

Itinerary

KIDS BEYOND THE WHARF

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Travelling with and entertaining kids is never simple, especially when you have a young kids to accommodate! Sydney is a great city for kids – from the great range of parks and playgrounds to the pram-friendly public transport. Children love travelling on the ferry's and parents love the photo opportunities it allows! Below are some recommendations for activities that you can enjoy with toddlers and children in around the wharves.



Luna Park

Milsons Point

LUNA PARK

Sydney's iconic Luna Park is famous for the rides, views, carnival atmosphere and of course, the giant face that marks the entrance. While the big kids head off and enjoy the roller-coasters, there are plenty of activities for little ones to safely enjoy, and with the choice of cafés, food stands and the million dollar views across Sydney, it's easy to see how the whole family can spend hours enjoying themselves at Luna Park.

www.lunaparksydney.com

Closest ferry wharf: Milsons Point

Getting there: There are regular services to and from Circular Quay on the following routes: Darling Harbour/East Balmain, Woolwich/Balmain and Parramatta.

Circular Quay

THE ROYAL BOTANIC GARDEN

The Royal Botanic Gardens are just a short walk around the water's edge from the Sydney Opera House and provide the perfect destination to escape the city noise. With large trees offering shade, you'll be sure to find a great little picnic spot to relax in and enjoy the harbour views while the little ones run around on the grass and admire the wildlife.

Set on more than 70 acres, the Botanic Gardens are home to an outstanding collection of plants with a focus on Australia and the South Pacific. Please remember to treat the plants with respect, as some of the plant life is fragile!

www.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au

Closest ferry wharf: Circular Quay

Getting there: Follow the harbour around toward the opera house.

Darling Harbour

SEA LIFE SYDNEY AQUARIUM

SEA LIFE Sydney Aquarium will take you and your family on an underwater journey through Australia's unique freshwater and marine aquatic environments. As one of the world's largest aquariums, with over 700 different species and 13,000 animals in six million litres of water, children and adults of all ages will be impressed and entertained. SEA LIFE Sydney Aquarium is home to some of Australia's most famed animals including the platypus, penguins and dugongs. Your little ones will love 'finding Nemo' for real!

www.sydneyaquarium.com.au

Closest ferry wharf: Darling Harbour

Getting there: The Aquarium is located opposite the Darling Harbour ferry wharf. You can purchase your Ferry and Aquarium tickets at the jetty 5 ticket booth, Circular Quay.

WILD LIFE – SYDNEY ZOO

With indoor and outdoor enclosures, daily shows, feeding sessions, and enhanced walk-through habitats, you and your family will enjoy spotting Koalas, Kangaroos, Wallabies, and hundreds of other animals at the Wild Life – Sydney Zoo. Conveniently located in Darling harbour, the Wild Life Zoo is a great location for a day trip out for all the family and shouldn't be missed!

www.wildlifesydney.com.au

Closest ferry wharf: Darling Harbour

Getting there: Wild Life-Sydney Zoo is located opposite the Darling Harbour ferry wharf. You can purchase your Ferry and Zoo tickets at the jetty 5 ticket booth, Circular Quay

IMAX MOVIE THEATRE

Sydney's IMAX Theatre is home to the world's largest movie screen, and shows movies in all dimensions. This is a great way to take time out from the bouncing energy of your children. Check out the 3D movies for something extra special!

www.imax.com.au

Closest ferry wharf: Darling Harbour

Getting there: The IMAX is located a short walk around from the ferry wharf.

DARLING QUARTER KIDS PLAYGROUND

The Darling Quarter Kids Playground is one of the most spectacular playgrounds in Australia. Featuring an array of fun activities that promote learning and imagination for children of all ages, you'll find water games, climbing ropes, swings, slides, and even a flying fox. It's no surprise that kids will be entertained for hours here. And best of all, it's free! There is a range of great restaurants nearby, so parents can relax while the kids play.

www.darlingquarter.com/play

Closest ferry wharf: Darling Harbour

Getting there: The playground is located just further on from the IMAX theatre on Harbour Street.

Homebush

SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK AQUATIC CENTRE

Homebush was the location of the Sydney Olympics in 2000 and today, its home to the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre - a world class family facility full of fun, fitness and leisure. With a water playground, slides, rapid river rides and even a spa, there is something for everyone all year round at the Sydney Olympic Park.

After all of the aqua fun, save some time and walk around the area – you'll be sure to relive a tonne of Olympic history.

www.aquaticcentre.com.au

Closest ferry wharf: Sydney Olympic Park

Getting there: Sydney Olympic Park is located a short bus ride away from the wharf (526 bus).

Manly

MANLY BEACH

Sydneysiders love their beaches and, for kids, there's no better place to have fun. Manly Beach is one of the popular north side beaches and offers all the essential ingredients for a great day trip out. If you're looking for something a little more private, a short walk away from the Corso also takes you to pretty Shelly Beach, which is in a sheltered bay with calmer waters.

www.manly.nsw.gov.au/attractions/beaches

Closest ferry wharf: Manly Wharf

Getting there: Manly Beach and Shelly Beach are both a short walk from the wharf.

MANLY SEA LIFE SANCTUARY

Manly Sea Life Sanctuary is a great place to spot sharks, penguins and many other underwater spectaculars. Adults can even take the opportunity to plunge in and dive with sharks, turtles and stingrays.

Look out for weekday 'Parent and Toddler' entertainment sessions. You and the little ones can enjoy animal face-painting, guided tours, feeding sessions and interactive rock-pool talks!

www.manlysealifesanctuary.com.au

Closest ferry wharf: Manly Wharf

Getting there: Manly Sea Life is a five minute walk from the wharf. You can purchase your Ferry and Sanctuary tickets at the jetty 5 ticket booth, Circular Quay.

Mosman

TARONGA ZOO

Overlooking the beautiful harbour, Taronga Zoo is a family experience not to be missed. Taronga Zoo is home to over 700 animals including kangaroos, koalas, Tasmanian devils, crocodiles and exotic species including rare western lowland gorillas, Sumatran tigers and snow leopards. There are up to 20 free keeper talks and shows throughout the day, don't miss the seal show or the bird show!

www.taronga.org.au

Closest ferry wharf: Taronga Zoo

Getting there: Located just 12 minutes from the city by ferry. Purchase your Ferry and Zoo tickets from the jetty 2 ticket booth, Circular Quay.



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