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**Sydney/Warrane and Surrounds**

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***guided by Aboriginal people who share their country and bring the landscape to***

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*As a result of the global COVID-19 pandemic, some experiences may not be operating for certain periods or running to altered schedules. Information is correct at time publication, however, please use this itinerary as a guide and check each businesses’ website for the most up-to-date information.*

**DAY 1 Sydney/Warrane**

*Welcome to Sydney, the vibrant capital of New South Wales. Discover the iconic Sydney Harbour, golden sand beaches, lush national parks, delectable restaurants, and a buzzing calendar of events. Sydney sparkles all year round and it’s the perfect holiday spot for families, couples and friends.*

This morning, make your way to Cadman’s Cottage and embark on [**Illi Langi** (The Rocks Aboriginal Dreaming Tour)](http://www.dreamtimesouthernx.com.au/Our-Tours/The-Rocks-Aboriginal-Dreaming-Tour) with [**Dreamtime Southern X**](http://www.dreamtimesouthernx.com.au/).

This leisurely walkabout around The Rocks uncovers the authentic history of the Aboriginal people’s saltwater heritage within Sydney Harbour, their land and water use and their spiritual connection to the adjoining waterways and foreshores.

Aboriginal guides will demonstrate how this place we now know as Sydney continues to weave the Dreamtime Southern X text into its modern, built-up environment. Discover how to experience contemporary Aboriginal society right in the heart of cosmopolitan Sydney today.

*Dreamtime Southern X is a member* *of* [***Discover Aboriginal Experiences Australia***](http://www.discoveraboriginalexperiences.com/)***.***

Tour concludes at Campbells Cove Park Hyatt Sydney.

Enjoy lunch at an historic pub in **The Rocks** area before returning to the hotel to relax.

This evening, walk to the [**Sydney Opera House**](http://www.sydneyoperahouse.com/) and enjoy sunset drinks and fresh oysters at the [**Opera Bar**](http://www.operabar.com.au/) before catching an [**Opera Australia Presents Opera**](https://culturalattractionsofaustralia.com/experiences/opera-australia-presents-opera-at-the-sydney-opera-house/) performance.

*One of the most iconic buildings in the world – the Sydney Opera House is an architectural masterpiece and vibrant performance space. It’s a place where the past shapes the future, where conventions are challenged, and cultures are celebrated.*

Come inside the Sydney Opera House and see an Opera Australia performance. Each year features a range of world-famous opera titles like La Bohème and The Merry Widow.

*The Sydney Opera House and Opera Australia are members of* [***Cultural Attractions of Australia****.*](https://culturalattractionsofaustralia.com/)

**Overnight: Four Seasons Hotel Sydney**

**DAY 2**

Take a [**Blue Mountains Day Tour**](https://boutiquetoursaustralia.com.au/day-tours-sydney/blue-mountains/) with [**Boutique Tours**](http://www.boutiquetoursaustralia.com.au/) **Australia.**

Explore the Blue Mountains from an insider’s perspective – from secluded lookouts, rainforest bush tracks and pristine valleys. See Australia’s unique landscapes and learn local stories and legends about Aboriginal culture.

Visit the Three Sisters as well as smaller lookouts and waterfalls. Peaceful bushwalks enhance the experience, and let you soak up the Mountains atmosphere.

Enjoy lunch at a cafes or restaurant in a relaxed mountain village.

In the afternoon head down from the mountains for a hands-on Australian native wildlife encounter with the chance to feed kangaroos and have a photo taken with a koala at Featherdale Wildlife Park before returning to the city.

**Overnight: Four Seasons Hotel Sydney**

**DAY 3**

Walk to [**BridgeClimb Sydney**](http://www.bridgeclimb.com/)for a[**Burrawa Indigenous Climb Experience**](http://www.bridgeclimb.com/climbs-prices/burrawa).

See Australia’s largest city through Indigenous eyes on the Burrawa Indigenous Climb Experience. Glimpse historic and sacred sites and hear riveting Dreaming tales as you climb 134 metres above the glittering blue waters of Sydney Harbour in the company of an Aboriginal storyteller on this 3-hour climb.

*Burrawa Indigenous Climb Experience is a member* *of* [***Discover Aboriginal Experiences Australia***](http://www.discoveraboriginalexperiences.com/)***.***

On completion make your way to the Festival Pontoon (in front of Maritime Museum) for a [**Sydney By Sail**](http://www.sydneybysail.com/), Darling Harbour for a [**three-hour sail**](https://www.sydneybysail.com/tourist/daily-sailing-trips).

