



# SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

## DESTINATION GUIDE

The largest city in Australia, Sydney is a stylish combination of modern metropolis and relaxed beach town. The city encircles Sydney Harbour, and breathtaking beaches extend along the coast in both directions, ideal for surfing and sunbathing. A thriving culinary scene has put Sydney on the map as a foodie destination in recent years. And this style-conscious scene is the perfect place to people-watch and find new inspiration in the city's trendy shops and boutiques.

***Ideal for:*** foodies, surfers, fashionistas, night owls and art lovers.

# INSPIRATO INSIGHTS

## **BONDI BEACH**

Bondi Beach is arguably Sydney's most famous stretch of coastline, and for good reason. Aside from the turquoise water and warm, golden sand, Bondi Beach offers delicious eats at nearby Hall Street and lessons for aspiring surfers. Take in panoramic views on the 4-mile Coastal Walk from Bondi to Coogee and reward yourself with a cocktail on the roof of Coogee Pavilion.

## **CARRIAGEWORKS**

Carriageworks is a fusion of everything hip and cool in Sydney right now. Converted from a 19th century rail-yards building, Carriageworks is a modern art gallery, cutting-edge performance venue and bar/coffee shop. Swing by on Saturday morning for the farmers' market to nibble on fresh produce and handcrafted treats.

## **NEWTOWN**

Newtown is the unofficial shopping district of Sydney with something for everyone. Enmore Road is populated with goth and punk stores that alternate with small bars. North King Street is lined with eye-catching Victorian houses and designer shops. The up-and-coming south end of King Street features a mix of vintage clothing stores, ethical designers and an entire space devoted to the humble button.





# THINGS TO DO

## **GOLF**

New South Wales Golf Club is half an hour from downtown Sydney and well worth the trip. Consistently ranked in the top 50 courses in the world, this dramatic and beautiful course offers challenging holes along rugged terrain and sweeping cliffside vistas overlooking Botany Bay.

## **BEACH**

There are nearly 100 beaches dotted along the Sydney coast, so visitors will be spoiled for choice. Bronte Beach has a protected swimming cove and a nearby park with grills and picnic tables. Bilgola Beach is a local secret with great waves for surfing and a peaceful vibe. With something for everyone, Camp Cove is the perfect destination for a day trip. Enjoy a lunch of fish and chips, spend some time on the children's playground, and drink in views of downtown Sydney. This westward-facing beach is also the perfect spot to watch the sun set over the ocean.

## **TREAT YOURSELF**

Enjoy a massage, facial or body treatment in one of 10 lavish treatment rooms at The Day Spa by Chuan. The signature offering is the Babor Facial, a 60-minute, personalized cleansing, toning and exfoliating treatment that uses luxury Babor products from Germany. The heated whirlpool is the perfect place to unwind into total relaxation.

## **STAY FIT**

The Langham houses a premium fitness center with state-of-the-art cardio and weight machines and trainers are available to create your own personalized workout plan. Directly across the street are a championship-size tennis court and the luxurious Club House. Equipment is available to rent on-site and professional lessons can help take your game to the next level.

## **FAMILY**

Roar & Snore at the 100-year-old Taronga Zoo is an unusual and memorable experience for families. Arrive after the zoo has closed to the public for a night safari where you'll see lions and snow leopards. Canvas tents are lined up along the water, with flaps open to a view of the water and the city. Get up bright and early for breakfast with meerkats followed by a private behind-the-scenes tour. Children must be at least 5 years old.

## ROMANTIC

Roses, ferns, fig trees and native palms are just a few of the plants and flowers on display at the Royal Botanic Garden, the perfect setting for a romantic day. Amble through gardens dedicated to camellias, succulents and begonias with views of the city and the Harbour. Settle on one of the lush lawns for a picnic or reserve a table on the wisteria-draped veranda at the Botanic Gardens Restaurant. Take home a jar of honey from the garden's own hives as a souvenir.

## ADVENTURE

For the ultimate Sydney photo op, ascend 1,000 steps to the summit of the Harbour Bridge. Guided tours take you along narrow catwalks, archways and stairs before emerging at the top of the bridge for uninterrupted views of Sydney's deep blue Darling Harbour, the famed Opera House and the city in the distance. For added drama, schedule a night climb and see Sydney at its best.

## NATURE

The 6-mile walk from Manly to Spit Bridge is a sampling of everything that makes this part of the world extraordinary. Start in Manly, a celebrated beach town just outside the city and venture along the coast to Grotto Point where you'll find Aboriginal rock engravings from hundreds or even thousands of years ago. Continue through Sydney Harbour National Park and stop for spectacular views from Arabanoo Lookout from May to November, you may even be able to catch a glimpse of migrating whales.

