

Sydney Transport Guide



Sydney Trains & Metro

Extensive rail network connecting the CBD to suburbs, beaches, and Blue Mountains

A\$3.73–\$5.93 (Opal adult, off-peak discounts)

- 8 train lines covering Greater Sydney
- Sydney Metro: Australia's first driverless railway
- Metro extends to Western Sydney Airport by 2026
- Runs from ~4:00 AM to 1:00 AM daily

 Pro Tip: Travel after 6:30 PM or on weekends for 30% off-peak Opal discounts!



Sydney Ferries

The world's most scenic commute — harbour ferries connecting Circular Quay to Manly and beyond

A\$6.43–\$8.04 per trip (Opal)

- 9 ferry routes across Sydney Harbour
- Circular Quay to Manly: 30 min iconic crossing
- Stops at Taronga Zoo, Watsons Bay, Parramatta
- Opal card accepted on all services

 Pro Tip: The Manly Ferry at sunset is one of the best free-ish experiences in Sydney!



Buses & Light Rail

Comprehensive bus network plus modern light rail connecting CBD to inner suburbs

A\$2.24–\$4.80 per trip (Opal)

- 300+ bus routes across Greater Sydney
- L1 Light Rail: Central to Dulwich Hill
- L2/L3 Light Rail: Circular Quay to Randwick/Kingsford
- NightRide buses replace trains after midnight

 Pro Tip: Light Rail L2 runs from Circular Quay right to Randwick Racecourse — perfect for Coogee Beach!



Cycling & E-Scooters

Growing network of bike paths and shared e-scooter services across Sydney

A\$1 unlock + A\$0.38/min (e-scooters)

- Dedicated cycleways along the harbour foreshore
- Lime and Beam e-scooters across inner city
- Sydney Harbour Bridge cycleway is free
- Perfect for Centennial Park and coastal paths

 **Pro Tip:** Cycle across the Harbour Bridge for free — jaw-dropping views of the Opera House!

Passes & Tickets

Opal Card

Sydney's reusable smartcard for all trains, ferries, buses, and light rail

Best for: Everyone — essential for public transport

- ✓ Weekly cap: A\$50 (Mon–Sun)
- ✓ Off-peak 30% discount
- ✓ Free travel after 8 paid trips/week

Contactless Card

Tap your bank card or phone — same Opal fares and caps apply

Best for: Visitors without an Opal card

- ✓ Same fares as Opal card
- ✓ Daily and weekly caps apply
- ✓ No registration required

Opal Day Pass

A\$16.80 daily cap — after this amount, travel is free for the rest of the day

Best for: Heavy travel days and day trips

- ✓ Auto-applies after A\$16.80 spent
- ✓ All modes included
- ✓ Weekends capped at A\$8.40

Navigation Apps & Tools

Opal Travel

Official Transport NSW app — trip planner, real-time arrivals, and Opal balance

TripView

Sydney locals' favourite — fast, reliable train/bus/ferry departure boards

Citymapper

Multi-modal route planner with live disruption info

Google Maps

Solid backup for walking routes and transit times

Most Instagrammable Spots

 **Manly Ferry from Circular Quay**
Sydney Opera House and Harbour Bridge framed perfectly from the water

 **Train across Harbour Bridge**
Cross the iconic bridge with sweeping harbour views

 **Light Rail at Surry Hills**
Sleek modern tram through one of Sydney's hippest neighbourhoods

 **Ferry to Watsons Bay**
Crystal-clear water, clifftop views, and legendary fish & chips

 **Cycle across Harbour Bridge**
Pedal the dedicated cycleway with Opera House panoramas below

Insider Tips

- 1 Tap on AND tap off — forgetting to tap off charges you the maximum fare
- 2 Travel on Sundays and the daily cap is just A\$8.40 — explore everywhere for cheap
- 3 The Manly Ferry is basically a harbour cruise for the price of a ferry ticket
- 4 Airport stations charge a A\$16.39 surcharge — take bus 400 to Mascot for free
- 5 Off-peak hours (after 6:30 PM weekdays, all day weekends) save you 30%
- 6 Bring sunscreen and water — bus stops and ferry wharves have little shade

Important Information

Emergency Contacts

- Australian Emergency: 000
- Transport NSW Info: 131 500
- Police Assistance Line: 131 444
- Sydney Visitor Centre: +61 2 8273 0000

Safety Tips

- Wear sunscreen — UV is intense, even on cloudy days
- Ferries can be choppy — sit inside if prone to seasickness
- Keep hydrated — summer regularly exceeds 35°C
- Check Opal Travel app for service disruptions