

9 Days: Sydney, Hunter & Central Coast

Sydney – Hunter Valley – Port Stephens – Bouddi National Park

● PRETTY BEACH HOUSE, BOUDDI NATIONAL PARK

Embark on a captivating journey through Sydney / Warrane, the Hunter Valley and the Central Coast, starting with Sydney's vibrant mix of Indigenous, maritime, and contemporary culture. Discover the city's iconic harbour and explore Bondi Beach, then play a round of golf atop rugged cliffs for breathtaking views.

Travel north to the Hunter Valley, renowned for its historic wineries, gourmet dining, and picturesque hotels. This region offers a taste of Australia's finest wines along with the beauty of its vineyard-laden landscapes.

Venture to Port Stephens to explore its stunning inlets and the vast sand dunes of Stockton Beach. Your trip culminates in a relaxing two-night stay in Bouddi National Park, where luxury meets the serene beauty of coastal bushland.

The Journey

Duration 9 days	Nearest major city Sydney / Warrane	Transport On Foot, Car, Boat, Touring Vehicle, Yacht
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Signature
EXPERIENCES OF AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM, SYDNEY



Day 3

Walk to BridgeClimb Sydney for a **Burrawa Aboriginal Climb Experience**. Scale to the summit of the Sydney Harbour Bridge with a First Nations Storyteller as your guide.

Transfer to the **Australian National Maritime Museum to Sail on Duyken**, a stunning replica of the first European ship to reach Australia, and enjoy stories of 17th-century voyages on a three-hour Sydney Harbour cruise with gourmet snacks and drinks. Alternatively, spend the afternoon indoors on the **Maritime Museum's Hidden Gems and Historical Artefacts Tour**, where you'll gain exclusive access to the museum's collection stores and discover hidden gems not on display to the public.

Enjoy dinner at one of the many waterfront restaurants at Barangaroo.

Highlights

- Scale the Sydney Harbour Bridge with a First Nations Storyteller as your guide.
- Sail Sydney Harbour aboard Duyken, a replica 17th-century ship, and hear stories of early voyages.
- Discover private collections on a VIP tour of the Australian National Maritime Museum.

Day 4

Depart Sydney for the Hunter Valley with a short diversion to **Firecreek Botanical Winery** for their **Aboriginal Storytelling and Wine Tasting Experience**. During this workshop, immerse yourself in Aboriginal culture through storytelling, didgeridoo music, and artefact examination, alongside tasting award-winning wines infused with Australian native plants.

Continue on to the Hunter Valley with an afternoon arrival at **Audrey Wilkinson** for their **Fortified and Fromage experience**. Experience a seated wine tasting in the heritage-listed museum, featuring premium wines and barrel tastings of maturing fortified wines, paired with fine local fromage. You'll also take home a bottle of fortified wine.

Check in to **Spicers Vineyards Estate** – a boutique five-star retreat. Tonight, enjoy dinner at the much lauded Restaurant Botanica at Spicers.

Highlights

- Experience Aboriginal storytelling and didgeridoo music while tasting award-winning wines at Firecreek Botanical Winery.
- Enjoy a premium fortified wine tasting complete with barrel samples and locally sourced fromage pairings.



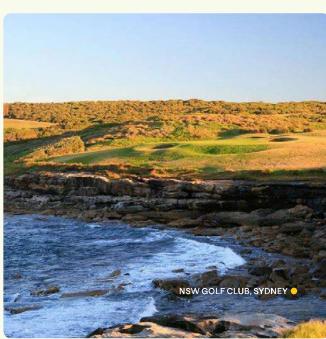
Day 1

Enjoy a leisurely start to the day with a late morning **Wararara First Nations Tour** at the Australian Museum. Discover Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures through stories, art and significant objects, guided by cultural experts on a journey that deepens understanding of Australia's oldest living cultures and their continuing connection to Country.

Afterwards, enjoy lunch at **Bistro Gadi**, the museum's rooftop cafe with sweeping city views.

Walk through The Domain to the **Art Gallery of New South Wales** for their **Private Guided Gallery Experience**. On this one-hour tour, an expert guide will share insights into key works, offering a deeper appreciation of Australia's cultural identity and creativity.

Continue towards Sydney Harbour to the **Sydney Opera House** for an unforgettable evening with the **Midden Experience Package**. This package offers an exclusive one-hour tour and a sumptuous two-course aperitivo meal at Midden by Mark Olive, perfectly paired with Australian wines. Explore beneath the iconic sails before savouring a culinary journey featuring native Australian ingredients in a stunning harbourside setting.



Day 2

Head to Bondi Beach and start your day with brunch at **bill's**, famed for its ricotta hotcakes and sweetcorn fritters.