Ahoy there! Join your skipper and crew for an exploration of Sydney Harbour on a luxury yacht. You can play a part in the crew - trimming the sail or trying your hand at the helm – your friendly skipper will show you the ropes. If you prefer to just relax on deck as you glide around the shimmering waters, please do.

Wet Weather alternative

Make your way to the [**Australian National Maritime Museum**](http://www.sea.museum/) for the [**Hidden Gems and Ancient Artefacts Tour**](https://culturalattractionsofaustralia.com/experiences/hidden-gems-and-ancient-artefacts/).

On this private behind-the-scenes VIP tour you will be given exclusive access to the museum’s collection stores and discover hidden gems not on display to the public. You’ll see up-close the fascinating conservation and restoration work that goes into preparing items for exhibitions, the intricate work involved in caring for our collections and peek into the hidden world of a museum conservation lab.

*The Australian National Maritime Museum is a member of* [***Cultural Attractions of Australia***](https://culturalattractionsofaustralia.com/)*.*

Enjoy dinner at one of the bustling waterfront restaurants around **Darling Harbour** or **Circular Quay.**

**Overnight: Four Seasons Hotel Sydney**

**DAY 4**

This morning, join an [**Aboriginal Bush Tucker Tour**](https://www.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/what-s-on/aboriginal-bush-tucker-tour) at the [**Royal Botanic Garden Sydney**](http://www.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/).

Walk with your First Nations guide through the Botanic Gardens to learn more about Indigenous bush foods and how these foods were used traditionally and adapted to the modern plate and palate. Journey through the Cadi Jam Ora Garden and learn about some of the hottest bush foods on the market right now, all while tasting some goodies for yourself!

After your tour, why not linger longer and grab a bite to eat at one of the Royal Botanic Garden’s eateries or enjoy an alfresco picnic with harbour views.

*The Royal Botanic Garden Sydney is a member* *of* [***Discover Aboriginal Experiences Australia***](http://www.discoveraboriginalexperiences.com/)***.***

This afternoon, explore the hip inner-city suburbs of **Paddington** and **Surry Hills**. Wander down Oxford Street to Sydney's fashion strip known as 'The Intersection', where you'll discover premium Australian labels including Bassike and Camilla and Marc. The leafy suburb of Surry Hills is a 15-minute walk from here and home to some of the city's hottest tables.

Enjoy a casual pub meal at [**Trinity Bar**](https://www.trinitybar.com.au/) or the [**Clock Hotel**](https://www.clockhotel.com.au/) on Crown Street.

**Overnight: Four Seasons Hotel Sydney**

**SUGGESTED TRIP EXTENSIONS**

**EXTENSION 1 Port Stephens – 2 nights**

**DAY 5**

This morning, collect your rental car and drive approximately 2.5 hours to **Port Stephens**.

*Port Stephens is a seaside getaway, surrounded by 26 stunning beaches and a majestic*

*bay along the Legendary Pacific Coast route. In addition to world-class surf breaks,*

*visitors can explore this aquatic playground by scuba diving with grey nurse sharks,*

*swimming with wild dolphins or snorkelling in gentle bays.*

Arrive in time to take in lunch at the [**Little Beach Boathouse**](https://littlebeachboathouse.com.au/), which overlooks a quiet strip of the bay. Order a tray of local oysters with sourdough or choose from the wide variety of fish.

A day in Port Stephens isn’t complete without an afternoon on the water. Take a [**Moonshadow TQC**](https://moonshadow-tqc.com.au/) **dolphin or whale watching cruise\***. Dolphins and whales are common off the coast of Port Stephens, so your chance of an up-close encounter is high.

*\*May to November*

Check into your accommodation at [**Bannisters Port Stephens**](http://www.bannisters.com.au/)**.**

Tonight, enjoy dinner at [**Rick Stein at Bannisters**](https://www.bannisters.com.au/menu/rick-stein-port-stephens-menu/) offering freshly caught seafood and boutique wines.

**Overnight Bannisters Port Stephens**

**DAY 6**

### Drive to the Stockton Bight Sand Dunes for an adrenalin-filled 1.5 hour [**Aboriginal Culture, Sand Boarding and Quad Bike Tour**](https://sandduneadventures.com.au/tours/quad-bikes/) with [**Sand Dune Adventures**](https://sandduneadventures.com.au/).

Enjoy exclusive access to a sandy adventure wonderland on this exhilarating quad bike tour of the largest mobile sand dunes in the Southern Hemisphere. Thrills are guaranteed as you tackle the towering dunes head on, cresting the gigantic sand hills on the four-wheeled bikes or sandboarding down the 60-degree slopes.

