

WELCOME TO SYDNEY... AUSTRALIA



Spotlight 9 Module 6 Culture corner

1 Read the title and the subheadings. What can someone do in Sydney?
Read through and check.

Welcome to Sydney, Australia ...

There's no place in the world like it!

Here are our TOP FIVE suggestions for a truly unforgettable experience...

1 **DO THE SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE CLIMB**

No visit to Sydney would be complete without seeing the famous Harbour Bridge & Opera House. But for those of you who like a bit more 1) **excitement** . **(excite)** , how about climbing the Harbour Bridge's **arch** – the largest in the world! Climbs take 3,5 hours.



2 TAKE A SCENIC SEAPLANE FLIGHT

Why not **splash out** on a seaplane tour for breathtaking views of the city and the islands in Sydney's 2) **beautiful** **auty**) natural harbour? As well as getting the chance to take some **spectacular** photographs (look out for Shark Island, shaped like a shark! , your experienced pilot will give a detailed **commentary** throughout the flight.

3 GO ON A SYDNEY CYCLING TOUR

On this fun bike tour, you'll see over thirty city 3) **attractions** including the Royal Botanic Gardens and Chinatown. In the afternoon, you'll take a ferry ride to see the city **skyline**. If you're 4) **lucky** **uck**) , you may even **catch the glimpse** of endangered penguins or **migrating** humpback whales!

4 HAVE A SURFING LESSON ON BONDI BEACH

What better place to learn to surf than on this 5) **famous** one-kilometre-long beach? The two-hour group lesson will teach you how to understand surfing conditions and to practise your **technique** before you get into the water. Or if you don't fancy surfing, you could always go rollerblading or 6)

skateboarding

(**skateboard**) or simply relax in a trendy café.

5 GO ON AN ECO-TOUR IN THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

approximately **the** **quiet** and **bustle** of the city and **wonderful** .

(**approximate**) 50 km west of Sydney for the 8) (**wonder**) Blue Mountains. This two-day tour starts with breakfast with koala bears, followed by visits to ancient aboriginal sites and a ride on the world's steepest railway.

Form the derivatives

- **Fame**
- **Large**
- **Attract**
- **Beauty**
- **Nature**
- **Surf**
- **Approximate**
- **Wonder**
- **Aborigine**
- **Excite**
- **Famous**
- **Largest**
- **Attraction**
- **Beautiful**
- **Natural**
- **Surfing**
- **Approximately**
- **Wonderful**
- **Aboriginal**
- **Exciting**

3 a Say why the following are mentioned in the text:

- **Shark Island**
- **Chinatown**
- **A pilot**
- **A ferry ride**
- **one-kilometre-long beach**
- **koala bears**

- ▶ *Shark Island* is used in the text because you can take spectacular photographs of it as is shaped like a shark.
- ▶ **Chinatown** - you will see it during the cycling tour;
(Китайский квартал – вы увидите его во время велосипедного тура)
- ▶ **a pilot** - the seaplane flight has an experienced pilot;
(пилот – на полете на гидросамолете есть опытный пилот)
- ▶ **a ferry ride** - during the cycling tour, you will ride on a ferry boat;
(поездка на пароме – во время велосипедного тура, вы поедете на пароме)
- ▶ **one-kilometre long beach** - the distance of Bondi Beach;
(пляж длиной в один километр – протяженность пляжа Бонди)
- ▶ **koala bears** - you may see them in the Blue Mountains tour.
(Коалы – вы можете увидеть их во время тура в Голубые горы)

4 Explain the following words

- **arch** → an upwardly curved construction;
- **splash out** → spend a lot of money;
- **spectacular** → amazing;
- **commentary** → an explanation of what is happening at the moment;
- **skyline** → different levels of the tops buildings against the sky;
- **catch a glimpse** → look briefly at something;
- **migrating** → travelling from one place to another place for warmer weather at a particular time of the year;
- **technique** → skills;
- **hustle and bustle** → rush and noise and activity;
- **head** → go towards

New words and expressions

- Arch – арка, свод.
- Splash out – транжирить деньги, тратить на что-либо дорогое.
- Seaplane – гидросамолет.
- Breathtaking view - захватывающий пейзаж (вид)
- Spectacular – зрелищный, захватывающий
- Catch a glimpse - увидеть что-л. (на мгновение)
- Humpback whale — горбач, горбатый кит
- The hustle and bustle - толкотня и суматоха
- Steep – крутой обрыв, пропасть

