

2026 Grand World Voyage

ZOOM Meet and Greet

13 July 2025

Sydney, Townsville, Cairns



ETA or VISA Required

	ETA (Subclass 601)	Visitor Visa (Subclass 600)
Duration	Up to 3 Month Stay – per visit – multiple entries	Up to 12 months per visit possible
Apply	Must use the Australian ETA APP	Online, Paper or Visa Service
Process time and cost	Approved within 48 hours - \$20 AUD – Apply 2 months in advance to allow time to apply for a Subclass 600 if rejected	Two to Four weeks - \$200 AUD
Convictions and Health	Disclose all convictions, violence or TB status. Cannot seek medical treatment. Circumstances may deny ETA and require application for Subclass 600	Requires Police Background check and possible health exam



ETA Application Tips

- Check out YouTube videos with Application Walkthrough
- You must have smart phone – or access to smart phone that can read NFC chips – otherwise you will have to apply for Subclass 600 Visa
- Read QUESTIONS carefully before checking Yes or No.
 - Something like – Please confirm you have no convictions – answer is YES
- If not approved within 48 hours – follow up aggressively
- Be patient with picture – even lighting - white background
 - Some are approved on first time – others take hours

[Start Today](#)

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Sydney



Sydney Essentials

- Scenic arrival – Early! – Opera Rolls!
- Moored Mar 7th and 8th (Saturday and Sunday)
 - 8 AM to 6 PM (Next Day)
 - White Bay Cruise Terminal
 - Very Strict Food and Agriculture
- Shuttle bus to Darling Harbor
- Taxi Stand and Uber available
- Ferry from WBCT to King Street Wharf

**Zaandam will be at
the Overseas
Passenger Terminal
6 Mar 6:30 AM to
7 Mar 5 PM**



Sydney Essentials

- Money
 - USD not accepted (\$100 AUS is about \$66 USD)
 - Change money on ship or via ATM
 - Everyone takes credit cards – cash not required
- VISA – ETA required in advance – easy to do online
 - Expect Zero Count on arrival –
- Safety – Normal Precautions
- Internet – Widely available
- Cell Service – All major providers
- Rental Cars Available, Uber and Taxis
- Tipping not expected – Round up Cab Fare to next \$5 increment



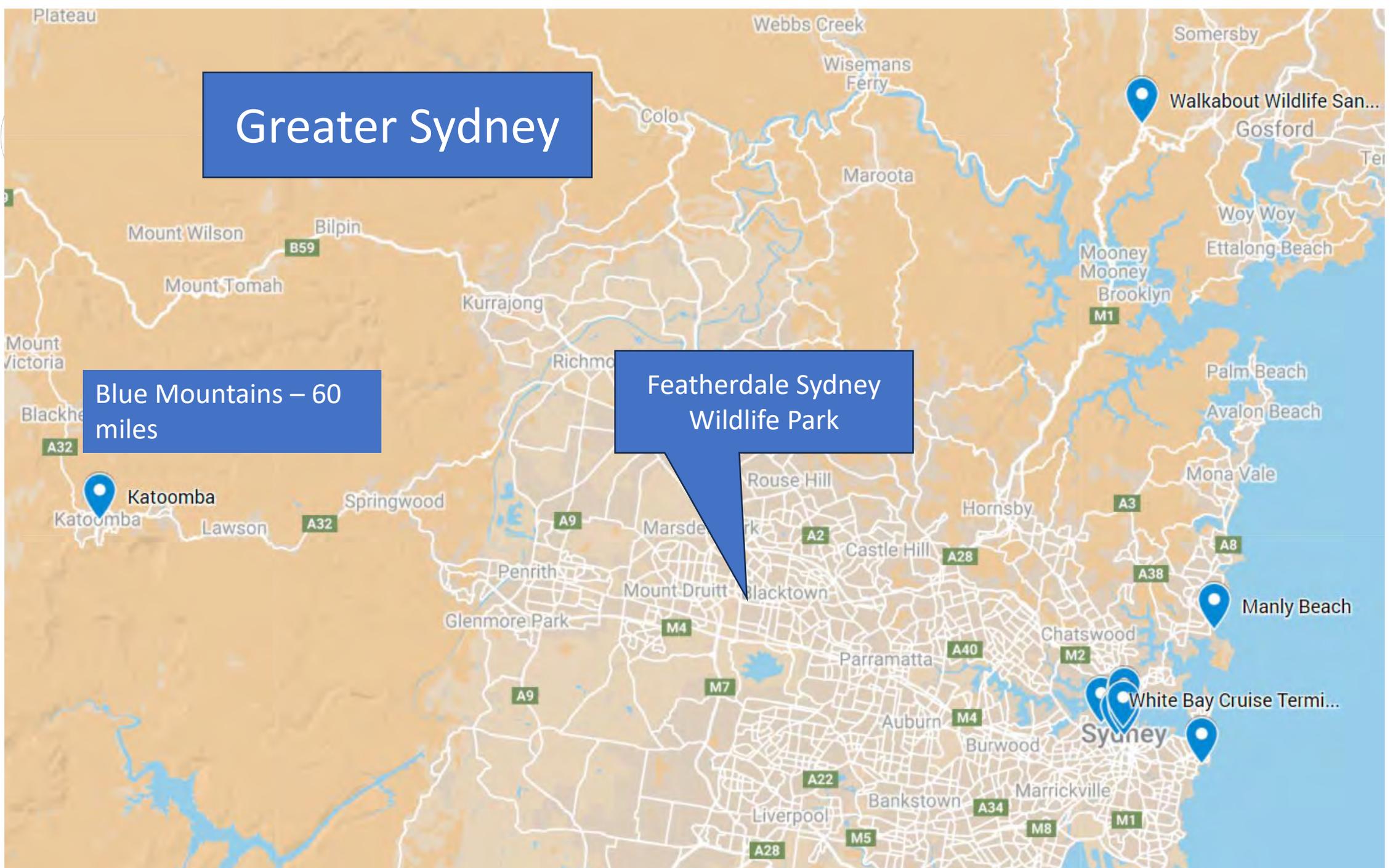
Sydney Essentials

- IMMIGRATION WILL LIKELY BE SLOW
 - Caution when planning early excursions
 - Zero Count – Everyone must leave the ship
 - It took 3 hours to clear the ship in 2023 (COVID Impact)

