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Sydney & Darwin Pre-Cruise Add-On
Detailed Itinerary for May 7-10, 2025

Day 1: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 – Arrival in Sydney

Taxi/Uber are readily available at Sydney's Kingston Smith International Airport (SYD). An Uber X ride runs about 50 AUD (roughly $32 USD) and Uber Premier (the Australian equivalent to Uber Black) around 100 AUD ($64 USD).

Hotel: InterContinental Sydney
Address: 117 Macquarie St, Sydney NSW 2000
Phone Number: +61 2 9253 9000

(Please note there are TWO InterContinental Hotels in Sydney. Ours is the InterContinental Sydney, not the InterContinental Sydney Double Bay.)

3pm Check-In Begins

Evening Cocktail Meetup:
>   **Time:** 5-6pm
>   **Location:** The Treasury (Lobby Bar at the InterContinental)
>   Join fellow Vacayans for a relaxed meetup at The Treasury. Cash bar.

Dinner Suggestions (All Within Walking Distance of the InterContinental)**:**

Casual Dining
- **The Spice Room** – Indian cuisine
  2 Phillip St | thespiceroom.com.au | Reservations recommended
- **Bar Luca** – Gourmet burgers & craft beer
  52 Phillip St | barluca.com.au | Walk-ins welcome
- **Grana** – Italian-Australian
  5-7 Young St | grana.sydney | Reservations recommended

Fine Dining
- **Quay** – Contemporary Australian
  Overseas Passenger Terminal, The Rocks | quay.com.au | Reservations essential

- **Café Sydney** – Modern Australian
Customs House, 5th Floor, 31 Alfred St | cafesydney.com | Reservations recommended

Evening Recommendation – Explore Sydney's LGBT+ Nightlife:

Take a short Taxi/Uber ride to Oxford Street, the heart of Sydney's vibrant LGBT+ scene. Recommended spots:

- **Stonewall Hotel** – 175 Oxford St | Open 4pm-2am
MaleBox event with AussieBum strip competition begins at 9:30pm
- **Universal** – 85-91 Oxford St | Open 9pm-3am
Boys Bar Up with go-go dancers starts at 9:45pm

Day 2: Thursday, May 8, 2025 – Explore Sydney

Morning: Hotel breakfast at The Conservatory Restaurant (included) | Open 6:30-10:30am

Daytime: Free time to explore on your own

Suggested Activities:
- Walk to The Rocks, the Sydney Opera House, and the Royal Botanic Garden
- Take a scenic ferry from Circular Quay to Manly Beach for a relaxing afternoon
- Climb the Harbour Bridge | Reservations via bridgeclimb.com
- If you're looking for pre-Harbour Cruise cocktails, InterContinental's Aster Sky Bar opens at 4pm. Reservations are recommended and can be made via sevenrooms.com. Please note there's a 60 AUD per person minimum spend for 90-minute table reservations.

Evening – Private Harbour Dinner Cruise:
Meeting Point: Intercontinental Lobby
Meeting Time: 5:45pm (and we'll all walk over together)

If you're out and about and would like to meet us at the dock instead, be at Eastern Pontoon, Circular Quay by 6pm at the very latest.

Enjoy a private dinner cruise around Sydney Harbour with stunning views of the Opera House, Harbour Bridge, and skyline. Dinner and drinks included.

Suggested Attire: Country Club Casual

Our Harbour Dinner Cruise will last approximately 3 hours.

Day 3: Friday, May 9, 2025 – Sydney to Darwin

Early Morning:
- **By 5:45am** – Check out of InterContinental
- **5:45am** – Meet in the InterContinental Lobby with Luggage and load onto Motor Coaches
- **6am** – Transfer to Sydney Airport
- **8:25am** – Qantas Flight 840 departs Sydney
  - Please note seats will be assigned at the Qantas Check-in Counter
- **12:35pm** – Scheduled Arrival in Darwin
- **Approximately 1pm** – Group transfer to hotel

Hotel: Hilton Darwin
Address: 32 Mitchell St, Darwin City NT 0800
Phone Number: +61 8 8982 0000

Afternoon: Free time to explore on your own

3pm Check-In Begins

Suggested Activity:
- Visit the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, featuring Aboriginal art, natural history, and exhibits on regional culture | Open until 4pm

Dinner Suggestions at Darwin Waterfront Precinct (a 15-minute walk from hotel)**:**
- **Snapper Rocks** – Classic Aussie seafood with a laid-back vibe
  56 Mitchell St | snapper.rocks | Walk-ins welcome
- **Beef & Bar** – Modern grill house with steaks, seafood, and cocktails
  39 Knucky St | beefandbar.com.au | Reservations recommended

Day 4: Saturday, May 10, 2025 – Cruise Embarkation Day

Morning: Hotel breakfast at Pepper Berry Restaurant (included) | Open 7-10am

For those who booked Seabourn's Litchfield National Park Tour, you will Taxi/Uber to the pier, located at Darwin Port Cruise Ship Terminal's Fort Hill Wharf, 1 Anchorage Court. Your tour

leaves at **9:15am** and we recommend arriving at the pier by **9am** at the latest. It takes about 15 minutes to travel from the Hilton Darwin to the Cruise Ship Terminal.

For everyone else*...

By 9:30am Check out of Hilton Darwin

9:30am Meet in Hilton Darwin Lobby with your Luggage and load onto Motor Coach

9:45am Transfer to Darwin Cruise Terminal

10am Drop off Luggage and Check-in for the Cruise

Approx 4pm Seabourn Pursuit is ready to board

After checking in, you have the option of:

- Sightseeing around Darwin on your own
- Taking the included Hop On-Hop Off Bus around town (available 10am-4pm)
- Participating in the Outback Gourmet Food Tour or the Territory Wildlife Park Tour (both of which had to be pre-booked with Seabourn and depart at **10:30am**)

*Please Note: For guests who'd prefer to enjoy a more leisurely morning at Hilton Darwin, you're welcome to stay at the hotel and make your own way to the ship later in the day. Just remember: boarding begins at **4pm**, with all aboard at **5:30pm**. Our Compulsory Lifeboat Drill will take place at **6pm**, and we set sail for King George River at **9pm**.

Add-On Inclusions:

- Two nights at the InterContinental Sydney
- One night at the Hilton Darwin
- Hotel breakfast on May 8 and May 10
- Cocktail mixer at The Treasury Bar (cash bar)
- Private Sydney Harbour Cocktail and Dinner Cruise (food and drinks included)
- Group hotel-to-airport transfer in Sydney
- Qantas Flight 840 from Sydney to Darwin (May 9, 8:25am – 12:35pm)
- Group airport-to-hotel transfer in Darwin
- Group hotel-to-cruise port transfer in Darwin