

Bondi Is Among Sydney's Favorite Places Day or Night

When you see a photo of Bondi, you know exactly where it is: no caption is needed. Bondi represents the true "Aussie Spirit": beach loving, sports crazy, but serious and responsible at the same time.

It is not just since it was discovered by Sydney's early settlers that "Bondi" and "surf" have now been synonymous. The name of the suburb arises from an aboriginal word meaning "the noise of waves crashing on rocks." Take a go out onto the headlands on either end of the beach and you'll understand why the aborigines gave Bondi this descriptive name.

As the ancient aborigines spent their time on the rocks harvesting the bounty of the sea, the beach at Bondi is where it's all happening today. Smack dab in the center of Bondi's wide, crescent shaped beach is the oldest surf life saving club on earth, the Bondi Surf Life Saving Club, established 1907. Right from the start, the club has been dedicated to the pursuit of saving lives at Australia's most famous beach. February the sixth, 1937 is remembered in Australia as "Black Sunday." On that day alone, lifesavers in Bondi rescued over 300 beachgoers on a crowded day when huge seas got the best of inexperienced swimmers. Five lives were lost on that day, but had it not been for their heroic efforts, a large number of lives could have been lost.

The tram to Bondi was previously almost as famous because the beach itself. Since the past tram ran in 1961, it's been replaced by buses. The beach is really popular, even though a bus from nearby Bondi Junction runs every ten minutes, during the summer months, every bus is packed. A sizable parking area at the beach accommodates tens of thousands of cars, but on a warm weekend in the summer, Bondi has to accommodate around 40,000 beachgoers. Somehow, it manages to take action in style. Even on the most crowded days, the atmosphere is festive and everyone gets catered to by the local businesses along Campbell Parade and on Curlewis Street, the two main roads.

While Bondi attracts the maximum crowds on hot days, it's a well known destination 365 days a year. In the middle of winter, surfers brave the cold winter waters to ride the waves and the planet famous "Bondi Icebergs" jump into the icy waters of the salt water pool. Those who prefer to remain warm and dry exercise by jogging or walking on the scenic coastal walking trail that starts on the southern end of Bondi and goes across the headland to beaches further south.

Bondi is equally popular through the night, once the pubs, entertainment venues, restaurants and other nightspots come to life. Bondi's nightlife reflects its diverse community and tastes. Along the same stretch of road, you'll find a bohemian bookshop/cafe featuring a poetry reading or folk singer, a pub showcasing the talents of an area band and a sophisticated restaurant/cabaret.

About the Author

Bondi's fame has spread across the world and almost everyone who visits Sydney also visits Bondi at least one time before they're going back home. Many choose in which to stay Bondi. That's easily done, while there is a Bondi accommodation for each and every lifestyle and budget regarding [bondi restaurants](#). The Bondi backpacker accommodations are some of the most popular in Australia. At the other end of the scale, you are able to choose a 5 star resort with spectacular views. Whatever you're looking for, you will find it in Bondi.

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