

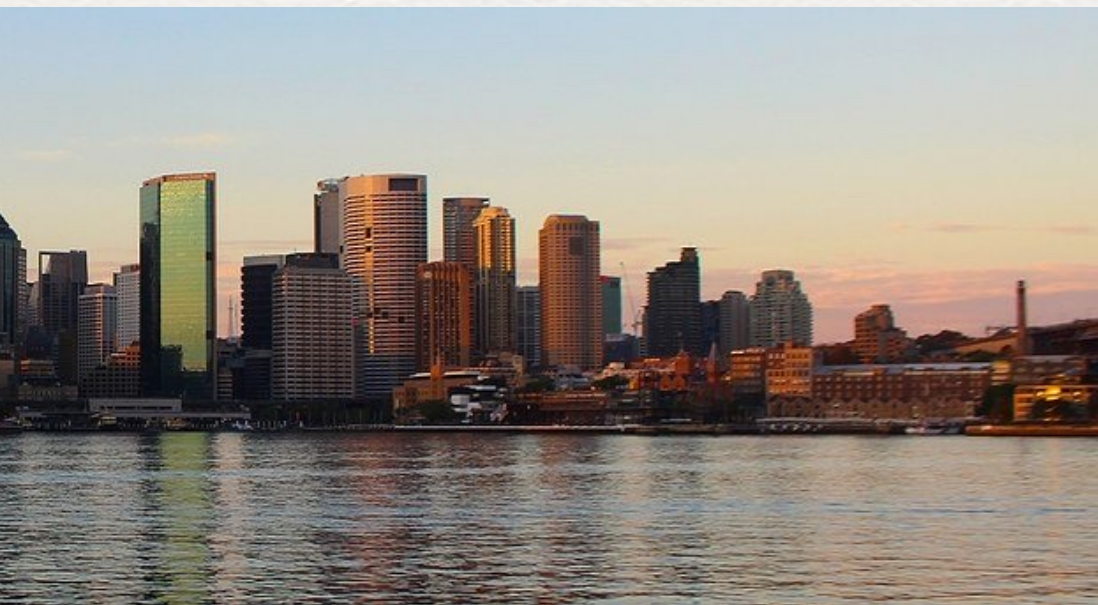
# 10 best free things to do in Sydney - a Sydney travel guide





People all over the world think that Sydney, located in the east coast of Australia, is Australia's capital. More famous than Canberra (Australia's real capital), beautiful Sydney is in fact the largest Australian city (with around five million residents) and it is famous for its international population, its vibrant cultural scene and its marvellous beaches. So, you'll be spoilt for choice when it comes to what things to do. This travel guide will help you to plan a memorable and exciting trip. In general, Australian cities compared to most big cities are quite expensive. In Sydney however, you don't need a fat wallet to enjoy it and this is why this travel guide is a guide to the top 10 free things to do in Sydney.





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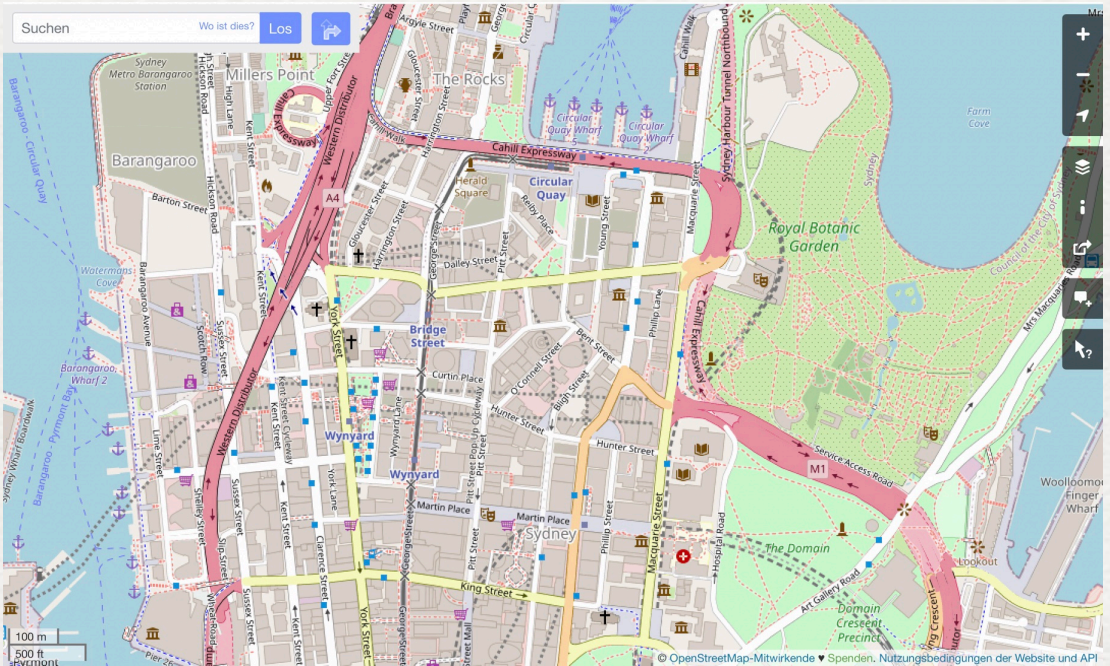
**Location:** Located on Australia's east coast (borders with the Pacific Ocean)