Greater Sydney

Blue Mountains – 60 miles

Featherdale Sydney Wildlife Park



Sydney Port Visit 7-8 Mar 2026

Manly Beach

Watson Bay

The Rocks

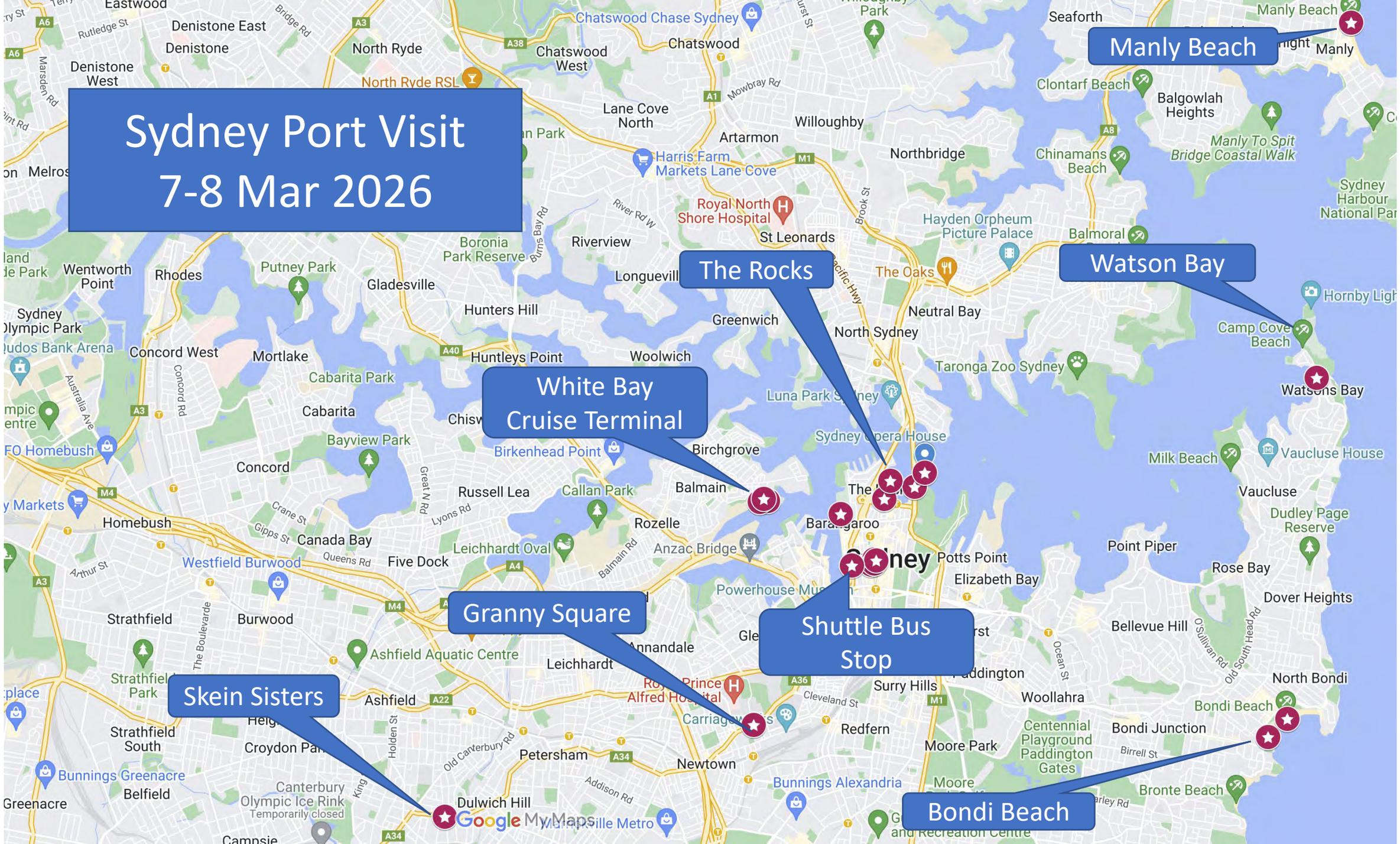
White Bay
Cruise Terminal

Granny Square

Shuttle Bus
Stop

Skein Sisters

Bondi Beach



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The Rocks

