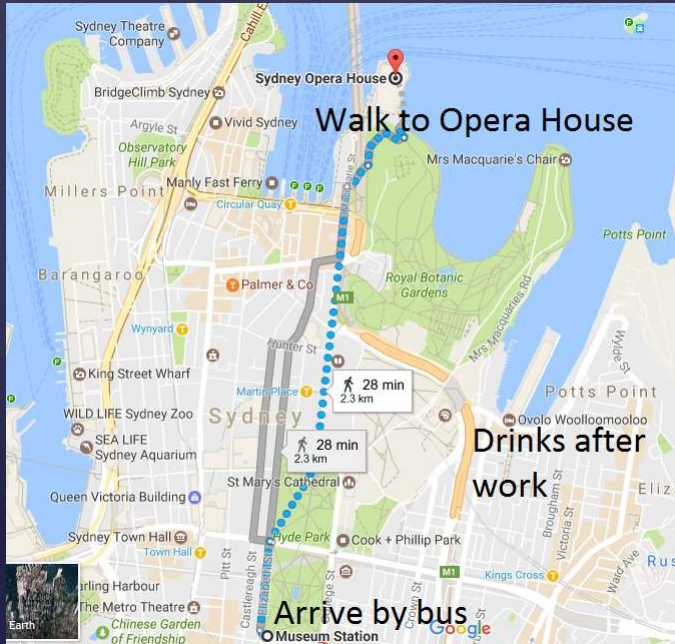


THE BEST OF SYDNEY

Australia Example Itinerary



City stuff



Get off the bus at Hyde Park and walk through the park and up towards the Botanical Gardens.

Visit the Opera House / Harbour Bridge.

Have ice cream and cake at the Rocks.

Have dinner at Darling Harbour.

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Bondi to Coogee Walk

Get your comfy walking shoes on and get ready for a coastal walk (so long as its not raining it will be great whatever the weather)

Take a train to Bondi Junction and then a bus to Bondi (333 / 380 / 389) and on the right side of the beach start the coastal walk towards Coogee.

Along the way stop for smoothies at Tamarama and cakes at the Clovelly Surf club. Take your snorkel and check out Gordon's Bay along the way.

End the walk at Coogee where you can enjoy a well deserved lunch at the Coogee Pavillion.

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Spit to Manly walk / Manly

Head to Circular Quay and take a ferry over to Manly for the day.

Take the body boards or some snorkelling gear if you are feeling adventurous.

Once at Manly just chill at the beach, body board, grab food and coffee.

Try walking round from Manly towards Fairy Bower and Shelly Beach for some snorkelling. Its good there – you might see some wobbegong sharks, rays and big blue groper.

If you want more walking we suggest taking a bus to the Spit Bridge and walking the coastal track all the way to Manly. It's the best!



Centennial Park

This is a beautiful park which has a huge population of birds. You can hire bicycles and explore the area, or just walk around. The trees are incredible.

Make sure you are there for sunset so that you can see the bat exodus as approximately 40,000 mega-bats head out from the centre of the park and go to feast at various locations across Sydney overnight. It is one of the most superb sightings in Sydney if you like wildlife.

THE BEST OF SURROUNDING SYDNEY (~1hr away)

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Ku Ring Gai Chase National Park

Take the car and drive out to Ku Ring Gai Chase National Park, specifically the West Head Lookout.

Check out the stunning views.

Head out on the walking track towards West Head Beach and Resolute Beach.

Great bush walking and opportunities for protected swimming.

Keep your eyes open for the goannas.



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Blue Mountains

Get up early and drive to the Blue Mountains for a day of more hiking.

If you just want to drive up and see the views without walking then head to **Sublime Point Lookout** on the way to Blackheath for **Pulpit Rock Lookout**, **Govett's Leap**, **Evans Lookout**, and head to Katoomba for The Three Sisters and go on the Scenic Railway.

