

SYDNEY

It's a recognised fact that almost everyone at some stage wonders whether they should move to Sydney. Those of us that have made the move are pretty smug: about the weather, the harbour, the beaches, the food and That Opera House. It's trendy and fast moving – and scantily dressed – but Sydneysiders are also welcoming and helpful; many of them haven't been here long, and there are big communities of Italians, Vietnamese, Brits and most of New Zealand.

Sydney is more expensive than you'd hope – but if you're arriving from London, Hong Kong or New York you should still be pleasantly surprised. That said, once you've got your bearings you'll be surprised and delighted by the cheap eats and activities you'll unearth.

The climate will make you happy most of the year, but Sydney truly comes alive in summer; everyone dresses down and enjoys a huge range of outdoor activities, particularly January's Sydney Festival. It's the buzziest city we know, and if you're in need of a party at 6am on a Sunday morning, we know just the place ...

Where will I live?

As with so many great cities, it's transport that makes the difference ... Sydney traffic sucks – the city is a constant bottleneck, so leave your car at home. Fortunately the public transport options are good and growing.

The ferry is a great way to travel so Manly or any of the harbour foreshore suburbs such as Mosman, Cremorne and Kirribilli are popular. Suburbs further west such as Balmain and Rozelle are also a good option.

The closer to the city you are the less you'll have to cook – 24 hour a day wining and dining is possible all the way from Kings Cross to Bondi. And if walking your dog on the beach is the perfect way to start the day then consider Bronte, Clovelly or Coogee.

How much will it cost for essentials?

- A cappuccino - AUD\$2-3
- Glass of wine - AUD\$8 and up
- A movie - AUD\$14
- BYO cheap restaurant - AUD\$20-30
- Licensed expensive restaurant - AUD\$110-150
- 2 bedroom apartment - AUD\$350+ p/wk

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