Overseas Passenger
Terminal

Taxi Drop for
SOH

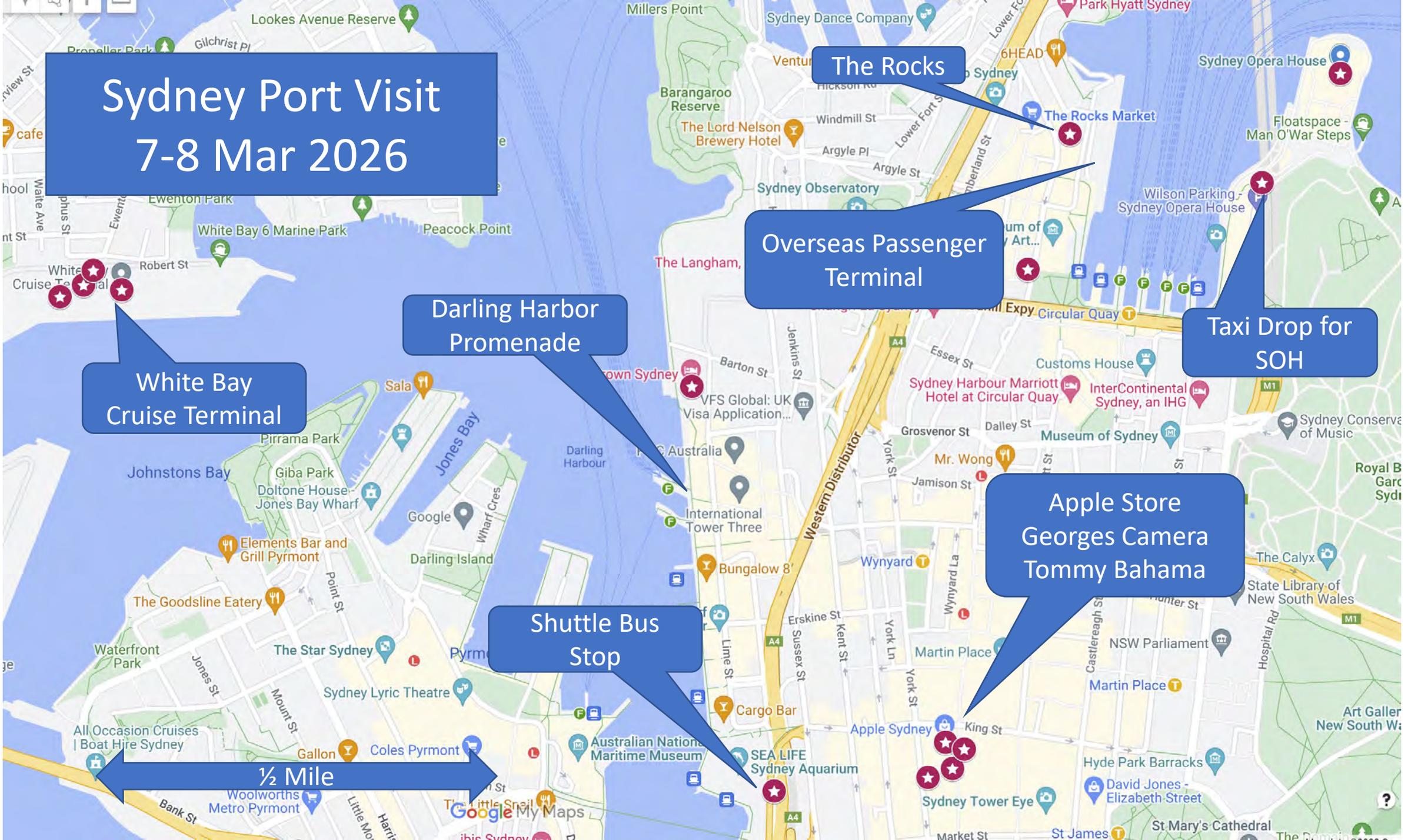
Darling Harbor
Promenade

White Bay
Cruise Terminal

Apple Store
Georges Camera
Tommy Bahama

Shuttle Bus
Stop

½ Mile



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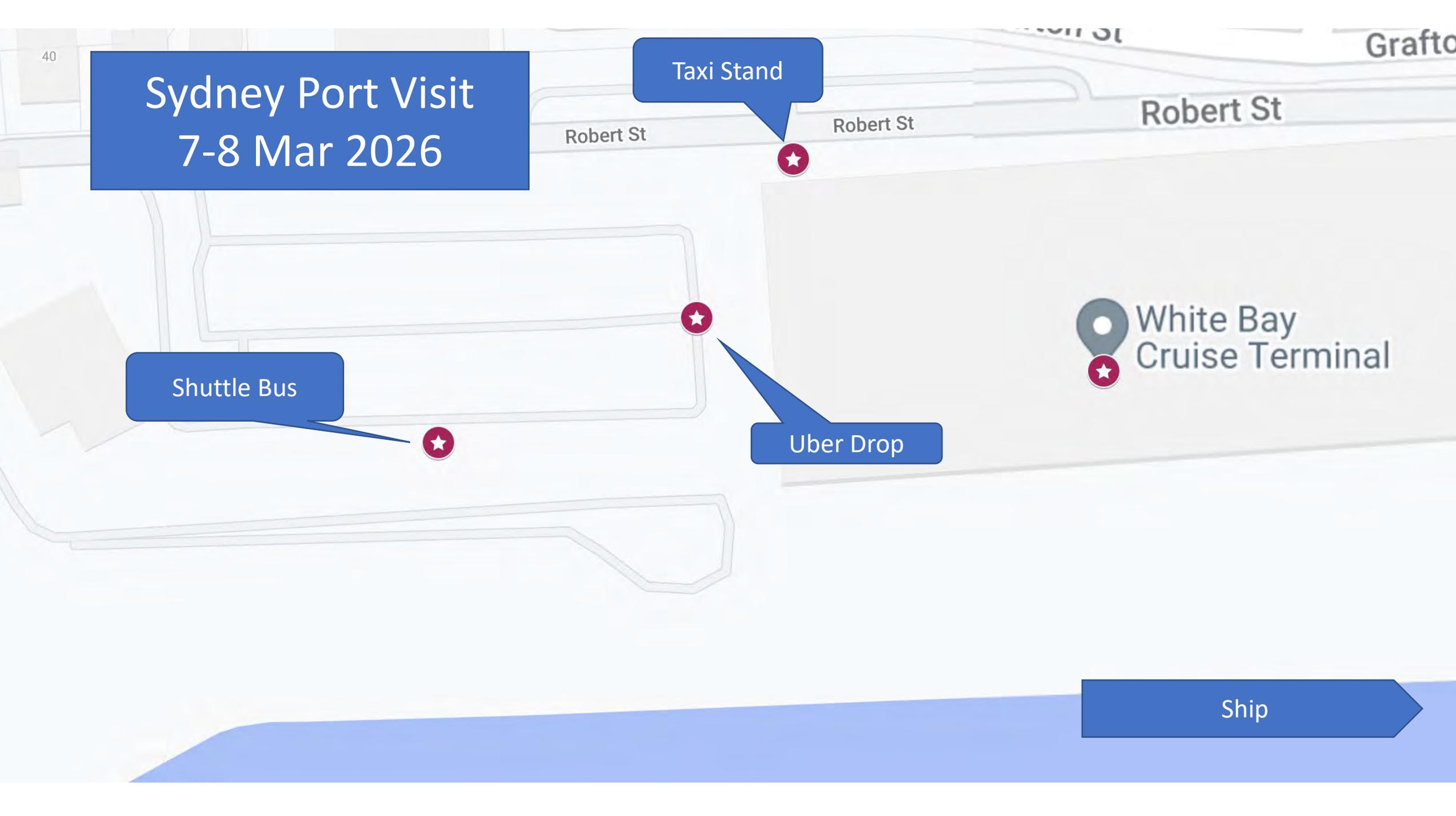
Taxi Stand

