



Tour options

Companion tour

Sydney Harbour story cruise



Date: Tuesday, 19 September 2017

Time: 14:30 – 16:00

Cost: AUD 45.00 per person

*Please note that this tour is **already included** in the companion registration fee.

The best way to see Sydney! This quality sightseeing cruise includes refreshments and an entertaining, personalized commentary of the people, places and events that have made Sydney Harbour the most beautiful and exciting in the harbour world.

Give your feet a break, get off the bus and absorb the Sydney sunshine. The mansions, parklands, marinas and beaches are all brought to life by some very talented commentators. See Sydney's iconic landmarks, such as the Opera House, Harbour Bridge, Royal Botanic Gardens, Garden Island Naval base, Taronga Zoo, Government House, Fort Denison and much more. The pace is relaxed and gentle. Unlimited self-service of tea, coffee and biscuits are included in the cruise fare. The licensed bar also offers a choice of premium wines, beers and coffee and a selection of sweet and savory treats for purchase.

Inclusions: A quality sightseeing cruise experience aboard a premium sightseeing vessel, a personalized commentary of the stories of Sydney and unlimited self-service of coffee, tea and snack items.

Sydney Harbour story cruise

AUD 43.00

Optional day tours

Sydney city sights



Date: Monday, 18 September 2017

Time: 9:00 – 12:30

Cost: AUD 69.00 per person

This three and a half hour coach tour is a perfect introduction to one of Australia's most popular cities. It is designed to provide an orientation of Sydney and allows for some spectacular views of the city's key sights. Explore the vibrant and cosmopolitan Sydney – one of the world's most beautiful harbour cities. Discover colonial buildings and cobble-stoned lanes in "The Rocks," Sydney's oldest historical district. Gaze upon the Harbour Bridge and the Opera House from Mrs. Macquarie's Chair, a waterfront seat carved into a rock for the wife of visionary colonial governor, Lachlan Macquarie. Travel through Sydney's fashionable eastern suburbs that are renowned for their elegant homes and harbour vistas. To end this fantastic adventure, soak up some sun at the world-famous Bondi beach – a haven for surfers.

Inclusions: A private tour with a local guide and personalized commentary on premium coach transport.

Sydney city sights

AUD 69.00

Sydney's colonial quarter and Sydney Opera House



Date: Monday, 18 September 2017

Time: 13:00 – 17:00

Cost: AUD 83.00 per person

During this walking tour of The Rocks, take a journey back to the 19th century in Australia's oldest convict settlement. The Rocks, as it is called, was Sydney's colorful commercial and maritime quarter. Groups can

weave through hidden narrow alleyways, along charming cobble-stoned lanes and into shady courtyards, linger by quaint terrace cottages and visit a gorgeous gothic church.

After exploring, continue on to the Sydney Opera House. Designed by controversial Danish architect, Jorn Utzon, the Opera House is the country's most infamous icons. This is not just because of its unique design and spectacular setting, but for its world-class programme of opera, ballet, contemporary dance, theatre and classical music. Tour the auditoriums and halls and discover the myths and magic of the Opera House and the artists who have performed there.

Inclusions: A private tour with a local guide and personalized commentary, a private one and a half hour walking tour of "The Rocks," and a private guided tour of the Sydney Opera House.

Sydney's Colonial Quarter and Sydney Opera House

AUD 83.00

The Blue Mountains



Date: Friday 22 September 2017

Time: 8:00 – 17:00

Cost: AUD 265.00 per person

Take in the majestic Blue Mountains as part of a small private group and discover an ecological wonderland you may never have known existed. This stunning World Heritage listed area includes sandstone cliffs, gorges and valleys of eucalyptus trees. Visit one of Sydney's premier wildlife parks and enjoy a close encounter with koalas or even feed some free-roaming kangaroos. Savour lunch at a local restaurant with views overlooking the picturesque Megalong Valley. Discover the Aboriginal legend of the three sisters, which is a giant sandstone rock formation in the Jamison Valley. This paradise of sandstone outcrops, deep ravines and hazy blue eucalypt forests boasts amazing views that will stay with you forever.

Inclusions: A private tour with local guide and personalized commentary, premium coach transport, entry to a wildlife park, unlimited use of the scenic railway, skyway and cableway and a two-course lunch and beverage.

