

The Local Edit

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SYDNEY

Sydney rewards the prepared visitor. Before, between, and after sessions, you'll find Australia's best dining venues, heritage shopping arcades, and harbour experiences that justify the jet lag.

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Sydney through the eyes of The Lottery Corporation

Discover the Harbour City through the recommendations of the people who know it best. From hidden gems and neighborhoods favorites to iconic must-sees, The Lottery Corporation's Sydney team shares their personal insider tips for experiencing Sydney like a local.



"The Spit to Manly walk is a scenic 10km coastal trail from Spit Bridge to Manly that takes about three hours with beaches, Indigenous sites and incredible views. Start mid-morning and finish with lunch at Norma's Deli or Pocket Pizza in Manly, and then enjoy the ferry ride with the best views of the Sydney Opera House and Harbour Bridge on your way back."

Lily Dingle, Government Relations Manager

"November in Sydney will be warm! After visiting our amazing beaches, if you're looking for another aquatic experience, catch the ferry or walk over the Sydney Harbour Bridge to the recently renovated North Sydney Olympic pool. After swimming in one of the most spectacularly located pools in the world, grab a coffee by the harbour, visit Luna Park, or take a walk through Wendy Whiteley's Secret Garden and be back in the city well before lunchtime."

Jade Clark, Lotteries State Retail Manager

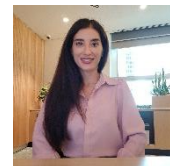


"Down an unmarked laneway in the CBD, Baxter Inn is one of Sydney's worst-kept secrets among locals. It's famous for its extensive whisky collection, intimate atmosphere and old-world charm. I love it because it feels completely removed from the busy city above and always delivers a unique speakeasy bar experience. For a side of Sydney beyond the harbour and landmarks, it's well worth seeking out."

Adam King, Keno Key Account Manager

"Having recently visited for a big birthday, Margaret restaurant in Double Bay is amazing. It offers a sophisticated yet welcoming atmosphere, flawless service and exceptional wood-fired cuisine. Be sure to try one of their signature dry-aged steaks."

Koula Triandafillidis, Concierge Officer



"Skip the crowds and discover Henry Head Walking Track in Kamay Botany Bay National Park near La Perouse. This underrated coastal walk winds along dramatic sandstone cliffs, passing WWII gun emplacements and sweeping views of the Tasman Sea. Keep an eye out for migrating whales. Just 30 minutes from the CBD, it feels a world away."

Caoimhe Mulhall, Head of Group Platforms

"One of my favourite hidden gems is Sabah Eatery in Silverwater. It's a little tucked away towards Sydney Olympic Park, and once you find it you'll love it for brunch, dinner or coffee. The food is fresh and full of flavour, and the atmosphere is warm and welcoming. My favourite from the speciality drinks menu is the matcha tiramisu. Definitely a spot worth checking out."

Rita Suleiman, Keno Business Development Manager

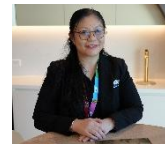


"For true Sydney experience, begin your adventure at Circular Quay and board one of the city's iconic ferries for spectacular views of the Sydney Opera House, the Harbour Bridge and the city skyline before arriving at Taronga Zoo in Mosman. Get up close with Australia's most beloved native animals – koalas, kangaroos and platypuses – before a ferry back to the city and Opera Bar, one of Sydney's most picturesque waterfront destinations. As the sun sets and the city lights shimmer, you'll experience the vibrant atmosphere that makes Sydney one of the world's most beautiful cities."

Sharne Flanagan, Board Liaison Officer

"There's a nice, quiet picnic park at Lavender Bay with views of the Harbour Bridge called Wendy Whiteley's Secret Garden. For food, the banh mi (pork roll) at Phuong 18 is a must try with generous toppings in crispy Vietnamese bread, available in Bankstown and Cabramatta."

Nancy La, Prize Payments Consultant





Key Locations



Darling Harbour is home to the International Convention Centre Sydney, along with museums, casual restaurants and bars, and major attractions. Easily walkable and well connected by light rail and ferry, Darling Harbour works equally well for daytime sightseeing or evening dining, with many restaurants trading from lunch through to late.

Sydney Harbour Bridge

Visit Sydney's headline attractions early morning or late afternoon for the best light. Walk across the Sydney Harbour Bridge or take the Circular Quay ferry loop. The Pylon Lookout offers postcard-perfect views without the commitment of a three-hour bridge climb.



The Rocks

Restaurants, bars, and museums open daily; The Rocks Markets every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 10am.

Sydney's oldest neighbourhood is the home of heritage buildings, sandstone laneways, creative hubs, and the city's most colourful pubs under the Harbour Bridge. The Rocks Markets are a must – think ceramics, indigenous art, and handcrafted leather.

