



Sydney

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and the hardest part is over.**

So go!”

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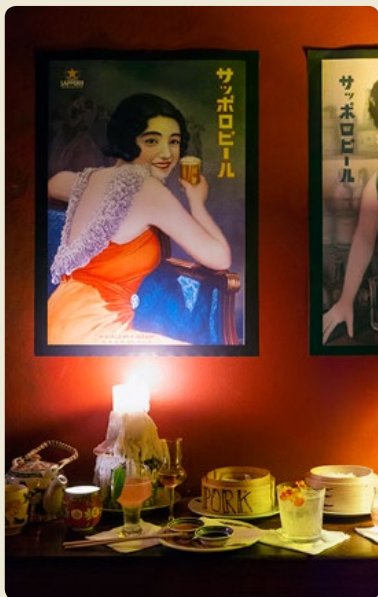
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(left) **Uncle Ming's p87**
Order dumplings with
your cocktail.

(above) **Sky Safari p149**
Catch the scenic cable
car to Taronga Zoo.

(right) **Queen Victoria
Building p89** Shopping
in neo-gothic surrounds.



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Top Itineraries

Day One

Circular Quay & the Rocks (p56)

 Why postpone joy? Start at Circular Quay and head directly to the **Sydney Opera House**. Circle around it and follow the shoreline into the **Royal Botanic Garden**. Have a good look about and then continue around **Mrs Macquaries Point** and down to Woolloomooloo.



Lunch Grab a pie at Harry's Cafe de Wheels (p115), a Sydney institution.

City Centre & Haymarket (p74)

 Head up to the **Art Gallery of NSW**. Take some time to explore the gallery then cross the **Domain** and cut through **Sydney Hospital** to Macquarie St. **Parliament House** is immediately to the right, while to the left is the **Mint** and **Hyde Park Barracks**. Cross into **Hyde Park** and head straight through its centre, crossing Park St and continuing on to the **Anzac Memorial**.



Dinner Catch a cab to Follomo (p103) for profits-to-charity dining.

Surry Hills & Darlinghurst (p98)

 After dinner, if you haven't booked tickets for a play at **Belvoir St Theatre**, take a stroll along Crown St. There are plenty of good bars and pubs to stop at along the way.

Day Two

Bondi, Coogee & the Eastern Beaches (p130)

 Grab your swimming gear and head to the beach. Catch the bus to **Bondi** and spend some time strolling about and soaking it all in. If the weather's right, stop for a swim. Once you're done, take the clifftop path to **Tamarama** and on to **Bronte**.



Lunch Detour slightly up to Bronte's excellent Three Blue Ducks (p138).

Bondi, Coogee & the Eastern Beaches (p130)

 Continue on the coastal path through **Waverley Cemetery** and down to **Clovelly**. This is a great spot to stop for a swim or a snorkel. Continuing on you'll pass **Gordons Bay** and **Dolphin Point** before you arrive at **Coogee Beach**. Stop for a drink on the rooftop of **Coogee Pavilion** then jump aboard a bus back to Bondi Junction. Shopaholics can have a brief whirl around **Westfield**.



Dinner Get a taste of classic Chinatown at Golden Century (p86).

City Centre & Haymarket (p74)

 Stroll a few blocks north to check out some of the city's small bars. **Grandma's**, the **Barber Shop**, **Grasshopper** and the **Baxter Inn** are good ones to start you off, or you could continue the Chinese theme at **Uncle Ming's**.

Day Three

Around the Harbour (p143)

 Take the scenic ferry ride from Circular Quay to **Watsons Bay**. Walk up to the **Gap** to watch the waves pounding against the cliffs, then continue on to **Camp Cove** for a dip. Take the **South Head Heritage Trail** for sublime views of the city and the whole of the upper harbour.



Lunch Enjoy the beer garden at Watsons Bay Beach Club (p152).

Circular Quay & the Rocks (p56)

 Head back to Circular Quay and spend the afternoon exploring the Rocks. Start at the **Museum of Contemporary Art** and then head up into the network of narrow lanes to the **Rocks Discovery Museum**. Continue through the Argyle Cut to **Millers Point** and wander up **Observatory Hill**. Pop into one of Sydney's oldest pubs (maybe the **Lord Nelson** or **Hero of Waterloo**) and then explore the wharves of **Walsh Bay**.



