

Évaluation des Compétences Orales
niveau A2 pour les écoles bilingues

Anglais

Dossier documentaire

TOP 10 SYDNEY ATTRACTIONS

1. Taronga Zoo is a zoo located in Sydney. It was officially opened on 7 October 1916. Divided into eight zoogeographic regions, the 28-hectare Taronga Zoo Sydney is home to over 4,000 animals of 350 species. It has a zoo shop, a cafe, and information centre.

2. Sydney Harbour Bridge is a heritage-listed* steel through arch bridge across Sydney Harbour that carries rail, vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic between the Sydney central business district and the North Shore. The spectacular view of the bridge, the harbour, and the nearby Sydney Opera House is an emblematic image of Sydney, and Australia itself.

3. The Sydney Ferris Wheel at Darling Harbour is a big wheel with about 30 capsules that stands 40 metres high above Darling Harbour. The big wheel gives a panoramic view of Sydney. Hop in a carriage and hold your breath as you float up to 40 metres above the Harbour, enjoying the view of the emblematic Sydney Harbour Bridge, Opera House and Luna Park Sydney.

4. Sea Life Sydney Aquarium contains a large variety of Australian aquatic life, displaying more than 700 species comprising more than 13,000 individual fish and other sea and water creatures from most of Australia's water habitats.

5. Big Bus Sydney tour lets you enjoy all the benefits of a guided tour, including hassle-free** transportation.

6. Sydney Opera House is a concert hall located on Sydney Harbour. Its unique roof, which looks like gleaming white sails, makes it one of the most-photographed buildings in the world. Construction began in 1959. It was finished in 1973.

7. Royal Botanic Gardens is a heritage-listed* major 30-hectare botanical garden in Sydney. Opened in 1816, the garden is the oldest scientific institution in Australia and one of the most important historic botanical institutions in the world.

8. Sydney Observatory is a heritage-listed* meteorological station, astronomical observatory, in Sydney. It was designed by William Weaver (plans) and Alexander Dawson (supervision) and built from 1857 to 1859 by Charles Bingemann and Ebenezer Dewar.

9. Sydney Tower Eye is Sydney's tallest structure and the second tallest observation tower in the Southern Hemisphere. The name Sydney Tower has become common in daily usage; however, the tower has been known as the Sydney Tower Eye. The tower stands 309 m above the Sydney central business district, the tower is open to the public, and is one of the most important tourist attractions in the city.

10. A boat ride in Sydney Harbour: with the emblematic silhouette of Sydney Opera House and the spectacular arch of Sydney Harbour Bridge and the view on a lot of skyscrapers, Sydney Harbour is Australia's quintessential postcard image.

* heritage-listed: classé au patrimoine

** hassle-free: sans tracas

A TOUR IN THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

How to go to the Blue Mountains

By car, bus or train, getting to the World Heritage-listed** Blue Mountains is easy. The drive from the heart of Sydney to Katoomba is about 90 minutes via the M4 Motorway. There are regular trains from the city's Central Station, with the express service arriving in Katoomba in less than two hours.

What to see in the Blue Mountains



The Three Sisters is the Blue Mountains' most spectacular landmark. Located at Echo Point Katoomba, around 2.5 kilometres from the Great Western Highway, this emblematic visitor attraction is experienced by millions of people each year. The Three Sisters is essentially an unusual rock formation representing three sisters who according to Aboriginal legend were turned to stone.



The Blue Mountains Region is famous for its magnificent cool climate **exotic gardens**, which during Autumn and Spring are full of colours. Gardens are privately owned and therefore opening times and days are at the discretion of the owner.



The Blue Mountains can be easily navigated by **bike** if you're riding on flat terrain, you should be able to cover around 2-3km in 10 minutes. There are many quiet local roads with good maps.