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Sydney Factsheet

Sydney has everything you need from a destination.

Plus, it has remarkable people and places – including the world's largest natural harbour and 100+ beaches – that inspire, connect and create meaningful experiences and outcomes.

Top 5

Sydney ranks in the Top 5 in the Safe Cities Index (2021)

Getting to Sydney

1. Visas

International visitors need a visa to enter Australia unless they are a citizen of Australia or New Zealand. Find current visa information on the Australian Government website.

2. Flights

Sydney Airport is the largest in Australia, with direct flights from 25+ countries. From late 2026, Western Sydney Airport will also operate with 24hr service.

3. From the airport

Sydney Airport is only 8km from the Central Business District (CBD), which can be reached by train in under 15 minutes (approx. AUD$20), and by taxi or rideshare services (approx. 20 minutes, AUD$45-55).

4. Accomodation

There are more than 44,000 hotel rooms in the city centre, with a range of options, whether you want luxury or affordability, heritage or ultramodern. Find more information

While you are here

1. Weather

Sydney has a sunny climate year-round, with mild winters and warm summers. Average temperatures:

- **Spring (Sept-Nov)** 11-23°C (52-73°F)
- **Summer (Dec-Feb)** 19-26°C (66-78°F)
- **Autumn (Mar-May)** 15-22°C (58-72°F)
- **Winter (Jun-Aug)** 9-17°C (48-63°F)

2. Time Zone

The local time zone in Sydney is Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST), which is generally UTC+10. Between October and April, we observe daylight savings and operate on Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT), which is generally UTC+11.

3. Local Currency

The Australian currency is the dollar (AUD), which comes in notes ($5, $10, $20, $50 and $100) and coins (5, 10, 20 and 50 cents, and $1 and $2). Currency exchange services are available at the airport, in the city centre and at most banks and Australia Post offices.

4. Getting around

Scenic and compact, Sydney is perfect for walking, with many of the city's venues an easy distance from central hotels. It also has accessib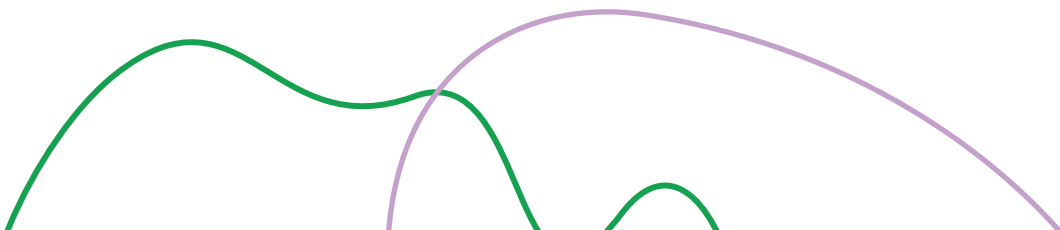le and affordable public transport, with the option to pay for trips with contactless payment methods or an Opal card. There are also several taxi and rideshare options.

5. Culture life

Sydney is home to a truly diverse population and welcomes people with a range of identities, perspectives and experiences. This makes for a thriving cultural scene, with First Nations arts and cultures; libraries, galleries and museums; live music; and performing arts. Find upcoming cultural highlights in the DNSW calendar of events.

6. Food & drink

Sydney might be relaxed, but it is serious about its food and drink. It has a dedicated coffee culture, commitment to brunch, and a range of great bars and restaurants – from the affordable to the flash – with cuisine that spans Asian-fusion, fresh seafood, modern Australian, and European and Middle Eastern cuisine.

7. Experience the city

A diverse global city alive with energy and culture, Sydney's brains are matched only by its incredible experiences and outstanding beauty – from shimmering waterways, leafy parklands and golden beaches to icons like the Sydney Opera House and Harbour Bridge. See the sites, by foot or by ferry.

Meet the wildlife. Swim in a harbour pool. Daytrip to World Heritage wilderness. Or just laze on a local beach.

8. Beyond the city

Sydney is the capital city of the state of New South Wales (NSW). Beyond the city there is much to explore, from wine regions, oyster farms and towns with incredible restaurants to mountain ranges, beaches, rainforests and snowfields. While you are here, you might want to make the most of things and visit NSW.

Top 10

Sydney ranks in the Top 10 in the Global Destination Sustainability Index (GDSI).

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