Shuttle Bus

Uber Drop

White Bay
Cruise Terminal

Ship





Things to do from Patrice!

- Justice & Police Museum (free) Sat & Sun. 10 - 5...unusual history of criminals (including women)
- Art Gallery of NSW (mostly free) 10 - 5
 - New building features modern masters & contemporary aboriginal art....wonderful!
 - Old building is "traditional"
- Museum of Sydney (mostly free) 10 - 5...always interesting!
- Featherdale Sydney Wildlife park....35 minutes from White Bay Cruise Terminal....Check Rome2Rio for best way to get there, 8 - 5
 - Koalas, kangaroos, wombats, dingo, blue penguins etc. etc.....Fun opportunity to interact with animals



Things to do from Patrice!

- Queen Victoria Building (Sat 10 - 8, Sun 11 - 8)...great window shopping
 - Haigh's Chocolate! Family owned, only sold in a few cities.
- The Rocks Markets (weekends 10 - 5)....always busy with lots of variety
- Paddington Markets (Saturdays 10 -4)....Very popular!
 - Bus #333 from Circular Quay to Paddington
- Ferry to Manly (from Circular Quay)Fun town to explore!
 - Busy weekend market (Saturday & Sunday), Farmers Market (Sunday)
 - Manly Art Gallery & Museum, (MAG & M) 10 - 5 (free)
- The Opera House....interesting tour
- Royal Botanic Gardens....worth a visit....mostly free (except special exhibits)



Things to do

- Sydney Harbor Bridge
 - Bridge Walk (\$250)
 - Pylon Climb (\$14)
- Sydney Opera House
 - See a show – 8 venues
 - Take a tour
- The Rocks
- Blue Mountains
- Bondi Beach
- Manly Beach
- Hop On – Hop Off
- Sydney Zoo/Aquarium
- Sydney Tower



Places to eat

- Tower Restaurants
 - Infinity at Sydney Tower (81st Floor)
 - O Bar – 47th floor
- Rockpool Bar and Grill
 - Most Beautiful Dining Room \$\$\$\$
- Moo Gourmet Burgers
 - Bondi Beach
- The Grumpy Baker
 - Hyde Park
- The Rocks Café
 - Fish and Chips
- Secret Food Tours Sydney





Things to Buy

- Camphor Cutting Boards
- Ugg Boots
 - Factory Outlet in Sydney
- Ken Done art
 - The Rocks
- Cricket Bat
- Boomerang





Things to eat

- Tim Tams
- Chicken Parm
- Vegemite on Toast
- Fish and Chips
- Meat Pies
- Anzac Biscuits



Sydney Opera House

- March Schedule expected in the Sept timeframe
- Plan on 1 hour from Ship to Opera House Entrance
- HAL Opera House Excursion was late to the performance in 2023
- Sydney Opera House Tour – recommended – book on your own



Bridge Climb vs Pylon Climb

Feature	Bridge Climb	Pylon Lookout Climb
Experience	Summit 133m. 3.5 hours, small groups (max 14). Dawn, day, twilight, or night options.	Self-guided climb of 200 steps inside south-east pylon to lookout (87m). ~30–45 min.
Views	360° views of Sydney Harbour, Opera House, Blue Mountains. Unobstructed summit vistas.	Panoramic views of CBD, Opera House, Circular Quay from pylon deck. Slightly lower vantage point.
Cost	AUD \$364–434	AUD \$22 (adult), Buy tickets at pylon entrance or online via pylonlookout.com.au .
Accessibility	Moderate fitness required (1,332 steps, max height 134m)..	Easy 200-step climb, suitable for most ages/fitness levels. Open 10:00 AM–5:00 PM daily.
Location	Starts at 3 Cumberland St, The Rocks	South-east pylon, access via Bridge Stairs near Circular Quay
Why Choose	Bucket-list adventure, immersive history, and ultimate views. Pair with Rocks food tour or Infinity dining.	Budget-friendly, quick visit with great views. Ideal post-Opera House or The Rocks Café fish and chips.

View from Bridge Pylon





Hop On Hop Off

- Operator: Big Bus Sydney – Sydney’s only HOHO bus service.
- Routes & Stops:
 - City Tour (Red Route): 90-min loop, 23 stops, including Sydney Opera House, Harbour Bridge, Royal Botanic Garden, Darling Harbour (near W Hotel). Starts at Circular Quay (Stop #1, George St & Alfred St, ~5-min walk from W Hotel). First bus: 9:00 AM, last bus: 4:30 PM, every 30 minutes.
 - Bondi Tour (Blue Route): 90-min loop, 11 stops, including Bondi Beach, Double Bay, Rose Bay. Starts at Central Station (Stop #24, Pitt St, ~10-min train from W Hotel). First bus: 9:30 AM, last bus: 4:00 PM, every 60 minutes.



