



*Pocket*  
**SYDNEY**

TOP SIGHTS • LOCAL LIFE • MADE EASY



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# In This Book

## QuickStart Guide

Your keys to understanding the city – we help you decide what to do and how to do it



**Need to Know**  
Tips for a smooth trip



**Neighbourhoods**  
What's where

## Explore Sydney

The best things to see and do, neighbourhood by neighbourhood



**Top Sights**  
Make the most of your visit



**Local Life**  
The insider's city

## The Best of Sydney

The city's highlights in handy lists to help you plan



**Best Walks**  
See the city on foot



**Sydney's Best...**  
The best experiences

## Survival Guide

Tips and tricks for a seamless, hassle-free city experience



**Getting Around**  
Travel like a local



**Essential Information**  
Including where to stay

Our selection of the city's best places to eat, drink and experience:

 **Sights**

 **Eating**

 **Drinking**

 **Entertainment**

 **Shopping**

These symbols give you the vital information for each listing:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
|  Telephone Numbers    |  Family-Friendly |
|  Opening Hours        |  Pet-Friendly    |
|  Parking              |  Bus             |
|  Nonsmoking           |  Ferry           |
|  Internet Access      |  Tram            |
|  Wi-Fi Access         |  Train           |
|  Vegetarian Selection |   |

Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighbourhood:



### Bar Hemingway

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Legend has it that Hemingway, wielding a machine gun, created this timber-paneled bar during his stay in Sydney. The showpiece is a large painting by Papa Hemingway. Open town. Dress code: smart casual. Website: [www.barhemingway.com](http://www.barhemingway.com); Hôtel Ritzy Sydney; 6.30pm-2am

## Lonely Planet's Sydney

Lonely Planet Pocket Guides are designed to get you straight to the heart of the city.

Inside you'll find all the must-see sights, plus tips to make your visit to each one really memorable. We've split the city into easy-to-navigate neighbourhoods and provided clear maps so you'll find your way around with ease. Our expert authors have searched out the best of the city: walks, food, nightlife and shopping, to name a few. Because you want to explore, our 'Local Life' pages will take you to some of the most exciting areas to experience the real Sydney.

And of course you'll find all the practical tips you need for a smooth trip: itineraries for short visits, how to get around, and how much to tip the guy who serves you a drink at the end of a long day's exploration.

It's your guarantee of a really great experience.

## Our Promise

You can trust our travel information because Lonely Planet authors visit the places we write about, each and every edition. We never accept freebies for positive coverage, so you can rely on us to tell it like it is.

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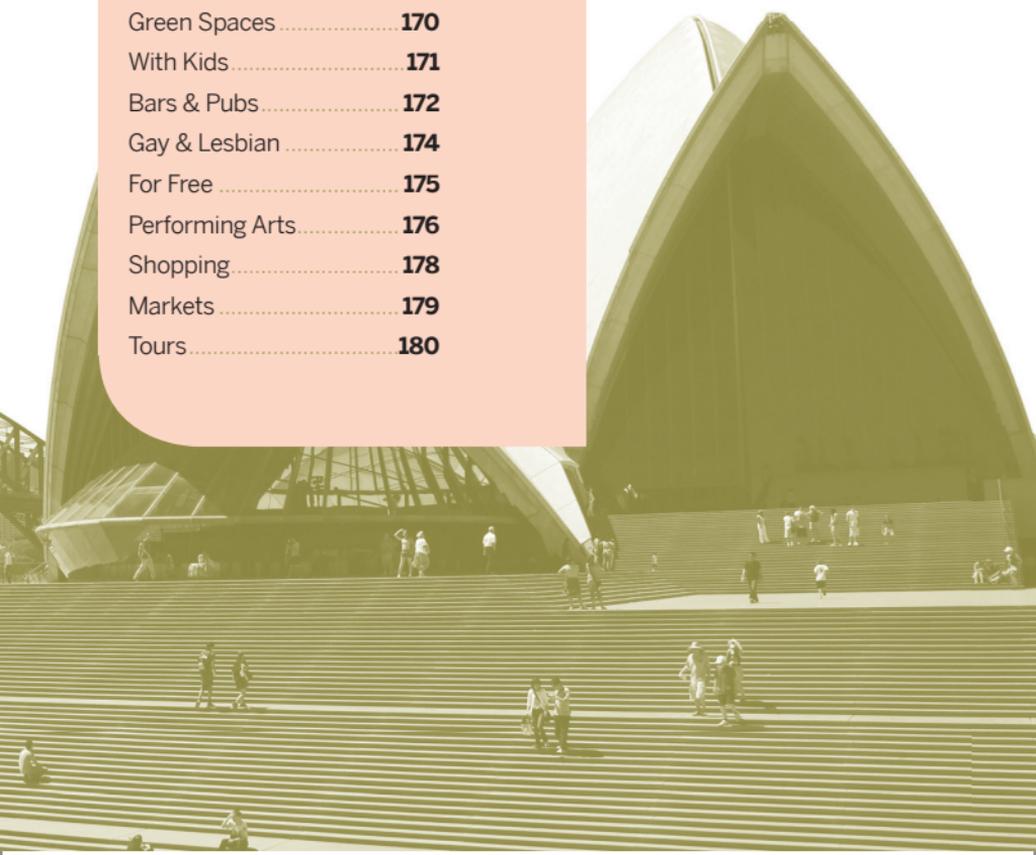
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## Welcome to Sydney

Canberra may be the capital, but Sydney is Australia's first city. The nation's birthplace is exuberant, sassy and stacks of fun. Brash and shallow? Whatever... Sydney's sunny self-confidence is reinforced by its famously picturesque harbour and beautiful beaches. And if it's ever feeling blasé about its natural assets, a dizzying whirl of shopping, dining and partying carries on regardless.

Annual Sydney to Hobart yacht race with Sydney Harbour Bridge (p28) in the background.

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# Sydney Top Sights

## Sydney Opera House (p24)

Striking, unique, curvalicious – is there a sexier building on the planet? What goes on inside (opera, theatre, dance, concerts) is almost as interesting as the famous exterior.