Bondi Beach & Coastal walk, Thirty minutes from CBD via taxi/rideshare (or train or bus for the committed). The beach delivers – golden sand, Pacific surf, iconic swimming pool and views. But the real move is the Bondi to Coogee coastal walk (6km) for iconic sea views. Bondi Icebergs Club does lunch with a view – book a table by the window.





Royal Botanic Garden Sydney

7am-sunset daily, free entry.

A 30-hectare expanse between the Opera House and CBD.

Australia's natural masterpiece and oldest botanic garden is a 30-hectare green expanse overlooking Sydney Harbour. Stroll through the gardens to Mrs Macquarie's Point, a popular spot to take in Sydney's panorama (Opera House, Harbour Bridge, and city skyline).

The Blue Mountains

An iconic Australian destination where nature, culture and adventure come together. Explore breathtaking landscapes, timeless villages and carefully curated experiences in one of the country's most captivating regions.



Barangaroo, a 20-minute walk from Darling Harbour and ICC Sydney, has established itself as another leading harbourside dining destinations. Venues range from Crown Sydney stalwarts, such as Nobu – dishing up internationally acclaimed Japanese with Peruvian influences – to Barangaroo House, a three-level venue combining multiple dining and bars spots in a striking waterfront setting.

Chinatown & Haymarket (Dixon Street)

Most venues from 11:30am to late, seven days a week.

If you're dining solo or want faster, cheaper options without sacrificing quality, this precinct is a must, only five minutes south of Darling Harbour. Think the full spectrum of Asian dining – Cantonese BBQ, Sichuan hotpot, Malaysian hawker fare, and Vietnamese to name a few.





Retail

The Strand Arcade (Pitt Street Mall)

Open seven days a week, with varying hours spanning 9am to 5pm (until 9pm on Thursdays).

Built in 1892, three ornate levels house quaint tea houses, Australian designers, and bespoke tailors and hatmakers. This Victorian-era arcade is where 'Sydney' shops for special occasions, making it the perfect stop for souvenirs.

Queen Victoria Building (QVB)

Open seven days a week, with varying hours spanning 9am to 6pm (until 9pm on Thursdays).

Romanesque Revival architecture on a full city block houses international luxury brands alongside Australian jewellers and leather goods. The building itself – stained glass, tiled floors, hanging clocks – is the real drawcard.

Oxford Street and Paddington Markets

Oxford Street, seven days a week, from 10am. Markets, Saturday 10am-4pm.

Paddington is an affluent area dotted with terrace homes, leading Australian designer boutiques, and cosy bistros, 20 minutes from the CBD via light rail or taxi. Oxford Street itself spans high-end boutiques, Australian fashion labels, and independent bookshops. Paddington Markets (in church grounds) attract designers before they hit mainstream in fashion, jewellery, and homewares. This is where Sydney's creative class shops, so it's the perfect spot to pick up one-of-a-kind gifts.



Social Program details

About Brighton Tours

Brighton Tours is a family-owned Sydney operator that partners with Gray Line, the world's leading sightseeing brand in more than 700 destinations. Specialising in day tours across NSW - including the Blue Mountains, Hunter Valley, Port Stephens, and Jervis Bay - Brighton delivers professional, memorable, and world-class tourism experiences showcasing Australia's best.

Brighton Tours have offered Summit delegates a 10% discount on the following tours. You can book via their website <https://www.brightontours.com.au/day-tours/> and quote the promotional code 'Brighton 10' to receive the discount.

Port Stephens Full Day Tour Experience

Enjoy a full-day Port Stephens tour from Sydney, travelling by comfortable coach through the scenic Hawkesbury region. Experience a dolphin cruise, visit a native wildlife sanctuary, and explore the famous Stockton Sand Dunes with sandboarding—all seamlessly organised for a relaxed coastal adventure.

Hunter Valley Day Chocolate, Cheese & Wine Tour Experience

Awaken your senses on a curated Hunter Valley tour, exploring historic wineries and meeting the next generation of winemakers. Enjoy panoramic vineyard views, a two-course lunch with paired local wines, a visit to the famous Chocolate Company and local cheesemaker. Head home fulfilled, having experienced the very best of the Hunter region.

Half-day Sydney Sights Tour

Discover Sydney's highlights on a half-day guided tour. Stroll through history on a 45-minute Rocks walking tour, drive through the elegant Eastern Suburbs, and enjoy free time at iconic Bondi Beach - with stunning harbour views, landmarks, and unbeatable photo opportunities throughout.

Blue Mountains Half-Day Tour

Escape the city and breathe in the fresh, clean mountain air as you experience the breathtaking beauty of the Blue Mountains on this compact half-day adventure. Discover dramatic escarpments, lush valleys, charming villages, and iconic views.

Blue Mountains Full Day Tour

Escape the city and breathe in the fresh, clean mountain air as you experience the breathtaking beauty of the Blue Mountains on this full-day adventure. Discover dramatic escarpments, lush valleys, charming villages, and iconic views.