



GROUP INFORMATION PACK

Sydney Harbour YHA



Thank you for your interest in Sydney Harbour YHA!

At Sydney Harbour YHA your group will be staying amongst the heritage buildings and quiet laneways of Sydney's historic heart, The Rocks. On this site, the archaeological remains of some of Sydney's earliest and best documented colonial buildings have been uncovered.

Sydney Harbour YHA provides access to this archaeological heritage through on-site interpretation, visual and physical access to the remnants, an education centre and the unique opportunity of sleeping above Australia's history. It is the largest archaeological urban development ever completed in Australia.

Sydney Harbour YHA offers groups affordable accommodation and modern facilities. We can accommodate groups of up to 110 for people of all ages. If your group exceeds this limit, or if you have any questions or queries about booking, please don't hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to having your group stay with us soon!

Hostel Address & Contact Information

Hale Can & Moi Sae-tang
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Award-Winning Group Accommodation

Sydney Harbour YHA and the Big Dig Archaeology Education Centre have received many prestigious awards in the fields of archaeology, education, heritage development, tourism, and sustainability.



**National Trust
Heritage Awards 2011**
• Tourism Projects
• Education
• Heritage Development



YHA's Commitment to your Group

Sydney Harbour YHA has dedicated Group Reservations Coordinators acting as your first point of contact to ensure your requirements are met and your group has an enjoyable stay. In addition, our Education Officer can assist school and educational groups plan effective excursions, meetings or study breaks.

- Sydney Harbour has dedicated group TV, lounge and dining areas; your group will not be expected to share facilities with independent hostel guests.
- All bedrooms have a private bathroom.
- Sydney Harbour YHA offers environmentally sustainable accommodation with solar hot water, on site power generator, recycled rain water for toilet flushing and shade louvres.
- YHA will take all reasonable precautions to ensure the safety and security of your group and their property.
- Reception is open 24 hours, ensuring a staff member is available at all times.
- Group leaders have the choice of private rooms, situated in the same area as the group allowing for supervision. If group members are under 18 years and leaders prefer to be in the same room as them, this can be arranged.
- Coach drivers will be allocated their own private room with ensuite free of charge.

Risk Management

Sydney Harbour YHA is pro-active in taking preventative measures at its properties to ensure we maintain the highest possible standards in the field of risk management. YHA staff members are trained and capable of handling emergency situations.

A comprehensive risk assessment is available on request or can be downloaded at:

<http://www.yha.com.au/content/documents/shyha%20risk%20assessment.pdf>

Public Liability Insurance The YHA has public liability insurance of \$20 million.

Nearest Medical Centres George Street Medical Centre (Monday-Friday only)
308 George Street
Sydney NSW 2000
T: 02 9231 3211

Hyde Park Medical Centre (open Sat-Sun 10am-4pm)
175 Liverpool St
Sydney NSW 2000
T: 02 9283 1234

Nearest Hospital Sydney Hospital
8 Macquarie Street
Sydney NSW 2000
T: 02 9382 7111



Services and Facilities

Sydney Harbour YHA offers a wide range of services and facilities that include:

- Comfortable 4 and 6 share dormitory-style accommodation with private bathrooms
- Limited single/twin/double rooms with ensuites
- 24 hour reception
- Secure electronic keycard access to all bedrooms and group common areas
- Internet and email access
- Catering for breakfast, lunch and dinner in our dedicated groups wing
- Rooftop terrace and BBQ area
- Laundry facilities
- Wheelchair access
- Dedicated groups lounge, dining and TV area
- Lockers in all shared rooms
- Vending Machines
- Reverse cycle air-conditioning
- On site grocery store
- Bus drop-off area in front of the hostel
- The Big Dig Archaeology Education Centre.



Students on The Big Dig site during an Education Program



The Big Dig Archaeology Education Centre

Educational Programs

The Big Dig Archaeology Education Centre is a two classroom purpose built facility. Each classroom can seat up to 36 students. Professionally delivered education programs about The Big Dig are run on the site by Sydney Learning Adventures and the Historic Houses Trust. These programs can be included as part of your group booking at Sydney Harbour YHA. For further information regarding these programs please contact us or visit www.thebigdig.com.au/education_programs



Years 1-2:
Little Diggers

Years 3-4:
Dirt Detectives

Years 5-6:
**Pieces of the Past
Pests, Plague, Pandemic!**

Years 7-10:
Cesspits and Old Rubbish

Year 11:
**Groundwork: Archaeology
at The Big Dig**

Room Hire

When not reserved for education programs about The Big Dig site, the centre can be hired for meetings, workshops, conferences and small private functions°. Single classrooms can be hired for groups of up to 40 people, or the centre can be used as one larger space seating up to 100 people theatre style. The centre has AV facilities, reverse cycle air-conditioning and on site amenities. Catering can be arranged upon request.

