

Delegate information: Sydney – Accommodation/Things to do

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Accommodation Options

Locations : Kings Cross / Potts Point/ Rush Cutters Bay/ Darlinghurst/ Paddington / Bondi Junction/ Woollahra

For people who need to be close to Emmanuel ,within 10-15 min walk - closest train stations are Bondi Junction 1km 12 mins walk /Edgecliff 1.2km 17 min walk

Hotel bookings suggest use trivago.com / tripadvisor.com / lastminute.com for best rates

Another alternative is to consider Sydney city hotels, all have good access to train stations . Other hotels in the City South China Town locations have good access to busses & trains and are within a 30-40 min walk to Emmanuel

Kings Cross / Potts Point/ Woollahra /Rush Cutters Bay/ Darlinghurst/ Paddington / Bondi Junction/ Bondi Beach–

- Easy train ride to Emmanuel from Bondi Junction / Edgecliffe Stations/ from Kings Cross Stations
- Close to Gay venues in Oxford street 10 -15 min
- Budget and back packers accommodation options plus boutique hotels , serviced apartments and luxury accommodation options
- Easy access to harbour , city and many tourist attractions
- Good selection of restaurants and bars in area and neighbouring suburbs

City South / China Town/ Central station area-

- Good train and bus access to all major venues and attractions
- Budget style hostels and back packers
- Good access to areas like Newtown / Erskinville gay venues – 5-10 mins via bus or trains

With a focus on community and in an attempt to facilitate for a group of visitors to Sydney to stay at a particular venue we are highlighting 1 option in each category. We suggest that you use the 25th world congress Jewish LGBT facebook to open discussions with other members

Some accommodation examples

Budget under or around AU\$100 / night , could be shared room dormitory style

- We like Sydney Central YHA – next to central station , South City – Great reviews
<https://www.yha.com.au/hostels/nsw/sydney-surrounds/sydney-central-backpackers-hostel/customer-reviews/>

Other Options:

- Noah's Backpackers Bondi Beach
- Blue Parrot Back Packers
- DeVere Hotel Potts Point

- Bondi Backpackers

Mid range AU\$130 – 250/ night

- We like the Hughenden Boutique Hotel Woollahra – A gracious historic 32 room boutique hotel, situated mid point between the gay life of Oxford Street Paddington and Emmanuel and opposite Sydney's iconic and beautiful Centennial Park (Our version of NYC's Central Park) . Rated 4 out of 5 Star on Trip Advisor
<http://thehughenden.com/>

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- Meriton Serviced Apartments Bondi Junction – Ideal for couples / groups , apartment hotel style luxury in the heart of Bondi Junction and literally above a train station and major Westfield Shopping Mall and 10 mins walk to Emmanuel . Rated 4.5 out of 5 on Trip Advisor
<https://www.meritonsuites.com.au/our-hotels/nsw/eastern-sydney/bondi-junction/>

Other Options

- Ibis Budget – William Street
- Quest Bondi Junction
- Holiday Inn Potts Point
- Arts Hotel Oxford Str Paddington
- Vibe Hotel Rushcutters Bay
- Adina Apartment Hotel Bondi Beach /Surry Hills
- Kirkton Hotel Darlinghurst
- Bayswater Hotel Potts Point
- Challis Hotel Potts Point
- Manor House Boutique Hotel Darlinghurst
- 57 Hotel Surry Hills
- Oaks Hotel Darlinghurst

Luxury AU\$ 250 ++

- We like Ovolo Hotel Woolloomooloo , located on the one of Sydney's Wharfs this exceptional blend of modern and historic luxury is within 10 mins walk to the city and 10 min a uber or taxi ride to Emmanuel . rated 5 out of 5 on Trip Advisor
<https://ovolohotels.com.au/ovolooolloomooloo/>