If you are keen on walking try out the best ones **Wentworth Falls National Pass** walk, or the **Grand Canyon** Walking trail (we think they are the best)



Northern Beaches

Drive up to Palm Beach and slowly make your way down to stop at all the beaches on the way back towards Sydney.

If you enjoy walking head up to the lighthouse at Palm Beach.

Enjoy the orange sand beaches along Palm Beach, Avalon Beach, Whale Beach, Newport Beach, Narrabeen beach

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Central Coast

The Central Coast is north of Sydney by about 1hr30

We love the Strickland State Forest for walking – it feels like you are miles away from civilisation.

Check out the Pelican feeding area near Terrigal.

Head to Umina Beach / Avoca Beach and enjoy.

Easily done within a day.

THE BEST OF NEW SOUTH WALES (2hrs-3hrs from Sydney)



Hunter Valley (2hrs north)

Drive to Hunter Valley. Ideally stay overnight and book on a wine tasting tour (Two Fat Blokes was a good one we went on).

Along the way, you could stop at Featherdale wildlife park and play with the Koalas and Kangaroos.

Arrive at Hunter Valley and do some wine tasting.

You could maybe take a hot air balloon ride too?

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Nelson Bay (2hrs45mins north)

Just 2hrs40mins out of Sydney is the amazing Port Stephens Nelson Bay area – stay for 2-4 nights.

I highly recommend:

- The easy walk to the top of Tomaree Mountain for stunning views
- Swim with Dolphins dolphinswimaustralia.com.au/ or just watch them from shore
- Scuba dive with Feet First Dive Centre
- Rent a kayak from Shoal Bay.
- Check out Fingal Bay and walk towards the spit. Its stunning!
- Head out to the sand dunes near Anna Bay. It's the largest sand dune in the Southern Hemisphere. It is really beautiful and good fun. If you are keen on an adventure try out www.sandduneadventures.com.au

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Narooma (5hrs south)

A long drive but TOTALLY worth it. It's the best!

A huge population of seals live here and you can see them at Australia Rock, or snorkel with them – its incredible. Check out www.naroomacharters.com

Check out Potato Point (Beachcombers), with a HUGE population of kangaroos, wallabies, goannas, emus and echidnas. It's the best. I would recommend staying at Beachcombers Beach Park as you will be surrounded by wildlife.

Try out the cheese at Bodalla.

Head to the stunning Mystery Bay area for stunning rock formations.

Head to Tilba Valley Winery for a lovely lunch and wine session!

I would recommend staying 2-3 nights.

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Kangaroo Valley (3hrs south)

One of my favourite places! Highly recommend to here for 2 nights.
Highly recommend booking a property with a view in Cambewarra.
Go for a walk at Fitzroy Falls.

Check out Bendeela Picnic Area and Camping Ground where you will see loads of Wombats from 6.30pm onwards.

Take a drive to the Minnamurra Rainforest Centre for some stunning walks.

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Jervis Bay (3hrs30mins south)

This is a stunning and super relaxing area. With white sand, dolphins in the bay, bright blue water, and nice people Jervis Bay is a great place to stay for 2-3 nights or more. Recommend staying in Vincentia.

Head to St George's Basin golf area to watch the resident kangaroos relaxing on the lawns.

Take a dolphin watching tour to see the resident dolphins.

Go on the coastal walk and visit the white sand beaches – its stunning.

The water is protected so it is very easy to go swimming here.

Budgeting:

- Money for taxi from airport (–\$50)
- Money for food / drinks each day (\$70-\$90)
- Hire car – cheapest with www.bayswatercarrental.com.au
- Use Airbnb or HomeAway to choose the best accommodation
- Dolphin watching tours = \$35 each
- Dolphin Swim tour (\$330 each or \$70 to just observe)
- Sand Dunes quad biking / 4wd tour (\$110 each)



Top tips – flying into Sydney

Head home, shower, freshen up and try to stay awake until at least 8pm

Get out, walk around and get to know the area!

Don't have a nap! It will just make the jet lag much worse!