



## B11.HS

### Highlights of Sydney

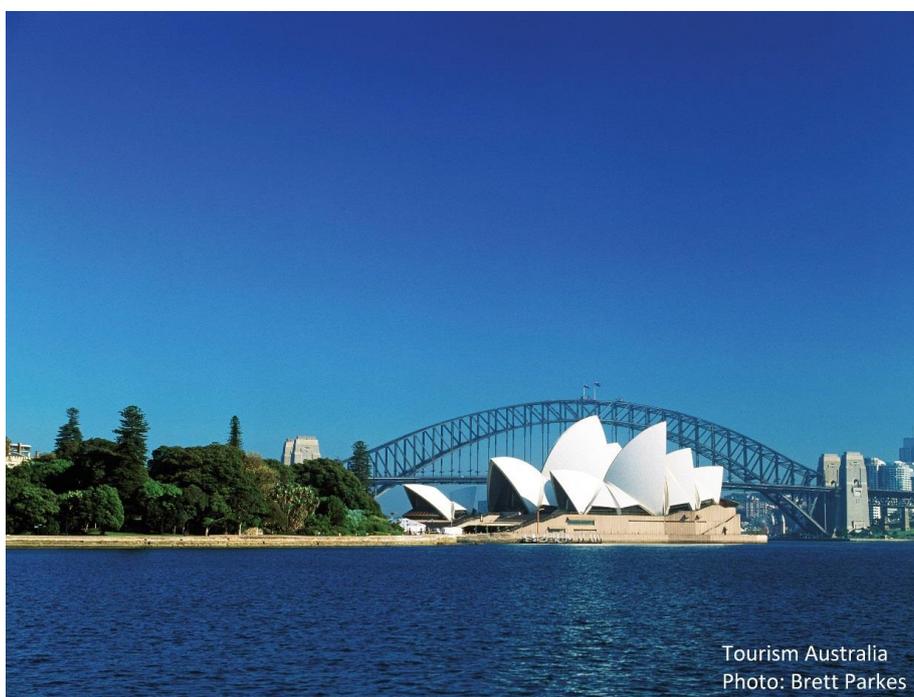
#### New South Wales

Come and enjoy fabulous Sydney before settling into the congress.

There will be full day at Taronga Zoo, including a guided tour of the Australian animal section and the opportunity to see the Birds of Australia presentation.

The ferry trip to Taronga Zoo and return will allow you to enjoy Sydney Harbour from the water.

The second day will visit the Australian Museum, Hyde Park, the Botanical Gardens, a walk around the Opera House and a visit to the historic Rocks area.

