

Living in Sydney

Sydney is Australia's largest, longest established and most dynamic city....

with a population of over 4 million people. The city is famous for its natural beauty. It has a glorious harbour, idyllic beaches and we have many gardens and parks. A vibrant and cosmopolitan city, Sydney offers a wide variety of entertainment and outdoors activities as well as shopping, restaurants and sightseeing.

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Cost of living in Sydney

Part time job	Accommodation	Weekly transport pass	Grocery costs	Entertainment																		
(Earning: \$14 - \$23 per hour) 20 hours per week	Sharing a room in the city	Mymulti1 <small>Bounded by Bondi Junction, Chatswood, Croydon, Canterbury, Bardwell Park, Rockdale CityRail stations and unlimited government and private bus and government ferry travel</small>	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Bread (loaf)</td> <td>\$4.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Milk (1 L)</td> <td>\$2.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pasta (500 g)</td> <td>\$2.30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rice (1 kg)</td> <td>\$3.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Prices based on Coles supermarket June 10</td> </tr> </table>	Bread (loaf)	\$4.50	Milk (1 L)	\$2.90	Pasta (500 g)	\$2.30	Rice (1 kg)	\$3.80	Prices based on Coles supermarket June 10		<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Movies</td> <td>\$15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cafe meal</td> <td>\$15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Big Mac meal</td> <td>\$5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Beer</td> <td>\$5 - 7</td> </tr> </table>	Movies	\$15	Cafe meal	\$15	Big Mac meal	\$5	Beer	\$5 - 7
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Students typically pre organize one month of accommodation before they arrive either in a homestay or in student housing. After the first month many students like to arrange their own accommodation. Below are some estimate pricing of the general cost of living in Sydney and possible earnings (all prices are in Australian dollars):

Employment

Students on a student visa are permitted by the Australian Government to work up to 20 hours per week during their course, and full-time during holidays. Many students find part-time work in such fields as retail, office administration, cleaning, tourism and hospitality.

You may investigate jobs currently available by visiting the following websites and keying in appropriate job descriptions. The websites are

- <http://www.gumtree.com.au>
- <http://mycareer.com.au>
- <http://www.careerone.com.au>
- <http://www.seek.com.au>
- <http://www.hojunara.com> (for Korean students)
- <http://cls.jams.tv/> (for Japanese students)
- <http://cheers.com.au> (for Japanese students)

The job descriptions include shop assistant, department store staff, bartender, kitchen hand, waiter, cleaner, gardener, clerical assistant, babysitter, tutor, staff in fast food chains, supermarket staff, cinema staff and the like.

Public transport

Sydney has a very good public transport system. The informative **Transport Infoline**: 13 15 00 or the website at: www.131500.com.au/ is extremely helpful for planning your trip.

Common forms of transport in Sydney are buses, trains and ferries.

Buses: Sydney's buses have the most extensive network of transportation in Sydney. Fares depend upon the number of 'sections' you pass through. As a rough guide, short trips cost \$1.60 and most other fares in the inner suburbs are \$2.70. For more information, visit the website at:

www.sydneybuses.info/

Ferries: Sydney's ferries provide the most enjoyable way to get around the harbour. There are three kinds of ferry: regular STA ferries, Manly Fast Ferry (\$8.20) and RiverCats that traverse the Parramatta River to Parramatta (\$7.40). All ferries depart from Circular Quay. For more information, call 02 9207 3166 or visit the website at: www.sydneyferries.info/

Metro Light Rail & Monorail : The Monorail and Metro Light Rail are good means of transport within the centre. The Monorail circles Darling Harbour and links it to the city centre. The MLR operates 24 hours a day between Central Station and Pymont via Darling Harbour and Chinatown. For more information on Monorail call 02 9285 5600 or visit the website at: www.metrotransport.com.au and for Metro Light Rail call 02 9285 5600 or visit the website at: www.metrotransport.com.au

Train: Sydney has a vast suburban rail network and frequent services, making trains much quicker than buses. Trains run from around 5am to midnight. For more information visit the website at: www.cityrail.info/

Entertainment

Sydney is a multicultural city with many festivals as well as musical and cultural events. For up-to-date information on a wide range of events and activities, visit

- <http://www.whats-on-in-sydney.com.au>
- <http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au>
- www.citysearch.com.au.

Restaurants

Sydney is one of the most cosmopolitan cities in the world for dining. We have many different types of cuisine, from all over the world. Contemporary chefs enjoy blending interesting flavours from different cultures to develop a completely new type of modern Australian cuisine.

Because there is so much variety of types of restaurants and such good quality food at affordable prices, dining out is very much part of our culture. You may read about many great restaurants on such websites as

- <http://www.smh.com.au/travel/activities-interests/food-wine>
- <http://www.sydneyeats.net.au>.

More information

For further detailed information on Sydney try the following websites:

- <http://www.ourcityevents.com>
- www.sydneyguide.net.au
- www.therocks.com
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