HAL Tours – Sydney

Title	Price (Adult)	Time	Brief Summary
Discover the Blue Mountains	\$279.95	8:30 AM, ~8½ hours	Explore the Blue Mountains' canyons and Featherdale Wildlife Park with kangaroos and koalas. View the Three Sisters at Echo Point and ride the Scenic Cableway, with lunch at Lookout Echo Point Restaurant.
Manly & North Sydney Sights	\$69.95	9:00 AM, ~4 hours	Drive across Sydney Harbour Bridge to northern suburbs and North Head for harbour views. Stroll Manly Beach or enjoy coffee at foreshore cafes before a scenic return.
Seaplane Flight & Fine Dining	\$899.95	10:30 AM, ~5 hours (Waitlisted)	Fly by seaplane from Rose Bay to Hawkesbury River for a three-hour lunch at Cottage Point Inn. Return past the Harbour Bridge and Opera House for a scenic landing.



HAL Tours – Sydney

Title	Price (Adult)	Time	Brief Summary
Sydney City Sights & Bondi	\$89.95	9:45 AM, ~4½ hours	Tour The Rocks and Sydney's city center, passing Sydney Tower, then visit Darling Point and Bondi Beach for photos. Return through Paddington's picturesque terraces.
Sydney Harbour Bridge Climb - White Bay	\$499.95	8:30 AM, ~4½ hours	Climb the Sydney Harbour Bridge's eastern arch for panoramic harbour views. Receive a climbing suit and souvenir photo before returning to the ship.
Sydney Sights & The Opera House	\$159.95	9:15 AM, ~5½ hours	Visit The Rocks, Sydney's city center, and upscale areas, followed by a guided Sydney Opera House tour. Stop at Bondi Beach for photos and return via Paddington.



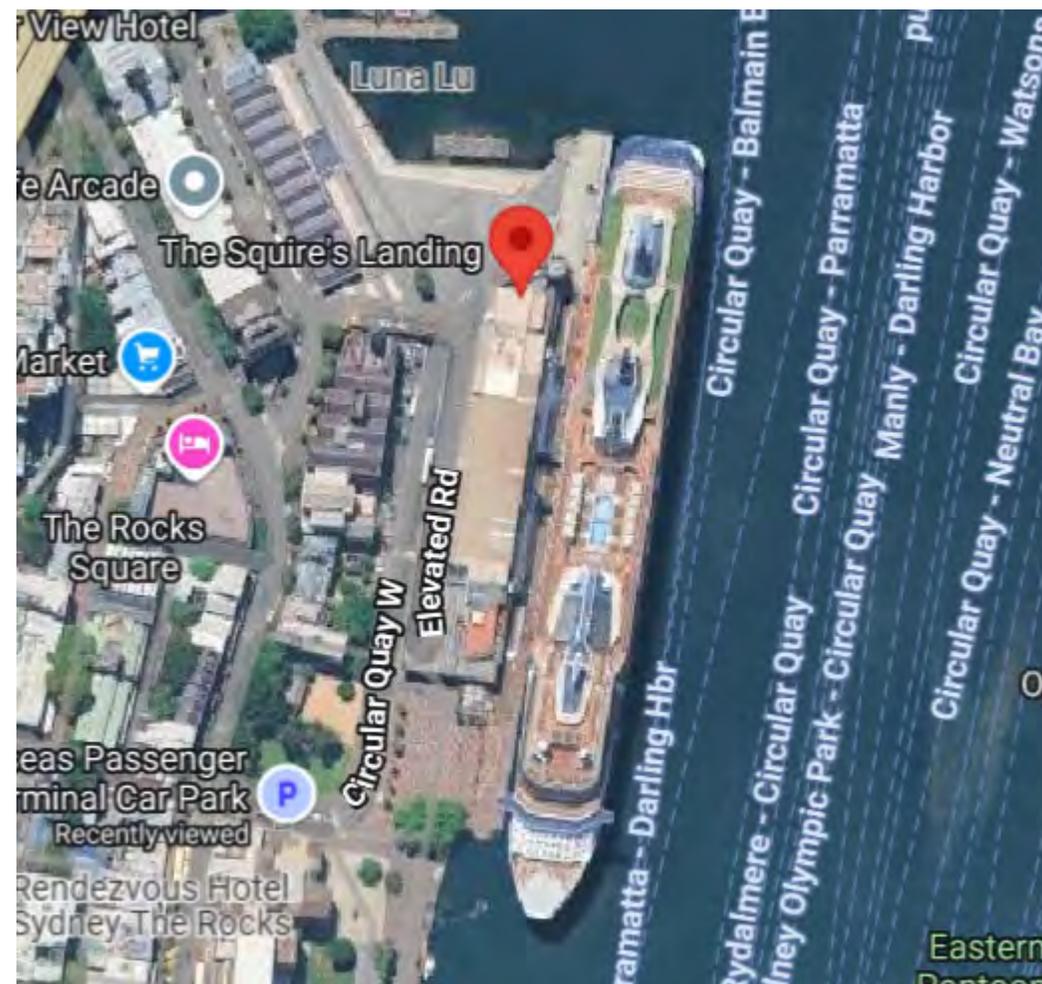
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Taronga Zoo Experience	\$139.95	9:45 AM, ~6 hours	Explore Taronga Zoo's animals with harbour views of the Opera House and Bridge. Navigate downhill paths with a guide and purchase lunch at zoo cafes.