	Morning Session 9:30am – 1:00pm*		Afternoon Session 1:30pm – 5:00pm*		Evening Session 6:00pm – 9:30pm		Day Hire 9am – 6pm	Full Day Hire 9am – 9pm
	1 Room	2 Rooms	1 Room	2 Rooms	1 Room	2 Rooms	2 Rooms	2 Rooms
Schools & Educational Groups	\$ 55.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 265.50
Non-Educational Groups	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 1000.00

° Limited availability from 9am-5pm Mon-Fri during school term. Please contact Groups/Agents Coordinators for more information.

* Times can be varied on request subject to availability.

Group Membership

To stay with YHA as a group of 10 or more people, you need to be a bona fide educational, social, cultural, sporting, religious or recreational group. Rates quoted are YHA Group Member rates.



Benefits

- Special lower member's rates for groups at YHA/Hostelling International hostels worldwide.
- Group membership is valid for most YHA and Hostelling International accommodation all over the world.
- Information from YHA on a regular basis including our Group News newsletter especially for group leaders.
- Access to discount-priced travel services.
- Opportunity to participate as a member of YHA – a not for profit organisation governed by its members.

How to Join

Australian groups can join through the YHA Membership & Travel Centre in your home state, or by filling out the Group Membership section of the Group Booking Forms.

Overseas groups can join at the national YHA/Hostelling International membership association in your home country. Contact us for your local YHA Association details.

YHA Group Membership Validity	Price	Details
1 Year	\$ 42.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All rates are quoted in Australian dollars (GST included).• Membership only covers persons travelling as part of a registered group of 10 or more people, not individuals.• Membership cards will be issued on arrival unless otherwise requested.• Valid for 1, 2 or 3 years from date of issue.
2 Years	\$ 84.00	
3 Years	\$126.00	

Travel Arrangements & Activities

Is your group interested in getting some great deals on some of the most popular activities in Sydney?

We can make all the necessary arrangements for your group activities in and around The Rocks. Activities include ghost tours, jet boat rides on Sydney Harbour, bicycle tours and Bondi Beach surfing lessons – just to name a few.

Please let us know what activities your group is interested in and we can help make it happen!



The Accommodation

Your group will be allocated separate dormitories and will not be expected to share rooms with other hostel guests. Your group will be able to make use of the exclusive groups dining and lounge areas. On occasion these common areas may be shared with other groups that are staying with us.

Group rooms and common areas are located in the Margaret Byrne wing of the hostel. All rooms within the building require electronic swipe keys for access. Upon request, a master key can be provided to leaders to access all rooms allocated to the group.

Dorm Rooms

Group members are accommodated in comfortable four or six-share dormitory style rooms. Each room is equipped with lockers, individual reading lights, table and chairs. All the dormitory rooms have their own ensuite bathrooms.

Bed linen is provided, however we request that group members bring their own towels. Towels hire can be arranged in advance for \$1 per towel..

Group Leader Rooms

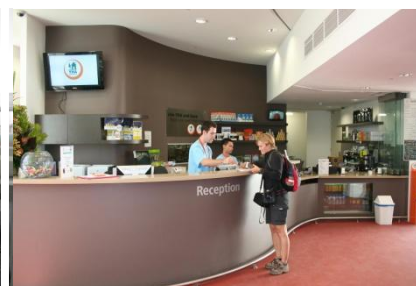
Group leaders can be accommodated in single, twin or double rooms. These rooms have ensuites and include all bed linen and towels.

Driver Rooms

Professional coach drivers are not expected to share with group members and will be allocated private ensuite rooms free of charge. These rooms include all bed linen and towels.

Group Rates

Room Type	Rate	Details
4 or 6 multi-share room with ensuite	\$ 44.50 p.p.p.n	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All rates include a continental breakfast• p.p.p.n. – per person per night• p.r.p.n. – per room per night• Professional bus drivers stay free of charge• All rates are quoted in Australian dollars and are inclusive of GST• Rates are valid until 31st December 2012
Single room with ensuite	\$144.00 p.p.r.n	
Double or Twin room with ensuite	\$150.00 p.p.r.n	



The Catering

Sydney Harbour YHA offers full catering for all groups provided by Delicious and Responsible Eating – D.A.R.E Foods.