Dinner Book well in advance for Sydney's top restaurant, Quay (p68).

and double back under the **Sydney Harbour Bridge**.

Circular Quay & the Rocks (p56)

 Make this a glamorous night out. Book a show at the **Sydney Opera House** or **Walsh Bay**, or head straight

Day Four

Darling Harbour & Pyrmont (p91)

 Have a stroll around the waterfront and settle on whichever of the big attractions takes your fancy – perhaps the **Australian National Maritime Museum** or **Sydney Sea Life Aquarium**. Each of these will easily fill an entire morning.



Lunch For a cheap bite, pop up to Central Baking Depot (p83).

Around the Harbour (p143)

 Jump on the river service at King St Wharf and take an hour-long cruise upstream as far as **Sydney Olympic Park**. Take a stroll around **Newington Nature Reserve** until the next ferry arrives to whisk you back. Stop at **Cockatoo Island** for a look at its art installations and the remnants of its convict and shipbuilding past. From here you can either catch a ferry to **Balmain**, or



Dinner Have a final night of top Modern Australian cuisine at Ester (p163).

head straight back to Darling Harbour or Circular Quay.

Newtown & the Inner West (p155)

 After dinner stroll up to King St, **Newtown**, and cruise the late-night bookshops and bars. A short pub crawl could include the **Marlborough Corridor**, **Courthouse Hotel** and

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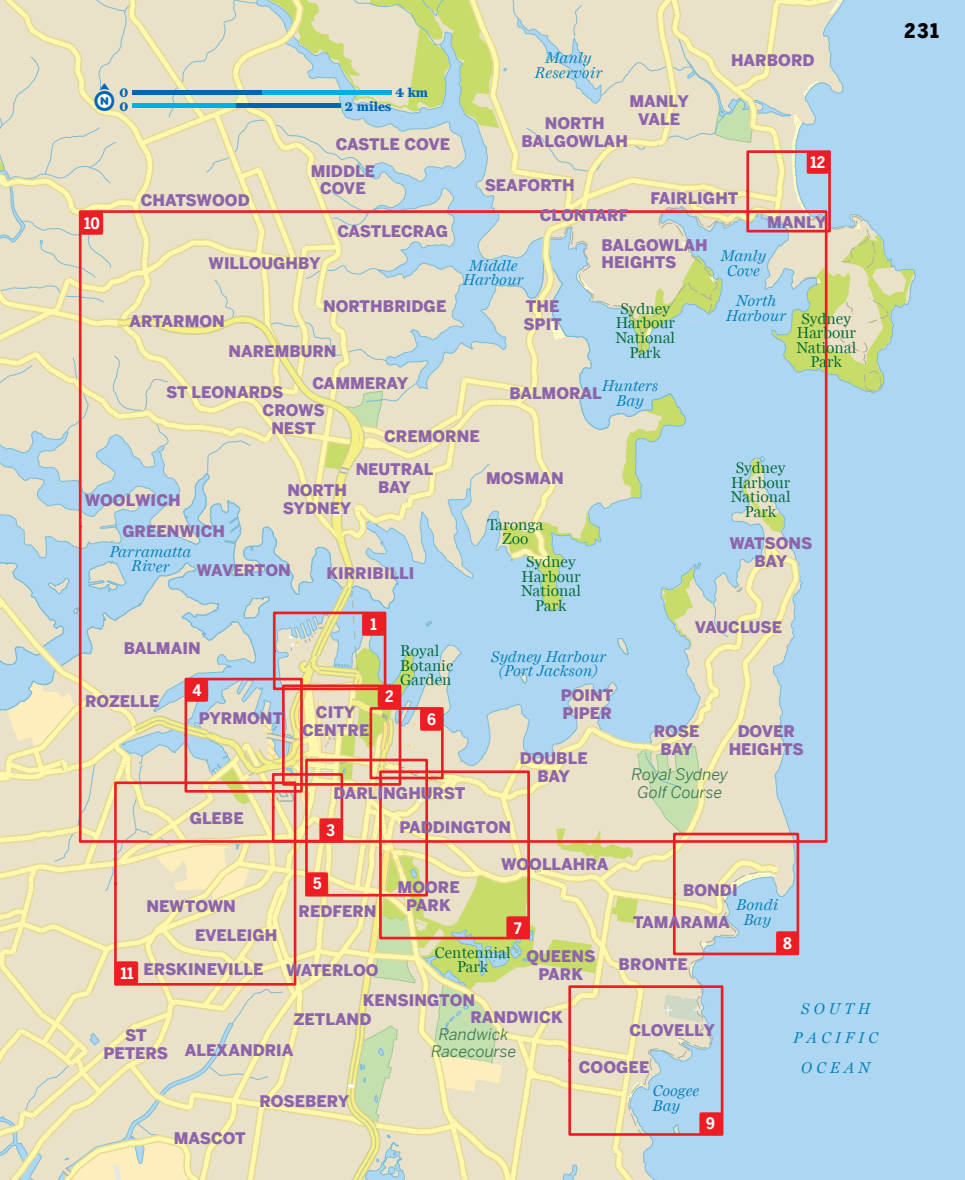
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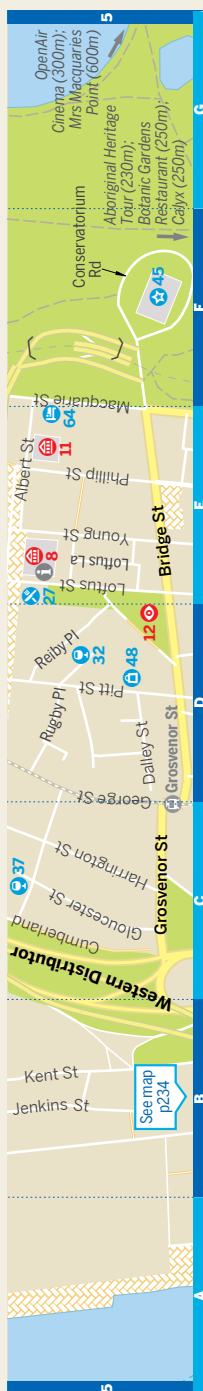


