

Highlights

- Premium seats at *La Traviata* performance
- 4 nights on board MV *Captain Cook Explorer*
- Parramatta River Cruise
- Lane Cove River Cruise
- Fish and chips at Doyles
- Darling Harbour



La Traviata

5 days, departs Mar 26

Young at Heart Holidays have arranged an exclusive use charter of the *MV Captain Cook Explorer*, the ship we use for the YAH Sydney and Weekend harbour cruise holiday itinerary. Enjoy four nights on Sydney harbour, with daily cruising. A floating “stay put” Autumn holiday combined with “premium” seats at an evening performance of *La Traviata*. We alight from *Captain Cook Explorer* at Man O War Steps Jetty adjacent to Sydney Opera House for coach transfer to *La Traviata*.

One of the greatest operas ever written, Verdi’s *La Traviata* is presented here for the first time under the stars in a large-scale production with spectacular sets, beautiful costumes, dazzling lighting effects, fireworks and a huge 9 metre chandelier suspended above a purpose-built, shimmering, floating stage. The Sydney Opera House, Sydney Harbour Bridge and the city skyline will provide the magnificent backdrop. Enjoy “premium” seats at the performance.

Day 1 (L,D) HOME, SYDNEY, PARRAMATTA RIVER

Following metropolitan home pick up (Melbourne passengers) we join the Qantas mid morning flight to Sydney. Coach transfer to King Street Wharf to board our home for four nights, *MV Captain Cook Explorer*. Afternoon cruise up the Parramatta River, afternoon tea served on route. Cocktails, dinner with music and the beautiful setting of Sydney Harbour by night. Anchor overnight near the Sydney Zoo.

Day 2 (B,L,D) LANE COVE RIVER, HUNTERS HILL, LA TRAVIATA (half group)

Those wishing a morning exercise walk go ashore at 7:00 a.m. Others relax with breakfast at 9:00 a.m. Morning cruise up the Lane Cove River. Afternoon visit to the historic suburb of Hunters Hill. Later meet Captain Hunter for an afternoon Captain’s talk. Dinner on board. Tonight half of our group attend the performance of *La Traviata*, disembarking at nearby Man O’ War Steps, close to the venue. Other passengers may choose to remain on board or visit Sydney Tower, view the city and harbour from this revolving lookout in the heart of the city. Tonight we moor in Farm Cove, close to the Opera House.

Day 3 (B,L,D) BOTANIC GARDENS/SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE, WATSONS BAY

Early exercise if you wish, breakfast at 9:00 a.m. This morning choose either a walk in the Botanic Gardens or a tour of the Sydney Opera House. Enjoy lunch while we cruise to Watsons Bay. A local tour guide joins us on this visit. See the famous Doyles Restaurant, taste its famous “fish and chips”. A highlight tonight is the Captain’s Dinner. Tonight we anchor at Berry’s Bay.

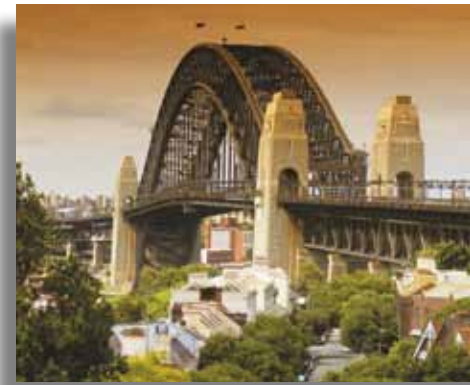
Day 4 (B,L,D) KING STREET WHARFS, LA TRAVIATA (half group)

Early exercise if you wish, breakfast at 9:00 a.m. We spend the morning at King Street Wharfs, adjacent to Darling Harbour. Explore this hub of the city, ride the monorail if you wish (own expense) or relax on board. Lunch on board as we cruise. Tonight the “other half” of our group attend the performance of *La Traviata*, disembarking at nearby Man O’ War Steps, close to the venue. Other passengers may choose to remain on board or visit Sydney Tower, view the city and harbour from this revolving lookout in the heart of the city. Tonight we moor off Taronga Zoo.

Day 5 (B,L) SYDNEY, HOME

Sadly we prepare to depart and, following breakfast at 9:00 am, disembark at 11:00 am from our starting point, King Street wharf. An enjoyable “on land” lunch together prior to our afternoon flight home. Melbourne passengers are due to arrive late afternoon. and home/hotel transfers follow. So concludes a unique and most enjoyable floating “Sydney Opera” holiday.





Featuring:

Soprano Emma Matthews is a Principal Artist with Opera Australia, for which she made her debut as Damigella in Monteverdi's *L'incoronazione di Poppea* in 1993. She is now regarded as one of Australia's most outstanding sopranos, equally at home with opera and concert repertoire.



Ji-Min Park trained at the Seoul National University, South Korea, as a student of Professor Philip Kang, and at the Vienna Conservatory, Austria, as a student of Professor Carolyn Hague. He joined the Jette Parker Young Artists Program at the Royal Opera House Covent Garden in September 2007.

MV Captain Cook Explorer is Sydney's only overnight cruise ship; 53 metres in length and 1160 tonnes, with 61 double, twin and single ensuite cabins over three decks. Enjoy the spacious lounges, cocktail bar, open and covered observation deck as we cruise on Sydney Harbour, with over 250 kms of shoreline of beaches, waterfront attractions and mooring points. A classic older style cruiser, perfect for this feature holiday.



Fares: (p.p.t.s)	
ex Melbourne	\$3,445
ex Brisbane	\$3,475
ex Adelaide	\$3,525
ex Hobart/Launceston	\$3,605
ex Perth	\$3,745
single supplement	\$ 240

Deposit of \$350 within 7 days of booking.
Balance due 65 days prior to departure.