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Natural beauty. Historic landmarks. Panoramic views. Incredible stories.

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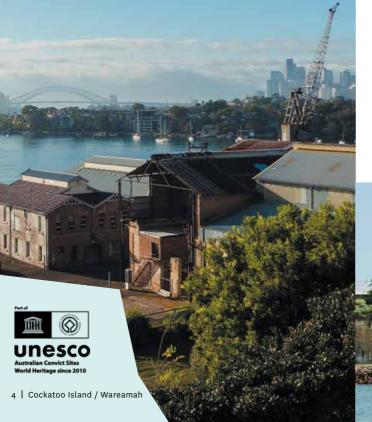


Located in the heart of Sydney Harbour, Cockatoo Island / Wareamah captivates visitors owing to its dramatic landscape, award-winning accommodation and panoramic views.

At a glance

Known to Sydney's First Nations peoples as Wareamah,
Cockatoo Island is a short ferry ride from both the city and wharves along Parramatta River.
A major drawcard is the UNESCO World Heritage listed Convict Site, which provides a window into the period when the island was a gaol.

Other highlights include a waterfront campground, licensed cafes, the historic dockyard, holiday houses and apartments and tours. Plus, we offer exciting seasonal events, including outdoor concerts, steam crane demonstrations and our annual New Year's Eve celebrations.







Accommodation

Need a holiday? Escape to Cockatoo Island for your next vacation! Bordered by landscaped gardens, our historic houses and apartments combine authentic heritage character with modern amenities and harbour views.

Plus, our waterfront campground is an opportunity to unwind in a spectacular outdoor setting directly on Sydney Harbour.

Our camping packages cater for all budgets, group sizes and occasions, including romantic getaways and family vacations.





Guided tours

Travel back in time with one of our guided tours! Accompanied by a knowledgeable guide, you'll discover landmarks from the island's turbulent convict era (1839–69) and celebrated dockyard years (1857–1991).

Self-guided tours

Prefer to journey through the island's history at your own pace? Purchase an audio tour from our Visitor Centre or embark on our free Talking Object Tour, which uses colourful signage and mobile technology to bring cranes, docks and other historic landmarks to life.

Hot tip!

Head to our Visitor Centre, near the main entrance, and you'll be greeted by a friendly visitor service volunteer! They'll hand you a map and offer tips for a great day out.



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North Head Sanctuary Manly

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A nature refuge in Gayamagal Country, North Head Sanctuary is situated at the northern entrance to Sydney Harbour – just a hop and a skip from Manly Beach!





At a glance

Defined by coastal bushland and dramatic cliffs, North Head Sanctuary features scenic walking trails with jaw-dropping views as well as military fortifications dating to the Second World War, reminders of the nation's early quarantine practices and a vibrant community of native animals and plants.

Attractions

Popular landmarks include the Third Quarantine Cemetery, Australia's Memorial Walk, the Art Deco Barracks Precinct, the Hanging Swamp and North Fort – a historic military complex that once defended Sydney from the threat

Need to refuel?

Head to Bella Vista Cafe for Italian cuisine paired with a panoramic view overlooking the Pacific Ocean and Sydney Harbour.

Guided tours

Available Sundays, our Defence of Sydney Tour allows you to walk in the footsteps of those who served at North Fort. Accompanied by a knowledgeable guide, you will descend into a 200-metre-long military tunnel complex, discover a former gun emplacement, and uncover the secrets of an underground bunker known as the Plotting Room. We also offer our Third Quarantine Cemetery Tour on select dates.

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Headland Park

Mosman

Chowder Bay / Gooree Georges Heights Middle Head / Gubbuh Gubbuh



Cafes and restaurant



Self-guided and group tours



Lookouts



Natural attractions



Historic destination



Tennis court





Bondi to Manly walk



Picnic areas



Public transport



Free and parking





A stunning retreat on the Mosman shoreline, Chowder Bay is a popular destination for families and receives seasonal visits from penguins, seals and whales.

Things to do

Attractions include charming eateries and water activities, as well as access to the beach at nearby Clifton Gardens and a coastal track leading to Taronga Zoo.







Located just beyond Mosman Village, Georges Heights is known for its coastal bush trails, thriving artist community and cafe culture.

Things to do

A major drawcard is Georges Head Lookout. Perched on the ridge above Chowder Bay, it features military relics (including gun emplacements) plus a picnic area with harbour views. Other highlights include tennis court hire, a weekly market and guided tours.



Scan to plan your trip In addition to a sweeping view across Middle Harbour to North Head, Middle Head features tranquil coastal walks.

Things to do

Unwind at a cafe or restaurant and get into the swing of things at our harbourside tennis court.

Other highlights include access to clothing optional beaches and historic military landmarks.



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Macquarie Lightstation

Vaucluse

Self-guided and group tours



Walking tracks



Bondi to Manly walk Historic destination





Located along the clifftop at Vaucluse in Sydney's Eastern Suburbs, Macquarie Lightstation is the site of Australia's first lighthouse.





At a glance

Completed in 1818, Macquarie Lighthouse was designed by convict architect Francis Greenway for Governor of NSW, Lachlan Macquarie.

