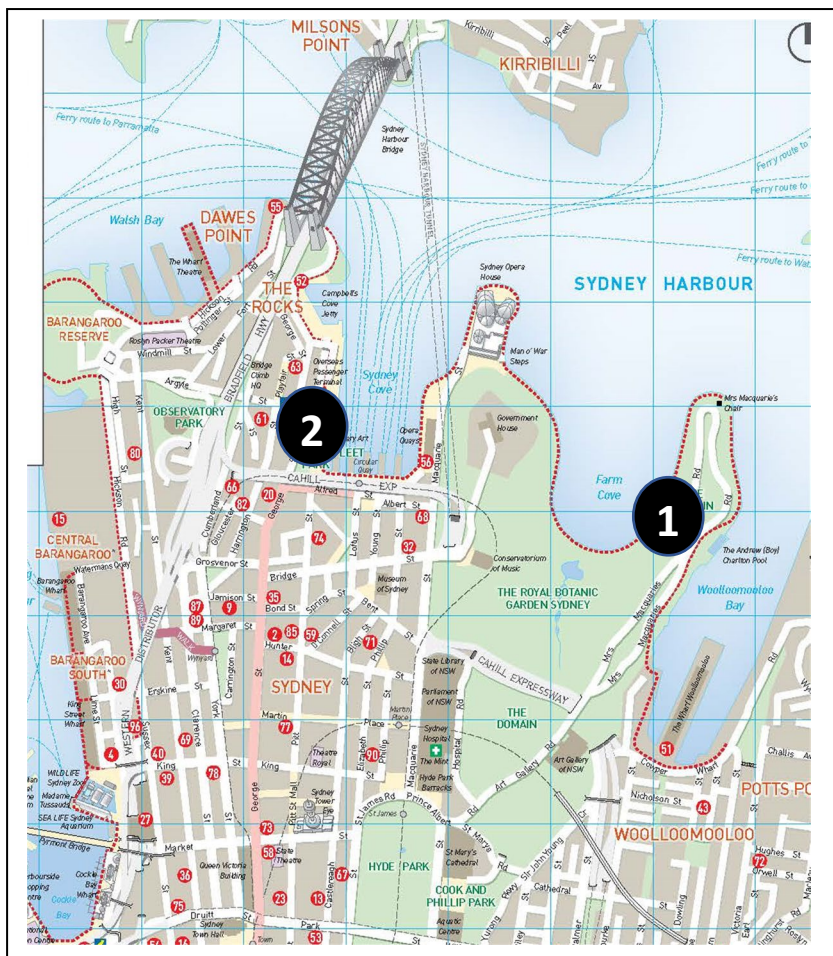


Sydney: Slightly Off The Beaten Track

Want to experience Sydney like a local? Try some of these recommendations!

CBD:



1: A short walk from Circular Quay is the beautiful botanical gardens. Have a wander along the foreshore towards Mrs Macquarie's Chair and enjoy the beautiful lawns and unrivalled views of the Opera House and Harbour Bridge.

2. The Museum of Contemporary Art sits right on Circular Quay – however not many realise that there is a Café on level 4 inside, and that Café has a stunning view from the Harbour Bridge to Opera House. It's pretty reasonably priced too, and the museum is free.

