



## CITY GUIDE



# SYDNEY

## NEW SOUTH WALES

Australia's famous harbour city has a seductive outdoor lifestyle and great natural beauty. The iconic Sydney Opera House is well worth a visit and if you have a head for heights attempt the BridgeClimb for stunning views and a great adventure.

Take a ferry from Circular Quay and see the city from the water, explore hidden beaches on the Coogee to Bondi coastal walk, hit the surf and relax over a long lunch at one of Sydney's incredible restaurants. Make sure you're in town for New Years Eve to witness the famous fireworks display.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- > With 2,137 kilometres of coastline, New South Wales has some of the best and most accessible surf beaches in Australia.
- > Bowral, in the NSW Southern Highlands, is Sir Donald Bradman's home town and the location of the International Cricket Hall of Fame, which holds the Bradman Museum collection.
- > Around 1.6 million people gather on the Sydney Harbour foreshore to watch the Sydney NYE fireworks display – a larger crowd than Paris, London and New York City.
- > There are over 70 beaches in Sydney, from secluded coves to the world-famous Bondi Beach.
- > Sydney Opera House celebrated its 40th anniversary in October 2013.
- > The rediscovery of the Wollemi Pine, one of the world's oldest tree species, in Wollemi National Park near Sydney, is considered the "botanical find of the century".

## THERE'S NOTHING LIKE...

- > Seeing the skyline stretch out before you on a Sydney Harbour BridgeClimb. Take in the harbour views from the top of one of the world's most iconic bridges.
- > Learning to surf at Bondi, and enjoy the cliff top views on the Bondi to Coogee Beach Coastal Walk.
- > Discovering hidden coves and bays in Sydney Harbour. Kayak, charter a yacht, book a dinner cruise or simply catch a commuter ferry.
- > Visiting the weekend Rocks markets and exploring Sydney's history and culture with a tour of the historic Rocks area.
- > Seeing the city from above in a seaplane or helicopter tour of Sydney, the Northern Beaches and beyond.
- > Enjoying the natural beauty of the Royal Botanic Gardens, right in the heart of Sydney.
- > Joining one of the world's biggest parties at Sydney New Year's Eve, famous for its spectacular fireworks display on Sydney Harbour.
- > Checking out the "small bar" scene in Surry Hills, home to some of the city's best watering holes and restaurants.
- > Taking in a show or discovering the fascinating history of Sydney Opera House on a behind-the-scenes tour.



## ON THE DOORSTEP. DON'T MISS...

- > The Hunter Valley. Just a two-hour drive from Sydney, Australia's oldest wine region is home to more than 120 wineries. Explore the region's low, rolling vineyards, velvety red wines and award winning whites.
- > The Blue Mountains. The World Heritage-listed Blue Mountains are only a 90-minute drive from Sydney. Grand sandstone plateaus, blue-hazed valleys and native Australian animals are just some of the striking natural wonders waiting to be explored.
- > South Coast NSW. The Grand Pacific Drive takes you along a string of pristine beaches and bays backed by a hinterland that includes more than 30 national parks, marine parks and reserves. Stop in Jervis Bay for dolphins and surfing or kayaking in the crystal clear water.

