



Skywalkers atop Sydney Tower

SYDNEY'S TOP 10

1. Sydney Explorer

A great way to see all the major sites, the Sydney Explorer bus visits 26 stops, from the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Opera House to Darling Harbour and Kings Cross, with plenty in between. Onboard commentary details the attractions near each stop for you to explore at your leisure. The Sydney Explorer departs from Circular Quay approximately every 18 minutes from early morning to late afternoon every day. You can hop on or hop off wherever you like. If you want to stay on the bus, a full circuit will take about 100 minutes.

- **There's no need to book, just jump onboard at any of the distinctive red stops and buy your ticket from the driver.**

2. Museum of Contemporary Art

Australia's only museum dedicated to exhibiting, interpreting and collecting contemporary art from across Australia and around the world, with a continually changing programme of exhibitions.

- **140 George Street, The Rocks. Open daily, 10am-5pm. www.mca.com.au**

3. Museum of Sydney

Built on the ruins of the house of Australia's first governor-general, Governor Phillip, the Museum of Sydney explores colonial and contemporary Sydney through objects, pictures and new digital media techniques.

- **Corner Phillip & Bridge Streets. Open daily 9.30am-5pm. www.hht.net.au/museums/museum_of_sydney**

4. Powerhouse Museum

A unique and diverse collection of 385,000 objects spanning history, science, technology, design, industry, decorative arts, music, transport and space exploration.

- **500 Harris Street Ultimo, near Darling Harbour. Open daily 10am-5pm. www.phm.gov.au**

5. Australian Museum

Australia's oldest museum, established in 1827, with unique and extensive collections of natural science and cultural artefacts. Free guided tours daily.

- **6 College Street, Sydney (opposite Hyde Park). Open daily, 9.30am-5pm. www.austmus.gov.au**

6. Taronga Zoo

Spectacularly sited zoo with terrific views of the city skyline. A range of specialist tours and Sky Safari cable car as well as all the usual animal exhibits are all on offer.

- **Ferries depart Circular Quay, every quarter past and quarter to the hour. Open daily, 9am-5pm. www.zoo.nsw.gov.au**

7. Diving with sharks

Oceanworld Manly's main oceanarium holds four million litres of water and is home to seven grey adult nurse sharks. The Aquarium runs diving with sharks programmes for both divers and non-divers where you get inside the tank and up close and personal with huge grey nurse sharks, giant stingrays, sea turtles, wobbegong sharks, moray eels and a vast array of marine life.

- **Bookings necessary, call +61 2 8251 7878. www.oceanworld.com.au**

8. Bonza Bikes

A fun way to explore Sydney's beautiful harbour foreshore – and get to see the bits of the city you never see from a bus or taxi



Sydney's beautiful harbour



Learn to sail

tour. The fully-guided three-hour leisurely bike ride begins at the Opera House and meanders through some of Sydney's most colourful inner city precincts. Learn about the history and culture of the Rocks and Darling Harbour, before cycling through the buzz of the city and tranquillity of Hyde Park and the Royal Botanic Gardens.

- **Tours meet seven days a week at 10.30am and 2.30pm and are designed for all levels of fitness and bikes are included. Tel: +61 2 9331 1127. www.bonzabiketours.com**

9. Sailing

Sydney Harbour is a sailor's paradise and there is no better place to learn to sail than during a sunny day than Sydney. Sydney By Sail is a Yachting Australia Training Centre and offers introductory level course which cover the basics of sailing as well as competent crew courses conducted aboard a Hunter 216, a 21ft sailing boat. Yachts are also available for bareboat or skippered charter. Sail training courses run all year round on weekends (midweek course can be arranged). East

Sail, based at Rushcutters Bay, also operate a sailing school and sailing regattas for small groups, as well as sightseeing harbour cruises.

- www.sydneybysail.com.au,
www.eastsail.com.au

10. Sydney skywalk

Skywalk lets you literally walk across Sydney's skyline – more than a quarter of a kilometre above the city at the top of Sydney Tower's golden turret, twice the height of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. The 268-metre-high viewing platforms offer 360-degree views over the Harbour Bridge, Opera House, surf beaches and city all the way to the Blue Mountains, the South Coast and the Central Coast. There are also glass-floored viewing platforms overhanging the tower providing an eye-popping new perspective of the city below. Skywalkers are provided with protective clothing and anchored by sliding cables to safety rails and escorted by guides during the 95-minute adventure.

- www.skywalk.com.au



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