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Visit Cockatoo Island for a Fun-packed School Holiday Program

Not only is Cockatoo Island one of the best tourist destinations in Sydney, it also has a great program of activities on offer for the kids during the July School holidays. The UNESCO World-Heritage listed island provides a wealth of history to engage and excite children of all ages. These five school holiday activities are sure to keep the kids busy:

Haunted History Night Tours

6pm & 6.30 pm - 5, 7, 8, 12 & 14 July

Cost: Adults \$25, Children \$15

A special spooky night tour of Cockatoo Island's hidden histories and mysteries. This 90-minute nocturnal exploration is the perfect way to discover the history of Cockatoo Island from its early colonial beginnings as a prison, to a reformatory for orphans and wayward children, to a working shipyard.

Crooked Characters of Cockatoo Island

2pm & 4pm - 1, 5, 8, & 15 July

Cost: Free

Crooked Characters of Cockatoo Island and other Colonial Escapades is an hour-long family friendly journey into the hilarious and fascinating underbelly of Australia's colonial and recent history. The two guides will take you on an entertaining romp through the Australian Penal System that thrived on Cockatoo Island.

Convict History Guided Tours

11am, 1.30pm and 3pm, 1, 6, 8, 13 & 15 July

Cost: Adults \$10, children free

Learn about the fascinating history of Cockatoo Island which was a convict prison between 1839 and 1869. At its peak it was home to 550 men who built their barracks, forged their own prison bars and constructed the Fitzroy Dock.

Camping On Cockatoo

Available every night

Cost: Visit our website for rates

With the tent, mattresses and camping chairs already set up for you, this option is perfect if you crave a camping adventure without the hard work.

Tents are ideal for up to two adults and two small children.

Vacation Care

3 - 15 July

Cost: \$12 per child. (Price does not include ferry travel)

Bring your Vacation Care group to Cockatoo Island, Sydney's largest and most fascinating urban island. A short ferry trip from Circular Quay turns a journey into an adventure.

Cockatoo Island is just a short ferry ride from Circular Quay. Lunch options are available. For more information, visit www.cockatooisland.gov.au.

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Cockatoo Island in Sydney Harbour is open to the public daily, offering major events, exhibitions, venue hire, accommodation, tours and business tenancy. It is one of the ten magnificent sites managed by the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust, a self-funding agency created by the Australian Government to be responsible for the vision planning and management of former defence and Commonwealth sites around Sydney Harbour. The other public spaces and parklands managed by the Harbour Trust are North Head Sanctuary in Manly, Georges Heights, Middle Head and Chowder

Bay in Mosman, Woolwich Dock and Parklands, Macquarie Lightstation in Vaucluse, the Platypus site in Neutral Bay, Marine Biological Station in Watsons Bay and Snapper Island in Sydney Harbour. www.cockatooisland.gov.au