**Currency:** Australian Dollar (\$ - AUD). There are ATMs located everywhere and most stores accept credit cards (Mastercard and Visa).

**Climate:** The weather is influenced by the ocean a lot. Sydney enjoys mild winters and hot summers. In late spring and summer, temperatures over 35 °C are not unusual.



# I'M FREE SYDNEY WALKING TOURS





**What is it?** A free walking tour is a free guided tour during which you walk through the city and check out many historical sights. The guides are experts and have a big knowledge about the most interesting sights. They do the talking and answer all your questions. To join a tour just go to the Town Hall at 10.30 am or 2.30 pm and look for people wearing a green "I'm free" shirt.

**Why go there?** Those walking tours, that you should take with comfortable shoes, give you a perfect overview of the most important sights of Sydney. Especially, if you have only a few days to stay in Sydney, it's a good idea to get to know Sydney by doing a free walking tour.

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# ROYAL BOTANIC GARDEN





**What is it?** The Royal Botanic Garden is the biggest of three botanic gardens and it's opened every day from Monday to Sunday. For many citizens, but also for visitors, it's the most beautiful place to hang out in Sydney. You can take a tour, learn about plants and Aboriginal culture or just enjoy the stunning views and relax.

**Why go there?** The entry is free, and they also offer a large variety of free guided tours to explore the heritage and plant diversity of the Royal Botanic Garden.

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# SWING YOUR HIPS AT OPERA BAR





**What is it?** This popular bar offers breath taking panoramic views of the Sydney Opera and Harbour Bridge with the Central Business District in the back.

**Why go there?** Sure, you have to pay for your drinks, daily live music and stunning views however are for free.



# ROYAL NATIONAL PARK





**What is it?** The RNP is one of the world's oldest National Parks and offers over 100 km of walking tracks with beaches, natural rock pools, camping and picnic sites along the way.

**Why go there?** It is a good opportunity to get out of Sydney for an outdoor day away and there are many options: you can hike, swim, surf, picnic, bike ride... just enjoy nature!

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# PADDINGTON MARKETS





**What is it?** In 1973 Paddington Markets started as a market to support local fashion designers, craftspeople, jewellery makers and artists and it's still opens its doors every Saturday from 10 am. There you can buy fashion, accessories, soaps, candles, pictures which you will not find in any shopping mall.

**Why go there?** It's not only a market, there is also live music every Saturday and a huge International food court. The central idea of Paddington Markets is to support local people who are passionate about their craft and their local community.