*Sand Dune Adventures is a member of* [***Discover Aboriginal Experiences***](http://www.discoveraboriginalexperiences.com/)*.*

Head back into Nelson Bay for lunch at [**The Little Nel**](https://littlenel.com.au/).

If you’re feeling energetic, take in the picturesque ocean views from the [**Tomaree Head Summit walk**](https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/walking-tracks/tomaree-head-summit-walk). Allow about 2 hours for this short, but challenging hike. You may even sport whales between May and October.

This evening, relax over a 2-hour[**Sunset cruise**](http://www.bluewatersailing.com.au/#!Daily%20Charters) with [**Blue Water Sailing**](http://www.bluewatersailing.com.au/).

This is the perfect way to end your day in Port Stephens. Glide across the sheltered waters of the bay onboard the luxury yacht ‘Champagne on Ice’ as the wind eases and the light turns golden. Relax as the sun slowly sinks into the western end of the harbour. Add a platter of gourmet cheeses and the freshest of Port Stephens seafood, and you will never forget the moment.

**Overnight Bannisters Port Stephens**

**DAY 7**

Make your way back to Sydney, stopping in at [**Firescreek Botanical Winery**](https://firescreek.com.au/) for their [**Aboriginal Storytelling and Wine Tasting Experience**](https://firescreek.com.au/aboriginal-storytelling-and-wine-tasting/) commencing at 11am.

This workshop includes Aboriginal storytelling, didgeridoo and clapping stick display as well as an immersive discussion of Indigenous artefacts. Experience a bush tucker tasting of seasonal plants and a presentation by highly talented and well-respected Aboriginal Elder from the Darkinjung Land Council. A guided wine tasting explains how Australian native flora and other botanicals are used to make these unique wines.

Enjoy an indulgent lunch at [**The Wild Flower Bar & Dining**](https://www.bellsatkillcare.com.au/restaurant-and-bar/) at Bells at Killcare before continuing on to Sydney.

**EXTENSION 2 Coffs Harbour – 2 nights**

**DAY 5**

Transfer to Sydney Airport for your one-hour flight to **Coffs Harbour**.

Arrive Coffs Harbour, collect your rental vehicle and transfer to your accommodation.

*From bushwalking and whale watching to the iconic Big Banana, stunning beaches, a marine sanctuary and more, the beachside city of Coffs Harbour is full of attractions*.

#### This afternoon head to [**The Big Banana**](https://bigbanana.com/). This icon features the biggest indoor Giant Slide in the country, the biggest Water Park between Sydney and The Gold Coast, a famous Toboggan Ride overlooking the beautiful Pacific Ocean, a 36 hole Mini-Golf course, State-of-the-art Laser Tag arena, a Demolition Derby, Ice Skating rink and a 4D Ride Simulator. For a slightly less active experience, visit the World of Bananas Theatre and plantation tour or Steve McEwan’s Reptile World.

Tonight, head to dinner at [**Fiasco Ristorante and Bar**](https://fiascorestaurant.com.au/) and indulge in some Italian comfort food.

**Overnight Breakfree Aanuka Beach Resort**

**DAY 6**

Grab your hat and sunscreen and enjoy a day on the pristine waterways of the Solitary Islands Marine Park with [**Wajaana Yaam Gumbaynggirr Adventure Tours**](http://www.wajaanayaam.com.au/).

[**The Full Day Cultural Tour: Paddle and Walk Premium**](https://wajaanayaam.com.au/tours/book-now/) comprises a stand-up paddle

tour followed by a cultural walking tour. This 4.5-hour cultural tour includes

Gumbaynggirr stories, language, and bush tucker from the stunning creek and cultural

significant walking locations.

Hear how the Gumbaynggirr language came to be in the Dreaming and learn simple

Gumbaynggirr phrases, sample bush food and appreciate the resilience of the

Gumbaynggirr culture and how this has been preserved over time.

*Wajaana Yaam Gunbaynggirr Adventure Tours is a member of* [***Discover Aboriginal Experiences***](http://www.discoveraboriginalexperiences.com/)*.*

Return to your hotel to freshen up before a casual dinner with beach and park views at [**The Surf Club Restaurant and Bar**](https://surfclubcoffsharbour.com.au/).

**Overnight Breakfree Aanuka Beach Resort**

**DAY 7**

This morning, take a short 10-minute drive up through banana plantations to the [**Forest Sky Pier, Niigi Niigi – Sealy Lookout**](https://www.forestrycorporation.com.au/visit/forests/orara-east), offering magnificent views over the city of Coffs Harbour and up and down the coastline. This lookout sits within a flora reserve in the Orara East State Forest on Gumbayggirr Country. There are several walks through the rainforest ranging from 1 to 3 hours.

