

25/25 Sydney Australia

The inevitable Sydney versus Melbourne debate can be summarised thus: Sydney is the beautiful, popular captain of the athletics team. Melbourne, the smart girl on the debating squad. Whatever your preference, Sydney will win you over with blue skies, water-soaked geography and a flair for making the good life just that little bit better.

Essentials

- 01 Sydneysiders get up early – a run on the beach, a swim and breakfast are all achieved before 8am.
- 02 Want to avoid the Bondi hordes? Try Parsley Bay or Balmoral Beach. Sunscreen is essential all year round. Just 30 minutes of sun can burn.
- 03 Taking public transport? Check 131500.info to plan your journey.
- 04 Sydney Airport is close to the city and easily accessible by train. Otherwise it's a \$25 (€13) cab ride.
- 05 A glass of beer in Sydney is called a "schooner". A small glass is a "midi".

Guide/Info

Hotels

Independent and easy

BLUE Sydney
The Wharf at Woolloomooloo, 6 Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomooloo
+ 61 2 9331 9000
tajhotels.com/sydney

Dependable chain

Sheraton on the Park Sydney
161 Elizabeth Street
+ 61 2 9286 6000
starwoodhotels.com/sheraton

Premium

Park Hyatt Sydney
7 Hickson Road, The Rocks
+ 61 2 9241 1234
sydney.park.hyatt.com

Dining

Fast breakfast

Bills Woollahra
Queen's Court
118 Queen Street, Woollahra
+ 61 2 9328 7997
bills.com.au

Business breakfast

Bambini Trust Café
185 Elizabeth Street
+ 61 2 9283 7098
bambinitrust.com.au

Mid-morning coffee

Koko Espresso Bar
118 Devonshire Street, Surry Hills
+ 61 2 8399 0100

Working lunch

Pendolino Ristorante
The Strand Arcade
412-414 George Street
+ 61 2 9231 6117
pendolino.com.au

Need-to-impress-clients lunch

Flying Fish
Jones Bay Wharf Lower Deck, 19-21 Pirrama Road, Pyrmont
+ 61 2 9518 6677
flyingfish.com.au

Lunch on your own

Sosumi Sushi
GPO Building, No.1 Martin Place, 412-414 George Street
+ 61 2 9229 7710
gposydney.com

Afternoon tea/drink

The Tea Room
Level 3, Queen Victoria Building
455 George Street
+ 61 2 9283 7279
thetearoom.com.au

Dinner with colleagues

Spice Temple
10 Blich Street
+ 61 2 8078 1888
rockpool.com.au

Big dinner with partner/clients

Tetsuya's
529 Kent Street
+ 61 2 9267 2900
tetsuyas.com

Drinks after dinner

Bambini Trust Wine Room
185 Elizabeth Street
+ 61 2 9283 7098
bambinitrust.com.au

On the tiles

The Supper Club
134 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst
+ 61 2 9331 3467
poloandsupper.com.au

Reading

Bookshop

Published Art Bookshop
23-33 Mary Street, Surry Hills
+ 61 2 9280 2839
publishedart.com.au

Thank yous

Sparkle Cupcakery
132 Foveaux Street, Surry Hills
+ 61 2 9361 0690
sparklecupcakery.com.au

Shopping

Something you can't get anywhere else

Textiles & homewares from Bird Textiles Emporium
380 Cleveland Street, Surry Hills
+ 61 2 8399 0230
birdtextile.com
Aussie fashion at Willow
3A Glenmore Road, Paddington
+ 61 2 9358 4477
willowltd.com

Lost luggage – where to buy shirts, socks and underwear

David Jones
65-77 Market Street
+ 61 2 9266 5544
davidjones.com.au

Something for the kids

Aussie confectionery – Caramello Koalas and Freddo Frogs.

Something for someone you love

Gourmet treats from Simon Johnson
55 Queen Street, Woollahra
+ 61 2 9328 6888
simonjohnson.com.au

Something for yourself

Beauty products by Aesop
72A Oxford Street, Paddington
+ 61 2 9358 3382

Two-hour tour

- 01 Take a water taxi to Ripples Café
Chowder Bay Road, Mosman
+ 61 2 9960 3000
- 02 The Museum of Contemporary Art
140 George Street, The Rocks
+ 61 2 9245 2400
mca.com.au
- 03 Walk to Taylor's Bay, Bradley's Head and Toronga Zoo.

Limousine/car

Advance Sydney Limousines
+ 61 2 4648 0173
advancesydneylimousines.com

Transport

Buy a pass

A weekly RED travel pass allows unlimited travel on bus, train and ferry for \$38 (€19).

Fitness

Good gym

Living Well Health Club
Hilton Hotel, 488 George Street
+ 61 2 9266 2000
livingwell.com.au