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# WHALE WATCHING FROM BARRENJOEY LIGHTHOUSE



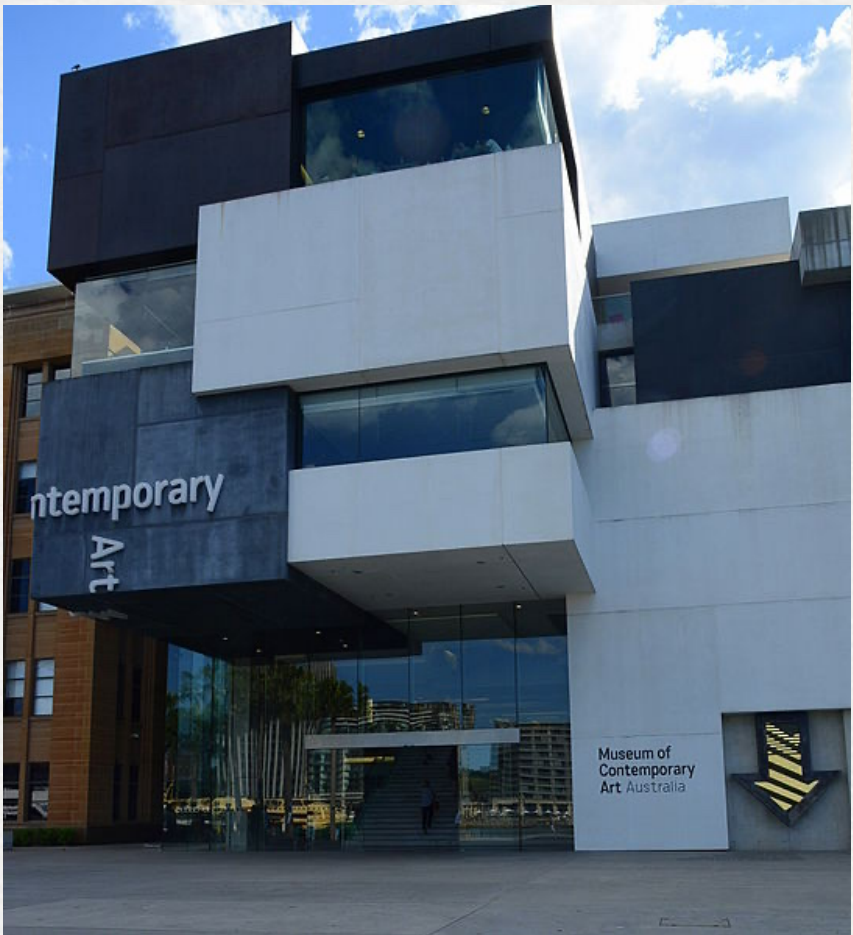


**What is it?** Only a 20-minute walk away from Palm Beach in the north of Sydney, Barrenjoey Lighthouse is a beautiful viewpoint to visit. Hiking trails are popular there and offer dazzling views of the Pacific Ocean.

**Why go there?** If you're lucky, between May and October there is a high chance to see whales along the shore.



# MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART





**What is it?** This museum exhibits, collects, and interprets modern Australian and international art. What most people like about it is that they show art of living Australian artists and that they also show a lot of Aboriginal art.

**Why go there?** Even the building in itself is a Sydney must-see. On top of the free entry you get an impressive harbour view from its café.

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# BONDI TO COOGEE WALK





**What is it?** This is a six-kilometre urban coastal walking track with views of the spectacular coastline including Bondi Beach. You can see rock pools, parks, beaches, cliffs, and bays and there are plenty of places to rest, play areas, kiosks, restaurants, and toilets.

**Why go there?** The walk isn't very challenging, and you pass several swimming spots and ocean pools to swim and snorkel. If you are willing to spend some money on a snack, there are a handful of very nice kiosks.



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# CAMBRIDGE MARKETS





**What is it?** Sydney's best organic market is held Wednesdays and Saturdays. It's a wonderful outdoor experience with excellent direct-from-farmers produce.

**Why go there?** They sell only organic and sustainable products and it's part of their philosophy to sell only the best possible fresh food and flowers.

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# VISIT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL





**What is it?** This famous and historic cathedral church is the greatest in length of any Australian church and is located in Sydney's central business district. St. Mary's Cathedral is also the seat of the Archbishop of Sydney.

**Why go there?** Because of its location in a rather modern district of Sydney, the Cathedral is a landmark from every direction. It's impressive from the inside and from the outside and visitors are always welcomed. The best time to visit is in the early morning and late afternoon, when the sun streams through the side off the coloured glass windows.