

Art Gallery of New South Wales

Sydney Arts Discovery Trail

This self-guided Sydney Arts Discovery Trail is a must-do for culture lovers:



Archibald Fountain in Hyde Park



Hyde Park Barracks Museum

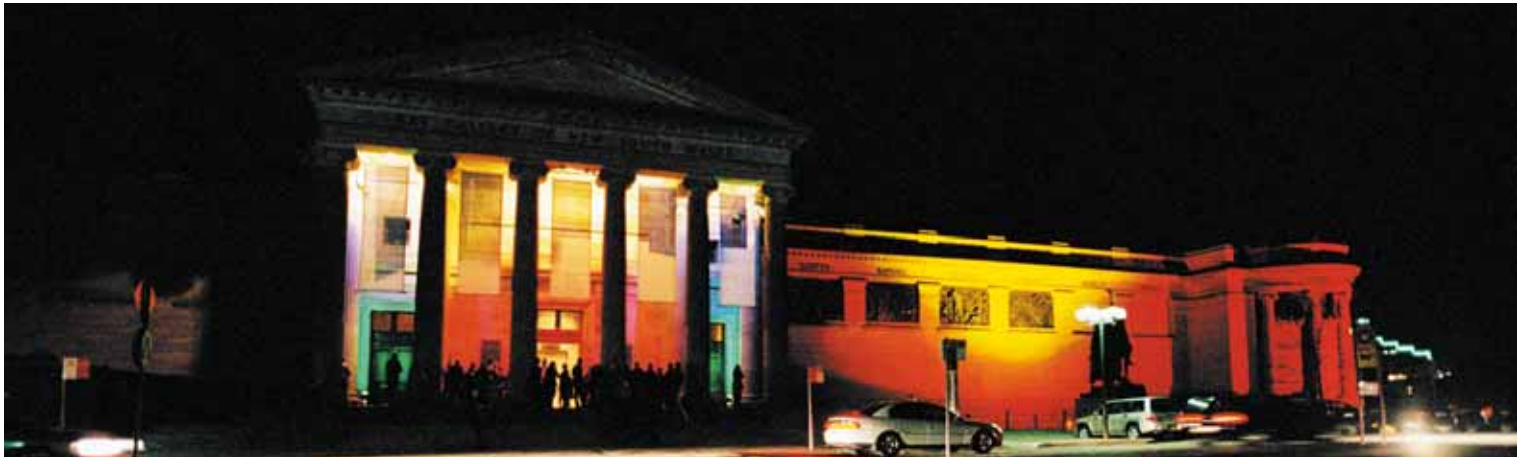


Customs House

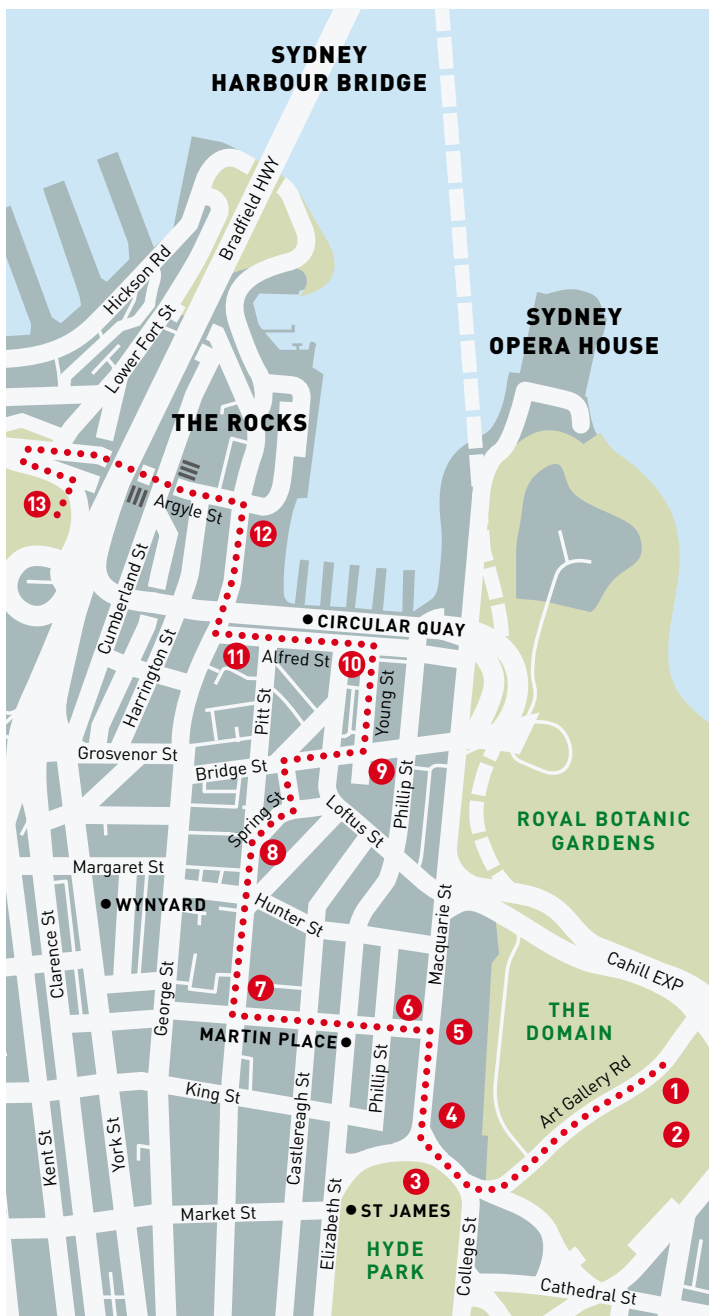


Museum of Contemporary Art

1. Kick off at the Art Gallery of NSW, five floors of creative brilliance showcasing the blockbusters of the artistic world.
 2. Journey downhill to Brett Whiteley's "Almost Once" mammoth matchsticks – one pristine, one slightly second hand.
 3. Head down Art Gallery Road to Hyde Park, home to the Art Deco Archibald Fountain, commissioned by J. F. Archibald who also instituted the controversial Archibald Prize.
 4. Sitting majestically on Macquarie Street, is Hyde Park Barracks, built in the 1800s to house convicts. Enjoy a coffee in the cafe while admiring the building's simple, classical lines – hallmarks of the Georgian era.
 5. Stroll further along Macquarie Street and look for the bronze boar – Il Porcellino – a copy of a medieval statue in Florence. Toss a coin and rub his shiny nose and good luck will follow!
 - 6 & 7. Cross the road to Martin Place, passing Anne Graham's water sculpture, Passage, and the ANZAC Cenotaph, commemorating Australians who lost their lives during the First World War.
 8. Journey down Pitt Street, to see your weirdly distorted mirror image in Bert Flugelman's Pyramid Tower – known to Sydneysiders as the Silver Shish Kebab.
 9. Walk from Pitt to Bridge Street and head to the Museum of Sydney which showcases the city's early history, in a brilliant collection of artefacts and documents. Don't miss the striking Edge of the Trees sculpture out front.
 10. Want to leap tall buildings in a single bound? Head to the Customs House for a skywalker's view of Sydney – a complete scale model of the harbour city beneath a glass floor.
 - 11 & 12. Stroll on to Stephen Walker's fanciful Tank Stream Sculpture with its soothing cascades, then to the Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney's bespoke venue for modern art with challenging, ever-changing displays.
- Last stop:** Journey up the hill along historic Argyle Street and in a peerless position on Observatory Hill, the S.H. Ervin Gallery is a showcase for the richness and diversity of Australian art, especially from the 19th and 20th centuries.



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