

Bookings Open for new Sydney Harbour YHA

Bookings will open at 10.00am on August 19 for accommodation at the new Sydney Harbour YHA which will open in November and offer quality budget accommodation with sublime Sydney Harbour views from just \$42.00.

Bookings will be taken for stays from December 18, 2009 at www.yha.com.au. Bookings for earlier dates will be released in coming weeks.

Located in the heart of the Sydney's historic precinct, The Rocks, Sydney Harbour YHA will offer twin, double, family and shared 4-6 bed rooms, all with an en-suite bathroom, with some rooms boasting Opera House views.

Standard rates are from \$42.00 per person, per night in a 6 bed share room or from \$159.00 per room (harbour view), per night for a double/twin room. YHA members will save at least 10%.

"Sydney Harbour YHA is making accommodation in Sydney's highly sought after harbour precinct affordable for everyone. The variety of room types ensures it is perfect for couples, families and groups travelling on a budget," said Ross Lardner, Manager, Sydney Harbour YHA.

An expansive roof terrace with a vista sweeping from the Harbour Bridge to Circular Quay provides a stunning space for guests to mingle and relax.

Innovative room features include individual lockable cupboards with a power point for charging a phone, IPOD or camera and air-conditioning that turns off automatically when a guest opens the window. Facilities include a state-of-the-art Internet cafe, coffee bar, self-catering kitchens and dining area, laundry facilities, lockers, bicycle storage, lounge areas, tour booking desk and convenience store.

The Rocks' offers plenty of museums, restaurants and great shopping, especially at the weekend market. Many of Sydney's major attractions such as Circular Quay ferry terminal, Sydney Opera House, BridgeClimb, Sydney Theatre Company and Museum of Contemporary Art are within walking distance.

Sydney Harbour YHA is served well by public transport with bus stops and train stations within walking distance. A shuttle bus will operate between Sydney Airport and the YHA.

Located between Cumberland St and Gloucester St, Sydney Harbour YHA is situated on the site of Australia's first European settlement. The remains of houses, pubs and laneways as well as thousands of household artefacts dating back to the First Fleet were uncovered during archaeological digs and have been incorporated into the design of this YHA.

Sydney Harbour YHA is the ninth Sydney property for YHA which also operates three beach YHAs, two remote bush lodges, a cosy hostel in Glebe and two award-winning properties in central Sydney.

YHA is part of the world's largest budget accommodation network, Hostelling International, which provides more than 4,000 YHA/Hi hostels in more than 60 countries. Renowned for its unique properties, YHA hostels include heritage castles, log cabins and beach houses. A membership based organisation, YHA provides travellers with quality accommodation and the opportunity for personal growth through travel, fostering cross cultural understanding and environmental responsibility. YHA is a not for profit organisation, with surpluses invested in the accommodation network and the experience it provides.

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