

CRUISE INTO SYDNEY AND NEW SOUTH WALES



New South Wales is Australia's pre-eminent tourism destination offering cruise holiday memories to last a lifetime.

With its iconic Sydney Harbour Bridge and Sydney Opera House, Sydney is Australia's cruise gateway and one of the world's most beautiful ports.



Visitors to Sydney can immerse themselves in the best in art, culture, dining and events, a vibrant cityscape and authentic Aboriginal experiences. The City's stunning harbour is a natural playground and with beautiful beaches and five national parks so close to the city, Sydney and its surrounds delivers unforgettable experiences.

Sydney and its surrounds is a must for pre-an-post cruise stays.

USEFUL FACTS

- New South Wales (NSW), Australia's most populous state, is on the south-east coast, between Queensland and Victoria.
- Central NSW has a temperate climate with temperatures in the region of 26 °C in summer and 16 °C in winter.
- Cruises depart from Sydney year-round, with peak cruise season from October to April.
- NSW has two long-standing regional cruise ports, Newcastle and Eden, offering an extensive range of attractions and experiences.
- Sydney Harbour is Australia's premier cruise ship destination and the only port in the country with two dedicated cruise passenger terminals.
- Both the OPT (Overseas Passenger Terminal) and White Bay cruise terminals are next to Sydney's tourist attractions and shopping precincts.
- Both terminals are within 30 minutes of the city's domestic and international airport, with daily services to hundreds of destinations.
- The OPT is at Circular Quay's transport hub with ferries, buses, taxis and trains available, including a train to the airport.
- A direct ferry service operates between White Bay and Circular Quay.
- Time in NSW is GMT + 10.

ASK THE EXPERT – WHY CRUISE SYDNEY AND NSW?

“Cruise ship captains who visit ports around the world multiple times consistently tell us there's one destination they never tire of docking in - Sydney! It's easy to see why. Dramatic headlands mark the gateway to one of the world's most beautiful harbours, with passengers greeted by the spine-tingling sights of the world-famous Sydney Opera House and Sydney Harbour Bridge. Most ships dock in the historic heart of the city while smaller ships treating passengers to a spectacular passage underneath the Harbour Bridge, berthing within eyeshot of the drawcards they came to see. All cruise passengers receive a warm 'G'day' from friendly locals who embody the zestful energy for which Sydney is famous.” Meg Hill - Managing Director - Cruise Express International



MUST SEE DESTINATIONS

Sydney - Port

Cruises sail into sparkling Sydney Harbour, past the Sydney Opera House and the world-famous Sydney Harbour Bridge. With a day or two ashore, passengers can go from world famous beaches like Bondi to chic bars, stroll along coastal cliff walks, jump on a ferry and explore Sydney Harbour like a local, or shop in the City's fashion boutiques. Sydney boasts Australia's most vibrant food scene with world-renowned chefs catering for all tastes and budgets. Aboriginal culture experiences and harbourside tours are also available close to the port.

The Blue Mountains – Shore Excursion

This World Heritage Area offers fresh mountain air and breathtaking vistas. Bushwalks abound, with trails to suit all ages and abilities. Scenic World's cablecar or famous scenic railway allows panoramas of the wilderness, waterfalls, valleys and rugged tablelands. Enjoy rustic cafes and restaurants serving locally sourced produce, wine, beers and ciders.

Newcastle - Port

Ranked as one of the top 10 cities in the world by Lonely Planet's Best in Travel list, beachside Newcastle boasts a vibrant arts culture, bars and restaurants. Discover intriguing colonial and maritime history on a coastal walk or take an excursion to the Hunter Valley, Port Stephens or the Australian Reptile Park.

The Hunter Valley – Shore excursion

From Newcastle or Sydney, a tour to the much-loved Hunter Valley, Australia's oldest wine region, is a delight any time of year. Home to more than 150 top-class wineries, vineyards and cellar doors, cruise guests can sample gourmet food and wines on a tasting tour.

Port Stephens – Shore excursion

Port Stephens' golden beaches, vast blue bay and inlets make it a must-do excursion from Sydney or Newcastle. Daily dolphin watching cruise boasts a 99 per cent success rate in dolphin sightings, and adventurous guests can take a quad bike tour in the sand dunes. Get a flavour of the region with local hand-shucked oysters, freshly caught seafood or its range of abundant, quality produce.

Eden and the Sapphire Coast – Port

Halfway between Sydney and Melbourne, on the South coast of NSW, Eden and the Sapphire Coast set in rugged coastal wilderness, golden beaches and crystal waters. It's a whale watching wonderland throughout spring. Excursions include cruising Twofold Bay to see dolphins, seals and penguins; and visiting wildlife parks to see kangaroos, wallabies and koalas. Sample award-winning oysters and mussels straight from the river, or visit one of the region's local dairy farms.

New Port in Wollongong

Wollongong is a beautiful seaside city perfectly nestled between the Tasman Sea and the Illawarra escarpment which provides a variety of stunning coastline and walking trails. The region's northern villages of Thirroul, Austinmer and Coledale are coastal havens with great beaches, popular cafes and boutique shopping. As an adventure playground, Wollongong offers skydiving, surf schools and hang gliding with visitors able to take in the adrenalin of the world-famous Sea Cliff Bridge to the serene Nan Tien Temple. With an array of cafes, small bars, and seaside dining, Wollongong is the perfect size city to explore!



