



COMPANY PROFILE

THE ROCKS WALKING TOURS is a small but essential enterprise in Sydney's tourism market and is proudly, the longest established, specialist guided walking tour company not only in Sydney but also in Australia.

The business began in 1978 with four guides who personally researched the historical material, initiated professional guidelines, and together with a keen and positive attitude laid the foundations for the well earned reputation the company's staff of guides enjoy today.

THE ROCKS WALKING TOURS is still one of the highlights of a Sydney visitors' experience and has striven throughout all these years to maintain a standard of quality in all facets of its business operations.

The company's tour personnel have been specially chosen for their presentation skills, their commitment to the interpretation of The Rock's significant history and a dedication to their visitor's wellbeing and enjoyment. The choice of guides to represent this company has always been paramount to uphold the standard and most of the guides remain, as is the case with the present unique unit, for many years.

As a result of the service provided, **THE ROCKS WALKING TOURS** has built up a strong clientele with major tour companies, word-of-mouth visitors, return travellers, and educational institutions, thereby attracting thousands of people annually to this popular visitor destination.

Our area of expertise covers not only The Rocks and Miller's Point but other areas of interest extending into the City of Sydney including Circular Quay, the Opera House, The Royal Botanic Gardens, Macquarie Street, Bridge Street and Macquarie Place.

The overall theme within the company is to be friendly and informed with reliable guides providing an invaluable and easy paced activity.

Celebrating 30 years in 2008, we are delighted by the company's continued success and that it is still considered by many as one of the highlights of a memorable Sydney visitors' experience.

THE STORIES ARE ALIVE IN THE SANDSTONE!

The Rocks Walking Tour – the ‘Original’ Walking Tour of The Rocks!

There is no better way to get up close and personal with the living history and heritage of Sydney than on foot with Sydney’s foremost team of friendly and enthusiastic guides at **The Rocks Walking Tours**. The Rocks may be Sydney’s oldest neighbourhood but it’s lost none of its zest for life.

The stories are alive in the sandstone! Let our experienced guides entertain you with these lively tales from our colourful Past while enjoying the ambience of our vibrant Present.

The Rocks Walking Tours has long been introducing travellers and locals alike to the fascinating story of this unique place in Sydney’s history.

Hear how The Rocks was inhabited by that First Fleet of convicts arriving as they did into Sydney Cove in 1788 thus impacting forever on the local Indigenous people’s way of life.

Up onto the rocky land that human cargo was disgorged and so began the British Australian story.

We would delight in sharing with you this story of triumph over tragedy and introduce the characters from this early convict settlement era.

The story unfolds with many rich accounts of the antics of sailors, larrikins and rogues as they roamed the rugged rocks seeking the haunts of entertainment and friendly company.

Still to be seen today are the storehouses, pubs and working class cottages from the time when this place took on all of the characteristics of a dockside area and a disease ridden slum.

Today, The Rocks is renowned for having the oldest streets in Sydney which are dotted with beautifully restored nineteenth century buildings. Our groups weave their way through hidden narrow alleyways, along charming cobbled lanes and into shady courtyards, linger by quaint terrace cottages and visit a gothic church. These enjoyable aspects of a visit to The Rocks could be easily overlooked by the casual unguided visitor.

This tour can be experienced on our Daily Tour service that departs from The Rocks Walking Tours’ office Weekdays at 10:30am, 12:30pm & 2:30pm and on Weekends/ Public Holidays at 11:30am & 2:00pm – Bookings Recommended.

The following tours along with **The Rocks Walking Tour** are offered for our Exclusive Group Bookings:

Through the Argyle Cut

Millers Point and Walsh Bay start with a convict history but soon flourish as an important portside village. Merchants lived beside soldiers, coal lumpers, nuns, publicans and working men’s families.

Today, Walsh Bay’s history is revealed once again in the newly readapted wharves and storehouses providing housing with a harbourside view. PR firms, theatres, cafes and apartments exist within the old workingman’s paradise, steep stairways, gantries and hoists.

We invite you to come with our guide from The Rocks to the Bay as we discover the changing nature of this fascinating historic precinct.

Around Circular Quay

Step back into Sydney’s Colonial History & Heritage - let the story of Sydney’s emergence from a humble convict settlement into a city of colonial elegance unfold.

Encompassing the areas of The Rocks, Circular Quay, Sydney Opera House precinct, Botanic Gardens and Macquarie Street - this tour is complemented by the present day visual delights of this modern city.

In addition to our Daily Tour service and Exclusive Group Tours we also offer a comprehensive **Educational Program** for Primary & Secondary Students which has been operational since 1981.

This has seen **The Rocks Walking Tours** introduce generations of children to the importance of The Rocks and its place in our Australian History.

For further details regarding our Educational Program please refer to the relevant website information.