Sydney

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Vocabulary

Convict colony - an Australian colony regarded primarily as a place of penal servitude.

Gold fever - the excitement associated with the urge to search for gold in recently discovered goldfields.

Hustle and bustle - a state of great activity.

Intermingling (here) - a mixture or combination.

To encompass - surround and have or hold within.

Landmark: a building or place that is easily recognized.

High-end - denoting the most expensive of a range of products.

Demolition - the act of destroying something such as a building.

Dome: a rounded vault forming the roof of a building or structure, typically with a circular base.

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Historical Background

Sydney the oldest, biggest, and most beautiful of all Australian cities, lies amid a seductive **intermingling** of land and sea. Now it is hard to imagine that this vibrant city was once a **convict colony**. In 1788, it was at Sydney Cove where Captain Arthur Phillip, commander of the First Fleet, established the first British colony in Australia.

The colony's early years were harsh. After four governors and a military revolt, governor Lachlan Macquarie was put in charge. He restored order and charted a new course for a free society.

Transportation of convicts from Britain ended in 1840, and in the 1850s **Gold fever** struck. As a result, by the 1870s Australia's population had trebled.

Immigration has transformed Sydney into one of the world's most ethnically diverse cities with more than 180 nationalities calling it home.

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