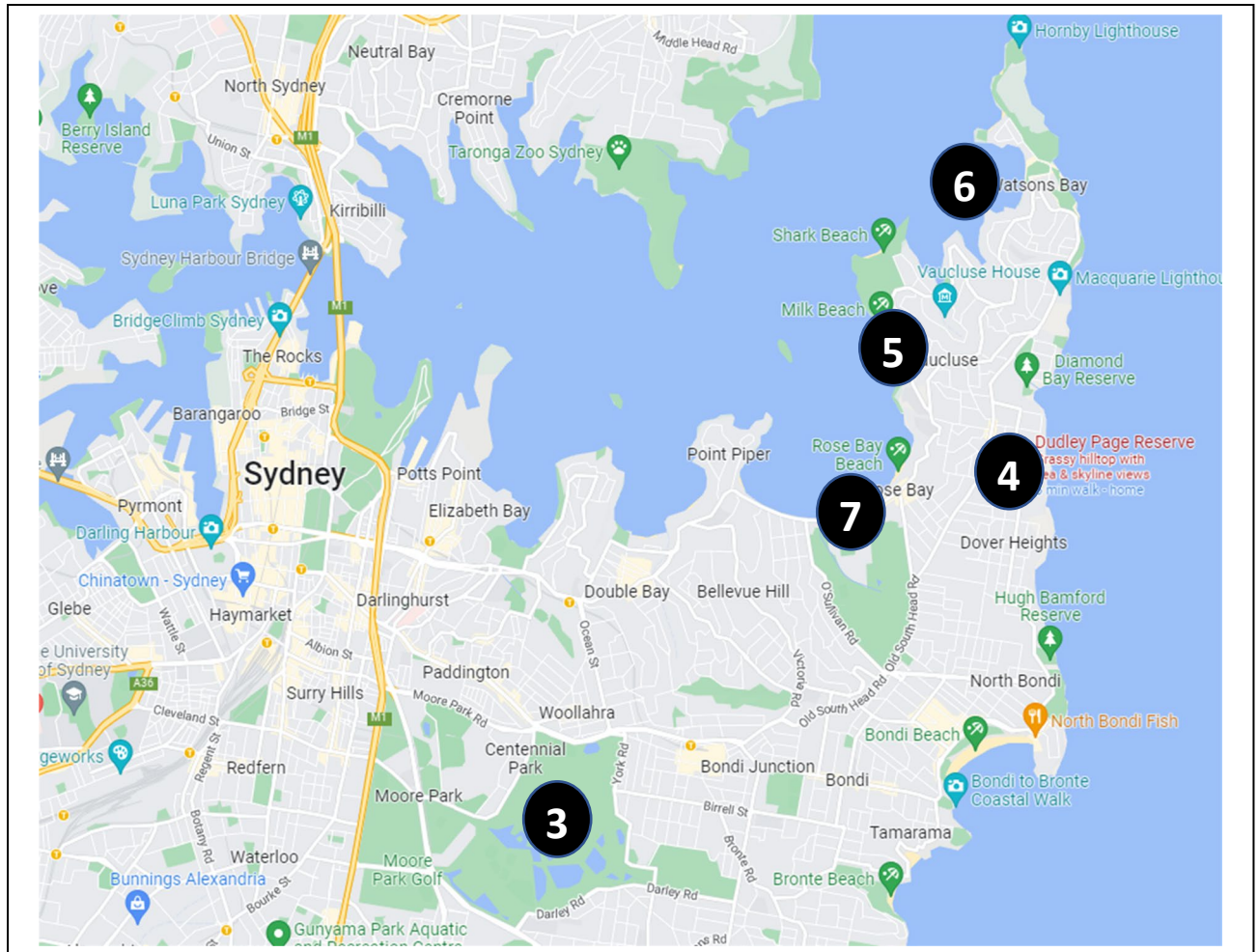
Eastern Suburbs

While the obvious 'hit list' in the East include the beautiful Bondi to Bronte walk, best enjoyed at Sunrise – which for the ambitious could even be done before the first keynote of the day or going for a surf (Lets Go Surfing Bondi have great classes). Here are some other 'slightly off the beaten track' recommendations. All the items below are <30min by Taxi/Uber from the CBD, but all but item 3 take 45 minutes+ by public transport (consult Google Maps).

3. Giant Fruit Bats. If you've never seen a colony of several thousand flying foxes (fruit bats), with wing spans up to 1m, go to the Lachlan Swamps in the middle of Centennial park. Even better, head there about an hour before sunset to see them take wing. Centennial park is also a beautiful place for a walk.

4. Dudley Page Reserve – a slightly out of the way park with stunning views across the harbour. Great place for an evening picnic and a small playground there if you a bringing little ones. Closest bus stop is 246 Military Road.

5. Another perfect sunset view is from the quiet Milk Beach on the harbour foreshore, with the beautiful Strickland House just up the hill from it. This is halfway along the Rose-Bay to Watson Bay Hermitage Trail, which is a lesser known walk than the Bondi-Bronte walk, but just as nice. Look out also for Parsley Bay. Make a small detour to Vaucluse House – a beautiful restaurant in the middle of it's own grounds.



6. Hop on a ferry at Circular Quay to go up to Watson's Bay (22 min). Home of the famous Doyle's Fish and Chips, and a beautiful location to soak up a laid back atmosphere away from the city. It's then a short few km walk from the ferry terminal to Hornby Lighthouse at the entrance to the harbour, with fantastic views across to Manly. Bring some swimmers for Camp Cove on the way.

7. For those with the desire and \$ (it is a bit pricey!) you can charter a seaplane from Rose Bay to experience Sydney from the sky. If that's not your cup of tea, there's a nice park, a few cafes to watch the planes take off and it's the start of the Hermitage Trail.

8. Hermitage Trail – you can link 5-7 together with a walk along the Hermitage trail continuing to Watson's bay. About 7km long in total, accessible by Ferry from the CBD to Rose Bay and you can return back by ferry from Watsons Bay at the other end.

A few more suggestions:

1. Circular Quay to Manly Ferry
2. Harbour Bridge Climb
3. Revolving Restaurant or Observatory at Centre Point Towers
4. The Rocks Market
5. Art Gallery of NSW
6. Our own Chau Chak Wing Museum
7. Newtown + Enmore Shopping, Dining and Entertainment District
8. Blue Mountains Skyway (day trip)