

### WOLLONGONG



When visiting Wollongong, you will be surprised how much there is available for you to see and do, and more importantly how easily accessible everything is. Situated just 1 hour's drive South of Sydney's international airport, Wollongong is truly spectacular stretching out over 30 kilometres with breathtaking coastline, pristine beaches, rich bushland and rainforest to the dramatic escarpment.

Wollongong is easily accessible by coach, car and only 90 minutes from Sydney's CBD by train. Importantly there is an excellent infrastructure of public transport making all areas accessible to travellers without their own car. Illawarra's Regional Airport is at Albion Park. A vibrant bustling city, Wollongong retains a warm country feel. You can still marvel at the nearby mountains and the sparkling ocean from parts of the main city mall.

The combination of lifestyle, natural beauty, culture and entertainment of this thriving cosmopolitan city is why more and more people are discovering Wollongong and its environs as a destination for that well earned short break or an extended family holiday.

Wollongong's rich cultural diversity results from people from all parts of the world having chosen Wollongong as their home for its lifestyle, university, sporting facilities and industry. Visitors benefit from this wide range of cultural development in art, food and festivals. The Nan Tien Temple at Berkeley is the largest Buddhist temple in the Southern Hemisphere. You can enjoy a happy and spiritual holiday or call in for a vegetarian meal.

Wollongong's main harbour and beaches are only about ten minutes easy level walk from the City Centre. Just to the south lies Port Kembla the area's industrial centre - a busy international shipping port servicing Wollongong's steel industry. Also just south is Lake Illawarra surrounded by parklands, picnic spots and playgrounds. This water wonderland is great for fishing, boating and swimming.

Nearby Jamberoo Action Park is a great day's family outing as is a visit to the Illawarra Fly Tree Top Walk where you can look out over picturesque countryside to the coast.

A good day trip from Wollongong is north along the Grand Pacific Drive, through the picturesque northern villages with their great cafes, galleries and the amazing Symbio Wildlife Park. Lunch at Bulli Tops with extraordinary views over all the Wollongong area and down the South Coast. Finally call into the new state-of-the-art Southern Gateway Centre.

As you get to know more about Wollongong you will want to come back again and again - there is always more for you to discover.

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