

Itinerary

Lynchburg College

Australia Literature & Museum Studies 'The Exciting Culture of Down Under'

24 May – 25 June 2010



Prepared by AustraLearn

Itinerary Disclaimer:

Please note that all proposed activities, venues, accommodations, and dates are not guaranteed until bookings have been confirmed. Where changes are necessary, all efforts will be made to secure comparable bookings.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVE:

Aim

The study abroad short course Australian Literature & Museum Studies 'The Exciting Culture of Down Under' is designed to educate students in the best teaching environment there is...the real world! This short course is designed to be an experiential study to supplement classroom understanding.

On this program, Australia's literature, museums, and historical sites will introduce students to the colorful culture of the land "Down Under." The vibrancy of cosmopolitan Melbourne and Sydney will allow students to experience Australia's past and present with tours of galleries and libraries as well as attendance of exciting sporting events. There will be additional stays in Canberra - the Australian capital, Brisbane and the Gold Coast, as well as Cairns. Visits to national parks and Aboriginal cultural centers will further enhance the group's experience during their time in "Oz."

Learning will be encouraged through the following mediums:

- √ Exposure to Australian culture, customs, and heritage on a daily basis
- √ Cultural immersion and self sufficiency through promotion of activities such as 'unplanned dining'
- Unscheduled time to explore the Australian culture on a personal level

Who will it benefit?

Students with an interest in:

- English Literature, Museums, The Arts & Culture
- Sociology
- Hospitality, Business & Tourism
- International Studies, Marketing & Management
- Australian culture, heritage, and customs
- Global travel & anyone with a sense of fun and adventure!

What are the destinations?

MELBOURNE

Melbourne is set around the shores of Port Phillip Bay. The city itself, laid out in a large rectangle and boasting a lively and cosmopolitan pulse, sits on the northern banks of the Yarra River, about five kilometres from the bay. Melbourne is the capital city for the state of Victoria, and is the second most populated city in Australia. It is a relatively modern city being less than 200 years old, and it's futuristic designs add to the fascinating mix of architecture and ensure the skyline is constantly changing. Melbourne is very much about lifestyle and it is no surprise to residents that their city has been ranked as one of the world's most liveable cities. The city is referred to

as Australia's 'sporting and cultural capital' and it is home to many of the nation's most significant cultural and sporting events and institutions. It was recognised as a gamma world city by the Loughborough University group's 1999 inventory. Melburnians embrace three things in particular: sport (Australian Rules football is almost a religion); fashion (the look is chic with a dash of quirky); and festivals (the calendar is packed year round).

SYDNEY

Sydney is the most populous city of Australia and is built around Sydney Harbour, leading to its' nickname, "the Harbour City". It is most noted for the Sydney Opera House, Harbour Bridge and beaches such as Bondi. With 240 days of warm sunshine and multiple fun activities to choose from, many view Sydney as Australia's favourite city. The city itself is surrounded by national parks (with majestic mountain ranges & the World Heritage Rainforests of the Blue Mountains), contains many bays (such as the endless white sandy beaches of Port Stephens), and rivers and inlets (making it a delightful wine growing area such as the Hunter Wine Valley). There are also outback koala and animal farms, and fruit picking orchards. Between the museums, shops, dining, harbour cruises, botanic gardens, beaches, historic sights, and eco-delightful surroundings, Sydney is endlessly discoverable.

CANBERRA

From wildlife to nightlife, from national monuments to National Parks, from observatories to conservatories and physical culture to viticulture, Australia's capital, Canberra is a city of many parts. Of all the cities in Australia, you will find that Canberra is one of the most convenient, safe, and pleasant in which to live and study. Medium-sized by Australian standards, Canberra combines the advantages of big city life - shopping malls, cinemas, art galleries, sporting facilities, markets, theatres, festivals and coffee shops - with all the aspects usually associated with smaller cities - void of traffic congestion and pollution problems to name a couple. An outstanding feature of this well planned city is the abundance of greenery - trees, gardens and native bush land. There is also a network of bicycle and walking paths linking Canberra with surrounding suburbs, parks and lakes. As a place of study, Canberra is ideal. With two major universities, extensive library facilities (including the National Library) plus major national research centers, the resources available for you are outstanding. Additionally, Canberra is a multicultural society with an international outlook. Apart from the diverse group of immigrants who have settled in Canberra, there are also many diplomats based here - as well as the hundreds of international students from many different countries. Australia's official multicultural policy encourages ethnic groups to express their cultural identity and this is reflected in the existence of many ethnic organizations - social, political, religious and cultural.

