

Vivid Sydney 2018

Light & Music Spectacular
with McDermotts Coaches

Tour Departs: Thursday 31 May - Monday 04 June 2018

Tour Cost: \$3093.00 per person Twin Share (\$300.00 single supplement)

Minimum 20 Paying Passengers - Tour Price is Valid for Travel, 2018. Please note that itinerary is subject to change without notice.



The Itinerary

Day 1. Thursday 31 May: Launceston - Sydney

Lunch & Dinner

Upon arriving at the Sydney Airport we are met by our local coach captain before making our way across to **Port Botany** and up through the southern beach suburbs of **Coogee** and **Bondi** before enjoying a stop at the **North Bondi RSL Club** for lunch. After lunch we travel up to **Vaucluse House**, one of Sydney's few 19th-century mansions still surrounded by its original gardens and wooded grounds. We enjoy a guided tour through the house followed by a delightful afternoon tea in the Tearooms. We then travel back down to our accommodation in Surry Hills to check in and make ourselves at home for the next few nights. We then enjoy dinner at the accommodations restaurant.

Overnight: Cambridge Hotel Sydney

Day 2. Friday 1 June: Sydney Highlights

Breakfast & Dinner

This morning we enjoy a **one hour guided tour of the iconic Sydney Opera House** discovering the stories, history and magic that has taken part underneath the world famous sails. We follow our friendly guide inside the World Heritage masterpiece, home to 1000 rooms, 300 corridors and hundreds of tales and secrets. Step inside the inspired theatres where more than 1600 performances come to life each year, and learn how Danish architect Jorn Utzon's ground-breaking design and vision for such a world class performing arts came into existence. After our tour, we head to **Madame Tussauds Sydney** where we have free time to wander through the life-size wax replicas of famous celebrities & historic icons. We then enjoy the rest of the morning strolling the **Darling Harbour** precinct and visit the many shops or purchase lunch in one of the cafés or restaurants. After lunch, we visit the **Sea Life Sydney Aquarium** where we enjoy a fascinating self-guided underwater journey through Australia's unique freshwater and marine aquatic environments. We view the beautiful dugongs - 2 of only 5 on display anywhere in the world - huge sharks, massive sawfish, mysterious stingrays, jellyfish, penguins, seahorses, thousands of tropical fish and much more. From here, we travel back to our hotel enjoying the rest of the afternoon to rest before our dinner cruise this evening. We are transferred to **Darling Harbour Wharf** where we board our **Vivid Festival Dinner Cruise** on board **Captain Cook Cruises MV Sydney**. As we cruise along we see the lights of Vivid turn on from the water whilst enjoying a delicious 3-course dinner and drinks.

Overnight: Cambridge Hotel Sydney

Day 3. Saturday 2 June: Parramatta - Manly - Sydney Tower Eye

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

This morning we head to Circular Quay where **we board the River Cat Ferry** and enjoy a delightful **cruise into Parramatta**. After passing under the famous Sydney Harbour Bridge and by the iconic Sydney Opera House we arrive in Parramatta. Here we are met by our local historian and author **Judith Dunn** for a guided tour on this **history of the Parramatta**. After our tour we bid farewell to Judith as we continue across to the iconic seaside beach haven of **Manly**, stopping to visit the **Quarantine Station**. We enjoy a 45 minute overview of the history of the station before enjoying a light lunch from the Information Centre. We travel back down to our hotel with time to freshen up for our spectacular dining experience at the renowned **Sydney Tower Buffet Restaurant**. Offering over 50 freshly-prepared dishes from a range of cuisines, including modern Australian, Vietnamese, Chinese, Japanese, Italian and a selection of fresh seafood, you can peruse the buffet at your leisure and choose from the extensive buffet offerings and the attentive and friendly service is matched with spectacular 360-degree views of the city, making Sydney Tower Buffet a unique dining experience for locals and visitors alike especially during the **Vivid Lights Festival**. After dinner we have some free time to view the lights at own leisure.

Overnight: Cambridge Hotel Sydney

Day 4. Sunday 3 June: Sydney**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

After breakfast this morning we make our way to the **Chinese Garden of Friendship**. The walled Chinese Garden respectfully recreates the philosophy and harmony of a traditional Chinese garden with waterfalls, lakes, exotic plants, pavilions and hidden pathways. We then head to **The Rocks' Weekend Markets**, where over 200 stalls sell designer clothing, accessories, home-ware, jewellery, photography and souvenir gifts. The area is a well-known creative and cultural arts hub, too, so why not **visit the Museum of Contemporary Art, Argyle Gallery or The Rocks Discovery Museum** (optional own cost entry). We then have the opportunity to purchase lunch at **The Rocks Street Food**. After lunch we travel down to the **Sydney Jewish Museum** for a tour. The story of this Museum began with the rise of Hitler, which led to one of the darkest periods in history. The Sydney Jewish Museum is dedicated to documenting and teaching the history of the Holocaust. The world-class museum challenges visitors' perceptions of democracy, morality, social justice and human rights and places the Holocaust in its historical and contemporary context. We then head to the This afternoon we return to our accommodation for a rest before dinner.

Overnight: Cambridge Hotel Sydney

Day 5. Monday 4 June: The Rocks Market - Sydney Highlights - Launceston**Breakfast**

This morning we enjoy a sleep in before checking out. We then make our way to the **Royal Botanic Gardens** for a self-guided tour, The Royal Botanic Garden Sydney, is a place of natural beauty, where people come for peace, relaxation, education and to learn more about plants and horticulture. We then make our way to the world heritage listed **Hyde Park Barracks Museum**, which was one of the most significant convict sites in the world. A crossroads for tens of thousands of people, it played a central role in the world's largest and longest-running system of convict transportation. After our tour we enjoy an early lunch at the **Bakehouse Kitchen + Bar + Store**. After lunch we board our coach and make our way to Sydney Airport for check in and afternoon flight back to Launceston after a wonderful time away with McDermott's Coaches.

The Tour Price Includes:

- Return economy flights Launceston to Sydney
- Luxury coach travel
- 4 Nights quality motel accommodation
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner as per itinerary (11 Meals)
- All entry fees and guides as per Itinerary

The Tour Highlights: Vaucluse House; Sydney Opera House; Madame Tussauds; Sea Life Sydney Aquarium; Captain Cook Cruises MV Sydney - Vivid Festival Dinner Cruise; River Cat Ferry; Quarantine Station; Sydney Tower Buffet Restaurant; Chinese Garden of Friendship; Hyde Park Barracks Museum; Sydney Jewish Museum; The Rocks' Weekend Markets; Highlights of Sydney and much more.

**PAYMENT DETAILS**

DEPOSIT of \$500.00 per person due upon booking

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