

# HOTEL CHALLIS



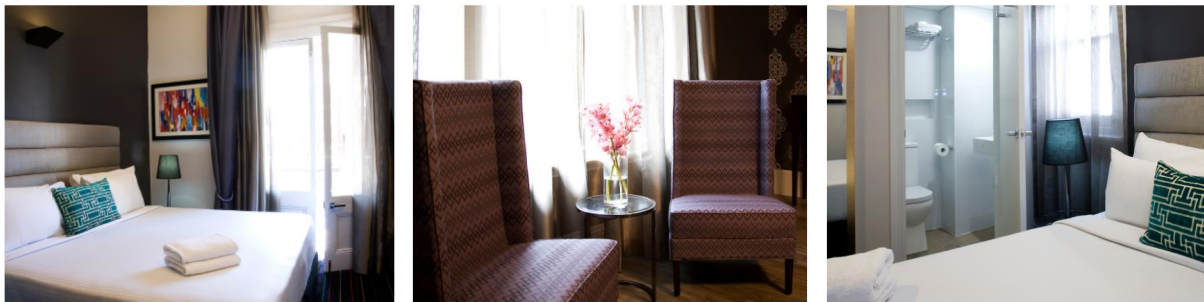
Sydney Lodges

GUEST DIRECTORY

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# WELCOME TO HOTEL CHALLIS



## PROPERTY INFORMATION

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**Address:** 21-23 Challis Avenue  
Potts Point  
NSW 2011  
Australia

**Reception Hours:** 24 hours; 7 days

We would like to make your stay as comfortable and convenient as possible so please contact our friendly Front Desk team member on duty should you require assistance.

Please note that Hotel Challis is strictly a non-smoking property, in accordance with NSW legislation.

# FACILITIES

## Property Facilities

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### Guest Lounge

There is a guest lounge located in the lobby, opposite Reception. In the lounge you will find a shared TV, computers, a printer and newspapers.

### Guest Laundry

The guest laundry is located on the ground floor, at the back of the building. The laundry is token operated, tokens may be purchased from Reception; Please ensure washing is collected when the cycle has finished.

- Washing powder      \$2      (available from Reception)
- 1 wash cycle          \$3      (approximately 40 minute cycle)
- 1 dryer cycle        \$3      (approximately 60 minute cycle)

Ironing facilities, including an iron and ironing board, are available in the guest laundry.

\*Sydney Lodges and Hotel Challis take no responsibility for use of equipment and any guest valuables left unattended in the laundry.

## Gym Access

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Guests of Hotel Challis have full access to Anytime Fitness, located approximately 8 minutes walk away. Anytime Fitness is open 24 hours, 7 days a week.

Please see our Front Desk team for passes to access the gym and for directions (passes are limited).

Appropriate gym attire including closed in shoes must be worn at the gym at all times and you must take a towel. Each guest must use a separate pass, and swipe into the gym individually.

## Room Facilities

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- Air conditioning
- Complimentary Wi-Fi Internet access
- LCD flat screen TV
- Work desk
- Bar sized refrigerator
- Tea & coffee making facilities
- Hairdryer

## Power in the room

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To activate the power in your room for the lights and air conditioning, simply place your room key card into the slot by the door. Remember to take the key with you each time you leave the room. This key card will also give you access to the front door of the property after hours, when it is closed for security purposes.

## Internet Access

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Wireless Internet is available throughout the property. If you would like to connect to the Internet, please choose "Hotel Challis WiFi" from the available Wi-Fi networks. A webpage will then open up and you'll be prompted to enter your room number and the exact surname on your reservation to complete the connection.

If you experience any difficulty connecting to the Wi-Fi please contact our friendly Front Desk team.

## In-Room Telephone

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During your stay you have the convenience of a telephone in the room. Calls will be charged to your room, payable on check-out.

### Making Calls

**Local calls:** Dial 0, then the number.

**Regional / Interstate calls:** Dial 0, then the area code (e.g. 03) then the number.

**International calls:** Dial 0, then 0011, then the country code (e.g. 64) then the area code (usually without the zero) and then the number.

**Calling another room:** Dial the 3-digit room number

**Calling Reception:** Dial 9

### Receiving Calls

If you are expecting a call, the caller must know the surname the room is booked under. Receiving calls is free of charge.

# OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION

## Check-out

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Check-out time is 10:00am. Please return your key to one of our friendly Front Desk team who will settle your account.

## Luggage Storage

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If you need to store your luggage prior to check-in or after check-out, you are welcome to store it in our luggage storeroom. Items must be collected before 11:00pm.

\*Sydney Lodges and Hotel Challis take no responsibility for valuables left in storage. Please take all valuable items with you.

## Building Access

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The front door to the property is locked for security purposes from 11pm until 7am. Your room key will allow you access to the building after the doors are closed so please ensure you keep it with you at all times. Our Front Desk team will assist you if you have any issues accessing the building after hours.

## Parking

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As Hotel Challis is a heritage building, there is no onsite parking available.

We direct our guests to the Wilson branded Kings Cross Car Park on Ward Avenue, near the Police Station. This is approximately a 7-minute walk to the property. The maximum height clearance for vehicles is 2 metres.

If you leave your car for a minimum of 5 hours up to a maximum of 24 hours, discounted tickets must be purchased at Reception;

**Car:** \$25 per 24 hours.

**IMPORTANT:** This parking arrangement is for overnight purposes only. It does not allow you to take your car in and out throughout the day; each ticket includes one entry and one exit.

# LOCAL DINING

There are plenty of great places to eat and drink around Potts Point. If you're looking for a local recommendation, we can suggest the following:

## Breakfast

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<b>Fratelli Paradiso</b>	12-16 Challis Ave, Potts Point	7:00am – 11:00pm
<b>La Buvette</b>	35 Challis Ave, Potts Point	7:00am – 4:30pm
<b>Petrol Kitchen</b>	9 Springfield Ave, Potts Point	7:30am – 3:00pm
<b>Zinc</b>	77 Macleay St, Potts Point	7:00am – 4:00pm

## Lunch

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<b>Busshari Japanese</b>	119 Macleay St, Potts Point	12:00pm – 2:30pm
<b>Uliveto</b>	33 Bayswater, Potts Point	8:00am – 5:00pm
<b>Room 10</b>	10 Llankelly Pl, Potts Point	7:00am – 4:00pm
<b>Yellow</b>	57 Macleay St, Potts Point	8:00am – 3:00pm

## Dinner

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<b>ACME</b>	60 Bayswater Rd, Rushcutters Bay	6:00pm – 11:00pm
<b>Billy Kwong</b>	Shop 1, 28 Macleay St, Potts Point	5:30pm – 10:00pm
<b>Cho Cho San</b>	73 Macleay St, Potts Point	5:30pm – 10:00pm
<b>Fei Jai</b>	31 Challis Ave, Potts Point	6:00pm – 10:00pm
<b>Ms G's</b>	155 Victoria St, Potts Point	6:00pm – 11:00pm
<b>The Apollo</b>	44 Macleay St, Potts Point	6:00pm – 10:00pm
<b>The Fish Shop</b>	22 Challis Ave, Potts Point	12:00pm – 10:00pm

# ABOUT THE AREA

## History of Potts Point & Kings Cross

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Potts Point and the surrounding area has a rich history, reflected in its grand Georgian mansions and architectural monuments built in the 1800s and early 1900s. Named for Joseph Hyde Potts, the area was originally part of a land grant, owned by Alexander Macleay, who was the New South Wales Colonial Secretary from 1826 to 1837.

Next door to Potts Point is Kings Cross, colloquially known as 'The Cross'. Once known for its grand theatres and music halls, the area was transformed by the influx of WWII troops, returning to and visiting the nearby naval base at Garden Island.

In 1897 the intersection where the Coca-Cola billboard stands today was named Queen's Cross, in celebration of Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee. This caused some confusion with Queen's Square in the city, and so was re-named Kings Cross in 1905, after King Edward VII.

Kings Cross achieved notoriety in the 1920's due to the Razor Gang wars led by rival brothel owners, Tilly Devine and Kate Leigh. The Razor Gang was aptly named, as razors became the weapon of choice after the New South Wales State Parliament passed the Pistol Licensing Act (NSW) in 1927. Severe penalties were imposed for anyone caught carrying concealed firearms and handguns.