BRISBANE

Brisbane, Queensland's capital city is built upon the banks of the Brisbane River. The city bustles as a major center for the arts, a shopper's dream and a gourmet's delight. You can cuddle a koala, see sheep shearing or hand feed wild dolphins at Tangalooma Island Resort. As the base for the busy surrounding tourist destinations, Brisbane provides the perfect beginning for discovering the many wonders of South - East Queensland. Brisbane is Australia's third largest city. Brisbane enjoys a sub-tropical climate of hot humid summers and mild dry winters. On the banks of the Brisbane River, the city's suburbs sprawl out to Moreton Bay and through the foothills of the D'Aguiar Range. Lookouts on Mt Coot-tha offer excellent views of Brisbane and its suburbs. In the heart of the city is Queen Street shopping mall, and the city is compact and easy to explore. Brisbane is a scenic city, surrounded by hills and lookouts, with several impressive bridges spanning the Brisbane River.

CAIRNS

Tropical, wild and rugged, Queensland's Far North is a stunning destination and tourist mecca. Though geographically small, the region contains the richest pocket of bio-diversity in Australia, if not the world. The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park offers spectacular reefs, and the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area contains ancient rainforest and pristine white-sand beaches. Cairns, distinguished as an international and domestic player in both tourism and business, is the centre of tourism for the region and is packed with hotels, restaurants and shops catering to the tourism industry. Additionally, this region is renowned for its myriad of day tours and adventure activities - white water rafting, bungee jumping, scuba diving, bush walking, trail riding and much more. Inland from Cairns is the picturesque Atherton Tableland, teeming with waterfalls.

"Work and learn - Live and learn"

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Monday, 24 May 2010

Depart USA

Tuesday, 25 May 2010

In Transit

One day lost to the International Date Line (gained on the return trip).

Wednesday, 26 May 2010

Flight Arrival into Australia

You will be greeted by an AustraLearn Representative, collect your luggage, and transferred by charter coach from the airport to your accommodation.

AustraLearn Program Introduction (Lunch included in the program)

This exclusive presentation is an introductory session which explores the differences and similarities between American culture and that of Australia. Essential safety advice is covered, as well laws relating to the country to ensure a happy and safe stay. During the presentation, participants will receive a detailed course itinerary. The AustraLearn representative will gladly answer any questions that may arise.

Rialto Towers (view from the top)

Spectacular 360 degree views of Melbourne from the top of the renowned Rialto building.

Welcome Dinner - Included in the program

Relax and enjoy a welcoming dinner arranged by AustraLearn at a local venue. Socialise with friends, chat with the locals, and recount the experiences of the first day abroad.

Inner City Accommodation (Venue TBA)

Student- Shared Accommodation/Shared Bathroom facilities

Leader- Single Accommodation En-suited

Transport Details:

Each participant will be provided with a travel pass in Zone 1. This pass allows unlimited tram, train and bus travel within that zoning area for the duration of your time in Melbourne. **Note: Replacements will be at your own expense if lost.*

Thursday, 27 May 2010

Breakfast – Included in the program

Tour of the Old Melbourne Gaol (1 hour)

The Old Melbourne Gaol Crime & Justice Experience is an award winning attraction designed to educate through an unforgettable experience. The Old Melbourne Gaol is an iconic site where 135 people, including infamous bushranger Ned Kelly, were hanged. Step back in time and walk the road to the gallows in a 19th century prison, be arrested in a modern-day Police Station or be put on trial in court. Australia's oldest prison is found on Russell Street – home also to the historic Magistrates' Court and former Police City Watch House, and has been at the heart of crime, law and order in Melbourne since the 1840s. A trip to Old Melbourne Gaol and Russell Street will be an educative experience like none other.

Lunch – at own expense

Melbourne Library (Ned Kelly exhibit without armor)

The State Library of Victoria is one of Australia's oldest cultural institutions. It is the major reference and research library in Victoria, responsible for collecting and preserving Victoria's documentary heritage and making it available through a range of services and programs.

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Melbourne Maritime Museum

The Dry Dock is one of the few surviving relics of a once extensive shipbuilding and repair industry that stretched along the south bank of the Yarra River for 5 kilometres, ending below the Queen Street Bridge. At the time of its closure in August 1975, it was the oldest and longest operating privately-owned dry dock in Victoria, having been in almost continuous operation for 100 years. Its location is a reminder of the once close proximity between the CBD and its port facilities - a proximity that was interrupted by changed cargo handling methods and larger ships.