The Blue Mountains

AUD 269.00

The "BridgeClimb" experience



Date: Available Monday, 18 September to Friday, 22 September

Time: Time slots are available for a 1-hour period, between 9:00 and 16:00

Cost: AUD 298.00 per person

* Upon registration, you will be able to select your preferred day and time from the options above.

Climbing the Sydney harbour bridge is an exhilarating experience. Meet at the BridgeClimb office for a safety briefing and prepare for your three-hour adventure. Accompanied by an experienced leader, your small team will cross the catwalk to the pylon and walk up to the summit of the bridge's upper arch - a whopping 130 meters above sea-level! While harnessed to a static line for the duration of the climb, take in the spectacular 360-degree view across one of the world's greatest harbours.

Inclusions: A BridgeClimb day climb, a group photograph, a certificate of achievement, an official BridgeClimb hat and free entry to the pylon lookout.

BridgeClimb

AUD 302.00

Dinner cruise on Sydney Harbour



Date: Wednesday, 20 September 2017

Time: 19:00 – 21:30 from Circular Quay #6 Jetty OR 19:30 – 22:00 from Darling Harbour King Street Wharf #1

Cost: AUD 149.00 per person

Relax and enjoy a two and half hour cruise along the beautiful Sydney Harbour in a luxury cruise vessel. Guests will sample fresh Australian cuisine and fine wines in a three-course dining experience against the glittering backdrop of Sydney. A selection of Australian wine and beer will also be available for purchase.

Inclusions: A cruise aboard premium vessel, a three-course contemporary Australian meal (*a la carte*)

dining) and live music.

Dinner cruise on Sydney Harbour

AUD 160.00

Sydney pub tour



Date: Wednesday, 20 September 2017

Time: 19:00 - 22:00

Meeting point: The Mercantile Hotel, 25 George St, The Rocks

Cost: AUD 115.00 per person

Dress: Comfortable walking shoes. Please bring photo I.D. (18+ years)

Journey through some of the oldest and most charismatic pubs in Sydney. A professional and passionate local tour guide will not only inform but entertain as you venture deep into the heart of Australian pub culture and experience firsthand how much these charming locations have shaped Aussie culture. Visit Australia's longest running Irish pub and discover the mystery behind Sydney's oldest pub, and learn the history of each. Hear the disturbing tales of Sydney's ganglands, and visit the scenes of the crimes. Discover underground tunnels and back lanes used for rum smuggling and Shanghaing sailors. Enjoy gourmet pizza and the opportunity to taste kangaroo and crocodile meat.

Inclusions:

- 3 hour guided walking tour to 4 heritage listed pubs. Average distance between pubs is 600m (.35miles) including staircases.
- A Schooner glass of boutique/hand crafted Australian beer, a glass of Australian wine or a soft drink at each pub.
- Dinner, consisting of a choice of a range of gourmet pizzas (allergies and vegetarians catered for).
- Access to behind the scenes areas not open to general public.
- Accurate historical commentary by a trained professional.
- Advice and recommendations on Australian beer and wine.
- Advice and recommendations on destinations and activities (well-known and hidden).
- Photos capturing the evening, accessible via Facebook page.

Sydney Pub tour

AUD 115.00

Pre-Congress tours

Discover Australia's Red Centre



Dates: Saturday, 16 September – Monday, 18 September 2017

Tour Cost: AUD 1,059 per person (double occupancy) OR AUD 1,453 per person (single occupancy)

Time: Tour Managers will assist with relevant timing details to ensure full participation

Renowned as the spiritual heart of Australia, the Red Centre in the Northern Territory is rich in Aboriginal culture and rugged outback beauty. Dual World Heritage-listed Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park is a living cultural landscape. Australia's most recognizable natural icon and one of the world's largest monoliths, Uluru (Ayers Rock) is the region's gem and the sacred red domes of Kata Tjuta (The Olgas) stand nearby.

Day one begins with viewing ancient rock art and learn about the Aboriginal and European history of the area. Visit the Uluru – Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre and witness the striking colour changes of Uluru at sunset. Enjoy some tasty nibbles and sparkling wine followed by a sunset barbecue for a dining experience unlike any other.

On day two, rise early to drive through sandhill country towards Kings Canyon and stop for breakfast at "Kings Creek Station." In Kings Canyon make the rocky climb to the rim of the canyon and be rewarded with marvelous views over Watarrka National Park. Alternatively, you may wish to explore the boulder-strewn canyon floor should you prefer an easier walk.