## Potts Point & Kings Cross Today

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Potts Point is located a short walk, train or bus ride away from some of Sydney's most popular attractions, including Circular Quay, The Rocks, Darling Harbour and Pitt Street shopping mall.

The area has an abundance of cafes, bars, restaurants and nightclubs, all within walking distance. You'll find a great range of trendy restaurants on Victoria Street and Macleay Street, or head to Darlinghurst Road and Bayswater Road for late night bars and nightclubs.

As well as numerous dining options, Macleay Street has plenty of clothing boutiques, homewares shops and specialty stores.

Above the intersection of William Street and Darlinghurst Road is the iconic Coca-Cola billboard, usually referred to simply as the 'Coke Sign'. This sign marks the entrance to The Cross and the red-light district. The right side was erected in 1974 and the left side was a later addition, in 1990.

Located at the entrance to the Fitzroy Gardens, on the corner of Darlinghurst Road and Macleay Street is the El Alamein Memorial Fountain. The fountain was commissioned as a memorial to soldiers who died in WWII, during two battles at El Alamein, Egypt, in 1942. Since its addition in 1959, the Fountain has become a well-known landmark of Kings Cross, and often serves as a meeting point for locals and visitors alike.



# GETTING AROUND SYDNEY

## By Foot

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From the Coke Sign in Kings Cross, you can walk to the CBD in about 15 minutes. To do so, head straight down William Street and you will reach Hyde Park; Circular Quay is another 15 minutes from Hyde Park.

From the Coke Sign in the other direction, walk down Darlinghurst Road or Victoria Street and you'll reach Oxford Street. This should also take about 15 minutes.

## By Taxi

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You can hail a taxi from the street, or have our Front Desk team call one for you. Taxis can be expensive, so feel free to ask our Front Desk team if there is public transport available to your destination.

Tip: 3am and 3pm are shift change over times, so you might find it harder to get a taxi around these times.

## By Train

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Kings Cross, on the T4 Eastern Suburbs and Illawarra Line, is the closest train station to Hotel Challis. Alight at Martin Place for a central place to explore the CBD and to get to Circular Quay. From Kings Cross Station, Bondi is the other direction. If you're going to the beach, change to a bus at Bondi Junction.

Tip: Grab an Opal Card from the train station or an Opal Card retailer. Top up with money and simply tap on the card reader at the beginning and end of each train journey.

## By Bus

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The main buses that run through Kings Cross are Nos. 200, 311, 324 and 325. A night-ride bus N100 runs to the city every 30 minutes from 12.57am to 4.57am, and to Bondi Junction from 1am to 5am.

Tip: Sydney buses are cash-free; you'll need to have an Opal card or pre-purchase tickets prior to your trip.

## By Ferry

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The majority of Sydney Ferries leave from Circular Quay and Darling Harbour. Ferries can take you across the Harbour to popular destinations such as Balmain, Cockatoo Island, Double Bay, Manly and Taronga Zoo.

# GETTING TO THE AIRPORT

## By Taxi

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You can get to Sydney's Domestic and International Airports in a taxi by hailing one from Macleay Street. Alternatively please ask our Front Desk team to call one for you.

Approximate duration: 20-35 minutes

Approximate cost: \$40-\$70

## By Train

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Catch the train from King Cross Station to Central Station. At Central you will need to change platforms, to the T2 Airport Line, for trains to the Domestic or International Terminals.

Approximate duration: 35-45 minutes

Approximate cost: \$18 per person

## By Airport Shuttle

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Our friendly Front Desk team can book you on an airport shuttle, which will pick you up at the property's door. Make sure you book a few hours before leaving, or even the day before, to guarantee a place on the bus.

Approximate duration: 45-60 minutes

Approximate cost: \$14 per person

# LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

## Circular Quay

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At Circular Quay you will find Sydney's most famous landmarks, the Sydney Opera House and Sydney Harbour Bridge. A great vantage point for photos is from Mrs Macquarie's Chair in The Domain, near the Royal Botanic Gardens. The sandstone bench on the peninsular was hand carved by convicts in 1810 for Governor Macquarie's wife, Elizabeth.

At Circular Quay you'll also find the Ferry Terminal and the Museum of Contemporary Art.

Tip: Have a cocktail at Opera Bar, as the sun is setting. Then head over to the restaurants at the Overseas Passenger Terminal for views of the Opera House while dining.

