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Sydney in 4 Days for ₹72,000

My completed December 2018 solo trip from Hyderabad with Sydney Harbour, the Blue Mountains, Bondi–Coogee and Manly for about ₹72,000.

4 days	₹72,000 solo	Australia	4 days
TRIP	BUDGET	DURATION	GUIDE

What this guide includes

Actual or planned costs, a readable day-by-day itinerary, practical food and accommodation notes, and public transport station pairs where available.

Important: Historical costs are budgeting references. Verify current prices, route numbers, opening times and entry rules before travel.

Budget and transport

Expense	Actual cost	
Hyderabad ⇄ Sydney flights with AirAsia and Scoot, via Kuala Lumpur both ways	₹52,000	
Sydney Central YHA · 3 nights	₹4,590	
Visitor visa (Subclass 600)	₹7,150	
Opal public transport, including airport and Blue Mountains journeys	₹2,500	
Vodafone prepaid SIM	₹750	
One-month VPN plan	₹600	
Packed food brought from India	₹1,220	
Food bought in Sydney · AUD 50	₹2,500	
Souvenirs from Paddy’s Markets	₹700	
Actual itemised total	₹72,010	
Category	2018 actual	2026 estimate
Return flights	₹52,000	₹65,000
Three hostel nights	₹4,590	₹7,425
Visitor visa	₹7,150	₹13,750
Public transport	₹2,500	₹3,575
Prepaid SIM	₹750	₹1,375
VPN	₹600	₹715

Bus, train, tram and ferry route card

Mode	Service	Board at	Get down at	Approx. fare	Note
Train	Sydney Trains T8 Airport & South Line	International Airport or Domestic Airport	Central	About A$20-22 incl. airport station fee	For Sydney Central YHA and the city centre.
Train	Blue Mountains Line (BMT)	Central	Katoomba	About A$7-10 off-peak	Allow about two hours and check trackwork before departure.
Bus	Route 686	Katoomba Station	Echo Point	About A$3-5 or within daily cap	Get down at Echo Point for the Three Sisters and cliff walks.
Bus	Route 333	Circular Quay / city centre stops	Bondi Beach	About A$3-5 or within daily cap	Use the stop closest to the Bondi–Coogee walk starting point.

Mode	Service	Board at	Get down at	Approx. fare	Note
Ferry	F1 Manly	Circular Quay Wharf	Manly Wharf	About A$8-10 or within daily cap	Walk through the Corso to Manly Beach.

Checked October 2026: confirm live schedules and disruptions in the official operator planner.

Day-by-day itinerary and practical notes

I travelled from Hyderabad to Sydney via Kuala Lumpur, stayed three nights at Sydney Central YHA and combined the harbour, Blue Mountains and coastal walks without paying for major attractions.

Prices are historical rather than live quotations. Use them as a budgeting reference and verify current fares, entry fees and booking conditions before travelling.

This is a retrospective account of my completed trip. The 2018 figures are what I spent; the later comparison is a planning estimate, not a quotation.

Exactly what I spent in 2018

My four-day Sydney itinerary

After taking the Airport Link train to Central and walking to the YHA, I explored the Opera House exterior, Royal Botanic Gardens and Mrs Macquarie’s Chair. I finished in the lanes of The Rocks before returning to the hostel.

I used the public train from Central to Katoomba, continued to Echo Point and saw the Three Sisters. Instead of buying a Scenic World ticket, I completed the Prince Henry Cliff Walk and returned to Sydney by train.

I took a bus to Bondi, completed the free Bondi–Coogee Coastal Walk, then returned to Circular Quay for the public ferry to Manly. The return trip at sunset doubled as an affordable harbour cruise.

After checking out and storing my bag, I walked to Paddy’s Markets for ₹700 of souvenirs. I collected my luggage and used the airport train for the journey home.

The map joins the airport, Central, harbour sights, Blue Mountains, Bondi, Coogee, Manly and Paddy’s Markets. Check live service information before travelling.

How I kept food costs down

I brought ₹1,220 of commercially packed vegetarian food from India, including ready-to-eat meals and dry snacks, and used the hostel kitchen. I still spent AUD 50, approximately ₹2,500 at the time, on food in Sydney.

2018 actual cost versus a 2026 planning estimate

The 2026 column uses the planning assumptions supplied for this comparison. Exchange rates, airfares and room prices move constantly, so check live prices before booking. The comparison total excludes Sydney meals and souvenirs.

Visa, transport and travel tools

Visitor visa

I paid ₹7,150 for my offshore Visitor visa in 2018. As of September 2026, Australia’s official immigration site lists the offshore Subclass 600 Tourist stream from AUD 250. Apply through ImmiAccount and follow the personalised document checklist rather than treating any blog checklist as universal.

Opal and contactless travel

I used an Opal card for trains, buses and ferries. Current visitors can also use eligible contactless cards and digital wallets across Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Airport station access fees sit outside normal

fare caps, so include them when estimating the airport journey.

SIM, money and security

I used a Vodafone prepaid SIM and a one-month VPN plan. For a future trip, compare current prepaid or eSIM offers before departure. A no-foreign-transaction-fee card can be simpler than a traditional forex card, but always check your own bank’s exchange rate and fees.

Official Visitor visa guidance →Official NSW fares and payment guidance →Official Australian food and biosecurity guidance →

Budget traveller’s quick summary

Trip: Hyderabad → Kuala Lumpur → Sydney → Kuala Lumpur → Hyderabad

Dates: 1–4 December 2018

Traveller: Solo

Actual cost: ₹72,010, presented as approximately ₹72,000

Highlights: Sydney Opera House, Royal Botanic Gardens, Mrs Macquarie’s Chair, The Rocks, Three Sisters, Prince Henry Cliff Walk, Bondi–Coogee walk, Manly and Paddy’s Markets

Biggest savings: hostel kitchen, packed food, public transport and free walks.

Compare Sydney experiences

Browse current Sydney activities while keeping the free harbour, coastal and Blue Mountains stops as the core plan.

Compare Sydney tickets with Tiqets

Check current admission options, inclusions and cancellation terms before adding a paid attraction to your budget.

Compare the Sydney Go City pass

Compare the pass price with the individual admission costs for only the attractions you genuinely plan to visit.

Before you travel

Reconfirm every fare, stop, timetable, visa or entry requirement, baggage rule and food-import restriction with the responsible provider.