Sydney Meetup

- Volendam and Zaandam meet up!
- 7 March 2026 – 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
- The Squire's Landing
 - In the Overseas Passenger Terminal
 - Ground Floor Harbour Bar/Brewhouse
- Possible Reserved Area



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THE SQUIRE'S LANDING

BREWHOUSE





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Townsville



Townsville Essentials

- Moored Mar 11th – Wednesday
 - 8 AM to 7 PM
- Souvenir Shops in Cruise Terminal
- Very Strict Food and Agriculture
- Taxi Stand and Uber available
- Free shuttle to Visitor Center
 - 2 Miles - Walkable



Welcome to TOWNSVILLE

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Townsville Cruise Terminal



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Things to do

- Billabong Sanctuary
 - 11 Miles out of town - \$40 AUD Uber
- Walk the Strand – 2.2 KM
 - Shops and Restaurants
- Jezzine Baracks
- Kissing Point
- Army Museum
- Magnetic Island – 25 Minute Ferry \$42 AUR (r/t)
 - Sealink Ferry Company offers other tours



Paluma

Wet Tropics Rainforest

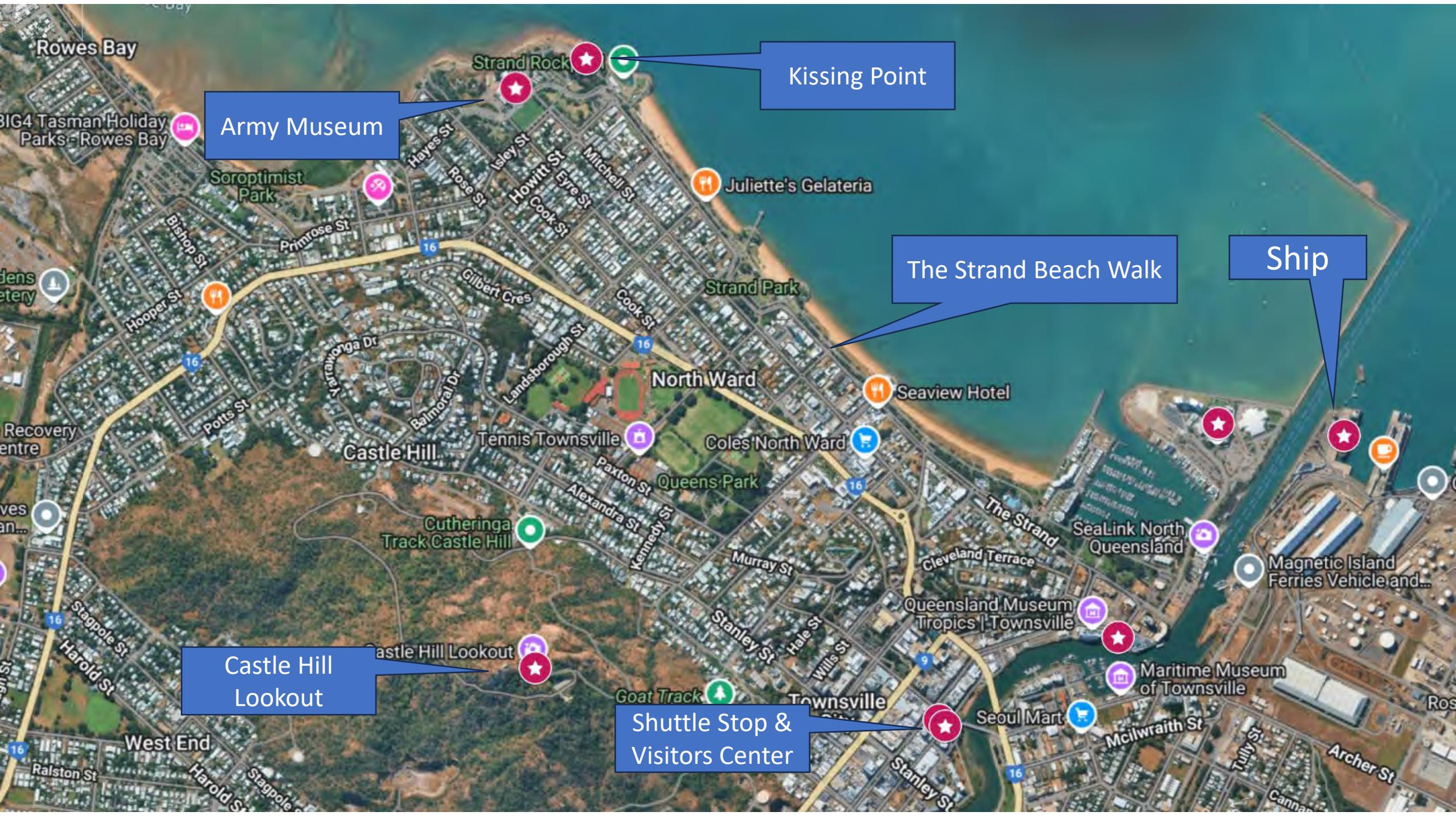
Townsville

Bungalow Bay Koala Park

Ship

Billabong Sanctuary

10 Miles



Army Museum

Kissing Point

The Strand Beach Walk

Ship

Castle Hill Lookout

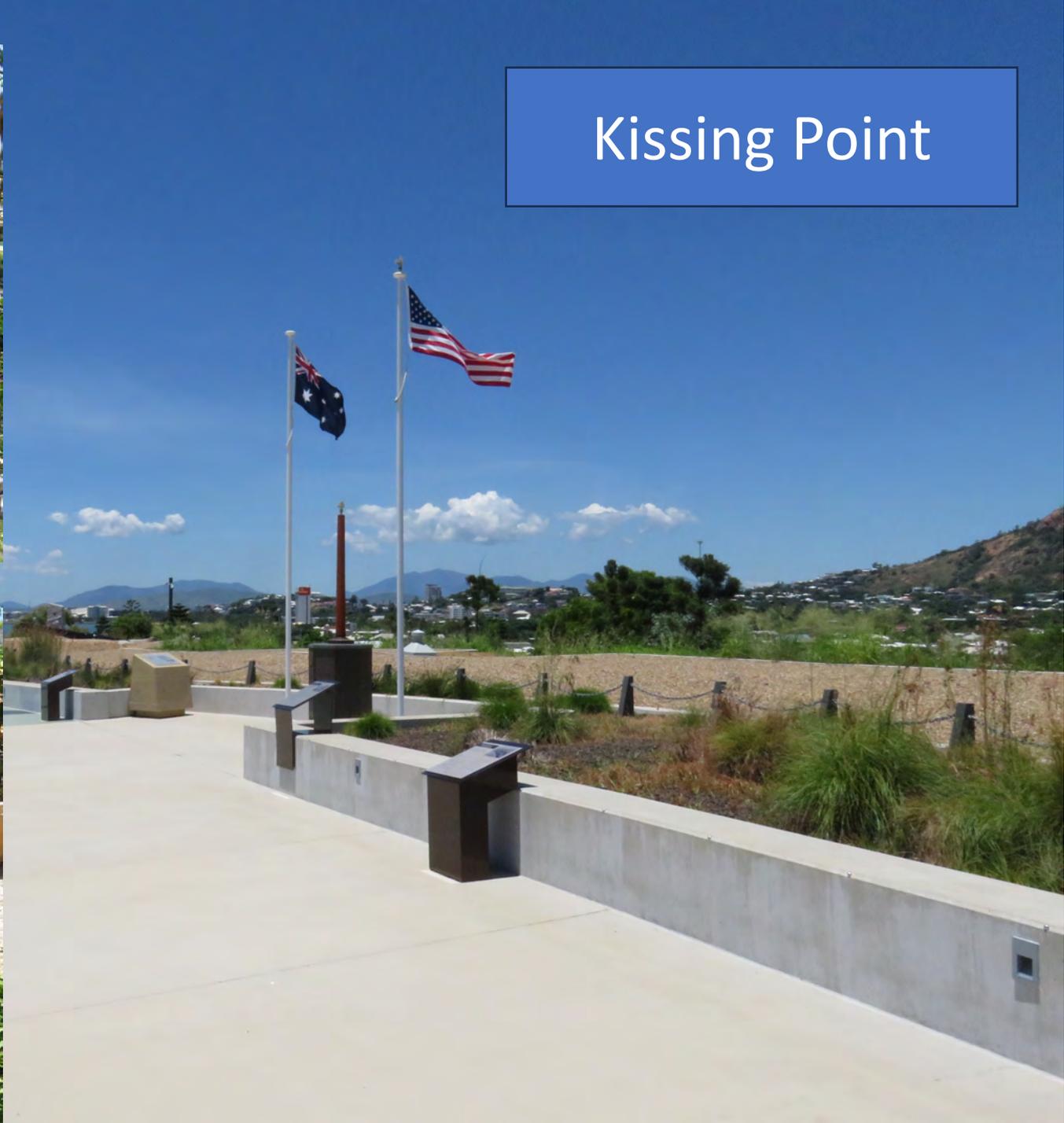
Shuttle Stop & Visitors Center



Castle Hill
Lookout



Kissing Point



↑
Stairs to Kissing Point
Fort
↙
Access to Kissing Point
Fort



HAL Tours – Townsville

Title	Price	Time	Brief Summary
Billabong Sanctuary & Scenic Sights	\$129.95	9:45 AM, ~4 hours	Drive through Townsville’s Strand and Flinders Street, with a photo stop at Mount Stuart. Visit Billabong Sanctuary to see native animals like koalas and kangaroos, with optional photo ops and feeding shows.