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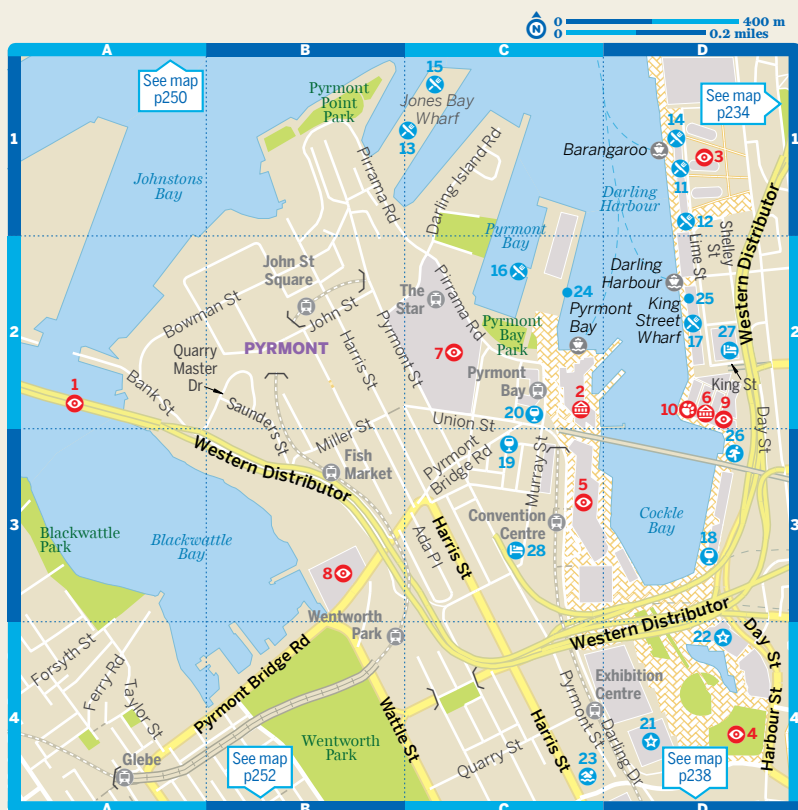
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