Around 20 minutes north, sit back and relax over lunch at the [**Surf Street Café**](https://surfstreet.com.au/), at Emerald Beach.

Head back south to Coffs Harbour and make a visit to the [**National Cartoon Gallery**](https://nationalcartoongallery.com.au/), home to the largest contemporary cartoon collection in the Southern Hemisphere. An authentic World World II bunker has been converted into an exhibition gallery, and along with a new extension, holds an everchanging exhibition from over 24,000 works.

Return to Coffs Harbour airport for your return flight to Sydney.

**EXTENSION 3 Pretty Beach House – 2 nights**

**DAY 5**

Collect your rental vehicle anddepart Sydney and take a two-hour drive to beautiful

Bouddi National Park. Or for the ultimate indulgence, take a memorable seaplane flight from Rose Bay, Sydney to Pretty Beach House.

Arrive at [**Pretty Beach House**](http://www.prettybeachhouse.com/).

*Pretty Beach House is the epitome of relaxed Australian luxury and elegance for those looking for an exclusive getaway. A serene escape nestled within the heart of the NSW Bouddi National Park high above Pretty Beach, this stunning world class hotel provides luxury accommodation and is surrounded by natural beauty including several glorious golden beaches and picturesque bays.*

*Pretty Beach House is a member of* [***Luxury Lodges of Australia***](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/lodges/prettybeachhouse/)*.*

This evening share pre-dinner drinks and canapés and enjoy a **traditional smoking ceremony**, incorporating didgeridoo and song. Learn of the ancient rock carvings on the property and Indigenous Dreamtime stories.

Enjoy a degustation dinner at Pretty Beach House.

*The daily menus at Pretty Beach House offer seasonal, Italian inspired cuisine that is often locally sourced or straight from our kitchen & herb gardens. Menus are prepared based on the finest and freshest produce available creating delicious daily menu selections.*

**Overnight Pretty Beach House**

**DAY 6**

After breakfast take a [**Guided Cultural and Bush Tucker Tour**](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/activity/guided-cultural-bush-tucker-tour/).

Visit one of the many Aboriginal sites that have been recorded in the park which include indigenous rock engravings and other fascinating archaeological deposits. Hear the history of the local Darkinjung culture and begin to take in the knowledge about Aboriginal people’s kinship with the ocean and the land. This unforgettable experience includes viewings of Indigenous sites, information on edible/medicinal wild plants, a didgeridoo lesson and also a traditional fire-making session.

For something truly special, book a [**Secret Picnic Spot experience**](https://luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au/activity/secret-picnic-spot/), where a luxurious gourmet picnic is set up in a secret location and all you have to do is arrive, relax and enjoy the breathtaking scenery.

Return to the Beach House and indulge in a therapeutic spa treatment at the [**Bouddi Spa**](https://prettybeachhouse.com/bouddi-peninsula-spa/)before this evening’s dinner.

**Overnight Pretty Beach House**

**DAY 7**

Check out of your hotel and depart on your return trip to Sydney.

If self-driving, take a slight detour and stop in at [**Firescreek Botanical Winery**](https://firescreek.com.au/) at Holgate on the Central Coast for the [**Aboriginal Storytelling and Wine Tasting Experience**](https://firescreek.com.au/aboriginal-storytelling-and-wine-tasting/) commencing at 11am.

This workshop includes Aboriginal storytelling, didgeridoo and clapping stick display as well as an immersive discussion of Indigenous artefacts. Experience a bush tucker tasting of seasonal plants and a presentation by highly talented and well-respected Aboriginal Elder from the Darkinjung Land Council. A guided wine tasting explains how Australian native flora and other botanicals are used to make these unique wines.

*Firescreek Botanical Winery Aboriginal Storytelling and Wine Tasting Experience is a member of* [***Discover Aboriginal Experiences***](http://www.discoveraboriginalexperiences.com/)*.*

**EXTENSION 4 Hunter Valley – 2 nights**

**DAY 5**

Collect your rental vehicle and head north for a 2-day trip to the Hunter Valley.

Stop in at [**Firescreek Botanical Winery**](https://firescreek.com.au/) for their [**Aboriginal Storytelling and Wine Tasting Experience**](https://firescreek.com.au/aboriginal-storytelling-and-wine-tasting/) commencing at 11am.