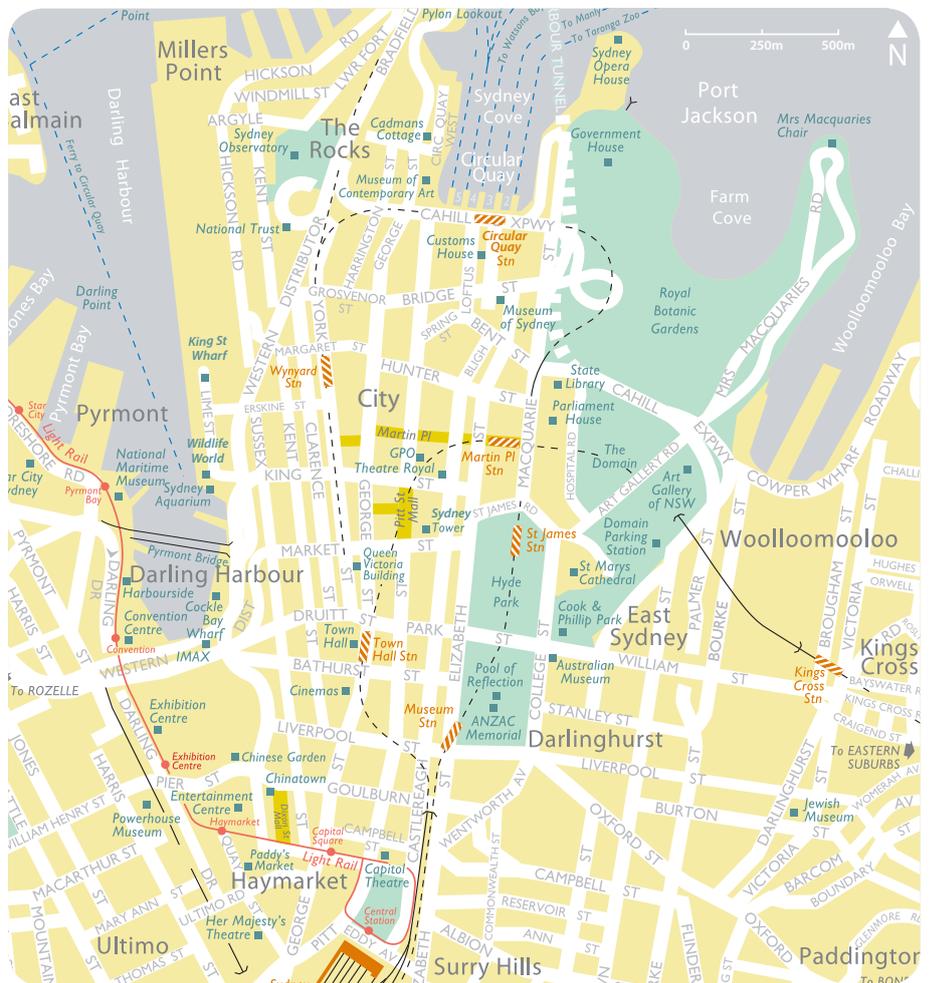
## WORTH THE FLIGHT TO...

- > Byron Bay. With golden beaches and five national parks all within easy reach of town, Byron Bay is the perfect destination to relax or explore in the great outdoors. Swim, kayak or surf with dolphins and catch Australia's first glimpse of sunrise at Cape Byron Lighthouse.
- > Lord Howe Island. Less than two hour's flight from Sydney, Lord Howe Island is one of only four island groups in the world to be granted World Heritage status and is widely regarded as the most beautiful island in the Pacific. Only 400 visitors are allowed on the island at a time and can enjoy kite boarding, bike riding and bird watching.



## DID YOU KNOW?

- > NSW has more wine regions than anywhere else in Australia and Australia's oldest wine-producing region The Hunter Valley.
- > According to The Guinness Book of Records, Hyams Beach in South Coast NSW has "the whitest sand in the world".



## A PLACE TO CELEBRATE OR COMMISERATE

### THE STAR

The Star has stellar dining options from Momofuku Seiobo, Black by Ezard's, Balla's Italian cuisine, and Sydney's famous gelateria, Messina Gelato.

80 Pyrmont Street, Pyrmont, Sydney, NSW 2009 [www.star.com.au](http://www.star.com.au)

### THE MORRISON BAR AND OYSTER ROOM

This classical oyster and ale house offers over 30 Australian oyster varieties, craft beers and cocktails. The Ashes will be screened in the Parlour.

225 George St, Sydney, NSW 2000 [www.themorrison.com.au](http://www.themorrison.com.au)

### QUAY

With some of Sydney's most spectacular views, Quay recently ranked in the S. Pellegrino World's 50 Best Restaurants list.

Overseas Passenger Terminal, The Rocks, Sydney, NSW 2000 [www.quay.com.au](http://www.quay.com.au)

### THE GLENMORE HOTEL

A Sydney icon, The Glenmore has a roof top beer garden which offers million dollar views down to Circular Quay, the Sydney Opera House and the Harbour Bridge.

96 Cumberland St, The Rocks, Sydney, NSW 2000 [www.theglenmore.com.au](http://www.theglenmore.com.au)

### OPERA BAR

Enjoy one of the most enviable views across the harbour from the large open-air terrace. Live music nightly from 8:30pm.

Lower Concourse Level, Sydney Opera House, Sydney NSW 2000 [www.operabar.com.au](http://www.operabar.com.au)

### YORK 75

An intimate sports bar with twenty screens, York 75 also has LCD screens in private booths and full table service so fans don't have to compromise on comfort to watch their favourite game.

Hotel CBD, Level 2, Cnr King and York Streets, Sydney NSW 2000 [www.merivale.com.au/york75/](http://www.merivale.com.au/york75/)

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