## MUST –DO

Recognizable the world over, the Sydney Opera House is a visual and cultural delight. The best way to experience this extraordinary acoustic space is to attend one of its many events. Architecture buffs can sign up for a design tour where you'll learn about the creation of Jørn Utzon's masterpiece. Or, book a table at the on-site Bennelong restaurant, housed in one of the structure's 10 shells.

## LOCAL

Billed as "the world's most beautiful cinema," St. George OpenAir Cinema is perched on Mrs. Macquarie's Point overlooking the Harbour out to the Opera House, Harbour Bridge and the iconic city skyline. Local restaurants set up tables where you can purchase upscale concessions like truffle fries and homemade ice cream before nightfall. Once it gets dark, the three-story screen rises up for the main event, featuring new releases and special screenings.

## OTHER SUGGESTIONS

Shop at Queen Victoria Building  
Manly Seal Life Sanctuary  
Surfing

Luna Park Sydney  
St. Mary's Cathedral  
ANZAC War Memorial

Visit Cockatoo Island  
Amusement Park  
Archibald Fountain

# DINING IN SYDNEY



For a city whose culinary claim to fame was once vegemite, Sydney has come a long way. New and established chefs are turning their attention away from Europe and toward their own backyards, focusing on local specialties and ingredients. And breakfast is not only the most important meal of the day in Sydney, it's the best. Inventive, healthy breakfasts are served alongside top-notch coffee and tea for a satisfying start to the day.

## **THE GROUNDS KEEPER CAFE**

**Atmosphere:** Family

*83 Percival Rd, Stanmore NSW 2048, Australia*

The Grounds Keeper Café, situated in Ryde Park, has an expansive, partially-covered terrace so families can relax outside while children enjoy the nearby park and playground. Children will enjoy the pancakes topped with strawberries, vanilla ice cream and maple syrup while grown ups linger over Di Gabriel coffee and shakshouka.

## **SIXPENNY**

**Atmosphere:** Romantic

*83 Percival Rd, Stanmore NSW 2048, Australia*

A thoughtfully curated tasting menu served in a quietly stylish atmosphere, Sixpenny is the perfect place to linger over a six- or eight-course dinner. When the chefs bring the next course to your table, you'll feel like a local at the neighborhood spot you and your beloved discovered.

## **BILLY KWONG**

**Atmosphere:** Fine Dining

*1/28 Macleay St, Elizabeth Bay NSW 2011, Australia*

Billy Kwong is a veritable institution in Sydney's dining scene. Chef Kylie Kwong takes inspiration from her Chinese heritage and pairs it with unique local ingredients for completely original flavors. The sleek interior and cheerful buzz of conversation adds to the lively atmosphere.

## **EDITION COFFEE ROASTERS**

*265 Liverpool St, Darlinghurst NSW 2010, Australia*

**Atmosphere:** Local

In recent years, the coffee scene has become an integral part of the culture in Australia, where residents consume more coffee than any other country. Edition Coffee Roasters has elevated it to an art form. The owners source and roast their own coffee and have perfected Australia's famous export: the flat white. Try the Elixir cold brew for the next innovation in coffee.

## **FESTIVALS AND ACTIVITIES**

- **March** – Sydney Harbour Regatta
- **May to June** – Vivid Sydney (music and arts festival)
- **December 31st** – New Year's Eve on Sydney Harbour
- **January** – Sydney Festival (cultural festival)
- **July** – Rocks Aroma Festival (coffee festival)
- **October to November** – Sculpture by the Sea (outdoor sculpture exhibition)





# THINGS TO KNOW

## **CLIMATE**

Sydney is a spectacular destination to visit at any time thanks to its temperate, year-round Mediterranean-like climate. In the winter months (June, July, August), days are around 65 degrees Fahrenheit, and evenings are in the low 50s. In the summer (December, January, February), temperatures stay between the high 70s and the low 60s with moderate humidity, making this an ideal time to take advantage of the stunning beaches and coastline.

## **GETTING THERE**

The Langham is just 20 minutes from Sydney Airport (SYD). Taxis are plentiful, or your concierge can reserve a rental car for you. Public transit is also an option via the T2 Airport Line. If you opt to rent a car, note that cars drive on the left-hand side of the road, which may take some getting used to.

## **GETTING AROUND**

Although Sydney sprawls over 700 square miles, it's easy to move around thanks to an outstanding public transit system that includes trains, buses, trams and ferries. The Langham is just a 10-minute walk from Wynyard Station. Iconic sites like Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Opera House are also walking distance from the hotel.

# QUICK FACTS

## AIRPORTS

Sydney International Airport (SYD)

## SEASONAL INFO

Because it sits in the southern hemisphere, December, January and February are the peak summer tourist months. Spring (September, October, November) and fall (March, April, May) are ideal times to visit with mild, comfortable weather and fewer crowds.

