



# Sydney Safari

16 to 21 April 2019

## Day 1 | 16 April

This morning we fly from Brisbane to Sydney. Note, if you live outside of the Brisbane/Gold Coast/Sunshine Coast areas we will book your flight from your nearest regional airport.

First up, we head to our accommodation to unpack before taking a tour of Sydney, including the historic Rocks area which still has some of its original colonial buildings. You will need to buy your own lunch today but there are lots of different options available.

Our tour will take us to Circular Quay to see Sydney Harbour from the water. Be prepared to get wet as we take a thrilling Jet Boat Ride before we go to Mrs Macquarie's Chair for some great photo opportunities. We'll return to our hostel in time for dinner.

*Meals included: Dinner*

## Day 2 | 17 April

Today starts early to make the most of our time in the stunning Blue Mountains. Note, it can get a bit cooler here, so please pack a warm jacket.

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The first stop is Jenolan Caves to explore the Chifley cave, an amazing treasure trove of underground chambers richly draped in colourful limestone crystal. In 1880 this was the first cave to be lit with electric light and one of the earliest places in the world to use light bulbs.

In the afternoon we travel to Katoomba to visit the Three Sisters starting at the Information Centre to learn about the history of this imposing mountain range. National Park Rangers will take us on a guided walk of the Blue Mountains Heritage Trail to show us the local flora and fauna living in the National Park so you may spot a koala or two.

There is time to explore the rainforest floor before we take a ride on the Scenic Railway, one of the steepest funicular railways in the Southern Hemisphere. After a well-earned rest we'll check out the quaint shops and cafes of Katoomba and return to Sydney for dinner.

*Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner*

## Day 3 | 18 April

This morning we'll explore Sydney's famous coast starting at Bronte Beach followed by a walk to Bondi Beach, home to the reality TV lifesavers who patrol Australia's busiest beach. You are responsible for buying your own lunch today but there are plenty of different options to choose from. After lunch we head to Watsons Bay for a walk to The Gap and its clifftop views across to Manly and out toward the Tasman Sea.

We'll return to the city for a sightseeing tour that includes some of Sydney's most famous landmarks: the Opera House, Sydney Harbour Bridge and Botanical Gardens. Later, you can shop for gifts at Paddy's Markets, located just a short walk from our hostel accommodation which we return to for dinner.

*Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner*





#### Day 4 | 19 April

Get ready for an exciting day that includes the experience of a lifetime – seeing Sydney Harbour from the summit of its world famous bridge! During the Bridge Climb you'll ascend four ladders to reach the upper arch where you'll be rewarded with an unparalleled 360 degree panorama of Sydney and a bird's eye view of the busy traffic below you. We'll celebrate at the summit and you'll also receive a group photograph, Bridge Climb cap and a certificate of achievement. The day includes a visit to the Pylon Lookout where you'll learn more about the history of this fascinating structure.

We'll return to the hostel this evening via the China Town Markets - you are responsible for buying your own dinner this evening and this vibrant area has many delicious options to choose from.

*Meals included: Breakfast*

#### Day 5 | 20 April

We're off to Taronga Zoo, one of Sydney's most popular attractions. Established over 100 years ago, the zoo is a conservation and education hub where you can see and learn about animals and enjoy special exhibitions. Don't forget to take a few moments to look across the water at one of the best views in Sydney. Lunch is at your own expense today.

Our group will return to Circular Quay by ferry giving you another opportunity to enjoy the sights of the harbour at a relaxed pace.

In the afternoon you'll have free time at Darling Harbour known as the city's 'playground for all ages'. Here, you have the option to explore the waterfalls, lakes, exotic plants, pavilions and hidden pathways of the Chinese Gardens of Friendship (the cost of around \$8 is payable by you directly).

*Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner*

#### Day 6 | 21 April

This morning it's time to say farewell to this beautiful and fun city as we are transported to the airport by shuttle bus at 8.30am to catch your flight home to Brisbane.

*Meals included: Breakfast*

#### Price for 2019

**\$1,660 pp + flights (inc. GST)**

*Applications close 2 April 2019*

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