exhibition at the Museum of Contemporary Art and the Art Gallery of NSW and watch a play at Belvoir Theatre or Sydney Theatre Company. Vivid Sydney, the largest festival of light, music and ideas in the Southern Hemisphere takes place in May and June. Explore the underground arts scene in the inner west, see a delightful musical or attend one of the many festivals and events on during the year.



OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Experience Sydney's countless stunning parks, harbour and beaches with an adventure activity or breathtaking walk. Kayak on Sydney Harbour, battle rapids on an Olympic white-water rafting course or fly through the air on a jet boat. Australia's two oldest national parks frame the city, with many hiking trails and waterholes to explore. Camp on an island in the middle of the harbour and from May to November, go whale watching as the mighty creatures migrate up and down the coast. Head to Western Sydney to blast skyward with Jetpack Adventures and try a rollercoaster zipline at Treetop Adventure Park.



FLAVOUR TRAIL

Sydney's thrilling dining scene rivals the best cities in the world. The range of authentic cuisines available is second to none, thanks to its multicultural population. From elegant waterside dining to cosy pubs, every taste is catered for. Sydney's suburbs are full of local gems servicing the neighbourhood, with exciting foodie hubs including Surry Hills, Haymarket, Newtown and Chatswood offering a plethora of choices. Sip an expertly made cocktail at any number of luxurious bars before celebrating a special occasion at a fine dining restaurant with a view of the city.



BEACH LIFE

Sydney is one of the most famous beach cities in the world. From the iconic crescent of Bondi Beach to pretty harbour beaches like Balmoral, there are well over 100 beaches to discover. Stroll a section of the beautiful coastal walk between Manly Beach and Bondi Beach. While you're exploring, glimpse the famed ocean pools Sydney is known for, carved into the coastal rock. On Balmoral Beach in the city's north have fish and chips in the Kiosk at Bathers' Pavilion or head east to explore the hidden gems of Milk Beach or Redleaf Beach where locals go to sun themselves and enjoy a coffee.



SHOW PONY

Sydney is an events epicentre boasting world-class musicals, sporting spectacles and compelling cultural performances in iconic architectural spaces. There's a thrilling calendar of events all year round with major showings at prestigious galleries, contemporary music programs inside the Sydney Opera House sails and a long list of urban festivals, writers' panels and comedy shows. See a major sporting match at the historic Sydney Cricket Ground, book a show at Sydney's Capitol Theatre and check out cultural hotspot Carriageworks for foodie events, dance performances and more.



STREET STYLE

Sydney is a global shopping destination with international fashion brands, unique Australian designs and vintage finds. The Harbour City offers neighbourhood shopping enclaves, bustling malls and historic arcades. Pick up discounted fashion, homewares and accessories at Birkenhead Point, or head to Paddington's The Intersection for high-end Australian labels. Stroll the historic Queen Victoria Building for big-name brands or book a personal styling session at Westfield Sydney. Just a stone's throw from the CBD, Barangaroo is a harbourside precinct of luxury boutiques and in urban enclaves of Surry Hills, Darlinghurst, Newtown and Glebe, discover one-off vintage treasures.



DAY TRIPPER

No visit to Sydney is complete without a road trip into the neighbouring natural beauty of the mountains, wine country or coastline. Cruise south along roads lining coastal cliffs, stop at cosy seaside pubs and catch glimpses of migrating whales. Be sure to travel the Sea Cliff Bridge, which extends over the ocean as it hugs the coast. If it's mountain air you crave, the Blue Mountains, famed for their blue haze and intriguing sandstone formations, are just a 90-minute drive west, or hit the wine trail to Australia's oldest producing wine region, the Hunter Valley.