MUST DO EXPERIENCES

- Explore inside the famous sails of the Sydney Opera House on a tour.
- Climb to the top of the Sydney Harbour Bridge for 360 degree city views.
- Experience Aboriginal culture on a guided tour through Barangaroo Reserve or the Royal Botanic Garden.
- Take the Sydney & Bondi Explorer to the famous Bondi Beach.
- Breakfast with Koalas at WILD LIFE Sydney.
- Explore the cobbled laneways of The Rocks historic precinct.
- Sample fine wine and gourmet food in Australia's oldest wine region, the Hunter Valley.
- Hear the dreamtime legend of the Three Sisters rock formation in the Blue Mountains.
- Meet the resident dolphins and ride the boom net on a cruise in Port Stephens.
- Enjoy an Oyster Farm tour and tasting in Eden.

WHO CRUISES?

Departing Sydney:

- Pacific Jewel
- Pacific Aria
- Pacific Pearl
- Pacific Eden
- Carnival Legend
- Carnival Spirit
- Ovation of the Seas
- Radiance of the Seas
- Voyager of the Seas
- Emerald Princess
- Sun Princess
- Norwegian Jewel

Hot local Itineraries

Regarded as a "marquee" port, Sydney is an essential stop for cruises to Australia. International cruises from ports in Asia, United States and Europe, along with World circumnavigations stop here. Sydney is also the gateway to cruising NSW's sister ports, Newcastle and Eden. Regional Australian and east coast cruises include short 2 - 5 night 'taster' cruises along with themed journeys such as nature, comedy, music, food and wine.

Ships passing...

- Azamara Club Cruises:** Azamara Journey, Azamara Quest
- Carnival:** Carnival Spirit, Carnival Legend, Arcadia, Aurora
- Celebrity Cruises:** Celebrity Solstice, Celebrity Millennium
- Costa:** Costa Luminosa
- Crystal Cruises:** Crystal Symphony
- Cunard:** Queen Elizabeth, Queen Mary 2, Queen Victoria
- Fred Olsen:** Black Watch
- Global Cruise Line:** Astor, Magellan
- Hapag Lloyd:** Europa
- Holland America:** Maasdam, Noordam, Amsterdam
- MSC Cruisetech:** MSC Magnifica
- Norwegian Cruise Lines:** Norwegian Star, Norwegian Jewel
- Oceania Cruises:** MS Sirena, MS Insignia
- P&O:** Pacific Aria, Pacific Jewel, Pacific Pearl, Pacific Eden, Pacific Explorer
- Phoenix Reisen:** Albatros, Artania
- Ponant:** L'Austral
- Regent Seven Seas Cruises:** Seven Seas Navigator, Seven Seas Voyager
- Princess Cruises:** Dawn Princess, Sun Princess, Sea Princess, Golden Princess, Emerald Princess, Pacific Princess, Sapphire Princess, Diamond Princess
- Residences at Sea:** The World
- Royal Caribbean:** Radiance of the Seas, Voyager of the Seas, Explorer of the Seas, Ovation of the Seas
- Seabourn:** Seabourn Odyssey, Seabourn Sojourn
- Silversea Cruises:** Silver Whisper, Silver Shadow, Silver Muse
- V Ships:** Amadea



USEFUL LINKS

Explore Sydney and surrounds

- › Aboriginal Culture in Sydney
- › BridgeClimb Sydney
- › Daves Brewery Tours & Pub Walks
- › Sydney Opera House Tours
- › Sydney Explorer City Sightseeing
- › Taronga Zoo - VIP Aussie Gold Tour
- › Ultimately Sydney Food and Wine Tours
- › WILD LIFE Sydney Zoo
- › Blue Mountains World Heritage Area
- › Scenic World

Explore Newcastle and surrounds

- › Australian Reptile Park - Gosford
- › Fort Scratchley
- › Newcastle Coastal Explorer
- › Hunter Valley Wine Country
- › Port Stephens
- › Moonshadow-TQC Cruises
- › Sand Dune Adventures

Explore Eden and the Sapphire Coast

- › Bega Cheese Heritage Centre
- › Ben Boyd National Park
- › Captain Sponges Magical Oyster Tours
- › Cat Balou Twofold Bay Cruises
- › Eden Killer Whale Museum
- › Kiah Wilderness Tours
- › Merimbula Wharf Aquarium and Restaurant
- › Wheelers Seafood Restaurant

Explore Wollongong

- › Illawarra Fly Treetop Adventures
- › Jamberoo Action Park
- › Just Cruisin Harley Tours
- › Nan Tien Temple
- › North Wollongong Beach
- › Skydive Sydney-Wollongong
- › Symbio Wildlife Park

For more information and to experience cruising into Sydney and New South Wales via video visit:

- › Destination NSW
- › Newcastle
- › Sapphire Coast
- › Wollongong