

Sydney Travel Guide and Activities



Sydney is the capital of New South Wales and is one of the world's most beautiful and loved cities. EC Sydney is situated in a fantastic, central location that's walking distance to the city's iconic landmarks.



5 THINGS TO SEE

- The Sydney Opera House and Sydney Harbour Bridge
- Bondi Beach
- Darling Harbour
- Royal Botanic Garden
- Sea Life Sydney Aquarium and Taronga Zoo

5 THINGS TO DO

- Join a hop-on hop-off sightseeing tour
- Spend the day at the Sydney Opera House
- Climb to the top of the Sydney Harbour Bridge
- Visit the Blue Mountain National Park and Taronga Zoo
- Take a ride on Harbour Cruises from Circular Quay

TELEPHONE COUNTRY CODE

0061

ELECTRICITY

230 V / 50 Hz, 3-pin Australian plug

CLIMATE

Sydney enjoys a sunny climate with mild winters and warm summers, perfect for making the most of the outdoors. During summer, average temperatures range from 18.6 - 25.8°C. Autumn is the mildest time of year in Sydney when the humidity drops and average temperatures fall between 14.6 - 22.2°C. Fresh air makes autumn the season for enjoying Sydney's coastal walks.

COST OF LIVING

Coffee/cappuccino (Starbucks) \$3.50 - \$4.50
Soda (0.33 litre bottle) \$2.00 - \$4.00
Bottle of water (0.33 litre) \$2.00 - \$3.50
Fast food combo meal \$9.00 - \$12.00
Meal, inexpensive restaurant \$15.00 - \$25.00
Cinema ticket \$15.00 - \$22.00
Fitness club (monthly, 1 adult) \$50.00 - \$100.00
Nightclub entrance \$20.00
Public transport (local train) \$5.0 one way
Taxi (day rate) \$3.60/flag fall; \$2.19 per km

CURRENCY

Currency - Australian Dollar (A\$)
All major credit cards are widely accepted.
The main banks are:

- Commonwealth Bank
- National Australian Bank (NAB)
- Westpac Bank

Banking hours:

Banks are usually open during business hours from:
9.30 am to 4 pm, Monday to Thursday
9.30 am to 5 pm on Fridays

Some banks and branches may stay open longer or open on weekends.

TAP WATER - DRINKABLE!

Sydney's water is from natural sources. It's filtered to the high standards set by the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines. This ensures it's safe to drink straight from the tap.

SPECIFIC TRANSPORT INFO DEPENDING ON DESTINATION: BIKES / CAR HIRE ..

Sydney's public transport system features a comprehensive network of train, bus and ferry services. Light rail lines, airport links and taxi services complement the network. To use public transport including buses, trains, ferries and the light rail in Sydney, you need to purchase an Opal card from participating news agents, post offices, convenience stores and supermarkets. Just look for the Opal symbol.

USEFUL LINKS

- [Sydney Travel guide](#)
- [Public transport general information](#)
- [Smoking law in Australia](#)

SMOKING LAWS

Australia has very strict local laws on smoking. Current laws prohibit Smoking and using e-cigarettes are banned in all enclosed public areas and certain outdoor public areas including playgrounds, beaches, sports stadiums, and within 4 metres of non-residential building entrances.

COST(WEEKLY/MONTHLY PASSES)

Recommended budget AUS\$ to cover basic costs for transport, food and entertainment while attending EC Sydney: approximately \$350 per week.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

- 1st January 2019
- 28 January 2019
- 19 April 2019
- 22 April 2019
- 25 April 2019
- 10 June 2019
- 7 October 2019
- 25 December 2019
- 26 December 2019

DRIVING AGE

The driving age in Australia is 17 years. A learner can drive at the age of 16 under the supervision of a fully licensed driver. After obtaining a licence, a driver continues to be subject to restrictions during a 2-year probationary period.

ALCOHOL AGE

It is illegal for any person under the age of 18 years to purchase, supply, or drink alcohol on licensed or regulated premises, even if they are with their parents or guardian.

HEALTH & INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Australia has a special health insurance coverage for international students called Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC). OSHC is insurance designed to help international students cover the costs of medical and hospital care that they may need while in Australia. Because of these requirements, it is important that international students purchase their Australian international student health insurance prior to departing their home country. Belgian students do not need to purchase OSHC since they are covered under the Reciprocal Health Care Agreement. Swedish students do not need to purchase OSHC since they are covered under the National Board of Student Air or by Kammarkollegiet. If not covered by either, then Swedish international students will need to purchase OSHC. Norwegian students do not need to purchase OSHC since they are covered under the Norwegian National Insurance Scheme.

VISA REGULATION

For Visa information please read: [Immigration and Visas](#)

