

Ensemble Experience

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

Ship/Sailing:	Volendam	December 19, 2008
Tour Date:	December 31, 2008	
Ship Time in Port:	8:00 am	- 5:00 pm
Tour Name:	<i>Vaucluse House and a Harborview Seafood Lunch</i>	
Full Day Tour:	Depart: 9:30 am	Return: 4:00 pm

Spend a fascinating day in Sydney as you step back in time and experience a piece of Sydney's history at Vaucluse House.

Located on Sydney Harbour, in one of the city's most exclusive areas, Vaucluse House is a stately mansion nestled in nine of its original 208 hectares that includes a pleasure garden, kitchen garden, paddocks, bushland and beach frontage. Built in 1803 it is a rare example of a complete 19th Century harborside estate with a kitchen wing, stables and outbuildings. William Charles Wentworth, father of the Australian Constitution, once owned the estate and lived here with his wife Sarah and their immediate family of 10 children from 1827 - 1853 and again in 1861-1862. The gothic style mansion depicts the social aspirations and lifestyle of the Wentworths and the servants who lived and worked there. The interiors include original Wentworth pieces, together with furniture, furnishings and collections from the early to mid- 19th century. Spectacular gardens and extensive parklands and harbor views from the Beach Paddock make Vaucluse House the perfect place to relax.

In 19th Century Sydney ownership of a substantial pleasure garden was a display of wealth and taste. Experience the relationship between the house and garden as it would have been by walking along the garden paths that Sarah Wentworth and her children would have strolled over 150 years ago.

Then continue your journey to Watson's Bay for a relaxing seafood lunch at Doyle's. World famous and a mecca for Sydneysiders and tourists alike, this waterfront restaurant overlooks the magnificent panorama of Sydney Harbour. Family owned and operated, the Doyles opened Australia's first seafood restaurant in 1885. After lunch re-board your coach for the journey back to the city and your ship.

Ensemble Experience shore excursions are capacity controlled, subject to change without notice and require a minimum number of participants. All times are approximate. Your Ensemble Traveler host onboard will advise final details.