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A BUSY WEEK IN SYDNEY

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We've just spent the past week in sunny Sydney, and it just flew by! It was difficult to try to see and do all the things on our list whilst trying to live the beachy, laid-back lifestyle that Sydney is known for. But we did our best. Sydney is amazing in this way - it's a vibrant cosmopolitan city with so much to offer, yet it also has a very 'surfer dude' beachy vibe which is really fun and refreshing. Everyone here is beautiful, the food is delicious, the shopping is very tempting, and there's a noticeable buzz in the air. Maybe it's because it's summertime, or maybe it's just Sydney. In any case, we love it here!

We're staying in a really lovely guest house in Bondi Beach, and it has turned out to be the perfect place for us. We've even made some new friends who are staying here as well and who, coincidentally, are also from London! Such a small world.

Here is a re-cap of the past week...

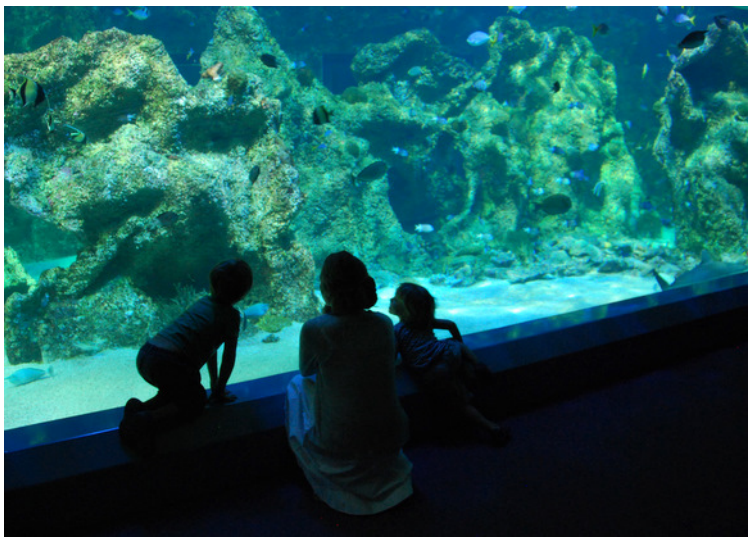
Our first day in Sydney was rainy and grey, so we spent the day at the Taronga Zoo (instead of hitting the beaches). You have to take a ferry across the harbour to reach it, and then you take the Sky Safari cable car up to the top of the zoo, which means you get incredible views of Sydney behind you and great views of the animals below. It also means the animals at the zoo have pretty stunning views too. The giraffes literally look out across the harbour to the city (though you can't tell from the photo because it was too overcast). On that day we also visited the Botanic Gardens... and the flying foxes!

On day two we walked from Bondi Beach to Bronte Beach along the Coastal Walk. We were told that Bronte is a more family-friendly beach, and it turned out to be a really great spot for us - with a playground, a little steam engine train, and a row of great cafes.

On day 3 we hit the Paddington Markets, Oxford Street, Centennial Park, Queen Street, and Bondi Junction... all in one day! It was busy! The bus system here in Sydney has been great - we've gone everywhere either by bus or on foot. (Don't my kids look exhausted?!)

Bondi Beach (pictured below) is insane! We went on a sunny Sunday and it was difficult to find a free patch of sand. But it was great to see the beach in its full glory. And thankfully we plopped ourselves on the north side of the beach where they have a children's wading pool and showers. (I forgot how tedious the sand can be - especially with an 8-month-old who wants to eat it!)

Yesterday we ditched the sand and headed to the Sydney Aquarium to see fish, sharks, Dugongs, sting rays, sea turtles and a crocodile. Oh, and Nemo and Dory too! (My kids loved it.)



We have really had such a great time in Sydney, and we're thinking of coming back here for a few more days at the end of our trip. Tomorrow we hop on board the campervan for 5 weeks on the road. Wish me luck... 😃

xoxo Courtney

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