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Head a bit further up the coast to the[**Ocean Restaurant**](https://www.oceanrestaurant.com.au/) at **The Entrance** for lunch with ocean views.

Continue on to the Hunter Valley and check into your hotel.

*Surrounded by magnificent natural beauty, and only two hours from Sydney, the Hunter Valley is an unrivalled destination that has delighted since vines first thrived in the 1820s. With more cellar doors than any other wine region in Australia, one of the great pleasures of wine tasting here is the incredible breadth of flavour and character. While Hunter Valley semillon and shiraz have long been world-famous, you’ll also sip distinctive and innovative wines, from classic to newer varieties.*

This evening, head to [**EXP Restaurant**](https://www.exprestaurant.com.au/) for one of the Hunter Valley’s most adventurous dining experiences.

**Overnight: Spicers Guesthouse**

**DAY 6**

Today, make your way to [**Audrey Wilkinson**](http://www.audreywilkinson.com.au/) and collect your picnic basket for a [**Picnic Among the Vines**](https://www.ultimatewineryexperiences.com.au/experiences/picnic-among-the-vines-audrey-wilkinson-vineyard/).

Enjoy a self-guided tour of the onsite museum, followed by a master class and premium tasting from an in-house wine expert. Collect your bottle of handpicked wine along with a picnic hamper and select a scenic location within the 270-acre property to enjoy the picturesque view and immerse yourself amongst the vines where you will feel as though you have the whole vineyard to yourself!

After your picnic, visit [**Tyrell’s Vineyard**](http://www.tyrells.com.au/) for the [**Sacred Sites Exclusive Experience**](https://ultimatewineryexperiences.rezdy.com/422530/sacred-sites-experience-hosted-by-bruce-or-chris-tyrrell?_ga=2.163378428.1934247698.1660006887-1815169578.1658187637&_gac=1.56697432.1660020939.CjwKCAjw6MKXBhA5EiwANWLODM0p_KC_MbZXjLTez5MUzBHo02lpJNnFAYmf2Q4Wd0xdIlgf4cSRzRoCyBsQAvD_BwE).

Fourth Generation, Bruce Tyrrell, or Fifth Generation, Chris Tyrrell, hosts a private and personalised tour of Tyrrell’s Sacred Sites vineyards, located on the Ashmans property. The Sacred Sites are ungrafted dry-grown vineyards which are over 100 years old. Tyrrell’s own 7 of the 11 oldest vineyards in NSW. These vineyards are still producing exceptional fruit which is made into some of the most sought-after wines in Australia, all of which are generally pre-sold prior to release. This experience will also include a winery tour and barrel tasting followed by a tutored tasting of the Sacred Sites collection.

*Audrey Wilkinson and Tyrell’s are members of* [***Ultimate Winery Experiences Australia****.*](https://www.ultimatewineryexperiences.com.au/regions/hunter-valley/#wineries)

This evening, explore the contemporary tastes and techniques of modern Australian cuisine at [**Restaurant Botanica**](https://restaurantbotanica.com.au/), located at [**Spicers Guesthouse**](https://spicersretreats.com/retreats/spicers-guesthouse/).

**Overnight: Spicers Guesthouse**

**DAY 7**

Visit [**Brokenwood Wines**](http://www.brokenwood.com.au/) for the [**VIP Soil-to-Cellar Experience**](https://www.ultimatewineryexperiences.com.au/experiences/vip-soil-to-cellar-brokenwood/).

For wine lovers with a penchant for shiraz, it doesn’t get better than this. Gain VIP access to one of Australia’s most iconic vineyards, taste Brokenwood’s flagship

Graveyard Vineyard Shiraz and discover first-hand why it’s consistently recognised as the best single site shiraz in New South Wales - your palate will thank you.

Bring your appetite for a culinary crusade of epic proportions. This personalised soil-to-cellar experience includes a perfect pairing of oysters and semillon in the Graveyard Tasting Room, followed by a behind-the-scenes tour of the winery and a 4-course degustation lunch matched with award-winning Brokenwood wines.

Finally, indulge in a gourmet grazing platter amongst the wine barrels and be one of the first to taste Brokenwood’s pre-release Graveyard Vineyard Shiraz. Head home with serious bragging rights and a bottle of current release Graveyard Vineyard Shiraz.

*Brokenwood is a member of* [***Ultimate Winery Experiences Australia***](https://www.ultimatewineryexperiences.com.au/experiences/vip-soil-to-cellar-brokenwood/)*.*

Make a stop at the nearby [**Hunter Valley Cheese Company**](http://www.huntervalleycheese.com.au/)to purchase some local specialty cheese before returning to Sydney.