



## Sydney - NSW

The oldest, largest and (some say) most beautiful city in the world is memorable for far more than its famous landmarks. Created around one of the world's most dazzling harbours, there's no doubt that the Sydney Harbour Bridge and Sydney Opera House deserve their dues.

Sunny, sexy and sophisticated, Sydney basks in its worldwide recognition as the shining star of the southern hemisphere. The white-sailed Sydney Opera House, caught mid-billow over the waters of Sydney Cove, and the Sydney Harbour Bridge are the pride and joy, but there's far, far more on offer.



Sydney is located in a coastal basin with the Pacific Ocean to the east and the Blue Mountains to the west. The city features the largest natural harbour in the world, Port Jackson. Besides the Sydney Harbour there are more than 70 harbour and ocean beaches, including the famous Bondi Beach and Manly Beach to name just two. Sydney's urban area of 1687 square km is similar to that of Greater London.

Sydneysiders love to strut their stuff! They head for the newest really good restaurant, cafe or bar, the grooviest new promenade, or the smartest, nearest beach. They love to meet friends to eat, drink and be merry. There's an energy and boldness here that is irrepressible and uplifting. It's urbane, but fresh and curious.

With its wonderful climate and carefree lifestyle, Sydney has inspired some stunning young designers who have taken the multi-layered cultural influences and translated them into fashion.

Stroll up and down Oxford Street, Paddington, to see the funkiest designers. For more formal fashion, Double Bay is the place to shop. A trawl through the city arcades and streets - Skygarden, the MLC Centre, Chifley Square, Martin Place, the new Grace Bros fashion floor - should bedazzle the shopper with alternatives.

Down at Bondi, view the best of Australian surf and beach wear that has blazed new trend trails internationally. If you can't find a 'cossie' (swimming costume) in Campbell Parade, there's something wrong. Don't miss the Mambo store for the ultimate in surf chic.



Sydney is also an architectural dream. Many homes overlook the water or nestle in the bush, and are cantilevered over cliffs or dug back into the scenery (featuring light and space, layers of texture and looking outwards to the environment).

## **Main Attractions;**

### **Chinatown**

The Dixon St area features many restaurants and authentic Chinese stores. Kam Fook, the biggest Chinese restaurant in the Southern Hemisphere is here.

### **Darling Harbour**

This is a waterside plaza with parks, shops, restaurants, nightclubs and museums.

### **Macquarie St**

This is an elegant street lined with many historic sandstone buildings such as Government House, the State Library of NSW, Parliament House and The Mint.

### **Queen Victoria Building**

The QVB is a beautifully restored heritage building next door to Sydney Town Hall.

### **Royal Botanic Gardens**

Covering 30ha, these lovely gardens display a variety of rare and exotic plant life.

### **Sydney Harbour Bridge**

The world's widest single span arch bridge links the city to the North Shore.

### **Sydney Opera House**

This has been regarded as one of the architectural wonders of the modern world since it opened in 1973.

### **The Rocks**

This historic area now has galleries, shops, restaurants and Sydney's oldest pubs and buildings. There is a tourist market of handicrafts on weekends.

