
Sydney Harbour Bridge

Read the text and match the paragraphs (0 to 4) with the headings (a to f) below. You may use each letter only once. There is one more heading than you need. There is an example at the beginning (0).

0. The Sydney Harbour Bridge is one of Australia's most well known and photographed landmarks. It is the world's largest (but not the longest) steel arch bridge with the top of the bridge standing 134 metres above the harbour. The Sydney Harbour Bridge celebrated its 70th birthday in 2002.
1. The Sydney Harbour Bridge construction started in 1924 and it took 1,400 men eight years to build it at a cost of £4.2 million. 53,000 tons of steel were used in its construction. It now carries eight traffic lanes and two rail lines, one in each direction, but at the time of its construction the two eastern lanes were tram tracks. They were converted to road traffic when Sydney closed down its tram system in the 1950s.
2. When the bridge opened, it cost a horse and rider three pence and a car six pence to cross. Now horses and riders cannot cross, but you can bicycle across in a special lane and walk across the bridge for free. Cars cost around \$3.30 for a southbound trip and it is free to go northbound. In 1932, the average annual daily traffic was around 11,000 and now it is around 160,000 vehicles per day.
3. <i>BridgeClimb</i> started in 1998. After climbing through catwalks and up ladders and stairs, the view is absolutely breathtaking. There are day, twilight and night climbs and a group of twelve will leave for a climb every ten minutes. The safety precautions taken include a blood alcohol reading and a climb simulator, which shows climbers the climbing conditions that might be experienced on the bridge.
4. The Pylon Lookout is at the south-eastern end of the bridge (the Rocks end) and visitors can go to see an exhibition about the bridge and enjoy the spectacular 360° view from the top of the pylon, which is 89 metres above mean sea level.

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- a) Tours of the bridge
- b) Traffic safety on the bridge
- c) Building the bridge
- d) Viewpoint at the top of the bridge
- e) General facts about the bridge
- f) Bridge crossing prices

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