## The Rocks

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The Rocks is one of the oldest parts of Sydney, dating back to the first settlement in 1788. With stunning heritage buildings and hidden cobblestone alleyways, The Rocks is a charming place to visit. Explore the Nurse's Walk, in-between George and Harrison Streets, and the Susannah Place Museum. Also worth a look is Cadman's Cottage, built in 1816 it is one of the oldest residential buildings in Sydney.

Tip: Head to The Rocks on a Saturday or Sunday to catch the famous Rocks Markets, or on a Friday for the Friday Foodie Markets.

## Darling Harbour

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If you'd like to see some Australian wildlife, head to Darling Harbour for Sydney Aquarium and Sydney Wildlife World. Here you will also find Madame Tussauds, and just over Pyrmont Bridge is the National Maritime Museum. From Darling Harbour you can also jump on a sightseeing cruise or explore the newly developed Barangaroo Reserve.

Along King Street Wharf and Cockle Bay Wharf are an array of bars, restaurants and nightclubs. For more food and entertainment options, visit The Star Casino in Pyrmont.

Tip: See the city from the water with a cruise on Sydney Harbour. Choose from a sightseeing cruise, lunch cruise with a buffet, or a dinner cruise with cabaret show!

## Chinatown

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Cheap eats in Sydney can be found at Chinatown. Centred around the Dixon Street pedestrian mall, Chinatown is buzzing with food and shopping options. Market City, in Haymarket, contains a modern shopping centre, restaurants (including Yum Cha) and the flea market, Paddy's Markets, open from Wednesday - Sunday.

Tip: Paddy's Markets have a great range of souvenirs, discount clothing and fresh produce. Catch the train from Kings Cross to Central Station, from there it is a short walk.

## Sydney Fish Market

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Open from 7am everyday, the Sydney Fish Market is a popular shopping spot for locals, and becoming an increasingly popular attraction for tourists. As well offering Australia's largest variety of fresh seafood, the market features many restaurants and cafes.

Tip: You can explore the market with a behind the scenes tour, held early every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Spaces limited, bookings essential.

## Taronga Zoo

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The giraffes at Taronga Zoo have arguably the best view in Sydney, the Harbour Bridge! See our unique Australian native animals, as well as all your other favourites. Plan your day to catch some of the informative keeper talks and shows.

Tip: Taronga Zoo is a 12-minute ferry ride from Circular Quay. Purchase admission including ferry transport from Wharf 2, Circular Quay.

## Bondi Beach

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The most popular beach in Australia is Bondi Beach, and is a great place to soak up the sun. Drop into Bondi Icebergs for lunch overlooking the Pacific Ocean and the Bondi Baths. You can get burnt quite easily under the Australian sun, so remember to take sunscreen!

Tip: Bondi can get pretty busy, so if you're looking for a quieter beach, head to nearby Bronte Beach. There are some great cafes and a lovely park for BBQ's.

## Blue Mountains

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The Blue Mountains, famous for the Three Sisters rock formation, is about a 2-hour drive from the city. A great way to experience this beautiful bushland region is at Scenic World. Choose between their 4 experiences, including the glass-bottomed cabin of the Scenic Skyway to a steep rainforest journey on the Scenic Railway!

Tip: Speak to our friendly Front Desk team to find the tour that's best for you!

# SYDNEY LODGES

## Who is Sydney Lodges?

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Sydney Lodges is a collection of comfortable and affordable boutique properties in Sydney, Australia. We pride ourselves in offering exceptional value for money by providing clean and stylish accommodation at a reasonable price. With our diverse range of properties in Potts Point and Randwick, we are sure to have an accommodation option for you.

## Loyalty Discount: Guests with Benefits

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Becoming a Guests with Benefits loyalty member is easy and free when booking direct. Enter Promo Code 'GWB' during the online booking process or quote this code to our staff when booking over the phone.

- **10% off online rates**
- **Free unlimited Wi-Fi #**
- **Free room upgrade \***
- **Priority check-in \***
- **12pm late check-out \***
- **Best rate guarantee**
- **Flexible 24 hour cancellation policy**
- **No booking fees**

#: device limitations may apply \*: subject to availability

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## Our Properties

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