



Bespoke Sydney Icons - Fact Sheet

Say the word '*Sydney*' and you can't help but visualise a few enduring images: the white sails of the iconic Sydney Opera House against the blue of the sparkling harbour; that famous bridge spanning the harbour's shores; the white sands of Bondi Beach, packed with locals and tourists enjoying the Sydney lifestyle of sun, surf and sand; and that water - all that water - in bays, beaches, harbour and pools.

We have them all covered, in a day that will show you the most famous icons, along with a sprinkling of our favourite hidden secrets.

Trip Summary

- 8:30 AM **Bespoke Sydney Icons**
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Scenic Seaplane flight over Sydney Harbour
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Behind the sails...
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Bespoke Sydney Icons



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Meet your Bespoke Guide

Meet your Sydney Bespoke Tours guide in your hotel lobby to begin your day of private, tailored touring. This day is all about *you*, so discuss your interests and preferences with your guide so the day can be customised to suit you.



Explore the City & Eastern Suburbs

Begin your day with a look through the historic Rocks area of Sydney, the birthplace of Colonial Sydney. Here a group of exhausted and bewildered convicts and their keepers began to build a nation. Learn about their early beginnings, and their interaction with the Aboriginal people who had already been calling this area home for millennia. Take in the views over Sydney Harbour from Observatory Hill as your guide explains Sydney's unique origins.

See the colonial, sandstone buildings of Macquarie Street, and take in the vibrant foreshore precinct around the Sydney Opera House and Circular Quay. See the parklands of the Royal Botanic Gardens, and the sublime lookout point at Mrs Macquarie's Chair - beloved for its fabulous Insta-worthy views. Travel through the dock areas of Woolloomooloo and on to the glamorous Eastern Suburbs of Sydney. Here you'll discover areas that have evolved from working class, to inner-city chic. Some of the city's best galleries, boutiques, restaurants and bars can be found here along with great examples of Victorian-era architecture. From here we'll head to the Harbour shores in the chic suburb of Rose Bay, to find Australia's first commercial airport.



Scenic Seaplane flight over Sydney Harbour

When this airport first opened in 1938, it was the staging point for a ten-day journey that would take travellers, gradually, from Sydney to Southampton in the UK. Today, the Seaplane Wharf is perfectly-positioned as the start to a spectacular scenic flight that will show us the majesty of Sydney Harbour. With **fabulous** views down the Harbour to the city, this is the perfect location for a coffee or morning tea as you learn about Sydney's aviation history in the small, on-site museum as we await our flight.

Then it's time to take to the skies on a fabulous 15-minute seaplane flight that shows you Sydney in all her glory! Taking off from the waters of Rose Bay you'll have the perfect birds-eye view of Sydney Harbour, from the Heads to beyond the Sydney Harbour Bridge to the west. See the spectacular cliffs that lead to Bondi Beach, and the numerous stunning waterways, bays and harbour beaches that make Sydney one of the most beautiful harbours in the world.



Enjoy lunch by the sands of Bondi Beach...

From here it's a short trip, perhaps via the stunning clifftop views of South Head, to Australia's most famous stretch of white sand - the breath-taking beach and breaks of Bondi Beach. This is where locals and tourists alike gather to pay homage to the great Australian love of sun, sand and surf. Enjoy lunch in one of our favourite, beachside bistros or restaurants, inclusive of a two-course meal and a glass of your favourite beverage.



Behind the sails...

Arriving back in the city we'll head to that most famous of Sydney's icons, the Sydney Opera House. Here, we'll join an Opera House guide to do a private tour inside this World Heritage-listed masterpiece, home to 1,000 rooms, 300 corridors and hundreds of tales and secrets.

This one-hour tour is a great chance to step inside the inspired theatres where more than 1,600 performances come to life each year, and to learn the history and secrets behind the building. We'll learn how Danish architect Jørn Utzon's groundbreaking design and vision came to life, and gain insider access to the behind-scenes workings.



Across the coathanger...

To round out our day, we'll head to Australia's most famous bridge, Sydney Harbour Bridge. Known affectionately as 'the Coathanger' due to its shape, this is much more than just a bridge to Sydney. It's an icon of this harbour city, and for decades has served as the main link between the northern and southern shores of the harbour. Join your guide for a walk across the bridge, on the pedestrian pathway reserved for this purpose. It's a chance to see some great views, as well as hearing the fascinating history of the building and opening of the bridge. At the northern side of the Bridge, if time permits we'll take you to one of our favourite hidden spots, a beautiful garden that meanders down to the water's edge.

**Please note that we will not be doing the Bridgeclimb, which is a 3.5 hour experience that takes you, in harnesses, up and over the arches of the Bridge. If you'd like to experience this climb we can certainly arrange this for you.*



4:30 PM -

Bringing the day to a close

At day's end, your guide will return you to your hotel. We hope you've enjoyed a fabulous day exploring Sydney, and gaining some hidden insights and local knowledge into this beautiful city. Don't forget to ask your guide for any suggestions for your future travels, meals and experiences - we're happy to help, to make your time in Sydney the best it can be!

Information & Documents



Inclusions

- Complimentary hotel pick-up and drop-off
- Services of an experienced, engaging and knowledgeable Sydney Bespoke Tours guide
- Transport in a private vehicle
- Morning or afternoon tea at a great local spot
- 15 minute seaplane flight over Sydney Harbour (may be shared, max. 8 people)
- 1 hour private behind-scenes tour of Sydney Opera House
- Two-course lunch at one of our favourite Sydney restaurants
- Flexible touring options, tailored to suit to make the most out of your day
- Note: This tour is available Wed-Sun



Reminders for travel

Unless otherwise arranged, your Guide will meet you in your hotel Lobby. Please ask your hotel Concierge for assistance if you are having trouble locating your Guide, or call us on +61 4 0077 5755

Please dress for the day, in clothes that are comfortable for touring. Keep in mind that the sun in Australia can be very strong, so please bring along a hat and wear clothing that will protect you from the sun. You may also wish to bring along clothes for swimming and a towel, in case you're tempted to take a dip!

This day is all about *you!* Please feel free to share your interests, preferences and any special needs with your Guide, so we can tailor your day to create the perfect experience for you.



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