Magnetic Island Helicopter Flight	\$549.95	9:45 AM, 11:15 AM, 12:45 PM, ~1½ hours (Waitlisted)	Take a helicopter flight over Magnetic Island and Cleveland Bay, viewing rainforests and secluded bays. Enjoy panoramic views of Townsville, Castle Hill, and The Strand before returning.
Magnetic Island	\$239.95	10:00 AM, ~5 hours	Travel by catamaran to Magnetic Island for a coach tour of its National Park and wildlife. Visit Bungalow Bay Koala Village for a ranger-guided tour and optional koala or crocodile photos, with afternoon tea included.



HAL Tours – Townsville

Title	Price (Adult)	Time	Brief Summary
Townsville City Explorer	\$49.95	9:30 AM, ~2 hours	Take a panoramic drive through Townsville's city center, Flinders Street, and The Strand, passing the marina and casino. Climb Castle Hill for views, with brief stops for photos.
UNESCO World Heritage Rain Forest	\$229.95	8:30 AM, ~8 hours	Drive through pineapple plantations to the Wet Tropics Rainforest, a UNESCO site, with views from McLelland Lookout. Enjoy morning tea in Paluma and lunch at the solar-powered Hidden Valley Cabins

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Cairns



Port of Cairns

Welcome to Cairns!

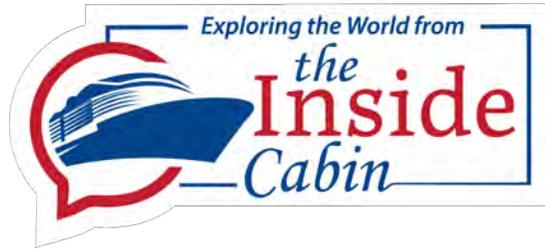
Ports North welcomes passengers and crew of

Amsterdam

Enjoy our wonderful city.



 Ports North



Cairns Essentials (CANS)

- Moored Mar 12th – Thursday
 - 8 AM to 6 PM
- Very Strict Food and Agriculture
- Taxi Stand and Uber available

Zaandam
9 Feb 2026
8 AM to 5 PM



Port Douglas

Cairns Area

Green Island

Kuranda

Armour
Museum

Reef Flights

A map of Cairns, Queensland, Australia, showing various streets and landmarks. Three blue callout boxes with white text point to specific locations: 'Cairns' at the top right, 'Aquarium' in the center, and 'Cruise Terminal' at the bottom right. The map includes labels for streets like English St, Gatton St, and Lake St, and landmarks such as Cairns State High School, Cairns Hospital, and Cairns Night Markets. The city is situated along the coast of Chinaman Creek.