On day three, rise early to watch the first rays of the sun rise across the Red Centre while enjoying a warming cup of tea or coffee. Then travel to the mystical domes of Kata Tjuta (the Olgas). On the way, soak up the panoramic views of the southern side of Kata Tjuta before arriving at the base of Walpa Gorge. Spend some time exploring the gorge and the unusual conglomerate rock formations. The walking trail through Walpa Gorge follows the natural creek bed between two of the tallest domes of Kata Tjuta.

Inclusions: Return Ayers Rock airport transfer, two nights' accommodations at "Desert Gardens" (****), a ticket to Uluru - Kata Tjuta National Park, an experienced driver and guide that provides detailed and informative commentary, air-conditioned coach transport.

Please note that flights to and from Ayers Rock are not included in the tour price and should be booked by the delegate. Flights should arrive at Ayers Rock Airport on 15 September 2017 before 13:30. For departure, flights should leave on 17 September 2017 after 12:30.

Discover Australia's Red Centre (Single Occupancy)
Discover Australia's Red Centre (Double Occupancy)

AUD 1474.00
AUD 1075.00

Post Congress tours

The Blue Mountains overnight experience



Dates: Sunday, 17 September – Monday, 18 September 2017

Cost: AUD 830.00 per person (double occupancy) and AUD 1168.00 per person (single occupancy)

Time: Tour managers will assist with relevant timing details to ensure full participation

The Blue Mountains canyons and wildlife discovery is a real journey into the heart of another unique World Heritage region. With just a two hour drive west of Sydney, Featherdale Wildlife Park will be the first stop of the trip. Delight in stroking a koala or even hand feed some adorable kangaroos, wallabies and emus. Afterwards, travel through some picturesque villages, see some spectacular views and gaze at the gorgeous waterfalls that make up the Blue Mountains National Park. Take pleasure in strolling through the nature to lookout points and listen to the unique sounds of the Australian forest species.

At approximately midday, you can expect to arrive at your overnight accommodation -- the Lilianfels Blue Mountains Resort and Spa. Surrounded by two-acres of gardens, the five-star venue is a spacious country house that provides luxurious accommodations in the Blue Mountains region. It features two restaurants, an outdoor pool and luxury spa facilities. Enjoy the remainder of the day at your leisure and explore at your own pace. (Lunch will be at your own expense).

After a relaxing morning and breakfast at leisure on day two, you will be picked-up at approximately midday. Travel around the mountain towards the village of Blackheath and lunch at the historic restaurant, Hydro Majestic. The afternoon will be spent visiting a selection of lookouts including the famous Govetts Leap, which has sweeping views of the valley all the way to Grosse Wilderness. The last stop of the trip will be the delightful Mount Tomah Botanic Gardens. This garden boasts some incredible views that span all the way to Sydney. Take in the sights while sipping a glass of sparkling wine before travelling down the Bells Line of Road to Sydney.

Inclusions: Sydney hotel pick-up and drop-off, a one night accommodation at Lilianfels Blue Mountains

Resort and Spa (****), breakfast on day, a small group tour, a Wildlife Park entry, National Park fees, a lunch with a glass of sparkling wine on day two.

Blue Mountains overnight experience (single occupancy)
Blue Mountains overnight experience (double occupancy)

AUD 1201.00
AUD 853.00

Port Douglas and the Great Barrier Reef



Dates: Friday, 22 September – Monday, 25 September 2017

Cost: AUD\$1,250 per person (double occupancy) OR AUD\$2,080 per person (single occupancy)

Tours: Tour managers will assist with relevant timing details to ensure full participation

Just north of Cairns is one of the most beautiful regions of Australia. Here, at the meeting point of an ancient rainforest and the earth's largest living coral structure, you will find a unique rhythm that is only found in north Queensland. This holiday adventure will be based in the exclusive village of Port Douglas. Activities include swimming and snorkeling in the Great Barrier Reef and a relaxing day in a tropical beachside paradise.

Inclusions: Return airport transfers from Cairns airport to Port Douglas, a three night accommodation in Port Douglas (****), a breakfast and a full day Great Barrier Reef cruise with a lunch.

Please note that flight to and from Cairns are not included in the tour price and should be booked by the delegate.

Port Douglas and the Great Barrier Reef (single occupancy)
Port Douglas and the Great Barrier Reef (double occupancy)

AUD 2080.00
AUD 1250.00
