

# Guided Sydney Walking Tour



## Highlights

**This seven or five-day Sydney Walking Tour covers all the things everyone should see, including the Opera House, harbour bridge and Bondi Beach, but also covers locations outside of the main tourist traps. Follow your fantastic guide through secluded bays and untouched corners of national parks, soaking up the historical and cultural wealth Sydney has to offer.**

What is the capital of Australia? Nope - you're wrong. It's Canberra.

The reason most people answer Sydney is that it's the most instantly recognizable Australian city, with international landmarks of massive global importance and a haven for tourists looking to immerse themselves in the great Oz culture.

On this guided Sydney walking tour you'll do just that, spending a week getting intimate with all the fantastic things Sydney and its surrounding bush lands have to offer. This includes all the major attractions such as the Opera House but also some of the more remote areas of interest in which you'll get to see unspoilt scenery and aboriginal rock art. For much of the tour, it won't feel like you're only a few miles out of Australia's largest city.

There's not much to say about Sydney harbour that has not already been said, but trust us when we say that all the attractions here are just as fantastic (if not better) as you might have heard. Nothing is left out, from Harbour Bridge to Bondi Beach, and plenty of time is spent properly exploring each attraction.

All of the main tourist destinations in Sydney are well worth a visit in themselves, but the tour is also complimented by an excellent and diverse selection of walks near the city. Some of the lesser-travelled walks include those through the remote areas of Ku-ring-gai Chase and Garigal National Parks - both are typical of the great beauty of New South Wales and offer you the opportunity to see authentic rock art by Australia's aboriginal inhabitants.

## Is it for me?

Sydney is one of the greatest cities in the world - a touch effusive perhaps, but it's not uncommon for people to relocate there permanently following just a week's holiday in the area.

You'll get to see why Sydney has such a reputation, and the great news is that the walking on this tour only requires a minimal amount of fitness which pays off massively given the marvellous and diverse scenery in this part of Australia. Much of the itinerary comprises of combing the bays alongside the crystal blue seas which the country is famous for, a memorable highlight for anyone undertaking this excellent tour and is suitable for literally anyone with a penchant for the great outdoors.

This walk is guided. You may find yourself on your own with a guide, or if there are other people booked on the same dates as you, you will be in a small group.

## Accommodation

You'll be based in a single historical hotel during your walking adventure, located in an area on the western shores of Sydney Cove known as The Rocks. This location has been chosen due to it being a perfect staging point for walking expeditions, and the hotel itself is very comfortable with all the mod-cons you'd expect back

Prices from  
**1,067** GBP (5 days) per person

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home. Breakfasts are provided each morning and you'll be given a packed lunch in an insulated container on four of the walking days to carry with you. On days when no lunch is provided there are many cafes and restaurants which are well worth checking out - similarly, the hotel has a restaurant where dinner will be provided but alternative options are also very close at hand with

## Itinerary

### Seven Day Itinerary

**Day One:** Your Sydney walking tour begins with a preliminary meeting at your hotel accommodation any time in the afternoon. There is no walking scheduled for the first day.

**Day Two:** Your day begins with a ferry ride to the northern harbour village of Greenwich. The bush land walking track hugs the shore with Sydney's skyline forming a panoramic backdrop. En route you will visit secluded bays, watch water dragons as they dart about and see ancient Aboriginal rock engravings. Your afternoon will be spent discovering Sydney's cultural districts, including the Harbour Bridge, Opera House and Botanic Gardens.

**Day Three:** Today you will head into the Middle Harbour area of Garigal National Park, where you will hike along a prime section of the long distance 'Harbour to Hawkesbury' trail. The route features secluded waterside walking, magnificent angophora trees and unusual rock formations such as the Natural Arch Bridge and The Bluff.

**Day Four:** A superb coastal walk is lined up for today, which links the scenic headlands of South Head, The Gap, Diamond Bay and Dover Heights, where you finish at Sydney's famous Bondi Beach. Along the way you'll walk past four of Sydney's historic lighthouses and be treated to panoramic views from cliff top tracks, wild oceans, lively village hubs and several opportunities for a refreshing dip.

**Day Five:** The trail today takes you deep into the bush to experience remote Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park and the mighty Hawkesbury River. You will be offered a choice of walks, from easy to quite challenging. Each of the walks are remote and feature sandstone escarpment country, fabulous wild flowers, great views and a real sense of achievement.

**Day Six:** Your grand finale is the iconic Spit to Manly Walk, often described as the quintessential Sydney hike. This is one of the most scenic harbour walking tracks in the world, taking you past modern harbour-side suburbs, Aboriginal sites, native coastal heath and pockets of sub-tropical rainforest. Lunch is not included today, but the town of Manly has plenty to offer from fine dining in waterfront restaurants to fish and chips on the beach. After lunch there will be time for a swim and a continued walk further into Sydney Harbour National Park.

**Day Seven:** The trip finishes after breakfast, where you're welcome to stay on in Sydney or embark on extra tours in and around the area.

### Five Day Itinerary

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## Details

### Getting there

Sydney is a well-connected international city with flights running regular from around the world.

### Price includes

Price quoted is for the 5 day walk and is per person based on 2 people sharing.

5 day tour until 31st March 2011: AUS \$1595 (S/S \$495)

7 day tour until 31st March 2011: AUS \$2225 (S/S \$650)

5 day itinerary: 4 nights accommodation, 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 days of guided walking, all transport required on walking days, National Park fees, information booklets, insulated lunch bag, map case, maps.

7 day itinerary: 6 nights accommodation, 6 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 5 days of guided walking, all transport required on walking days, National Park fees, information booklets, insulated lunch bag, map case, maps.

**Available**

Mar—Nov

**Typical Duration**

5 days - 1 week

**Comfort level**

Reasonably comfortable (Inns, B&Bs, luxury camping etc.)

**Experience required**

A reasonable level of fitness and interest is all that is needed