

A NEW LIFE IN... SYDNEY

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It's no wonder so many UK migrants want to call Sydney home – this world class city has it all! Australia's largest city provides a cosmopolitan lifestyle with a beautiful climate, incredible beaches and a myriad of work opportunities.

With its iconic harbour at its heart Sydney is a stunning and multicultural world class city offering an extensive arts calendar, sporting events, great restaurants and nightlife and a fantastic lifestyle, no matter what you're into.

Sydney was ranked seven out of 140 cities in the 2013 Economist Intelligence Unit's (EIU) Global Livability Survey and number 10 out of 221 cities in the 2012 Mercer Worldwide Quality of Living Survey compiled by Mercer Human Resource Consulting.

WORKING HERE

Sydney is considered Asia Pacific's financial hub and therefore provides a wealth of working opportunities. It has a strong economy, with the state of New

SYDNEY FAST FACTS:

- Population of 4.67 million
- A total area of 12,368 square kilometres for Greater Sydney
- Timezone is GMT +10 hours
- Average winter temperatures of 9-17 degrees Celsius
- Average summer temperatures of 19-26 degrees Celsius
- Median age of 36
- Average household income is A\$2,537 (£1,379) per week

Reference: Sydneyaustralia.com

The city's Taronga Zoo is popular with all ages



South Wales (NSW) having the lowest rate of unemployment in the country.

Sydney has a diverse range of businesses, with the city leading the country in sectors including professional services, manufacturing, the digital economy, research and education and tourism.

The NSW Trade and Investment website (www.business.nsw.gov) has extensive information about Sydney's larger companies and industries, and is a great place to start with making your

Sydney's general and specialist recruitment firms are also available online.

BUSINESS HUBS

Sydney is a large sprawling city with different business hubs in many parts of the city. The main areas for jobs are in the Central Business District (CBD) just south of the Harbour Bridge.

There are smaller business hubs in outer areas such as North Sydney, Parramatta and Macquarie Park, or at business and

digital economy industries, like advertising in the area stretching from Pymont to Moore Park.

To the CBD's north, professional, scientific and technical services and ICT businesses are located in a large area from the CBD and North Sydney to Chatswood, Macquarie Park and Norwest Business Park.

Macquarie Park also contains Sydney's advanced pharmaceutical and biomedical device industries. There are also health and medical centres around Camperdown, Darlinghurst, Westmead and St Leonards, with connections to major hospitals.

About one hour west of the CBD is Parramatta, the 'capital' of Western Sydney. Here there are many manufacturing, wholesale trade, and transport and logistics companies.

EDUCATION

Sydney boasts an excellent education system and offers a broad choice of >>

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move to Sydney a reality.

Australian job search websites such as mycareer.com.au, careerone.com.au and seek.com.au give an idea of what jobs are available in each field, salaries, and the type of criteria that need to be met.

industrial parks such as Norwest.

Sydney's financial, legal and consulting industries are mainly found in the northern end of the CBD. South of the CBD are many of Sydney's education and research institutions, as well as creative

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non-denominational public primary and secondary schools (government run, free to all), as well as private denominational and non denominational private primary and secondary schools (privately run, fee based). Enrollment in government schools works by a boundary system, like the UK, and proof of residence for school catchment areas has to be supplied.

Public schools are free, but minimal expenses such as uniforms, books and stationary expenses, and some 'voluntary' contributions are expected from parents.

Sydney also has a small number of selective secondary schools, which students can apply for via a testing system. Places are limited and difficult to attain.

The NSW school year begins at the end of January, with four terms throughout the year. An excellent resource on NSW public schools can be found at www.schools.nsw.edu.au, which includes a rating system of all NSW schools (including private schools).

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Private schools are a popular alternative in NSW, particularly for secondary education. The majority of Sydney schools are extremely hard to get into, and many families have their children down on waiting lists from birth.

They also vary a great deal in price – fees can range from A\$3,000 (£1,631) per year to top schools costing up to A\$28,000 (£15,230) per year!



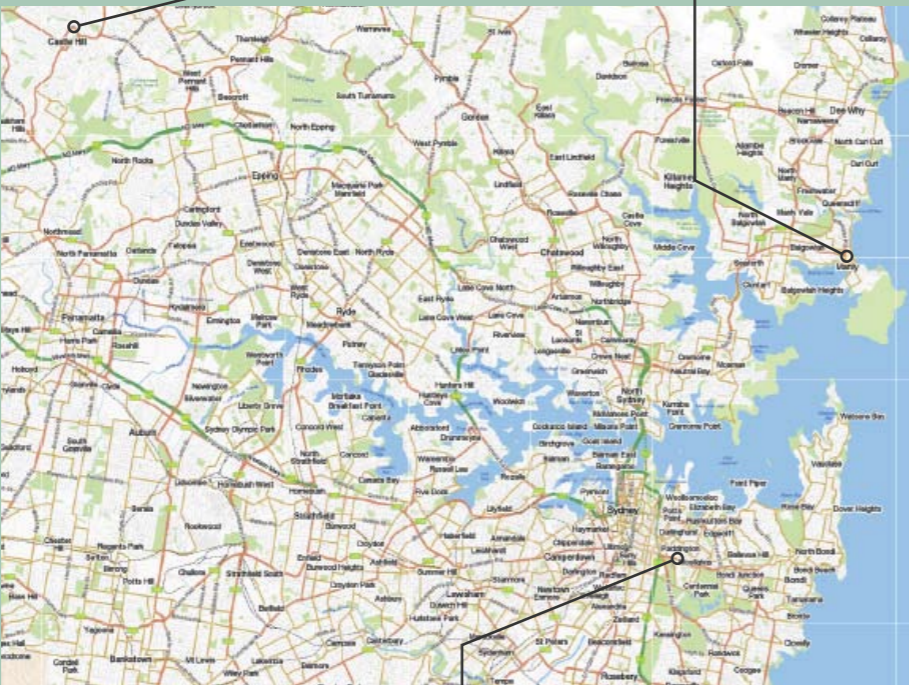
The Quadrant Building at the prestigious University of Sydney