## TIPPING GUIDELINES

- Taxis: \$2 or 10% of the fare
- Valet Parking: Optional, but \$2 - \$5 is appreciated for good service
- Housekeeping: A few dollars with a note of thanks at the end of your stay is fine
- Restaurants: 10% of the bill if you're very happy with the service
- Tours & Excursions: Most include a service charge, but \$10 per couple is a nice gesture

## LANGUAGE

English

## PASSPORT?

Yes

## CONVERTERS

Australian outlets are Type I 230V 50Hz. Some appliances, like iPhones, accommodate this voltage so all you need is an adapter. For appliances that function on a different voltage, like many hair dryers, you will need a converter. or sit amet

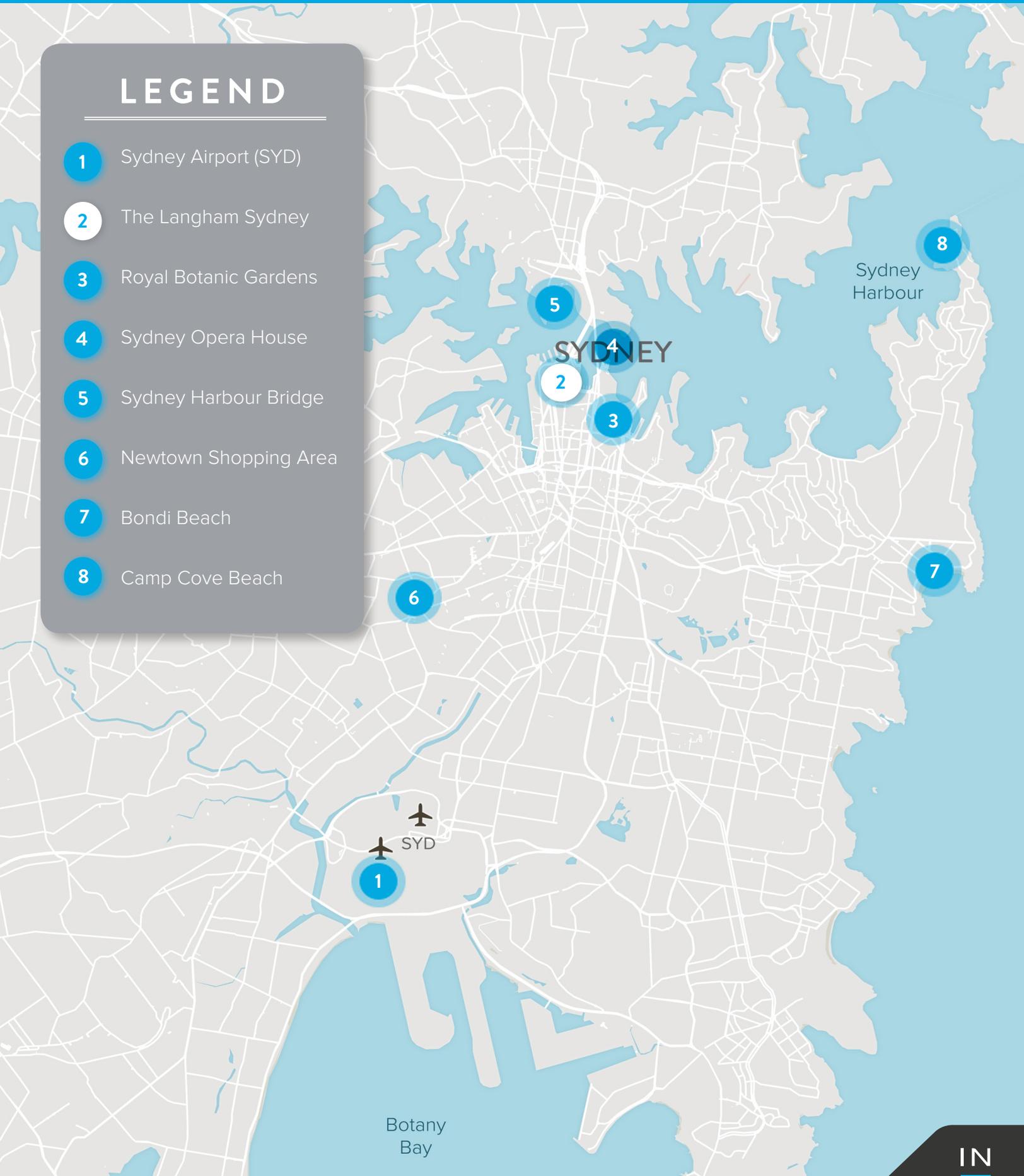
## CURRENCY

Australian Dollar (AUD)

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## LEGEND

- 1 Sydney Airport (SYD)
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- 5 Sydney Harbour Bridge
- 6 Newtown Shopping Area
- 7 Bondi Beach
- 8 Camp Cove Beach



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