Other Options

- Pullman Sydney Hyde Park
- Hilton Sydney City

- Westin Sydney City
- Intercontinental City
- Sheraton on The Park

What's on in Sydney

Our Top Things to Do

- Harbour Bridge Climb Walk around the historical Rocks area and Circular Quay incl Opera House and
- Botanical Gardens
- Jewish Museum
- Darling Harbour , City
- Coffee Cruise , Red Bus City and Blue Bus Eastern Beaches
- Taronga Zoo
- Coastal Walk Bondi Beach to Coogee Beach – 2 hr turn around
- Manly Ferry from Circular Quay . Watsons Bay
- Gay Sydney <https://www.timeout.com/sydney/lgbt>
- Blue Mountains (1 hour outside Sydney)
- Hunter Valley Wineries (2 hours outside Sydney)
- Royal National Park (1 hour South of Sydney)
- Featherdale Wild life park

Gay Sydney

Bars and Clubs

Darlinghurst Area

ARQ - Looking for dance parties ? ARQ boasts one of the city's best sound systems and lighting rigs, this spacious, two-level club is by far the best decked-out club in the GLBT scene.

The Beresford – Sundays at The Beresford are also legendary among locals. It's a mixed crowd culturally and age-wise – you'll find guys who identify as twinks, bears and everything in between, busiest on Sunday afternoons with beautiful boys sipping cocktails in the courtyard area

The Columbian – Head here for a golden gay time Friday and Saturday nights attract a mixed crowd of queers, straights and metrosexuals. Rotating DJs, top-shelf drag shows, a standard selection of beers on tap and a creative cocktail list makes the Colombian a great spot to chill with friends

Palms on Oxford Street – It's known for its karaoke-style vibe and dive-bar sound system , a laid back unpretentious casual bar and dance club playing old time 70's and 80's handbag music , ladies keep in mind that you will need closed shoes to gain entry. Best from around 10:30 pm on Friday and Saturday nights

Stonewall - If you're looking for a bar that's gayer than a Cher-and-Dolly Parton tour with Liza as the support act, then Stonewall is the place, attracts mainly the younger set . Great drag shows throughout the week and week end

Green Park Hotel – Technically not an exclusive gay pub but well attended by the gay community and busiest Friday and Saturday nights . Great on for sundowners on a Sunday afternoon , said to be more relaxed than The Beresford on a Sunday

Newtown Area

Imperial Hotel – One of the oldest and most iconic gay bars (Priscilla Queen of the Dessert), sophisticated dine and drag dinner show , chill on the roof top bar and grab a pizza or light meal or dance the night away on the dance floor

Closest train stations Erskinville and Newtown

Sauna's

Sydney offers a numbers of gay sauna experiences , most are on the Darlinghurst area on or just off Oxford street. Sydney Saunas are considered to be clean and modern, not all saunas offer alcohol

Bodyline

Four floors of steamy adventure to explore, Bodyline (10 Taylor St) offers a large Romanesque Jacuzzi, a cedar-wood dry sauna, a maze, and myriad large cabins — some with their own slings. A rooftop deck adds to outdoor pleasures. Tends to attract a mixed crowd of varying ages and ethnicities

Sydney City Steam

Located at 357 Sussex St, Sydney this sauna is in Downtown/Chinatown and is super busy. This clean, crisp place also affords pleasure on four levels and tends to attract a mixed audience and is particularly popular with the Asian boys

Sydney Sauna,

Located at 38-42 Oxford St Darlinghurst next to the Exchange Hotel, the entire complex has been completely recently renovated. It attracts a diverse crowd and is popular with the 30 plus crowd and features a small gym, sauna, spa, and steam room.

Gyms and Pools

City Gym located on Crown Street (toward William Str) East Sydney is probably one of the most popular “Gay gyms , recently renovated and upgraded with the latest equipment . This gym attracts a mainly gay audience. The recently renovated wet areas now include a large spa/jacuzzi that seems to be very well attended by the mainly gay following

Fitness First Darlinghurst

Located on Oxford Street's attracts all types, younger guys, older muscle, married types and everything in between.

Ian Thorpe Aquatic Centre

Located in the Ultimo / Pymont area which is located on the western side of the city. This modern state of the art facility offers a 50m pool and gymnasium . Note to check their web site as renovations will be taking place March /April 2019

Cook and Philip Pool

How sensible of the Sydney City to build a new aquatic centre right in the heart of Darlinghurst and on the eastern edge of the city offering a large 50 m indoor pool . There are many lovely guys here - tourists and locals alike.