Dinner – at own expense

Australian Rules Football (AFL) Game -Melbourne Stadium

*Please note that match dates are not yet available and are to be confirmed, therefore game attendance may occur on an alternate date than noted here in the itinerary.

Friday, 28 May 2010

Breakfast – Included in the program

Lynchburg Group Meeting (Meeting Room- At Accommodation, as discussed)

National Gallery of Victoria – Federation Square

Since 1861, the National Gallery of Victoria has been displaying art works for the enjoyment, enrichment, and enlightenment of visitors. The Collection is split between The Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia at Federation Square, home of Australian art, and NGV International at St Kilda Road, the redeveloped building dedicated to the gallery's magnificent international artworks. These two sites are dedicated to bringing art and people together.

Lunch – at own expense

Victorian Arts Center

Melbourne needed a cultural centre after World War II and after many years of discussion, a master plan was approved in 1960, with Sir Roy Grounds as the chosen architect. During the ensuing years, the Arts Centre eventually emerged as two buildings - known as the Theatres Building and Hamer Hall. The Arts Centre is now home to a range of arts and entertainment and has hosted circus, theatre, roller skating, ice skating, cinema and dance.

Dinner – at own expense

Saturday, 29 May 2010

Breakfast – Included in the program

Unscheduled day (Lunch & Dinner at own expense)

Sunday, 30 May 2010

Breakfast – Included in the program

Tour of Melbourne

A charter coach tour with the following highlights:

- Swanson Street Precinct
Swanston Street is often said to be Melbourne's main street and 'heart and soul of city life'
- Flinders Street Station
- Cook's Cottage and Fitzroy Gardens
Cooks' Cottage shows what life was like in rural England in the 18th century, complete with cottage garden, and period and reproduction furnishings.
- Royal Botanic Gardens
The Royal Botanic Gardens have become world-famous for their spectacular vistas across sweeping lawns and lakes. Every visitor will enjoy a walk around the Ornamental Lake with its teeming native bird-life, however there is much more to see at Melbourne's most popular garden attraction.

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- Tour of Melbourne Park and National Tennis Center (1hr and 15 mins)
As well as hosting an extensive range of events such as international tennis, athletics and cycling, dirt bike races, ice skating, music concerts and family shows, Melbourne & Olympic Parks is the administrative and training home to various sporting organisations.
- Royal Arcade
The Royal Arcade houses some of the most well-known and beautiful shops in Melbourne.

Lunch and Dinner – at own expense

Monday, 31 May 2010 **This will be a long day**

Breakfast – Included in program

Winery Tour & Tasting in the Yarra Valley (Lunch included in the program)

Yering Station Winery Tour

Victoria's first vineyard, Yering Station, is located in the 'heart' of the Yarra Valley only one hours drive from Melbourne. As a family-owned winery, Yering Station has been recognised for its commitment to excellence, recently being inducted into the Australian Tourism Awards 'Hall of Fame' for Best Tourism Winery, 2005. Yering Station is renowned for producing award-winning wines of world-class quality and distinction. Now led by Winemaker Willy Lunn, Yering Station was honoured with the prestigious 'Winemaker of the Year' at the International Wine and Spirit Competition in London, 2004. Set in a stunning location with breathtaking views, beautifully kept gardens and dramatic architecture, Yering Station aims to offer a holistic wine and food experience. Your experience will include:

- ½ hour Technique and Educational tour
- ½ hour Property and wine making tour
- Wine Tasting

Sticks Yarra Valley

It is here that winemaking operations are carried out, making Sticks one of the largest and most progressive wineries in the valley. Producing award winning wines that are sold both nationally and in key markets around the world, Sticks Yarra Valley wines express true varietal characteristics.

Founder and iconic winemaker Rob 'Sticks' Dolan is dedicated to producing exceptional cool climate wines that are eminently fresh, fruit driven wine styles showing depth and regional expression. Standing at six foot six, Rob Dolan was given the nickname 'Sticks' during his days as a dual premiership player for the Port Adelaide Aussie Rules Football Club. Rob has pulled together a young, vibrant and highly regarded winemaking team who are as passionate about the sticks in the vineyard as Rob is about his footy! Your experience will include:

- Wine Tasting

Riverstone Estate

Riverstone Estate homestead and Cellar Door is built from bluestone and hundred year old timber sourced from the historic Newmarket Saleyards in Epsom Road, North Melbourne.

