

## Sydney Sightseeing – Watsons Bay

The best way to get around Sydney and see the sights is by ferry. Some of the best destinations are,

Manly

Taronga Zoo *and*

Watsons Bay

This guide explores Watsons Bay, a great place to enjoy a picnic, swim from a safe, sheltered inner harbour beach or learn more about Sydney's history.

Stand on the spot where the first Europeans set foot on the Sydney Harbour foreshore, see the towering cliffs scene of a terrible shipwreck, and take walks with great views up and down the coast, all for the cost of a ferry ticket!



*Watsons Bay*

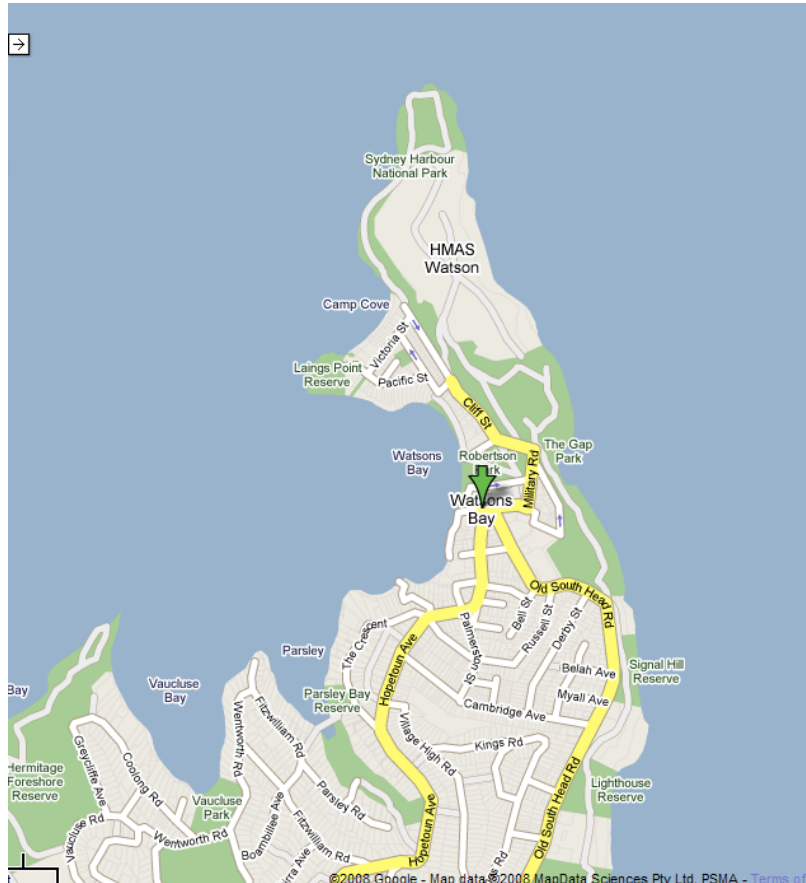
Circular Quay is the hub of the ferry network. The ferry services are reasonably frequent and allow time for you to explore at your own pace. The best ticket to buy is the Day Tripper (Government Bus, Train and Ferry) or a discount multi trip ticket (Ferry 10 for example), which can be used by a group of people by inserting the ticket into the ticket barrier once for each person.

Watsons Bay is a popular destination, with services approximately every 45 minutes. On the outward journey, look out for Pinchgut, Garden Island naval dockyard and Point Piper and Double Bay with some of the most expensive real estate in Sydney (and Australia).

As you arrive at Watsons Bay spot the tugs and pilots cutters amongst the yachts and pleasure boats at anchor waiting to guide shipping in and out of Sydney Harbour.

It is a short walk from the ferry wharf with its sheltered small inner harbour beach to the Gap a cliff top lookout and the Dunbar Memorial and anchor, the only remnant of an 18<sup>th</sup> century shipwreck from which there was only one survivor!

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*Watsons Bay district map*

### Things to do at Watsons Bay

Walk to the Macquarie Lighthouse from the Gap via the old Tram incline.

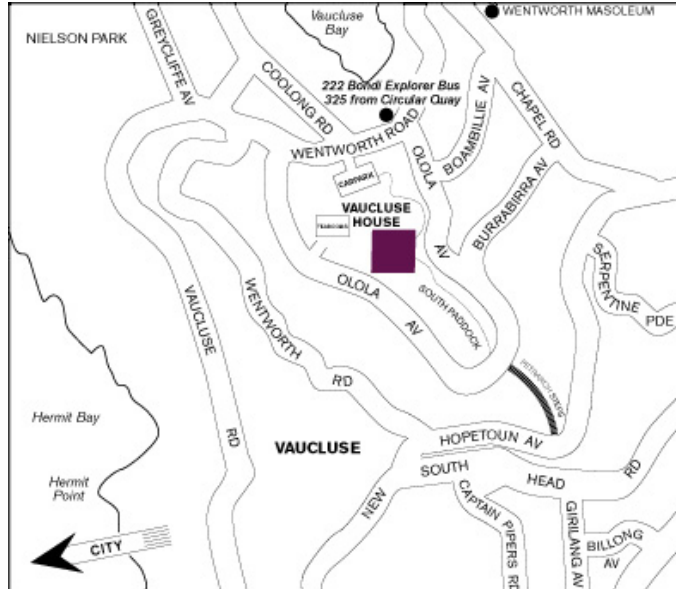
Enjoy a picnic in the park next to the ferry wharf; it has its own small sandy beach. Bring your own food or purchase some from one of the many takeaways or shops. Or eat in style at Doyle's Seafood restaurant, a famous Sydney institution.



Walk to South Head and the Hornby Light, which guards the entrance to Sydney Harbour. Passing through what was a small district of fishermen's cottages and now expensive real estate, then through to a part of Sydney Harbour National Park. There are number of small beaches including a nudist only beach. From South Head you can look out to the Tasman Sea or across to North Head or inwards to Middle Head. The harbour and entrance is always busy with shipping, and you will probably see the large double-ended ferries working their way to and from Manly. Return by the same well-made path past the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) establishment and gun emplacements dating from the 1800's.

Camp Cove is reputedly the place where Captain Arthur Philip, Commander of the First Fleet and his crew of exploration, first set foot on what was famously described in 1788 as the finest harbour in the world.

Return to Sydney by ferry, or if you have time, catch the bus to City via Bondi Beach (Service 380 – approx every 20 minutes) or 325 to City via Vaucluse House (324 direct to City) – transfer to train at Bondi Junction or Edgecliff to return to Central station or stay on the bus till Circular Quay.



*Historic Vaucluse House*

Alternatively walk back from Vaucluse House to Watsons Bay via the pedestrian suspension bridge to Parsley Bay.

On the return ferry trip, look out for Bradleys Head and Taronga Zoo on the right and, of course, get to see the Opera House and Harbour Bridge from the water as you return to Circular Quay.



*The City, Opera House and the QE2 on its last visit in 2008*

*Enjoy your trip – don't forget your hat, sun cream and camera!*