

## **Day 1 – USA to Sydney**

Today you will begin your Swain Destinations customized itinerary. Please note, international air has not been included in this package price.

## **Day 2 – Welcome to Sydney, Australia**

On arrival into Sydney you will need to clear customs and make your way through the main arrivals hall from where you will be met and transferred to your accommodation.

Sydney – Australia's premier city is the oldest settlement in Australia, the economic powerhouse of the nation and the country's capital in everything but name. Built on the shores of the stunning Port Jackson, you would have to die and go to heaven before you see a more spectacular setting for a city. It's a vital, self-regarding metropolis, exuding both a devil-may-care urbanity and a slavish obsession with global fads. The Sydney area was the ancestral home of the Daruk tribe, whose territory extended from Botany Bay to Pittwater.

There are some 2000 Aboriginal rock engraving sites in the Sydney area, and many of Sydney's suburbs have Aboriginal names. The city of Sydney began life as a penal colony in 1788 and for the next 60 years received the unwanted, persecuted and criminal elements of British society. Despite its brutal beginnings, the city's mixture of pragmatic egalitarianism and plain indifference has transformed it into a thriving multicultural society. Sydney now attracts the majority of Australia's immigrants and the city's predominantly Anglo-Irish heritage has been revitalized by large influxes of Italian, Lebanese, Turkish, Greek, Chinese and Vietnamese.

## **Day 3 – Wilderness and Aboriginal Explorer Tour**

Depart from your Sydney accommodation to head to Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, Australia's second oldest National Park and home to the world's most concentrated collection of Aboriginal Heritage sites. Enjoy breathtaking ocean views over Broken Bay, Lion Island, Palm Beach, Pittwater and the Central Coast, and experience an Aboriginal Welcome to Country ceremony and ochre painting on traditional lands. Learn about shipwrecks, smugglers, pirates, escaped convicts and the Park's important role in WWII, and look for native birds and wildlife, or even the Park's famous TV star - 'Skippy the Bush Kangaroo'.

Visit an Aboriginal Heritage site which holds some of the most important rock engravings in Australia, before a scenic cruise on a 52 foot motor catamaran through pristine National Park bushland and waterways - and imagine how Sydney Harbour looked over 250 years ago prior to European arrival. Your tour today includes Aboriginal cultural demonstrations and Aboriginal rock-art sites only accessible by water.

## **Day 4 – Bondi Surf Experience and Walk**

### **Bondi Surf Experience**

Be amazed at how easy, safe and enjoyable it can be to learn to surf! This popular beginner course teaches you how to safely get out and up onto your first wave. Choose a small group setting of up to 6 people, or select a private option for plenty of hands-on help. Build your surf knowledge, confidence and cultivate your surfing technique. This is ideal for first-time surfers or those seeking to refresh or refine their basic technique.

### **Bondi to Coogee Walk**

The Bondi to Coogee walk features six beaches and a number of coves and bays. Most visitors to the coastal walk start either at Bondi Beach or Coogee Beach. A cliff top coastal walk, the Bondi to Coogee walk extends for almost 4 miles in Sydney's eastern suburbs. The walk features stunning views, beaches, parks, cliffs, bays and rock pools.

### **Day 5 – Sydney Opera House - Tour and Tasting**

Begin your journey by exploring underneath the sails with a spectacular Sydney Opera House Tour, taking you inside one of the world's greatest buildings of all time. The guided tour offers the opportunity to experience the Sydney Opera House in its daily operation. Visitors are guided into theaters, given a fascinating account of the history and the architecture of the building, and introduced to the excitement of Performing Arts in Australia.

You may also decide when to take your Opera Kitchen three-tier gourmet tasting plate, before or after your tour as lunch or return for dinner at dusk or a late supper. There's nothing more to do than sit back at Sydney's newest dining spot and indulge in our famous oysters, mini wagyu Burgers or dumplings and soak in the Sydney Harbor views. Opera Kitchen is home to Sydney's best chefs, food artisans and producers that will tantalize your taste buds and leave you spoiled for choice. The ideal way to experience one of the world's most stunning icons and Sydney's newest dining destination.

### **Day 6 – Cruise Like a Local**

Cruising on Sydney Harbour is a quintessential Australian experience. With a minimum of two and a maximum of ten passengers, 'cruise like a local' aboard a luxurious 52' Pacific Motor Cruiser. Perhaps you fancy yourself as an angler? What about taking the sea kayaks and rowing to a secluded beach? Would you like to go for a swim, or would you just prefer to take your chilled glass of Australian wine and relax on the luxurious sun pads? Jump aboard and explore this magnificent, world-renowned harbor with Sea Sydney Cruises.

### **Day 7 – At leisure, Sydney**

At your leisure to explore Sydney. Most of the major attractions of the city are within easy walking distance from your accommodation – Sydney Opera House, Darling Harbour, Centrepont Tower, Circular Quay, The Rocks, etc.

During your stay ideally you should take a harbor cruise around one of the most beautiful harbors in the world, maybe take a short trip to one of the wildlife parks to see the unique animals Australia has. Climb to the top of the Harbour Bridge for some awesome views, and after all that, enjoy the great restaurants that Sydney has to offer. The local chefs take full advantage of the fresh seafood and produce.

### **Day 8 – Sydney to USA**

You will be met and transferred to the airport for your departure flight.