

# **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** (luck) , 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 **style** 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

