

# The Phantom of the Opera & Sydney Highlights



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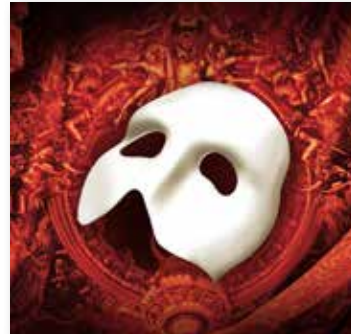
*With Trade Travel ex Brisbane/Melbourne*

**4 Days / 3 Nights**

**Tour Departs: Monday 12 September - Thursday 15 September, 2022.**



Credit: Michael Le Poer Trench



## Day 1. Mon 12 Sep: Brisbane/Melbourne - Sydney

**Lunch & Dinner**

### Flight Details: Brisbane or Melbourne - Sydney (subject to change)

We depart on our flight to Sydney. Upon arrival we are met by our coach captain before making our way across to **Port Botany**. We travel up through the southern beach suburbs of **Coogee** and **Bondi** where we enjoy **lunch with stunning waterfront views of Bondi Beach**. After lunch we travel up to **Estate Vacluse House**, one of Sydney's few 19th-century mansions still surrounded by its original gardens and wooded grounds. Here we enjoy a **guided tour** through the house followed by a **delightful High Tea in the Tearooms** before travelling north to our accommodation at View Sydney to check in and make ourselves at home for the next few nights. From our hotel rooms we enjoy stunning views of the magnificent Sydney Harbour and one of the most unforgettable cities. After time to freshen up we gather in **LB's Restaurant** for pre-dinner drinks at own cost before dinner.

**Overnight Sydney: View Hotel Sydney**

## Day 2. Tue 13 Sep: Opera House - Darling Harbour - Phantom of the Opera

**Breakfast & Opera House Dinner**

This morning we take a **one hour guided tour of the iconic Sydney Opera House** which is home to tonight's 'Phantom of the Opera'. Here we discover the stories, history and magic that has taken part underneath the world famous sails. We follow our friendly guide inside the World Heritage masterpiece, home to 1000 rooms, 300 corridors and hundreds of tales and secrets. Step inside the inspired theatres where more than 1600 performances come to life each year and learn how Danish architect Jørn Utzon's ground-breaking design and vision for such a world-class performing arts came into existence. We then stroll the **Darling Harbour** precinct, visiting the many shops, cafés and restaurants. Early afternoon we travel back to our hotel enjoying the afternoon to rest before **transferring back to the Sydney Opera House** for dinner prior to our evening at the **Phantom of the Opera**. Experience the phenomenon of one of the most successful musicals of all time, when Cameron Mackintosh's new production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's legendary show makes its Sydney Opera House debut. Hit after hit punctuates the thrilling score, from the stunning romance of "Music of the Night", "Think of Me" and "All I Ask of You" to the splendid "Masquerade" and brilliant title song. Now we can hear them all in a spectacular new production that has stunned critics across the United Kingdom and North America. Overseen by Cameron Mackintosh and Matthew Bourne, the "simply epic" new staging includes many special effects, from the famous chandelier to the underground lake, and a large cast and orchestra. Its "bigger and better than ever before" (Yorkshire Post), "stunning, intense and spectacular" (Sunday Express).

**Overnight Sydney: View Hotel Sydney**



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### **Day 3. Wed 14 Sep: Historic Parramatta Precinct - Q Station - Eye Tower Dinner** **Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

This morning after breakfast we make our way into Circular Quay where **we board the 9.07am River Cat Ferry** for a delightful **cruise up the Parramatta River to Parramatta**. After passing under the famous Sydney Harbour Bridge and by the iconic Sydney Opera House, we call into several ports before arriving in Parramatta at 10.30am. Here we meet our local historian and author **Judith Dunn** for a guided tour in and around the historic sites of **Parramatta**. Following this we enjoy **lunch at Lachlan's Old Government House** before heading across to the iconic seaside beach haven of **Manly**, home to the **Q Station** where for over 150 years it was the beginning of a new life in Australia. Enjoy a one hour history overview of the station before returning to our hotel to enjoy a rest and freshen up before our **spectacular dining experience** at the renowned **Sydney Tower Restaurant**. Offering over 50 freshly-prepared dishes from a range of cuisines including modern Australian, Vietnamese, Chinese, Japanese, Italian and a selection of fresh seafood. The attentive and friendly service is matched with spectacular 360-degree views of the city, making the **Sydney Tower Buffet** a unique dining experience for locals and visitors alike.