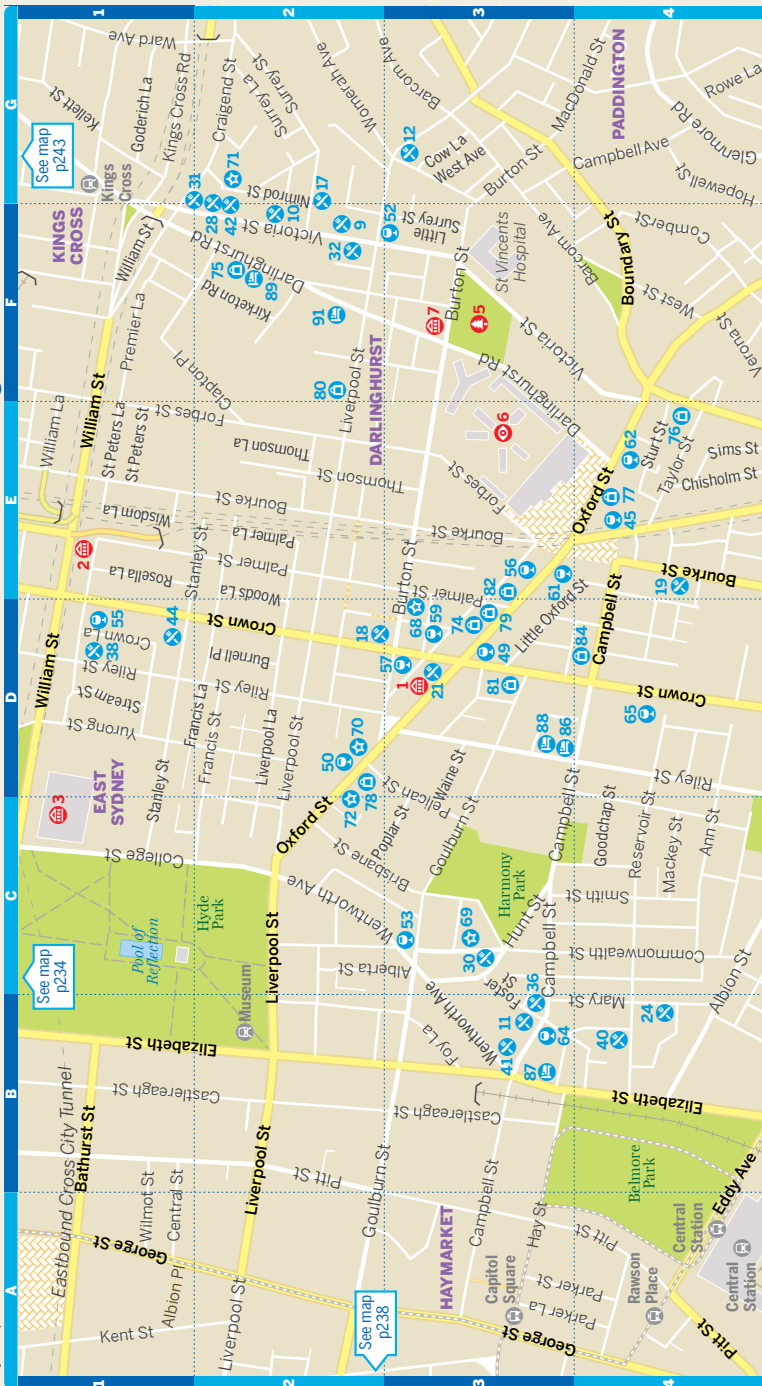
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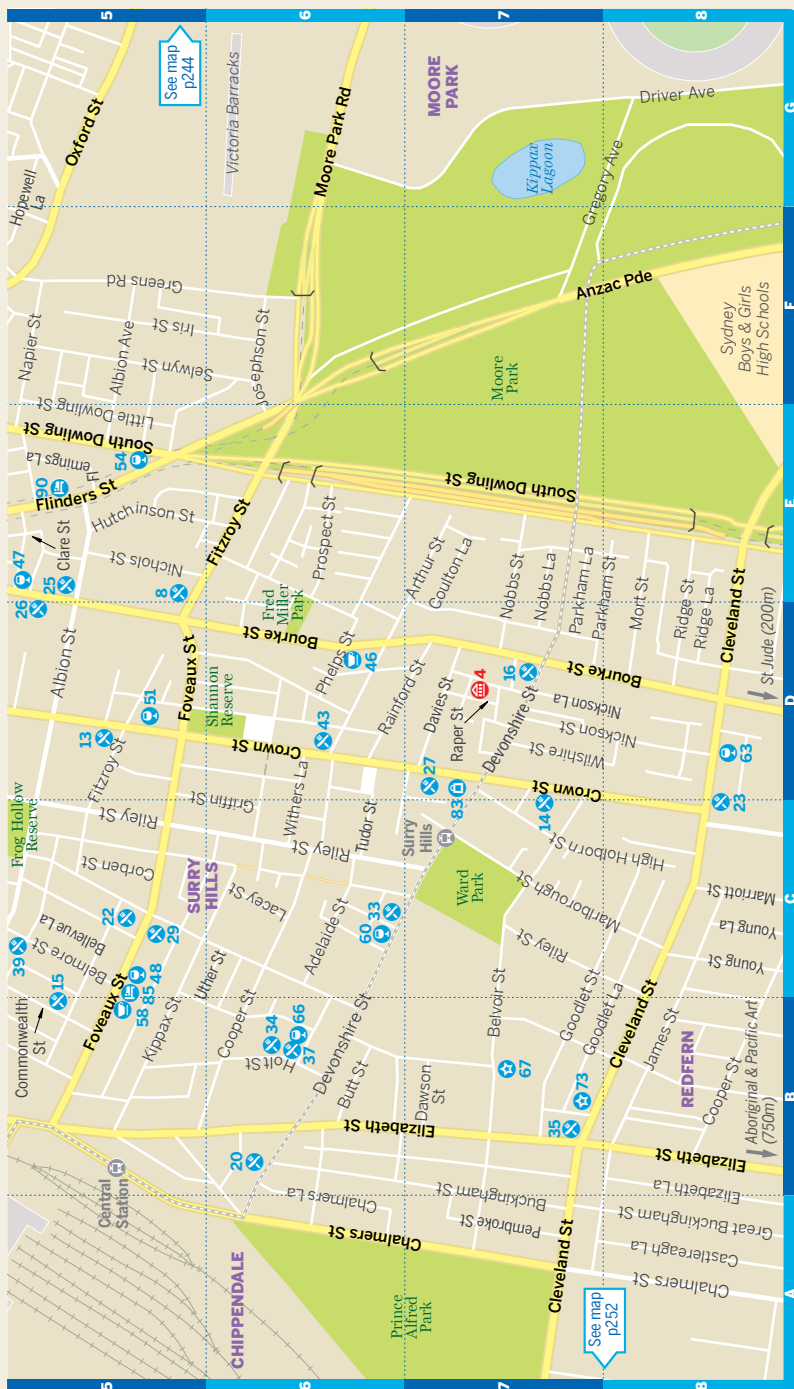
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