

COURSE LOGISTICS - SYDNEY

Travelling to Sydney, Australia

The best way to travel to Sydney from abroad is by air. Flight airfare costs vary and are dependent on your outgoing departure city. Please check with your local travel agent or direct with a preferred airline carrier for the best fares, and best flight routes available from your destination to Sydney.

Domestic travel fare options available are via Qantas Airways, Virgin Blue or Jetstar websites for competitive rates between Australian cities.

<http://www.qantas.com.au/travel/airlines/home/au/en>

<http://www.virginaustralia.com/au/en/>

<http://www.jetstar.com/au/en/home>

Transport between city and airport

Sydney's International Airport is located in Mascot <http://www.sydneyairport.com.au/>, it is approximately 20 mins to the city centre by car/taxi and 13 minutes by train to Central Station. University of Technology, Sydney is a short walk from Central Station.

For transport options to/from airport, see: <http://www.sydneyairport.com.au/go.aspx>.

Visas

Visa requirements do apply for most international travellers into Australia. Prior to travel, it is advised to arrange visas at least 14 – 21 days prior to your departure date. Visa application fees may apply depending on nationality and duration.

For Passport and Visa requirements, visit: <http://australia.gov.au/topics/tourism-and-travel/passport-and-visa-information>

Accommodation

The following hotels are located in the Central Station area, and a short walk from the University of Technology Sydney.

Mercure Sydney, 818 George Street, Sydney NSW
<http://www.mercure.com/gb/hotel-2073-mercure-sydney/index.shtml>
<http://goo.gl/maps/W7BJd>

Vulcan Hotel, 500 Wattle Street, Ultimo NSW
<http://vulcanhotel.com.au/>
<http://goo.gl/mFqyfh>

Novotel Sydney Central, 169 Thomas Street NSW
<http://www.novotelsydneycentral.com.au/>
<http://goo.gl/maps/Mlf9B>

Adina Apartment Hotel, 2 Lee Street, Sydney NSW
<http://www.tfehotels.com/brands/adina-apartment-hotels/adina-apartment-hotel-sydney-central/>
<http://goo.gl/maps/Nx7u0>

Average cost per night is between \$130 - \$275 AUD.

Numerous budget hotels (<\$100) are also available in the local area: <http://goo.gl/rLTCn0>

Food

Course registration fee includes lunch, morning tea and afternoon tea. Participants will be required to find their own dinner. There are many restaurants of all cuisines and budgets in the local area. Breakfast may be provided by your hotel.

Sydney offers diverse cuisines from all over the world for all budgets. If Asian cuisine is your preference, Chinatown is a 5–7min walk from Central Station.

For restaurants and cafés in Sydney, see:

<http://www.goodfood.com.au/good-food/eat-out>

<http://www.urbanspoon.com/c/70/Sydney-restaurants.html>

There are also vegetarian and vegan options to choose

from http://www.happycow.net/australia/new_south_wales/sydney/

Getting around the CBD

Sydney is a great walkable city. You can walk from UTS Broadway (west side of the city) to Circular Quay and The Rocks area (east side of city) in less than 50mins. There is a lot to discover along the way such as Market City and Paddy's Markets, Chinatown, Darling Harbour, World Square, Town Hall and The Botanic Gardens.

<http://www.sydney.com/>

Bus travel is easy around the city. Ensure you purchase a bus ticket from ticket outlets between the hours of 7am–7pm Monday – Friday, as fares are not accepted on buses during the daytime. <http://www.sydneybuses.info/prepay>

Plan your bus trip <http://www.sydneybuses.info/>

Fares vary on distance travelled (min. 1–2 section fare is approx. \$3.80 AUD).

Central Station is the main train station of Sydney, connecting inner city and interstate destinations. <http://www.sydneytrains.info/>

What to do and see

There is so much to see and do in Sydney.

Visit <http://www.australia.com/explore/cities/sydney.aspx> to explore the sights and wonders of such a great city.

Weather

Sydney's winter this year (June – August) has been quite warm with temperatures an average of 19–24 degrees Celsius during the day. Evenings and mornings can be colder (13-17 degrees). It is advised to pack: wet weather gear as it tends to rain at this time of the year; and a nice warm jacket and scarf for the mornings and evenings as it can get cold.

Currency

Australia's currency is in Australian Dollars. There are a multiple of exchange centres in the city centre, including major banks such ANZ, NAB, Commonwealth and St George.

Please view the current exchange rates <http://www.travelex.com.au/>