

Sydney Harbour YHA offers budget travellers million dollar views

The new Sydney Harbour YHA will open in November, offering quality budget accommodation on an historic site in The Rocks, with sublime Sydney Harbour views from just \$42.00*.

Perfect for couples, families and singles travelling on a budget or just preferring to spend their money on things other than accommodation, Sydney Harbour YHA will offer twin, double, family and multi-share 4-6 bed rooms, all with an en-suite bathroom with some boasting Opera House views.

"Sydney Harbour YHA will provide the first quality budget accommodation in this highly sought after, harbour side precinct. A purpose-built complex, it will set the benchmark for this style of accommodation in Australia," said Julian Ledger, Chief Executive Officer, YHA NSW.

From its expansive roof terrace with a vista sweeping from the Harbour Bridge to Circular Quay, guests will be able to watch the sunrise, mingle with new friends or just relax on a sun-lounge. Sydney Harbour YHA will offer state-of-the-art Internet facilities, coffee bar, self-catering kitchens and dining area, laundry facilities, lockers, bicycle storage, lounge areas, tour booking desk and convenience store.

By staying in the heart of Sydney's premier heritage precinct guests will be able to explore The Rocks' museums and restaurants and enjoy great shopping, especially at the popular weekend market. Many of Sydney's major attractions including the Circular Quay precinct and ferry terminal, the Sydney Opera House, Harbour Bridge and the Museum of Contemporary Art are within a short walk.

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

Advance bookings will be taken at www.yha.com.au. Standard rates will be from \$42.00pp per night in a 6 bed multi share room or from \$159 per room (harbour view), per night double/twin. YHA members will save at least 10%.

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. The Big Dig Archaeology Education Centre, a two classroom education centre including a simulated archaeology dig, will be incorporated on the site.

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.

***per person, per night, based on a 4 bed multi-share room**

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