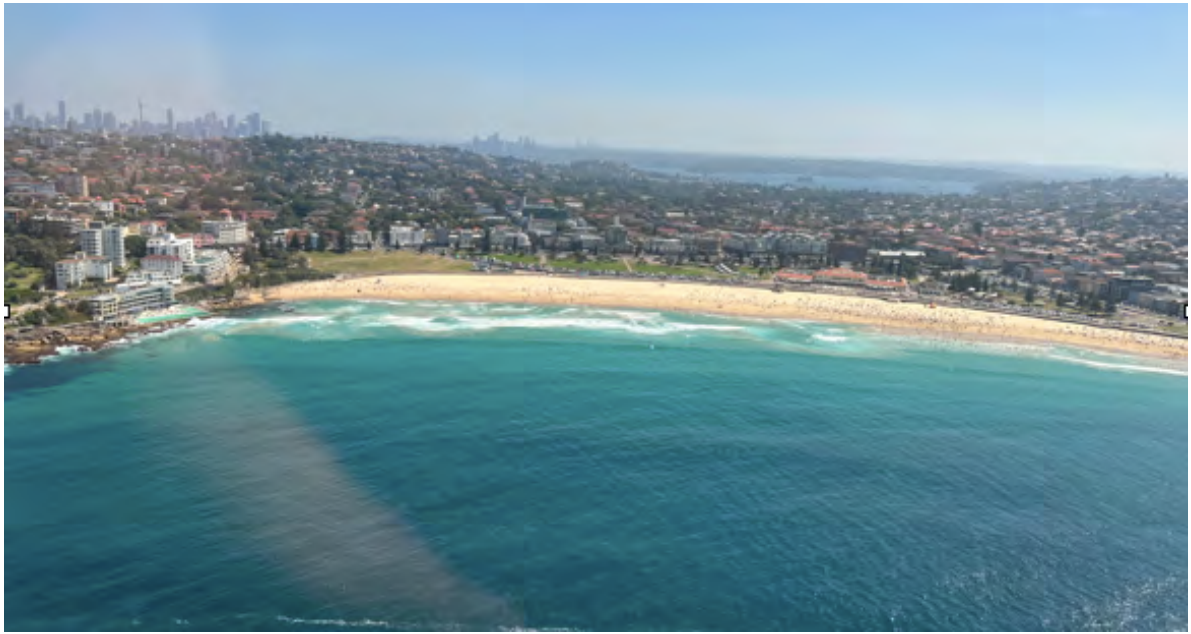


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Did a helicopter ride with Sydney Heli Tours. I did the Sydney Harbour Tour, Sydney Opera House, Sydney Harbour, Sydney Harbour Bridge and Bondi Beach.



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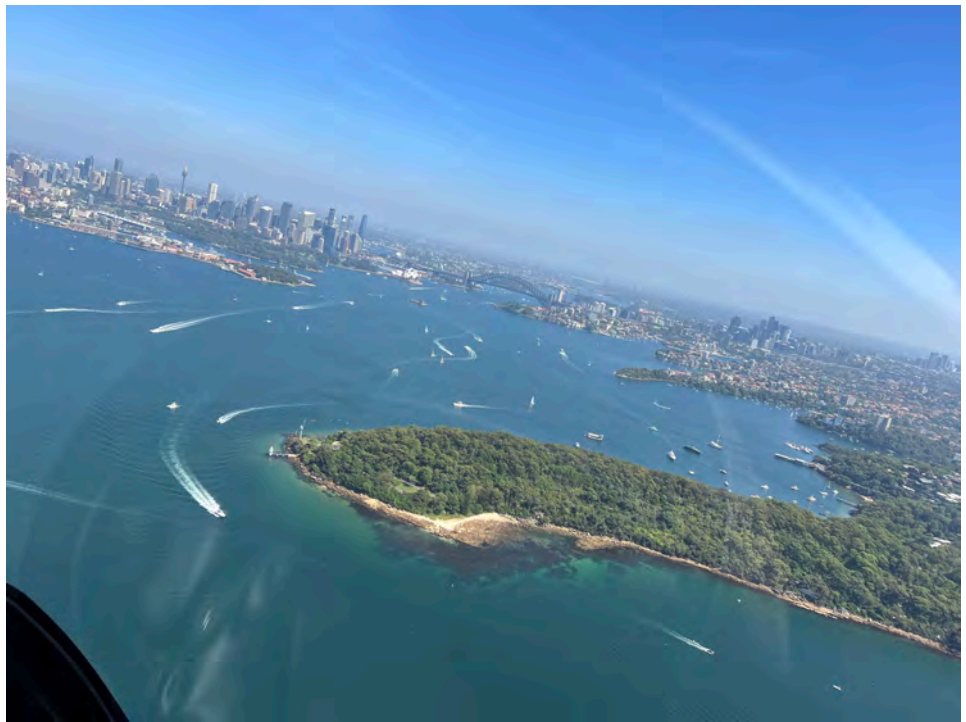


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The Sydney Opera House is one of the most well-known buildings in the world. The building was designed by Jorn Utzon, a Danish architect, and was finally completed in 1973, after sixteen years of construction, at a cost of over 100 million dollars. This iconic landmark is one of the world's premier performing arts venues and it defines the Sydney skyline.



The Sydney Harbour Bridge is one of the longest steel arch bridges in the world, spanning about 1650 feet, which is especially impressive considering it was built in the 1930's. Today, the bridge carries eight traffic lanes, rail tracks, a pedestrian walkway, a bicycle path, and a set of stairs to the center of the arch.

About 18:00 the MSC Magnifica released its moorings and started navigation with a Northern East Course toward Noumea, New Caledonia. The distance between Sydney and Noumea is 1043 Nautical Miles.

New Caledonia is a French territory comprising dozens of islands in the South Pacific. It's known for its palm-lined beaches and one of the world's largest, marine-life-rich lagoons. A massive barrier reef surrounds the main island, Grand Terre, a major scuba-diving destination.