Andrew (Boy) Charlton

A health and recreation facility providing customers with fitness classes, aquatic activity, relaxation and a space to socialise while being surrounded by Sydney Harbour. Come and enjoy a relaxing swim in a salt water pool by the harbour surrounded by the Royal Botanic Gardens. An outdoor pool that is popular with Sydney's gay community

Beaches – Take advantage of some of the most beautiful beaches in the world

Sydney offers a selection of Ocean Beaches with waves as well as Harbour Beaches with beautiful blue still crystal clear waters, we would suggest a visit to:

Bondi Beach ,

Sydney's most Iconic beach with over 1 km of beautiful soft sands and some great waves . The beach is situated off Campbel Parade offering a number of fantastic bars and eateries. There is the main beach and at the far north (North Bondi) you can indulge in some pretty sexy eye candy . Bondi Icebergs Pool adjoins the beach and is offers a 50m salt water pool for those that like to do laps

Bronte Beach and Baths

The waves at Bronte Beach can get a little hairy for the less experienced swimmers, but here you can enjoy the best of both worlds with a protected saltwater pool that has waves crashing at the walls.

Manly Beach

Take the ferry from Circular Quay to Manly and enjoy exploring the corso area with its selection of shops bars and eateries and take a swim at Manly Beach

Nude Beaches - Sydney

The following are the most popular nude beaches in Sydney visited by our gay community , these beaches are not exclusively nude and attract not only the gay community. All beaches are harbour beaches with no waves and can be accessed by bus or public transport . There are other nude beaches that would require a car to get to these locations

Obelisk- official nude beach

Located on Sydney's north shore with a beautiful panoramic view of Watsons Bay, this beach is sure to not disappoint.

Lady June Bay – official nude beach

Located just next to Watsons Bay in Sydney's east ,also known as Lady Bay Beach just South of the harbour, between South Head and Camp Cove, this tiny beach packs an almighty punch with spectacular views.

La Perouse Little Congwong Beach - unofficial nude beach

It is a more secluded beach with access being limited to a short walk past Congwong Beach. Let it be known that this particular beach is not a designated official nude beach

Experience some of Sydney's most popular markets

Carriageworks Farmers Market & Theatre

Busiest on a Saturday morning , Why go? It's well worth the trip for its range of seasonal produce, including organic and biodynamic foods from farmers and producers from across New South Wales

Also experience Sydney's most progressive drama, dance and art companies like Performance Space, Sydney Chamber Opera and Moogahlin Performing Arts at the Carriageworks theatre

Moore Park Foodies and Farmers Market

When: Wednesday & Saturday 8 am – 2pm Where: Entertainment Quarter (EQ) Moore Park

The Rocks Fridays Foodie Market

When : Friday 9 am – 3 pm Where: The Rocks Area next to Circular Quay CBD

The Grounds Markets

Bakers, creators and all of the clever little makers assemble each week at the markets at The Grounds of Alexandria, so head here to stock up for the week and pick yourself up something pretty while you're there.

When: Every Saturday & Sunday, 9am - 3.30pm Where: The Grounds of Alexandria

Bondi Markets

Seaside shopping anyone? The Bondi Markets host the ultimate lazy market atmosphere with bits and bobs so good it's like raiding your Mum's wardrobe.

When: Every Sunday, 10am—5pm January. Where: Bondi Beach Public School

Paddington Markets

Home creatives, this market plays host to local fashion designers, craftspeople, jewellery makers and artists with many products exclusive to this retail haven.

When: Every Saturday 10am—4pm Where: Paddington Public School, 395 Oxford Street

Theatre Experiences – Check theatre web sites for most updated listings

Sydney Opera House

You can't afford to miss a visit to either tour Sydney's most talked about attraction, take in a show or just stroll through the Opera house, 1 hour walking tours are run daily which can be booked in advance <https://www.sydneyoperahouse.com/visit-us/tours-and-experiences/english-tour.html>

La Boheme until 24 March

[West Side Story](#) until 21 April

Much Ado about Nothing March – Nov

The Miser March – April

Westside Story – March

Seymour Theatre Chippendale

Great theatre with many gay themed theatre events every Feb/ March, close to Central and Redfern Stations, with great transport links, ample parking and plenty of nearby facilities.

