



# Sydney Safari

**24 to 28 September 2019**

## Day 1 | 24 September

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 the historic Rocks area which still has some of its original colonial buildings. We'll then enjoy a sightseeing trip around Sydney to see the Opera House, Sydney Harbour Bridge and Botanical Gardens. 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 360 degree turns on a thrilling Jet Boat Ride. Afterwards we'll return to our hostel to dry off in time for dinner.

*Meals included: Dinner*

## Day 2 | 25 September

Today starts early (6am) 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.

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 by early evening.

*Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner*

## Day 3 | 26 September

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.

After returning to Circular Quay by ferry we'll take a look at the harbour sights followed by gift shopping at Paddy's Markets, located just a short walk from our hostel accommodation where we'll return for dinner.

*Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner*



#### Day 4 | 27 September

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. Lunch is at your own expense today but there are plenty of different options to choose from.

This afternoon 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. There will be time to wander the esplanade before heading to Watsons Bay for a

walk up to The Gap and its clifftop views across to Manly and out toward the Tasman Sea.

In the evening we visit 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 | 28 September

Today we'll visit 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-\$9 is payable by you directly).

In the early afternoon it's time to say farewell to this beautiful and fun city as you are transported to the airport by shuttle bus to catch your flight home to Brisbane.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner*

#### Price for 2019

**\$1,400 pp + flights (inc. GST)**

*Applications close 10 September 2019*

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