Exploring Sydney and surrounds

Whether you're here for a weekend or a week, there's so much to see and do. Here's just a handful of sightseeing ideas that are all easy to get to on public transport.

**Sydney's beaches**
World-famous Bondi Beach is just a short bus ride from the centre of the city. And it's just one of 70 spectacular beaches across Sydney – including Coogee, Tamarama, Palm Beach and Manly Beach – that are easy to reach by public transport.

**Newcastle**
With a working harbour nestled among beautiful beaches, Newcastle blends cosmopolitan with relaxation in a uniquely Australian way. Newcastle is easy to reach by train from Sydney, and there's plenty of stunning scenery to take in along the way.

**Blue Mountains**
If you're here for a few days, it's worth making a trip out to the World Heritage listed Blue Mountains. Regular train services run from Central to Katoomba, and connecting local buses can take you right to the attractions.

**Kiama**
Another idea for a great day trip by train is Kiama, a seaside town on the South Coast. When seas are running from the south-east, great plumes of water erupt from the Blowhole. And with lots of picnic spots and parks, it makes for a memorable day out.

**Taronga Zoo**
If you haven't seen any koalas or kangaroos yet, Taronga Zoo is just a short ferry ride from Circular Quay. As well as 4,000 types of animals, it has breathtaking views of Sydney Harbour. Buy your zoo entry ticket at Circular Quay.

**Sydney Harbour**
Seeing the Harbour from the water is a must when visiting Sydney. From Circular Quay you can take the ferry to Kirribilli, Manly, Watsons Bay, Balmain, Parramatta and dozens of other dazzling destinations.

For other ideas on where to go, visit sydney.com and visitnsw.com

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