What's on March TBC

Enmore Theatre (Newtown Enmore Area)

Take is a show at this 1,600-seat Art Deco landmark that plays host to a wide range of shows – everything from rowdy band gigs to giant dance parties and stand-up comedy revues. Great selection of eclectic eateries and bars within close walking distance and a few minutes walk from Newtown station

What's on March TBC

City Recital Hall -

Located in the heart of the city at Angel Place (a short walk from Martin Place stations), experience a show and a meal at one of the adjoining lane way restaurants and bars

Afro Cuban All Starts 30 March

Madness & Confrontation - 24 March

Commemorates the formation of the Australian Romantic & Classical Orchestra during performances of Mozart's The Marriage of Figaro.

ICC Darling harbour

Our newest premier red carpet theatre seats up to 8,000 patrons and located at one of Sydney's premier dining locations

Bryan Ferry 1 March

Museums & Galleries

MCA – Museum of Contemporary Art

The go-to venue for cutting-edge art on a local and international level. Often hosting exhibitions by huge international artists, including heavyweights like Anish Kapoor, Yoko Ono and Grayson Perry. MCA has a rooftop café and sculpture terrace with superb views of Circular Quay, including the Harbour Bridge and Sydney Opera House

Located at Circular Quay close to The Rocks area

Art Gallery of NSW

Established in 1871, the Art Gallery of New South Wales is the leading museum of art in New South Wales and Sydney, and one of Australia's foremost cultural institutions. It holds significant collections of Australian, European and Asian art, and presents nearly 40 exhibitions annually.

Located at Art Gallery Road The Domain North end of the city in The Domain)

Australian Museum

Funnel webs, king browns, red backs, salties (salt water crocodiles) – find Australia's most deadly here, stuffed or behind glass. Laugh in mortality's face, glory in the wonders of natural history.

Located in Darlinghurst

Australian National Maritime Museum

Whether it's the Harbour, the beaches or *Finding Nemo*, Sydney's bound to the water like a babe to the breast. Circumnavigate the ANMM if you're keen jump aboard a submarine and live out all your *Hunt for Red October* fantasies.

Located at Darling Harbour (West side of the Sydney CBD)

Hyde Park Barracks Museum

Home to convicts, wastrel women, immigrants, law courts, a vaccine institute and a government printer, this place has seen it all. Discover the people who built this city and, if you're really quiet, hear their footsteps echo down the halls.

Located at Macquarie Street Sydney CBD

Museum of Sydney

Smack bang on top of the foundations of Australia's first Government House, the MOS is a celebration of the city's past, present and future. With video walls, poetry, storylines and panoramas out onto the city, this is a one-stop shop for visitors and curious locals.

Located in the Sydney CBD

Power House Museum

This hotbed of science, design and innovation is big on hands-on exhibits for budding gadgeteers and button-pushers, as well as blockbuster fashion, design and pop-cultural exhibitions.

Located at Utimo (West side of the Sydney CBD)

Some web sites/ apps to check out :

TimeOut App / magazine

The Urban List <https://www.theurbanlist.com/sydney/a-list/best-markets-sydney>

Sydney Gay Papers online –www.starobserver.com.au

<https://www.gaysydney4u.com/>

Local App via Facebook

Sydney City Web www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

Sydney Events www.sydney.com/events

Discount Theatre www.tix.com.au

Viator for tours and site seeing www.viator.com

Big Bus Tours www.bigbustours.com/en/sydney/sydney-bus-tours/

How to get around

Bus . Ferry and Trains – you will need an Opal card which can be purchased at convenience stores , stations, Super Markets , News Agents www.opal.com.au

Bus , train and ferry use opal app / city mapper app

Uber and Taxify apps – Min fare is around AU\$10

Sydney Taxi's <https://www.taxiscombined.com.au/>

Car rental – All major international car rental companies and Baywater Car Rental for great value starting at \$20/day for 7 day rentals <https://www.bayswatercarrental.com.au/sydney/car-hire>

Other Ideas

Gay Jewish Sydney ambassadors – Munro , Mark and Darren happy to be available to answer any questions and looking for any other volunteers

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