**Overnight Sydney: View Hotel Sydney**

### **Day 4. Thu 15 Sep: Queen Victoria Building, Sydney Hbr Lunch Cruise - Brisbane/Melbourne** **Breakfast & Lunch**

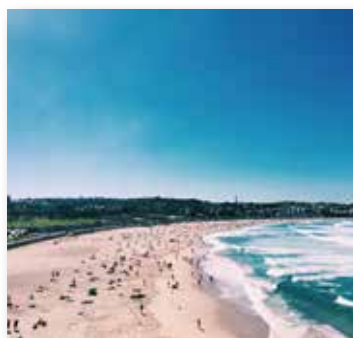
After breakfast and check out we board our coach and travel to the stunning **Queen Victoria Building** (now affectionately known as the QVB) where we experience 122 years of history. Designed by George McRae and completed in 1898, the QVB replaced the original Sydney markets on the site. Built as a monument to the long reigning monarch, construction took place in dire times as Sydney was in a severe recession. The elaborate Romanesque architecture was specially planned for the grand building so the government could employ many out-of-work craftsmen - stonemasons, plasterers and stained window artists - in a worthwhile project. Originally, a concert hall, coffee shops, offices, showrooms, warehouses and a wide variety of tradespeople, such as tailors, mercers, hairdressers and florists, were accommodated. Before leaving we enjoy one last look at the beautiful harbour as we board our **lunch cruise of Sydney Harbour**. Following our cruise we transfer to the Sydney airport for our return flights back to Brisbane or Melbourne after a wonderful time away on our Phantom of the Opera tour with Trade Travel.

**Flight Details: Sydney - Brisbane or Melbourne (subject to change)**

**Tour Highlights:** Lunch Bondi Beach; Guided Tour of Vaucluse House & High Tea; Tour Sydney Opera House; Darling Harbour Precinct; Pre Show Dinner Opera House; The Phantom of the Opera A Reserve Seats; Parramatta River Cat Ferry Cruise; Historic Highlights Tour Parramatta; Lunch at Lachlan's Old Government House; Quarantine Station; Sydney Tower Restaurant Dining; Queen Victoria Building; Sydney Harbour Lunch Cruise & more!

#### **Tour Price Includes:**

- Return flights ex Brisbane or Melbourne - Sydney
- Luxury coach travel
- 3 Nights quality accommodation - View Sydney 'Harbour View Rooms'
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner as per itinerary (9 Meals)
- A Reserve Seating Phantom of the Opera
- All entry fees, attractions, cruises & guides as per itinerary







## The History & Story of the *Phantom of the Opera*

Now in its 32nd year, The **Phantom of the Opera** is the famed **Broadway musical** all others are measured against. The timeless story, the unforgettable score, an undeniable obsession that could never die. Based on the classic novel *Le Fantôme de L'Opéra* by Gaston Leroux, the Phantom of the Opera tells the story of a masked figure who lurks beneath the catacombs of the Paris Opera House, exercising a reign of terror over all who inhabit it. He falls madly in love with an innocent young soprano, Christine, and devotes himself to creating a new star by nurturing her extraordinary talents and by employing all of the devious methods at his command.

Experience this haunting love story that has captivated audiences around the world inside one of the worlds most iconic building The Sydney Opera House. Andrew Lloyd Webber's mesmerizing score, along with jaw-dropping scenery and breathtaking special effects, magically combine to bring this tragic love story to life. The musical opened at Her Majesty's Theatre on 9 October 1986, and at the Majestic Theatre in New York on 26 January 1988 with Michael Crawford, Sarah Brightman and Steve Barton in the leading roles. There have been dozens of productions worldwide since. Now 32 years after the production first opened, the show has won over 70 major theatre awards and has been seen by more than 140 million people worldwide.

**\$2098.00 per person Twin Share (Single Supplement \$315.00)**

**Tour cost based on minimum 20 pax**

The tour prices valid for travel in 2022. Please note that the itinerary is subject to change without notice.

**Deposit:** A deposit of **\$200 per person** is due at time of booking, along with completed & signed booking form.

**Final Payment:** Due no later than **Friday 29 July, 2022.**

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