Family-friendly Castle Hill offers more affordable housing



Beautiful Manly offers a more laid-back beachside lifestyle



Map: www.wherelive.com

Paddington is an attractive inner-city suburb – but property can be pricey!



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WHERE TO LIVE

With over 500 suburbs to choose from, deciding where to live in Sydney requires plenty of research and planning...

When it comes to housing, Sydney is expensive and thanks to an overheated property market, buying into your slice of paradise, and even renting it will cost you!

Sydney's median house price is A\$844,000 (£459,088). The market has been hot, and prices of houses have risen by about 17 per cent just in the past year.

With over 500 suburbs to choose from, deciding where to live can be overwhelming, but there are many resources to help you with planning where your next home will be. Handy websites to research property to rent or buy include www.domain.com.au, www.realestate.com.au, www.airbnb.com.au and www.gumtree.com.au.

Many migrants use relocation agents to help with house searches, and this can save you money and time in the long run.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Sydney's suburbs are divided into areas in relation to the city's CBD and harbour.

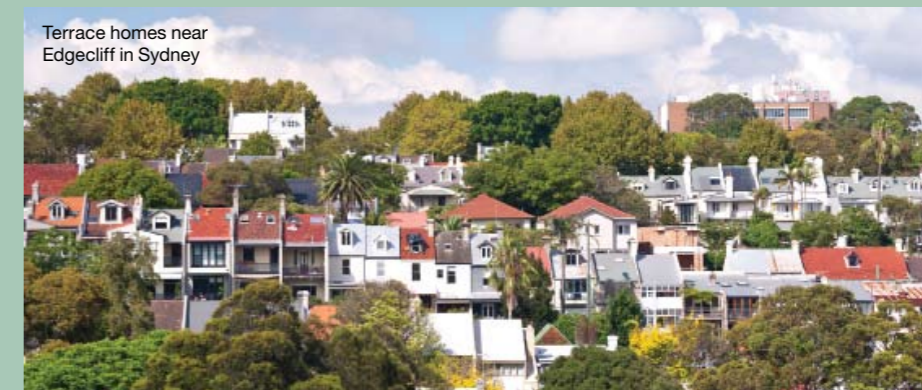
AREAS CLOSEST TO CBD

Eastern suburbs (\$\$\$, best for beaches and nightlife)

Sydney's glamorous side features world famous beaches like Bondi and Bronte, as well as hip neighbourhoods like Potts Point and Paddington. Sydney-siders flock here for great restaurants and bars. It's also where Centennial Park is, a fantastic place to cycle, go horse riding or simply unwind. Housing options include a broad range of expensive houses and apartments.

Inner West (\$\$, best for great schools and families).

Sydney's bohemian home features trendy multicultural suburbs such as Newtown and Marickville, with great nightlife and restaurants. This area also features beautiful harbourside neighbourhoods like Balmain and Drummoyne. Housing options include houses and apartments varying in price, usually in relation to proximity to the city.



Terrace homes near Edgecliff in Sydney

North Shore and Northern Suburbs (\$\$\$, best for a choice of private schools and harbour views)

Find plenty of old school charm, with beautiful harbourside suburbs such as Mosman and Balmoral. The area has some of the most expensive houses in the city. Many of Sydney's private schools are in the upper and lower north shore. House prices vary depending on proximity to the city and public transport.

AREAS FURTHER OUT

Northern Beaches (\$\$, best for beach lovers and families)

This area offers a laid-back lifestyle with beautiful beachside suburbs such as Manly, Dee Why, Palm Beach. It is perfect for families, but longer commute times if travelling to the city for work. Houses and apartments are available, but most expensive are those near the beach.

Hills District (\$, best for infrastructure and families).

This area is popular with families due to

its more affordable and larger blocks, leafy neighbourhoods, good schools and infrastructure. Suburbs include Castle Hill and West Pennant Hills.

Western City (\$, best for being affordable and families).

An increasingly popular option, this area offers great infrastructure with recent improvements in public transport. Multicultural and vibrant hubs include Parramatta and Penrith. The area also offers more housing options with family friendly housing developments, and a more relaxed rural lifestyle option in outer areas such as Camden and the Blue Mountains.

St George and the Shire (\$, best for a laid-back lifestyle beside the water)

With charming suburbs like Cronulla and Botany Bay, this area has a diverse range of housing with a great lifestyle thanks to its beachside suburbs and waterways. There's a great choice of houses and apartments, with prices varying according to proximity to the city.

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