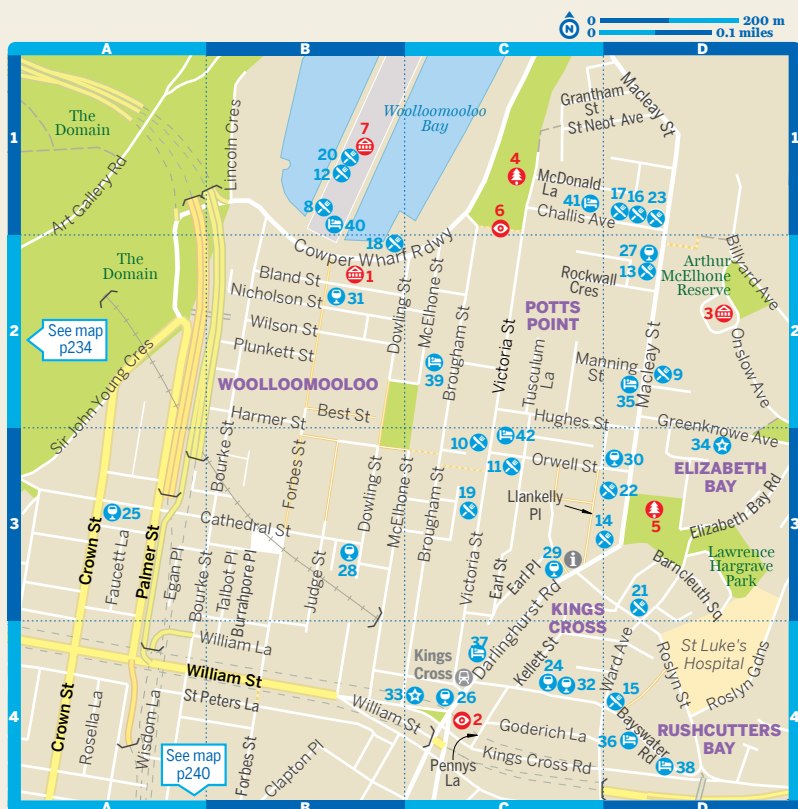
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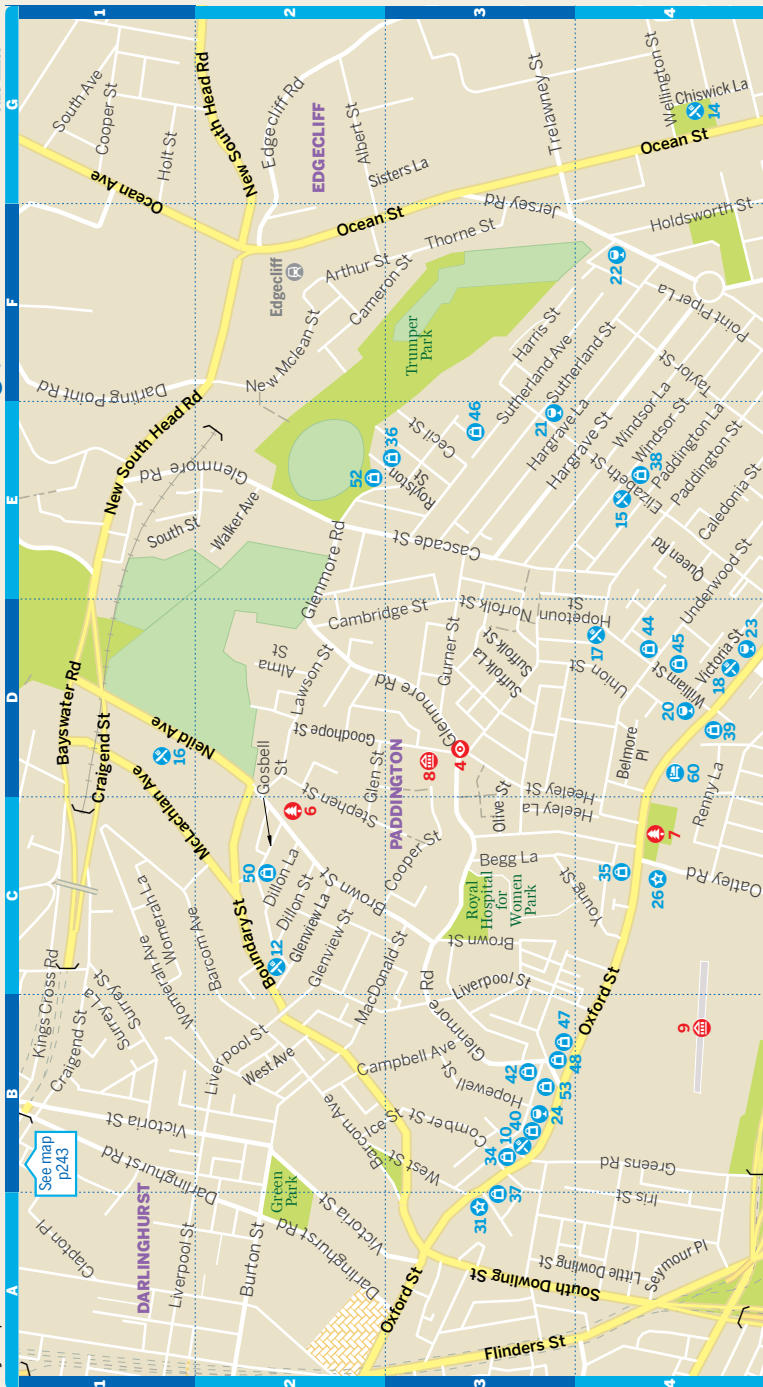
