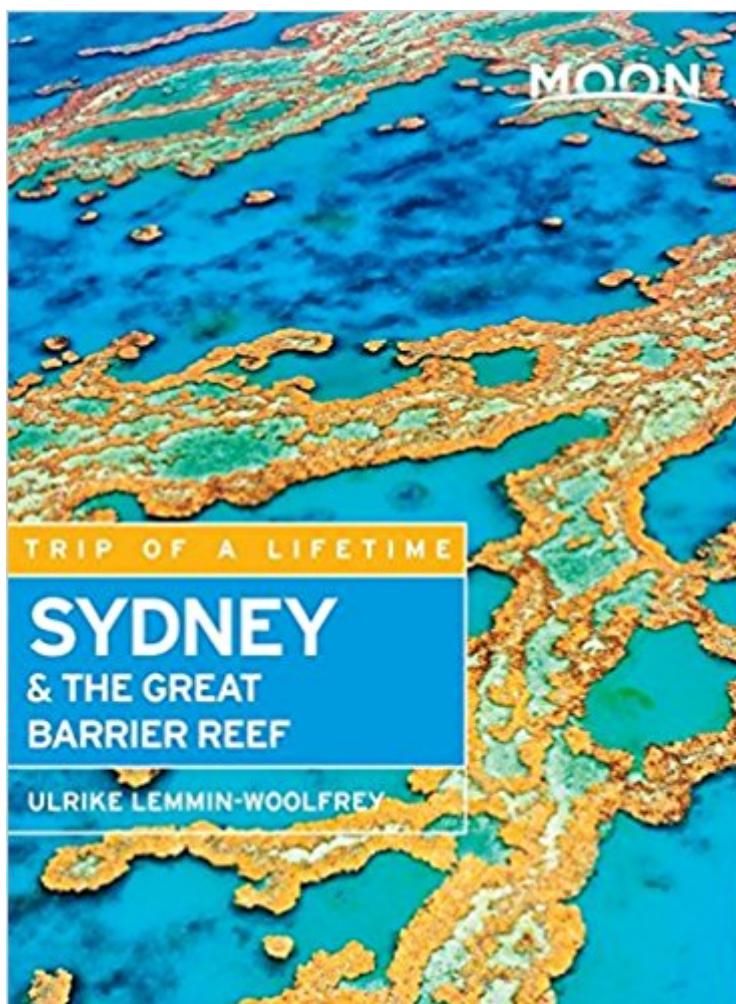


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Synopsis

This full-color guide to Sydney and the Great Barrier Reef includes vibrant photos and easy-to-use maps—plus a 30-page Wildlife Guide—to help you plan the trip of a lifetime. The birthplace of modern Australia, Sydney is a bustling, cosmopolitan playground. Off Queensland's endless coast, the Great Barrier Reef is a playground of a different kind, a wonderland of coral gardens and colorful sea life. Larger than the Great Wall of China and home to thousands of species of wildlife, the Great Barrier Reef is an adventure-lover's paradise. In this book, expert traveler Ulrike Lemmin-Wolfrey tells you everything you need to know to make this trip possible, with tips on: How to get from Sydney to the Reef and where to stop along the way—including information on Cairns, Port Douglas, and Townsville How to experience the Reef's world-class diving How to choose the best reef cruises and rainforest tours How to find and identify wildlife

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Customer Reviews

One of the great travel destinations in the world is the Great Barrier Reef. The planet's largest coral reef system, the Great Barrier Reef in the Coral Sea stretches over 1,400 miles and features some 900 islands. Author Ulrike Lemmin-Wolfrey suggests the best diving locations as well as the best choices for cruising the reef (whether organized, private or doing it yourself). Sydney in all its splendor takes up a big chunk of the book too: its culture, nightlife, shopping, dining

and, of course, beaches. The book concludes with a wildlife guide (sea life, mammals, reptiles, birds and insects) and a backgrounder section on Australian cultural values: Australia prides itself as being the land of the "fair go," or giving someone a chance. *The Chicago Tribune*

Originally from Hamburg, Germany, Ulrike Lemmin-Woolfrey has lived in six countries and on three continents, including Germany, the United Kingdom, Qatar, Oman, and the United Arab Emirates. When her husband relocated to Melbourne, Ulrike found herself packing her bags and heading to the "land down under." Since then, she has made it her mission to see and experience as much as possible of her newly adopted country. With a bachelor's degree in marine biology and a passion for scuba diving, Ulrike loves exploring the Great Barrier Reef and the Queensland coast. Her favorite experiences in Queensland include diving off Heron Island and cuddling a koala. In Sydney, she enjoys immersing herself in the history of the old beautiful buildings, and walking the magical Bondi to Coogee coastal path. She has also been known to sit in the Taronga Zoo's petting area to get some one-on-one time with the cuddly critters. A freelance writer specializing in travel, expat issues, and lifestyle, Ulrike is also the author of *Moon Living Abroad in Australia*. She currently lives in Melbourne.

Great guide that helped us a lot on our trip to Australia this July. Excellent suggestion to tour Sydney and great recommendations of touring the east coast.

Good starting point to research our trip.

Being a follower of Ulrike's blog with the insight into ex-pat life around the globe and wry life-style commentaries the gift of a travel book by her would be sure not to disappoint. The first few pages whet the appetite and have you booking your flight. Sydney and The Great Barrier Reef, what do I need to plan, where should I go as this is such a big area, I'll never see it all *œ* this is an excellent guide written by a traveller, for travellers, leaving you dashing to pack your case. Each area recommended is described with the enthusiasm of a traveller but the knowledge of a resident, reading this book before you go will ensure you feel like a local on arrival. As well as taking you to all the major attractions and smaller ones off the beaten track there is also ample information on the day to day necessities such as car-hire, public transport, cost of eating out and an idea how much those holiday treats and purchases will set you

back so you can plan your budget as well as where you'll be visiting. Of course as well as the beautiful scenery you'll also want to experience the flora and fauna. The guide takes you to wild country and also city parks giving good descriptions of the native wildlife and where to see them, also if needed, where to avoid if you're not keen on encountering funnel-web spiders! Towards the end of the book, as by now you'll be wanting to emigrate or at least take a year off to travel, you can find out (if this offer is made again) how to apply for one of the best jobs in the world in this exciting country. All in all a valuable guide which will help you make the most of your time in this part of Australia.

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