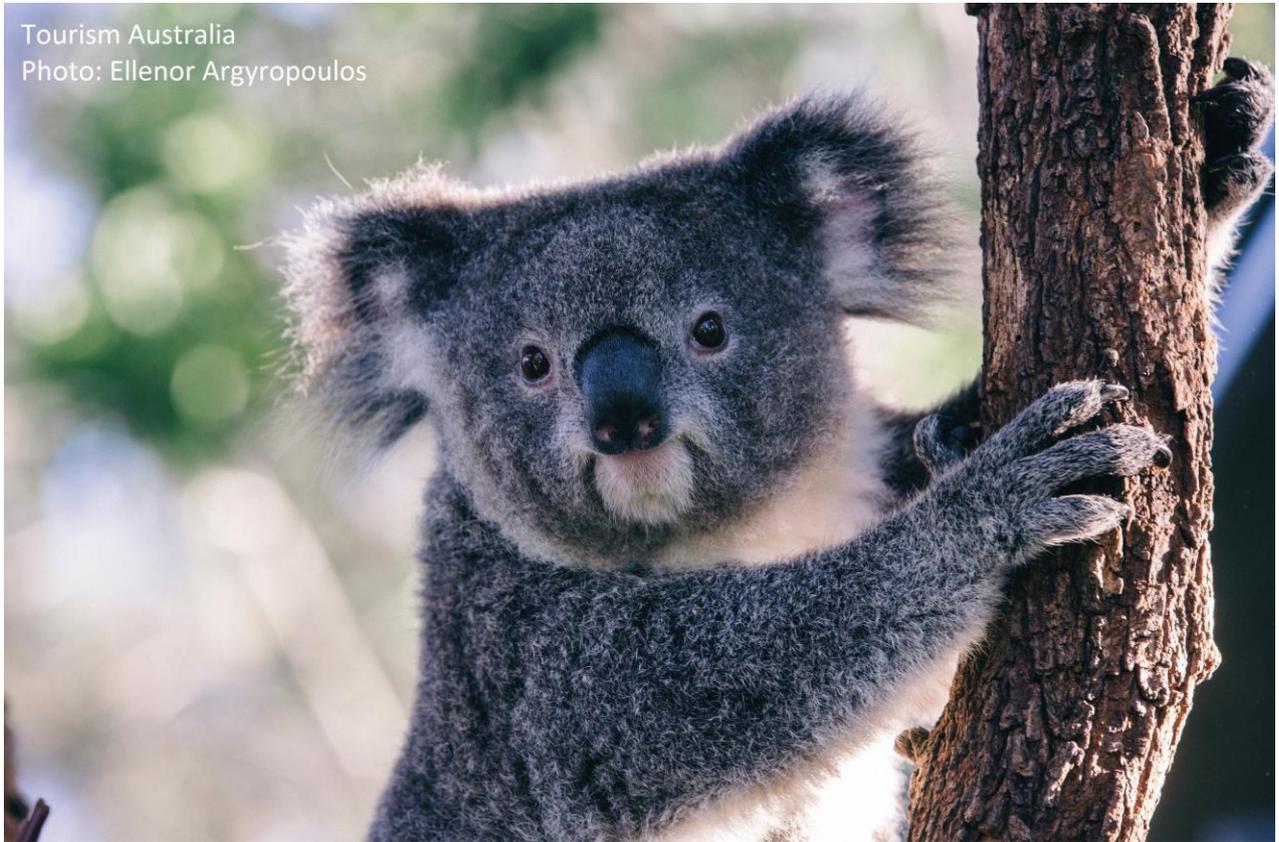


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Photo: Brett Parkes

This is a two-day excursion with participants organising their own accommodation and transport to the meeting places. There are many accommodation options in the central Sydney area.

#### Summary:

Starting place, date and time.	End place, date and approximate time.	Number of participants.	Included meals.	Cost
Sydney 21 July (Circular Quay, Wharf 2) 9.30 a.m.	21 July Circular Quay, Late afternoon	Min: 10 Max: 30	No meals included.	A\$70 (Incl. GST)
22 July Australian Museum. 9.30 a.m.	22 July Circular Quay area late afternoon			



**Detail:**

Name of excursion.	B11.HS Highlights of Sydney
Contact person.	Mary Ann Irvin: <a href="mailto:maryann.irvin@gmail.com">maryann.irvin@gmail.com</a>
Overview of excursion.	<p>On 21 July we visit Taronga Zoo, one of Sydney's top attractions and well-loved by locals and visitors. After meeting at Circular Quay, we take a ferry which is the most direct transport to the zoo and also a great way to enjoy spectacular Sydney Harbour, including travelling close to the Opera House. (Have your camera ready for a great photo.)</p> <p>Arriving at Taronga Zoo, we take the aerial Sky Safari and ride high over the Zoo grounds to the top entrance. From the gondolas we will have a bird's-eye view of some zoo inhabitants.</p> <p>An expert guide will lead us on the Australian Walkabout tour where we'll discover the fascinating world of the kangaroo, echidna, wallaby, koala, Australian birds and more. The wonder of a Blue Mountains sandstone gorge has been recreated .at the platypus pools, where there are over 40 species of Australian animals and the 'dinosaur tree'; the Wollemi Pine.</p> <p>After the tour, you will have options to decide which sections of the zoo you want to see. There are expert talks throughout the day, including the popular seal show and the Australian bird show which is held in an amphitheatre overlooking the harbour.</p> <p>On 22 July, we will visit the Australian Museum and see the First Australians Galleries and Mineral Exhibition.</p>

	<p>We then visit Hyde Park and the Archibald Fountain before walking down Macquarie Street and past significant early colonial buildings to the Botanical Gardens at the edge of Sydney Harbour.</p> <p>Leaving the gardens at the Opera House, there will be time to wander about the outside of this magnificent building, which is on the World Heritage List, before strolling to the historic Rocks area close to the magnificent Harbour Bridge.</p>								
Starting place, date and time.	<p>Friday 21 July, 9.30 a.m. Circular Quay, Wharf 2. Saturday 22 July, 9.30 a.m. Australian Museum.</p>								
Finishing place, date and time.	<p>Friday 21 July, Circular Quay, late afternoon Saturday 22 July, Circular Quay area, late afternoon</p>								
Min and max no of participants.	<p>Minimum: 10 People Maximum: 30 People</p>								
Cost of excursion and what is included.	<p>A\$70 per person. This includes admission to Taronga Zoo, the Sky Safari ride, guided tour at the zoo and admission to the Australian Museum.</p> <p>Transport costs are not included in the fee. Options are to buy day tickets each day or to buy an Opal Pass (which covers trains, light rail government buses and ferries and can be used for multiple days). For further information: <a href="http://www.transportnsw.info">www.transportnsw.info</a> <a href="http://www.opal.com.au">www.opal.com.au</a> then go to 'Opal for Visitors'</p>								
Transport.	<p>Day 1: Ferry, Sky Safari and walking. Day 2: Walking.</p>								
Accommodation type.	<p>These are day trips and you choose where you stay. However, we recommend that you stay near Central Station; the accommodation here is more affordable than other parts of the city with a range of choices. The free 555 bus runs from Central Station to Circular Quay and to Hyde Park.</p> <p>If you want to settle into your congress accommodation at Penrith, you can readily travel from there to the city meeting points. However, it is about an hour's train travel.</p>								
What meals are included?	<p>No meals are included either day. We will look for options that suit the group and people can purchase their own food.</p>								
Clothing requirements.	<p>Comfortable outdoor clothing and shoes are recommended as there will be a lot of walking. Warm, layered clothing and a rain coat are recommended. Bring a water bottle and be set to enjoy the highlights of Sydney!</p>								
Average weather details for July (Sydney).	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Min temp</td> <td>Max temp</td> <td>Rainfall</td> <td>Daylight hours</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8° C</td> <td>16° C</td> <td>97 mm</td> <td>10.5 hrs</td> </tr> </table>	Min temp	Max temp	Rainfall	Daylight hours	8° C	16° C	97 mm	10.5 hrs
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