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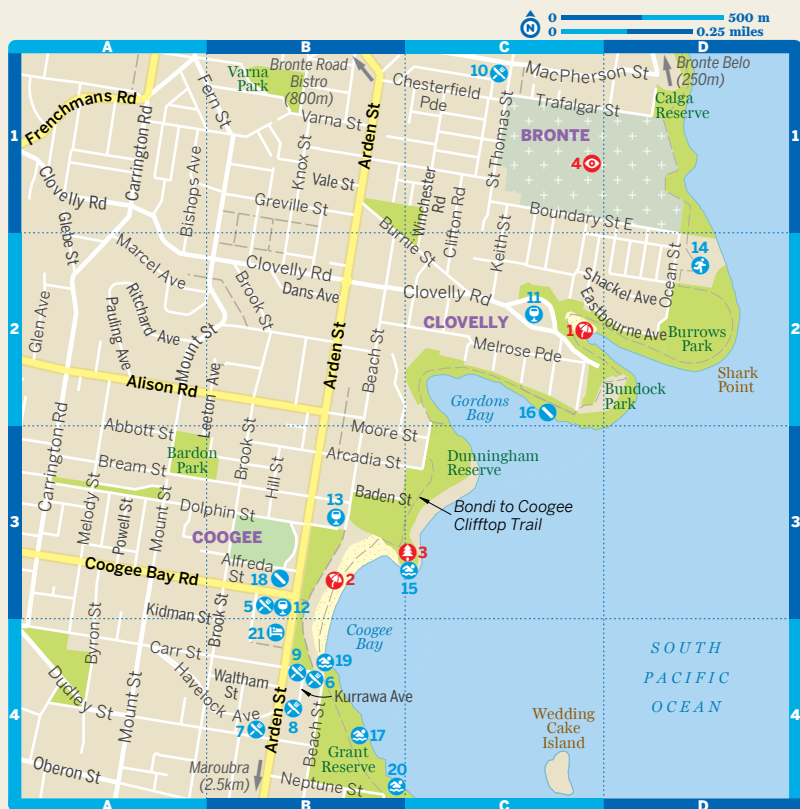
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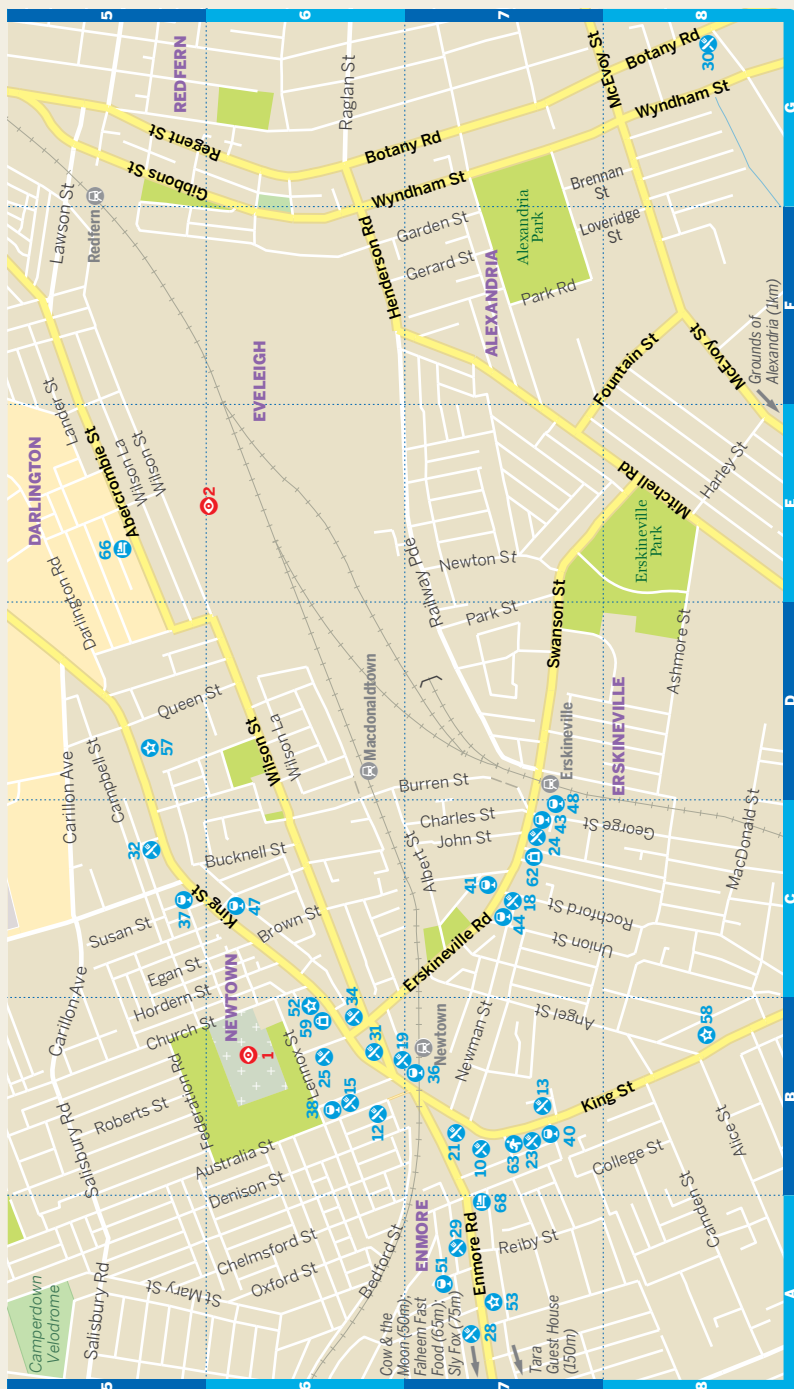
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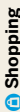
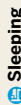


