

Bondi Beach



Bondi Beach is a beach in Sydney, Australia. It is about one kilometer long and 50 to 100 meters wide. Bondi Beach is one of the world's greatest beaches, and is one of Sydney's main tourist attractions. Large numbers of tourists visit Bondi Beach throughout the year, and many tourists **show up** on Christmas Day. Anywhere between 4,000 people to 9,000 people visit the beach every day.

There are activities all year round at Bondi Beach. There are often surfing competitions and many kinds of festivals. The Bondi Beach Markets are very popular. They are held every Sunday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at a local public school. They are located just one block north of the main shopping center, and the school shop is open if you want a drink or a snack.

Bondi Beach has an underwater shark net that it shares with other beaches along the southern coast. In 2004 Surf Lifesaving Australia gave different danger ratings to each end of the beach. The northern end was rated a gentle 4, while the southern end was rated a **hazardous** 7 due to the extremely fast tide known as the "Backpackers Express". The south end is generally reserved for surf board riding. Bondi Beach was added to the Australia National Heritage list in 2008. Whales and dolphins are sometimes spotted in the waters.



1. According to the article, how long is Bondi Beach?
 - a) about 1,000 meters
 - b) about 4,000 meters
 - c) about 9,000 meters
 - d) about 10,000 meters

2. The phrase “show up” in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to:
 - a) arrive
 - b) leave
 - c) present
 - d) discover

3. According to the article, when are Bondi Beach Markets held?
 - a) daily
 - b) weekly
 - c) monthly
 - d) annually

4. According to the article, what kinds of events often take place at Bondi Beach?
 - a) ceremonies
 - b) swimming contests
 - c) volleyball games
 - d) surfing contests

5. The word “hazardous” in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to:
 - a) terrific
 - b) beautiful
 - c) dangerous
 - d) wonderful

6. According to the article, what sea creatures are sometimes seen near Bondi Beach?
 - a) seals
 - b) octopus
 - c) jellyfish
 - d) dolphins

Answers: 1. (a) 2. (a) 3. (a) 4. (d) 5. (c) 6. (d)