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WHERE ARE YOU GOING?



ALL AUSTRALIA

12 DAYS \$5,995

FROM ABORIGINAL BEGINNINGS TO THE MODERN DAY SPLENDOR OF SYDNEY, STUDENTS WILL LIVE LIKE THE LOCALS, SWIM IN THE SAME CRYSTAL BLUE WATERS—EVEN DISCOVER THE DELICIOUSNESS THAT IS THE TIM TAM SLAM.



DAY 1

Heading to the land down under! Today we board our overnight international flight to Sydney

2 What happened? I went to sleep and lost a day?! During our flight we cross the international dateline and lose a day. Don't worry, we will get it back at the end of our trip when our flight arrives back in the USA.

3 The incomparable Sydney Opera House. Upon arrival in Sydney we will be met by our guide and have a chance to change some money into local currency before heading into the city. Our first stop will be Circular Quay where we will stretch our legs as we head over to the Sydney Opera house for a guided tour of this icon. If there is time afterwards we will stroll through the botanical gardens to Mrs. Macquarie's Chair. This famed sight provides the opportunity for a photograph with the opera house and Sydney harbor bridge in the background. Post this pic and your friends will be so jealous!

4 Duck! Here comes that boomerang again! This morning we head to Muru Mittigar an Aboriginal Cultural and Education center just outside Sydney. Our day will be spent learning about the significance of Aboriginal Dream Time, the traditions of the people, and even trying our hand at throwing a boomerang. The day will include a bush tucker walk where we will learn about the native plants, medicinal uses and what we can find to eat in the bush. After trying our hand at boomerang throwing we will participate in a didgeridoo workshop and learn about all the sounds the didgeridoo makes and the meaning of each. Later we will visit a wildlife park. Here'



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Behind the Scenes at the Sydney Opera House
- Full On Rappelling in the Blue Mountains
- Feeding Wild Dolphins
- Sand Tobogganing
- The Great Barrier Reef
- Australian Aboriginal Cultural Day
- Community Day with Australian Students and a Home Dinner



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you'll get up close and personal with a kangaroo and say g'day to a Koala. (Please note, that the laws of New South Wales do not permit the holding of Koalas.)

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Your Full On day! This is a day you will remember for the rest of your life! We'll head to the spectacular Blue Mountains today, and everything we do will be focused on challenging ourselves. We begin with a workshop designed to make us think about the obstacles we tend to create that get in the way of our success, and we will learn incredibly effective techniques for overcoming those obstacles. Full On is designed to take you out of your comfort zone, challenge your thinking and ultimately face your F.E.A.R. as you rappel down the face of a cliff high up in the Blue Mountains.

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Anybody want to feed a dolphin? This morning we'll catch a flight to Brisbane. Then, we'll catch the ferry to Moreton Island. After lunch, you'll enjoy free time to explore the area, play a game of beach volleyball or just enjoy the beach. In the early evening, however, it gets really exciting. You'll be invited to join the local marine biologists in feeding the wild dolphins that swim into the bay each evening. This is a truly magical and incredibly unique experience, as these dolphins are completely wild but they choose to come into the bay in the evening to be hand fed fish by the marine biologists who study them. You'll learn a lot in this unforgettable experience.

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Sand tobogganing! There are a variety of exciting activities awaiting us on Moreton Island and, depending on the weather, this could include a snorkeling adventure or learning about the fascinating array of wildlife that lives on the island. The highlight of the day will be a four-wheel drive into the Tangalooma Desert where we will climb to the top of a sand dune and learn the art of sand tobogganing. You won't believe how fast you can go as you zip down the dunes on your toboggan, and unless you like the taste of sand, remember to keep your mouth closed!

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Tropical North Queensland, here we come! Even days with a lot of transportation are exciting and memorable on this trip! This morning we will catch the ferry back to the mainland. It's a beautiful ferry crossing, and after we dock you'll transfer to the airport to board your flight to Cairns in Tropical North Queensland. And when we say tropical, we mean it in the most lush way. Upon arrival in this incredibly beautiful setting, we'll have time to squeeze in a brief-but-fun-tastic tour of Cairns before heading to our hotel for the evening.

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The Great Barrier Reef. Another unforgettable, check-it-off-the-bucketlist day! Today is all about your Great Barrier Reef excursion. You'll be jittery with anticipation as we board our boat transfer out to the reef, which lies several miles off the coast of Cairns. We'll have a team of

marine biologists on board to tell us all about the reef and its delicate ecosystem. They'll also give us expert instruction on what to expect throughout this spectacular day. Once you reach the reef, you just can't believe all that you'll see. We'll have our choice from a variety of activities, including snorkeling, underwater viewing areas, glass bottom boats and of course delicious food. Your pics from this day could fill a lifetime of screensavers.

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A day with an Aussie! What would a visit to Australia be without a chance to experience what everyday life is like for Australians? You'll get to spend the day with Australian students, with opportunities for activities like sports or experiencing the differences between Australian schools and American schools. This evening, guess who's coming to Aussie dinner? You are! We are invited to join local families for a genuine home cooked meal. We'll divide into small groups, each group dining in a different home. Bonding over a shared meal will teach you more about another culture than just about any other experience—prepare to make some new friends! After dinner, we'll come back together and have chance to compare notes before turning in for the night.

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Crocs, crocs, crikey! This morning we head to a crocodile adventure. The local guide will teach us about snakes, cassowaries, koalas, and crocodiles by sharing stories of their encounters with these creatures. We'll cruise out onto the lagoon, and it won't take long to see why swimming in Queensland lagoons isn't a very good idea. Undoubtedly, we'll see a fair number of crocs sunning themselves on the banks, but it's not the crocs you can see that are a problem for swimmers! Next up: the Gondwana Gateway is an educational center that will teach us some phenomenal facts about the evolution of Australian wildlife, and it all takes place in a really beautiful setting. Then, in the late afternoon we'll visit the Cairns market for some last minute souvenir shopping before heading back to the hotel for our last night in Australia.

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Homeward bound. Today will seem like the longest day of all! We're up early, and headed to the airport for our flight back to the USA. During our flight, we will once again cross the international dateline. You can mystify your friends by telling them that your flight home actually lands back in the USA before it leaves Australia. (Don't worry, it will all become clear on the flight home.) Once home, let the bragging commence!