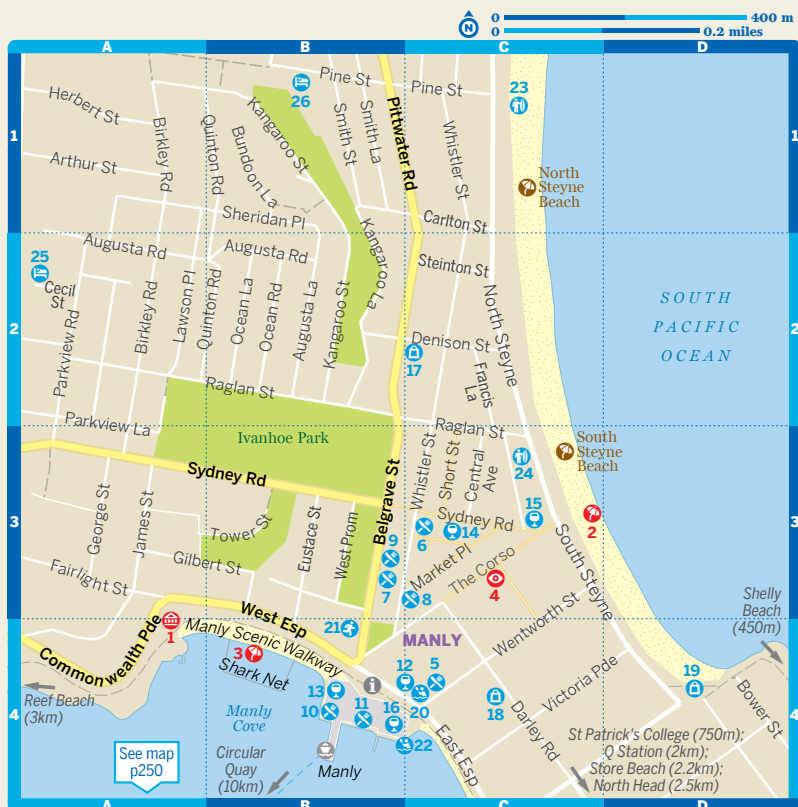
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