Peter and Jenny Inglese welcome you to enjoy the relaxed atmosphere and magnificent views while tasting from our selection of premium quality boutique Yarra Valley wines. Your experience will include:

- Wine Tasting
- Lunch

Phillip Island Nature Park-Fairy Penguins

**Penguin Plus Tour. Duration 2 hours*

Phillip Island is best known for its beautiful sunset penguin parade, the Penguin Parade is when the fairy penguin's return from a day's fishing to their nesting spots near Summerland Beach. The best viewing spot is from the wooden boardwalk on the beach, and attracts visitors from all around the world.

Dinner - Included in the program

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Tuesday, 1 June 2010

Breakfast – Included in the program

Lynchburg Group Meeting (Meeting Room Included in Program)

Ballarat Township

Ballarat - Victoria's largest inland city, lies in a west-northwesterly direction an hour and a half's drive from Melbourne. It is a city with a golden past, quickly reaching peaks of population during the gold rush of the 1850s. Today Ballarat, with some 85,000 people, has doubled the population of the 1850s although the search for gold has petered out.

Sovereign Hill

*Museum & Gold Panning Experience

Whether you call it an outdoor museum or historical theme park, Sovereign Hill - on a 25-hectare (60-acre) site in the Victorian goldfields - is arguably Australia's largest re-creation of a colourful phase in Australia's history.

Lunch – at own expense

Eureka Stockade

In 1854 the Eureka Stockade was where miners of the Victorian goldfields sought to redress the wrongs they suffered at the hands of an unjust officialdom, particularly in regard to the issue of mining licenses. In retaliation the miners were attacked by soldiers and defeated. As many as 30 of the miners died in the conflict. The Eureka Stockade is now a symbol of Australians' unwillingness to bow to perceived injustice

Return to Melbourne City

Dinner – at own expense

Wednesday, 2 June 2010

Breakfast – Included in the program

Flight to Canberra

Tour of National Gallery of Australia

*Tour led by Lynchburg Professors. Note - entry to special exhibitions at own cost.

The National Gallery of Australia strives to foster a greater understanding and knowledge of visual art and the creative process as well as increase sensitivity to cultural differences and cultural identity. The Gallery aims to encourage visitors to better understand the power of creativity and imagination, to utilize observation skills, and undertake discussions and learning's from the arts.

The gallery will host a dedicated gallery for the 1988 Aboriginal Memorial, one of the most important works of art in the national collection, and will host 10 new galleries dedicated to the display of Indigenous Australian Art which will connect with the existing galleries on the main level. These will be the first galleries in Australia designed specifically for displaying different aspects of Indigenous Australian Art.

The gallery will also host Sir Sidney Nolan's 1946-1947 Ned Kelly series. Sir Sidney Nolan was one of Australia's best know painters and printmakers, and is most famous for his works based on the infamous Australian bushranger. Nolan did not intend the series to be an 'authentic' depiction of these events. Rather the paintings became the setting for the artist's meditations upon universal themes of injustice, love and betrayal. The Kelly saga also portrayed the Australian landscape in new ways, with the story giving meaning to the place.

Lunch – at own expense

National Museum of Australia

*Guided Tour (1 hour)

The National Museum of Australia explores the land, nation and people of Australia. The Museum celebrates Australian social history in a unique way by revealing the stories of ordinary and extraordinary Australians, promoting the exploration of knowledge and ideas and providing a dynamic forum for discussion and reflection.

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Inner City Accommodation (Venue TBA)

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Leader- Single Accommodation En-suited

Thursday, 3 June 2010

Breakfast – Included in the program

Tour of Canberra (Lunch - Included in the program)

All day charter coach tour with the following highlights:

- St. John the Baptist's Anglican Church (restored), 1841 (donation required)
Anglican Church of St John the Baptist (consecrated in 1845) predates the nation's capital by 70 years. The Church, graveyard and schoolhouse are living reminders of our pioneering farming community.
- Captain Cook Memorial (Jet)
The Captain Cook Memorial Jet commemorates the bicentenary of Captain Cook's discovery of the east coast of Australia. It is one of Canberra's most well-known attractions. When operating at full capacity, the water jet can reach a maximum height of 147 metres.
- Anzac Parade
ANZAC Parade, a significant road and thoroughfare in the Australian capital Canberra, is used for ceremonial occasions and is the site of many major military memorials.
- Australian War Memorial
**Allow 1-2 hours here
The Australian War Memorial combines a shrine, a world-class museum, and an extensive archive. The Memorial's purpose is to commemorate the sacrifice of those Australians who have died in war. Its mission is to assist Australians to remember, interpret and understand the Australian experience of war and its enduring impact on Australian society.
- Blundell's Cottage
** 1 hour tour
Built about 1860, this little stone cottage pre-dates the national capital. It was originally surrounded by paddocks, sitting alongside the Molonglo River for more than 100 years (\$7 entry fee- at own expense.)
- Australian-American Memorial
** 1 hour tour
Australian American Memorial Commemorates the role of American forces in the defense of Australia during World War II.
- New Parliament House and Old Parliament House
** 1 hour tour
When built, Parliament House was the most expensive building in the Southern Hemisphere. Prior to 1988, the Parliament of Australia met in the Provisional Parliament House, which is now known as "Old Parliament House" (\$9.50 entry fee- at own expense).
- Canberra Nature Park (Visit Black Mountain lookout)
Enjoy views of Parliament House, Lake Burley Griffin and the Australian Institute of Sport. From this lookout, you can see the Brindabella's, the city centre and Mount Ainslie. Further up Black Mountain is Telstra Tower with 360 degree views over Canberra. Follow one of the many marked walking trails to see a wide range of native plants and animals.

Dinner – at own expense

Friday, 4 June 2010

Breakfast – Included in the program

Unscheduled day (Lunch & Dinner at own expense)

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Saturday, 5 June 2010

Breakfast – Included in the program

Coach to Sydney

Lunch – Included in the program

Lynchburg Group meeting (Meeting Room Included in Program)

Chinatown

Sydney's Chinatown is a colorful mixture of Asian culture, shopping and cuisine. The area's distinctly oriental architecture, street lanterns and archways confirm it as a showpiece for Australian Chinese culture.

In more recent years Chinatown has extended from the bounds of Dixon, Hay and Sussex Streets to encompass a much larger area bounded by George Street in the east and Darling Harbour in the west. The spatial expansion of Chinatown is complemented by the influx of East Asian immigrants bringing with them exotic cooking styles and cuisines. The eateries in Chinatown serve up authentic Asian dishes throughout the day.

There is a 'pedestrian only' mall along the section of Dixon Street bounded by two Paifangs, one at the Goulburn Street end in the north and one at Hay Street in the south. The paved mall is considered the heart of Chinatown and leads through the centre of the older, more established section. The distinctly Chinese styles of buildings that line Dixon Street mall are home to many of the district's excellent restaurants. This area is popular with tourists and is home to an eclectic mix of Asian grocery stores where you can buy Chinese medicinal herbs, clothing, home wares and exotic foods.

Dinner in Chinatown (Included in the program)

Inner City Accommodation (Venue TBA)

Student- Shared Accommodation/Shared Bathroom facilities

Leader- Single Accommodation En-suited

Sunday, 6 June 2010

Breakfast – Included in the program

Tour of Sydney (Lunch included)

All day charter coach tour with the following highlights:

- Paddington
The quaint village atmosphere known as "The Five Ways" is surrounded by unique Art Galleries among tree lined streets and historic terraces. Located in the heart of Sydney CBD, it is also the home of Oxford Street - the shopping Mecca of Sydney with its "Chic Boutiques" Cafes and Pubs, and William Street with its designer labels.
- War Memorial
The War Memorial is a 1934 art deco tribute to the Anzac soldiers who fell in the First World War
- Archibald Fountain
The Archibald fountain was erected in Hyde Park North in 1932, a gift to the City of Sydney bequeathed in the will of J F Archibald. It is intended to commemorate the association between Australia and France in world War one, and is the work of French sculptor Francois Sicard.
- Government House
Designed by Edward Blore – the architect of Buckingham Palace, Government House has been home to 27 Governors from 1846 to 1996 and has come a long way from the humble beginnings of a canvas tent pitched by Governor Phillip in 1788.
- Mrs. Macquarie's Chair
Mrs Macquarie's Chair, otherwise known as Lady Macquarie's Chair, provides one of the best vantage points in Sydney. The historic chair was carved out of a rock ledge for Governor Lachlan Macquarie's wife, Elizabeth, as she was known to visit the area and sit enjoying the panoramic views of the harbour.
- Botanical Gardens (Tropical Center extra)
The Royal Botanic Gardens is a place of natural beauty, where people come for peace, relaxation, education, and to learn more about plants and horticulture. The National Herbarium of NSW - Centre for Plant Conservation & Research - is located within the Royal Botanic Gardens.

