

-- Since you will arrive around 6:30 am you will either need to get an early check in or have the booked the rooms the previous evening so that they are available. The Embassy will handle but just wanted you to be aware. Walking around Sydney Harbor, the Rocks (where the early boats came in with British prisoners arrived) is fascinating. You will need some down time, too. In the afternoon you might consider taking the ferry from Circular Quay to either the Zoo (15 min). There is a great Chinese/Asian rest, WOO about 7 min walk from the hotel. In fact, Circular Quay, Rocks etc are all within 3 blocks of the hotel so easy logistics. The best single book to understand the foundation and history of Aus is The Fatal Shores which gives the context of how and why the British would round up undesireables and send them to Aus for being petty criminals etc (and no London police force then)

-- Saturday : A morning water taxi ride from Circular Quay to The Boathouse for breakfast would be great. It is owned by the (former) Minister of Trade Andrew Robb, a good friend, and the breakfast food is special. With good weather you can sit outside at picnic tables with umbrellas and enjoy Saturday morning with locals. Also, you can take a 15 minute ride to Bondi Beach from Circular Quay and walk as long as you want on a long and winding paved walking trail along the sea at a high level with runners, surfers etc and watch the surfers. I can send some photos if useful to visualize. Definitely a memorable experience. Dinner? Could be at a traditional German place in The Rock, if the Administrator likes German but I'll come up with other options. There are several along on the pier at Woogamalloo - steak, Indian, Chinese - first rate which is about a 7 min drive from the hotel.

-- Sunday: It would be nice to see if part of the schedule tied to Sydney Harbor clean up that is being proposed for Monday might be shifted even though it may be inconvenient for some. Otherwise, we might think of one or two individual meetings, and then a small CEO roundtable in the hotel in the afternoon. Maybe a visit from the US Consul General to give an overview. I am getting specific suggestions on invitees etc.

I think it may be useful to meet someone in the Labor Party opposition, but will get informal guidance from Josh's office. Again, so the Administrator can say that he heard all sides on environmental issues.

I've received an updated/more detailed draft schedule from the Embassy but reminded them that I'm simply providing input to you and that all the normal decision-making processes and communications need to remain in place, and that my only role is to provide informal input and suggestions to decision-makers.

Would be pleased

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