

Pier One Sydney Harbour

The Pier One hotel located at Sydney's beautiful Walsh Bay is part of the Autograph Collection owned by the Marriott hotel group. Starting as a pier used for military purposes in the 1800's, to a working wharf for cargo ships in the 1900's and later even being used as a P&O passenger terminal, this location has undergone many transformations over the years. Keeping with the theme, newly appointed General Manager Kim Mahaffy has her own ideas about what the next face-lift will be for the already glamorous hotel that the Pier has become today.



This hotel boasts the best view Sydney has to offer. After seeing the Harbour View Suites today I would have to agree. Offering un-obstructed views of the Harbour Bridge and Luna Park right from your bed or bubble bath it really doesn't get much better as far as wow factor goes. With alfresco dining on the Pier and a location neighbouring the historical Rocks and Circular Quay area what more could one want from a place to stay? Kim has arrived after spending thirteen years living overseas and has brought a fresh new outlook on the hotel and the location. She wants to create a space that serves as more than just a place to rest your head.

A number of refurbishments will be happening over the upcoming months to make Kim's vision come to life. The idea is to express the POSH or 'Pier One Sydney Harbour' lifestyle. POSH, is about creating a unique experience which caters to the individual needs of each guest. The lobby area where we once queued up



after long flights, frizzy haired and sleep deprived, handing over credit cards with one eye closed, is now a place to kick back and relax. With personalised

services and a comfortable atmosphere you will be welcomed to sit down with a coffee in hand instead of your luggage. This aims to create the seamless check in experience you've always wanted.

The idea of the traditional lobby area will be converted into a multi functional lounge where Macbooks are provided with high speed internet access for people on business trips and a bar serving as the alter rather than the original check-in desk. With the hotels own private pontoon providing boat access for water taxis and private vessels it is



both a convenient and glamorous way to make an entrance. With rumours of a private boat becoming a new addition to the hotel it is exciting to see the potential of Pier Ones future. Above all, these changes will make it a place not only for hotel guests to stay but a destination for Sydney locals to pass the time as well.

The out door pier, restaurant and bar invites you to chill out in a cabana style setting with a cocktail in hand as the sun goes down over the harbour. Watch Luna Park light up like a Christmas tree and breathe the salty air as the ferries drive by. The laid back atmosphere makes it accessible to a Gen Y focused crowd where people are welcome to come and catch up with friends as a great way to start a night out in the city. It also will encourage guests to mingle with the locals in an iconic area of Sydney that isn't so typically 'touristy'. Between the location, the facilities and the warm hospitality, Pier One provides a winning combination. It really is as Kim says, "exactly like nothing else".