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### Haunted Histories in abundance on Cockatoo Island

Back by popular demand, the Haunted History Night Tours at Cockatoo Island are on again, littered with more scandal, skeletons and secrets than ever! Journey back in time and visit the days of the old convict prison, Industrial Precinct and the hidden stories of the dockyards. Kicking off Saturday 9 June, discover history with a bit of mystery hidden in Sydney's own backyard.

Sydney Harbour, with its striking Harbour Bridge and Opera House, is home to many unseen surprises but nothing more mysterious than the Haunted Histories of Cockatoo Island. Learn about the convicts that ruled Sydney largest island or the wayward girls and boys who took over their prison cells.

Haunted History tours delve into gaol life during early settlement on Cockatoo Island. Cells now transformed into tourist attractions, once housed some of the most dangerous criminals, their stories seeping from the sandstone walls they helped build. Amongst the structures which dominate Cockatoo Island's Convict Precinct, the Haunted Histories tour explores the mysteries of the 1841 built Biloela House, home to the Superintendent of the time whose daughter has been known to still walk its hallways.

For the ultimate experience and possibly a visit from the spirits that still reside on Cockatoo Island, stay over-night in one of the island's many accommodation options. Glamping, camping and apartment stay are available all year round, combined with the tours make for a memorable night on Sydney Harbour.

The Haunted History Night Tours are an enchanting and sometimes mystifying adventure which will have you baffled and bewildered. Tours run until 25 August, with plenty of exciting history on Cockatoo Island, book now before time runs out.

#### **Haunted Histories, Cockatoo Island**

**When:** 9 July- 25 August

**Time:** 6:30pm (June only). 6:00pm and 6:30pm July and August

**Where:** Cockatoo Island, Sydney Harbour. Pick up your map from the Visitor Centre.

**Age:** The tour is designed to be family-friendly but children must be accompanied by an adult. Further, the tour's duration (and possibly some of the content) may not be suitable for very young children.

**Tickets:** Tickets available until sold out. Visit the Cockatoo Island website at <http://www.cockatooisland.gov.au/haunted-tours>

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