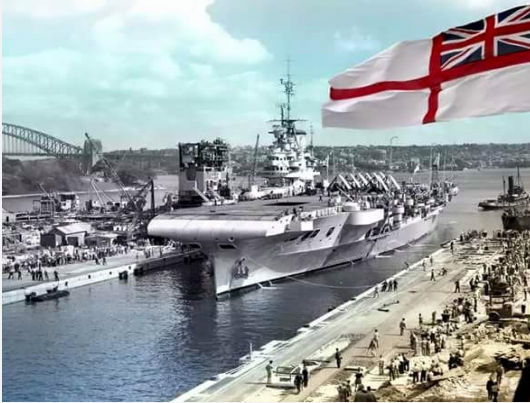




Garden Island Dockyard

Heritage Group Tour



Garden Island became part of Australia's naval history just 16 days after the arrival of the First Fleet in 1788, firstly as a ships' garden. Its naval use further developed into a naval depot near the end of the 19th century, and ceased to be an island in 1945.

Many of the buildings now over 100 years old, each has its own history. Rarely seen by the public these tours provide an exceptional opportunity to visit a working dockyard and appreciate its history.

Key sites visited and described include:

For Group Organisers

- The Naval Historical Society of Australia will conduct these tours for your group on a mutually agreed Thursday morning.
- At least one month notice is required.
- Suited to groups from 15 to 21.
- Easy to access via public transport.
- Tours & Cruises for schools & other education/special interest groups can be tailored to suit your needs – we are happy to discuss your unique requirements & costs.

- Captain Cook Graving Dock & an overview of the massive increase in the size of the island in 1942
- Naval chapel in the former sail loft
- Site where HMAS Kuttabul was lost to a Japanese midget submarine attack in 1942
- Barracks and other heritage listed buildings including the Main Building & Boatshed.
- Commentary on naval vessels alongside



Tour Information

Location: Garden Island Defence Precinct, Cowper Wharf Road, Potts Point NSW 2011

Duration: 2 hours starting at 10:00 am. This includes administrative arrangements, introductory video and walk.

Cost: The cost is \$35 per person. Paid by bank transfer ahead of time.

Mobility: The tour is approx. 2km on generally flat surfaces except for the internal stairs in the chapel. Unaided mobility is required.

Cancellation Policy: More than 14 days prior, full refund. Less than 14 days prior, 75% refund.

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