Cairns

Aquarium

Train Station

Cruise Terminal



HAL Tours – Cairns

Title	Price	Time	Brief Summary
Bad Fishy Jet-Boating	\$69.95	10:00 AM, ~1¼ hours	Experience an adrenaline-pumping jet-boat ride on Trinity Inlet with spins, slides, and fishtails. Enjoy the scenic beauty of Cairns' harbor with a local skipper and a funky soundtrack.
Cairns in Style	\$89.95	8:30 AM, 12:45 PM, ~3¼ hours	Tour Cairns in a luxury super-stretch Hummer, sipping sparkling wine while passing the Esplanade and Botanic Gardens. Visit Crystal Cascades for a swim and stop for photos at Palm Cove's jetty.
Crocs & Port Douglas	\$149.95	8:45 AM, ~7 hours	Explore a crocodile wildlife park with diverse habitats, then ride a lagoon boat to see saltwater crocodiles. Continue to Port Douglas to stroll Four-Mile Beach and village shops.



HAL Tours – Cairns

Title	Price	Time	Brief Summary
Great Barrier Reef Scenic Flight	\$239.95	SOLD OUT -	Take a 40-minute fixed-wing flight over the Great Barrier Reef, viewing Green Island and vibrant coral reefs. See Cairns, Arlington Reef, and Palm Cove from the air before returning.
Green Island Eco Adventure	\$229.95	10:00 AM, ~7½ hours	Travel by catamaran to Green Island, a coral cay with rainforest, for snorkeling, glass-bottom boat tours, or relaxing on the beach. Enjoy a picnic lunch and explore the island's coral gardens and wildlife.
Hands On Country Eco-Culture	\$169.95	10:15 AM, ~3½ hours	Cruise Trinity Inlet by riverboat to explore the Mandingalbay Yidinji Aboriginal culture and mangrove wetlands. Join a guided bush walk at Hills Creek for a traditional welcome and to learn about bush foods.



HAL Tours – Cairns

Title	Price	Time	Brief Summary
Josephine Falls & The Babinda Boulders	\$89.95	9:00 AM, ~4½ hours	Swim at Josephine Falls' natural rock slide and enjoy morning tea at the scenic Babinda Boulders. Learn about Aboriginal legends and the cultural significance of this tropical site.
Kuranda Scenic Railway	\$139.95	11:15 AM, ~5 hours	Ride the Kuranda Scenic Railway through Barron Gorge, passing waterfalls and 37 bridges. Explore Kuranda village's shops and markets before returning by coach.
Port Douglas On Your Own	\$69.95	8:45 AM, ~7 hours	Journey to Port Douglas to freely explore Four-Mile Beach, the marina, and village shops. Relax at a boardwalk café or stroll through this tropical resort town.



HAL Tours – Cairns

Title	Price	Time	Brief Summary
Rainforestation, Army Duck & Wildlife	\$169.95	9:30 AM, ~6 hours	Join a Pamagirri-guided Dreamtime Walk at Rainforestation Nature Park to learn Aboriginal traditions and try boomerang throwing. Ride an Army Duck vehicle and hand-feed kangaroos before an Aussie barbecue lunch.
Scenic Walk Through Cairns	\$59.95	10:00 AM, ~2 hours	Walk through Cairns to explore its gold rush history and Yirrganydji/Yidinji Aboriginal heritage. Visit the Cairns Museum to see exhibits on tropical cyclones and the city's tourism evolution.
Sights & Heights of Cairns	\$109.95	9:15 AM, ~5 hours	Ascend the Kuranda Range via Skyrail Rain Forest Cableway for rainforest and Coral Sea views. Explore Kuranda village's artisan shops before a guided return to Cairns.



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Title	Price	Time	Brief Summary
The Great Barrier Reef	\$329.95	8:30 AM, ~7½ hours	Cruise by catamaran to the Great Barrier Reef for snorkeling among corals and fish. Enjoy a buffet lunch and optional marine park monitoring after a naturalist presentation.
The Inlet Sightseeing Safari	\$59.95	10:30 AM, 12:30 PM, ~2¼ hours	Cruise Trinity Inlet to see Cairns' mangroves and wildlife, including saltwater crocodiles. Explore pristine creeks and quirky backwater sights.
The Kuranda Experience	\$219.95	9:00 AM, ~6 hours	Ride the Kuranda Scenic Railway through Barron Gorge, then descend via Skyrail Rain Forest Cableway. Enjoy free time in Kuranda village to browse shops and cafes.



HAL Tours – Cairns

Title	Price	Time	Brief Summary
The Kuranda Scenic Railway: Gold Class	\$199.95	9:15 AM, ~4 hours	Travel to Kuranda village by coach, then ride the Gold-Class Kuranda Railway through tunnels and bridges. Enjoy local delicacies and Coral Sea views before returning.
Wild River Tube Ride	\$99.95	10:15 AM, ~5 hours	Float down the Mulgrave River on a tube, navigating small rapids in a rainforest setting. Relax with a light refreshment after the guided adventure.



Barrier Reef Flight

- HAL Excursion- Great Barrier Reef Scenic Flight
- \$239.95 SOLD OUT – Waitlist Full
- Take a 40-minute fixed-wing flight over the Great Barrier Reef, viewing Green Island and vibrant coral reefs. See Cairns, Arlington Reef, and Palm Cove from the air before returning.
- Flight operated by Daintree Airservices for \$150 plus round trip taxi fare \$20 each way (5 miles to airport)
- Seats still available when booking direct (12 July 2025)
- <https://www.airtoursaustralia.com.au/>



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