Then, embark on the iconic Bondi to Coogee walk, a scenic 6km journey along beautiful beaches and cliff tops, with charming cafes and opportunities for refreshing swims along the way.

Make time for a round of golf at the nearby **NSW Golf Club**, situated within the Botany Bay National Park with stunning ocean views.

This evening, dine at **King Clarence**, offering a creative fusion of Asian flavours.

Highlights

- Immerse yourself in Bondi's brunch scene at the iconic bill's restaurant.
- Stroll among cliff tops and discover beautiful beaches on the Bondi to Coogee walk.
- Play golf atop rugged cliffs with spectacular views.

Highlights

- Connect with Country, culture and traditions through the knowledge of expert guides at the Australian Museum.
- Gain exclusive insights into the stories behind key artworks that reflect Australia's cultural identity.
- Gain VIP access to the Sydney Opera House and indulge in a menu inspired by Indigenous Australian heritage.



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Day 5

Start the day with a hearty breakfast at **Café Enzo**, set within the Tuscan-inspired Peppers Creek Village. Then, explore this charming boutique shopping precinct, home to various artisan specialty providers.

Make your way to **Wine House**, where you'll discover a handpicked selection of wines from independent, family-owned winemakers. Book one of their wine experiences or enjoy a private wine tasting.

Depart the Hunter Valley and head to the historic riverside town of Maitland, boasting a vibrant emerging food scene and a thriving arts community. Savour lunch at one of the many cafés, then continue to Port Stephens.

Check into **Bannisters Port Stephens** and enjoy dinner at **Rick Stein** at Port Stephens.

Highlights

- Discover unique wines from boutique, family-operated vineyards.
- Experience Maitland, a historical town with a lively arts and food scene.
- Enjoy fresh local seafood at Rick Stein at Bannisters.

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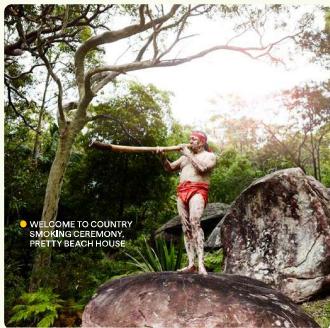


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WELCOME TO COUNTRY
SMOKING CEREMONY
PRETTY BEACH HOUSE



PRETTY BEACH HOUSE,
BOODJI PENINSULA

Day 7

Before departing Port Stephens, visit **Tilligerry Habitat**, a favourite feeding and resting spot for local koalas.

Depart Port Stephens and drive to Pretty Beach.

Arrive at the exclusive **Pretty Beach House**, nestled on the Boodji Peninsula. This intimate retreat offers a deeply personalised experience, featuring just four private pavilions.

This evening, enjoy an **Indigenous Welcome Ceremony**, before pre-dinner drinks and canapés, followed by a daily menu, where each dish is expertly paired with a selection of premium wines, beers, and spirits carefully chosen by the house sommelier.

Highlights

- Spot koals in their natural environment at Tilligerry Habitat.
- Experience a traditional Indigenous Welcome Ceremony.
- Enjoy privacy and luxury within the breathtaking natural surroundings of Pretty Beach House.

Day 8

After breakfast, enjoy a **Bespoke Private Guided Bushwalk** from Pretty Beach House through Boodji National Park, featuring ancient forests and stunning ocean views. The walk ends with a luxurious picnic at a secret location.

This afternoon, enjoy a **Charter Boat Sailing** experience. Explore secret coves and bays and unspoilt rugged coastline, then relax at a secluded beach for a snorkel and swim.

Alternatively, enjoy a therapeutic spa treatment at the **Boodji Spa** or a **VIP private pearl farm tour**.

Highlights

- Enjoy a complete sensory experience on a guided bush walk.
- Cruise hidden beaches and coves on a private luxury cruise.
- Indulge in a spa treatment at the Boodji Spa or take a VIP private tour to Broken Bay Pearl farm and learn about Australian pearl farming in a fabulous hands-on experience.



SYDNEY OYSTER FARM TOURS,
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Day 9

On your return to Sydney, make a stop at **Sydney Oyster Farm Tours** at Mooney Mooney. Enjoy a boat ride to the oyster leases on the Hawkesbury River and savour a dozen fresh Broken Bay Oysters per person.

Highlights

- Go behind the scenes at an oyster farm and taste the freshest oysters straight from the water to plate.

Trip extension recommendation: Lord Howe Island

Head over to Lord Howe Island to enjoy a stay at **Capella Lodge**, known for its luxury and stunning views, or join the **Seven Peaks Walk**, a guided trek showcasing the island's diverse landscapes and natural beauty.



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