Due to crumbling foundations, it was rebuilt in the 1880s. The new tower was designed by the state's Colonial Architect James Barnet.

Things to do

The lighthouse is occasionally opened for guided tours that afford access to the lantern room and balcony for sweeping views of the harbour and ocean.

Feeling ambitious?

Embark on the 80km Bondi to Manly Walk, which includes a pit stop at Macquarie Lightstation.





Former Marine Biological Station

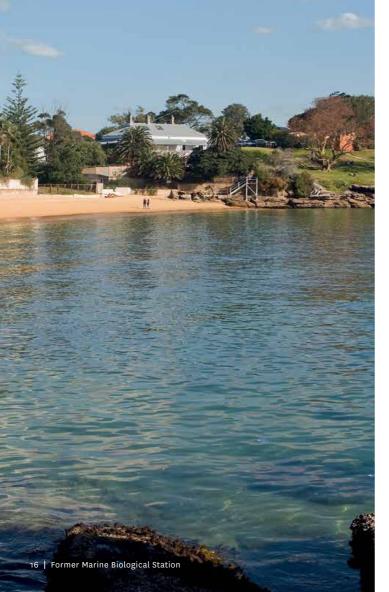
Camp Cove, Watsons Bay













Located a short walk from Macquarie Lightstation, at Camp Cove, the Former Marine Biological Station was one of the first buildings in Watsons Bay.

At a glance

Like Sydney Hotel and Katoomba's Carrington Hotel, the heritage-listed sandstone cottage was designed by prominent architect John Kirkpatrick.

Things to do

Although the charming building is closed to the public, visitors can relax at the adjoining park and nearby beach.





Sub Base Platypus

North Sydney



Self-guided and group tours



Bondi to Manly



Picnic areas



Natural attractions

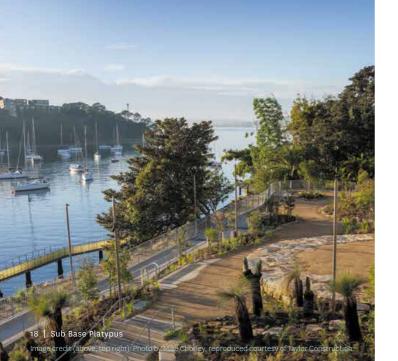






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Formerly a torpedo factory, submarine base and gas works, Sub Base Platypus is a community recreation and work hub in North Sydney, homeland of the Cammeraygal people.





Torpedo Factory Precinct

The Torpedo Factory Precinct is a sheltered space where visitors can enjoy views of Neutral Bay, see historical artefacts and photos, and engage with a vibrant artwork by Kamilaroi/Gamilaraay artist Dennis Golding.

Waterfront parklands

Located at the foot of the Torpedo Factory Precinct, Wirra Birra Park is a place where visitors can connect with Country and enjoy the tranquillity afforded by a landscaped area abundant in native plants. Meanwhile. Oberon Park features shaded BBOs, a memorial honouring Australian submariners and a maritime-themed playground.

Guided tours

Running select Saturdays, our Sub Base Stories Tour is an opportunity to explore a historic destination that was off-limits to the public for 150+ years!

Sustainable furniture

The flagship store of sustainable furniture and homewares brand Koskela is located on the waterfront. Discover products by a diverse range of makers including First Nations creatives.







Public transport guide

For further information including bus, ferry and train timetables, visit transportnsw.info







Cockatoo Island / Wareamah

The F3 and F8 ferries operate to Cockatoo Island daily, departing from Circular Quay, Barangaroo and wharves along Parramatta River. The ferry ride from Circular Quay is approx 20 mins.

North Head Sanctuary

The 161 bus runs from Manly Wharf to North Head Sanctuary daily. You can also walk from Manly Wharf to North Head Sanctuary in approx 30 mins.

Headland Park

To get to Headland Park's precincts from Sydney's CBD, board the 100 bus at a designated stop in the city, get off at Mosman Junction and board the 111 bus. The 111 bus runs between South Mosman Wharf and Chowder Bay (with stops at Georges Heights and Middle Head) daily.

Macquarie Lightstation

The 324 bus runs between Circular Quay and Watsons Bay (via Vaucluse) daily. Get off at the stop on Old South Head Road, near Macquarie Lightstation.

Former Marine Biological Station

This landmark is closed to the public but you can enjoy the beach at Camp Cove. Ferries

- as well as the 324 bus
- operate between Circular Quay and Watsons Bay daily. From Watson's Bay, walk via Cliff and Pacific streets to reach Camp Cove.

Woolwich Dock & Parklands

Catch the F8 ferry at Circular Quay and get off at Woolwich Wharf. From there, board the 538 bus, get off near Woolwich Pier Hotel and enter Woolwich Dock & Parklands via the Goat Paddock entrance.

Sub Base Platypus

The F5 ferry operates between Circular Quay and Neutral Bay Wharf daily. Get off at North Sydney Ferry Wharf to reach Sub Base Platypus. Sub Base Platypus is also short walk from North Sydney and Milsons Point train stations. Plus, the 263 and 269 buses stop along Clark Road, 500 metres from Sub Base Platypus.

Visitor tip:

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