D.A.R.E believes in providing clean, healthy foods which not only taste delicious but are prepared and packaged in such a way as to reduce their impact on the environment.



Pricing	Primary School Prices*	Standard Group Prices*
Continental Breakfast Assorted breakfast cereals with milk, toast with spreads, juice, tea & coffee.	No extra charge	
Cooked Breakfast Upgrade° In addition to a Continental Breakfast, the group can have one choice per person of the following served with juice, tea and coffee: 1. Toasted Ham & Cheese Croissant 3. Vegetarian Frittata with Tomato Salsa 2. Toasted Cheese & Tomato Croissant 4. Egg & Bacon Rolls	\$7.50	\$7.50
Packed Lunch° Packed lunches include a bottle of water, piece of fruit, and a sandwich with one of the following fillings: 1. Free Range Chicken Sandwich 2. Tuna Sandwich 3. Roast Beef Sandwich 4. Ham Sandwich 5. Salad & Cheese Sandwich	\$8.00	\$8.00
Dinner ° <u>Starter</u> 1. Soup of the Day 2. Greek Salad 3. Baby Quiche <u>Main</u> All mains are served with salads with homemade dressing & freshly made bread. 1. Beef pasta 2. Free range grilled chicken with chef's choice of sauce 3. Gourmet sausages with mashed potato and gravy 4. Vegetarian option <u>Dessert</u> 1. Ice Cream Cones 2. Apple Crumble with Pouring Cream 3. Cake 4. Fruit Salad	2 Course (Main & Dessert) \$17.00	2 Course (Main & Dessert) \$18.00
	3 Course (Starter, Main & Dessert) \$22.00	3 Course (Starter, Main & Dessert) \$23.00
Morning or Afternoon Tea Mix of slices, muffins, juice, tea and coffee.	\$5.00	\$5.00

*Prices are quoted per serve. Please ensure that you include any accompanying drivers in your meal orders.

°We request that groups under 15 people keep their options limited to one per course (excluding dietary requirements). Groups of 15 or more can order up to 2 options per course. Please indicate numbers of each option when placing your meal order.

If you wish to discuss the menu choices further, or even design your own menu, then D.A.R.E. Foods are more than happy to help. Please contact our group reservation coordinators who will pass on your details to D.A.R.E. Foods to follow up.

Location & Transport

Located in The Rocks, Sydney Harbour YHA is walking distance to many major attractions including museums, art galleries, BridgeClimb, the Opera House, harbour cruises and theatres. Directions on how to reach the YHA and parking options are outlined below.

By Train

The hostel is a short walk from either Wynyard or Circular Quay Stations (walking maps available upon request).

From the Airport by Train

There is a train service running every 10 minutes between 5am and 11pm from the airport terminals. It takes 20 to 25 minutes to reach either Circular Quay or Wynyard Stations.

Airport Shuttle Transfers

An airport shuttle bus service runs between 5am – 7pm. The bus leaves from the front of the airport terminal every 30 minutes and picks up/drops off at our front door. It takes approximately 30 – 45 minutes each way.

If you have a group of over 10, our Group Reservations Coordinator can arrange transport for your group to and from the airport for as little as \$9.00 one way upon request.

Parking

As it is situated upon archaeological remains, Sydney Harbour YHA does not offer any car-parking on site. The parking options include street parking or use of a nearby parking station. We recommend the following parking station:

- Wilson Parking – Clocktower *
Address: 55 Harrington Street (entrance adjacent to 75 Harrington St)
Type of Parking: Car, Minibus, Motorcycle – 2 metre height clearance
Operating Hours: 7 days
Phone: +61 2 9006 3200 or 1800 727 5464

*If parking in the Clocktower carpark, you can validate your ticket at Sydney Harbour YHA for \$40 for every 24 hour period. The regular maximum day rate is \$57 Monday to Friday (but cheaper on weekends).

For coach parking, try:

- Wilson Parking – Entertainment Car Park
Address: Darling Drive, Haymarket
Type of Parking: Car, Coach
Operating Hours: 7 days
Phone: +61 2 9261 1624
- King Street Wharf Coach Layover
Address: Lime St, Darling Harbour
Type of Parking: Coach
Operating Hours: 7 days
Phone: +61 1300 802 722
Website: <http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/bus/king-street-layover.html>