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- Customs House
Customs House is one of Sydney's historic landmark buildings, which has featured in the working and cultural life of the city since it was constructed in 1845.
- Sydney Harbour Bridge
The Sydney Harbour Bridge, also affectionately known as the 'Coat hanger', was opened on March 19th 1932 by Premier Jack Lang, after six years of construction. Made of steel the bridge contains 6 million hand driven rivets. The surface area that requires painting is equal to about the surface area of 60 sports fields. The Bridge has huge hinges to absorb the expansion caused by the hot Sydney sun.
You can find out how the Sydney Harbour Bridge was constructed, the stories behind the opening celebration and more as you walk up through three levels of exhibits, to the Sydney Harbour Bridge Pylon open-air lookout.

Dinner – at own expense

Monday, 7 June 2010

Breakfast – Included in the program

Hyde Park Barracks Museum

*Guided Tour (1 hour)

The Hyde Park Barracks Museum, built 1817-1819, is a popular landmark in the historic central precinct of Macquarie Street. This elegant Georgian building is part of the earliest group of public buildings to survive in Australia. It is testament to the civic aspirations of Governor Macquarie, the skill and perseverance of the convict workers who built them and is one of the finest works of the accomplished convict architect, Francis Greenway. The Hyde Park Barracks was designed as accommodation for 600 convict men. It maintained this use until 1848 when transportation ceased. It has had many occupants since then - Irish orphans, 'unprotected females', and aged asylum inmates were part of its life as an Immigration Depot. Coroners, bankruptcy, lunacy and industrial arbitration courts and offices then followed.

The Hyde Park Barracks Museum displays fragmentary evidence of the thousands of men and women who lived and worked there during the past 175 years. The stories of the scourgers and convicts, matrons and immigrants, judges and clerks are told through exhibitions, an innovative soundscape, and through the building itself. The archaeology of the Barracks is featured in all its scattered glory aprons, pens, pipes, bones, buttons, sewing materials were all found under the floorboards and in rats nests.

The key focus of the Hyde Park Barracks Museum is the convict workers. Visitors can rediscover their daily life - where and how they slept, ate, worked and dreamt. They can also learn about the plight of the women who passed through the Barracks when it was an Immigration Depot for unprotected or unaccompanied women from 1848-1886. To commemorate the 150 years since the Great Irish Famine, 1845-1848, a sculpture is planned for incorporation into the Hyde Park Barracks Museum site. The President of Ireland, Mary McAleese, initiated the installation by removing a stone from the outer wall of the Museum during her State visit to Australia in September, 1998. The Hyde Park Barracks Museum also houses the Greenway Gallery, a modern gallery with changing exhibitions about history, ideas and culture.

Hero of Waterloo Lunch (Included in the program)

Since colonial times this convict built Hotel has held its door open, providing over 160 years of good cheer to the locals and visitors of Sydney. With the bar and restaurant always busy you'll be sure to get a chance to mingle with a 'fair dinkum Aussie' and if you are lucky you may even be welcomed by the ghost of Anne Kirkman.

Walking Tour of the Rocks

*2 hour Guided Tour including Garrison Church, Cadman's Cottage, and the Writers walk

The Rocks holds a unique place in Sydney's colonial history and is considered to be the birthplace of European Australia situated, as it is on the western shoreline of Sydney Cove. The tour covers the history of the rocks from the 19th century and the arrival of the first fleet. You will walk around the rocks and then onto Circular quay.

Dinner – at own expense

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Tuesday, 8 June 2010

Transport Details (for the following week):

A Travel Pass will be provided which will enable you to travel within the 'red zone'. This pass allows seven consecutive days of unlimited train, bus, and ferry (excludes jet cats) travel within that zoning area. **Note: Replacements will be at your own expense if lost*

Breakfast – Included in the program

Lynchburg Group meeting (Meeting Room Included in Program)

Art Gallery of New South Wales

*Guided Tour (1 hour)

The Art Gallery of New South Wales is the leading museum of art in Sydney and New South Wales, and one of Australia's foremost cultural institutions. It holds significant collections of Australian, European and Asian art, and presents nearly forty exhibitions annually.

Australian Museum (Natural History)

*Guided Tour (1 hour)

The Australian Museum is a leader in Natural Science and Indigenous Studies research, community programs and exhibitions.

Lunch – at own expense

Sydney Olympic Park

*Self guided audio tour (1 hour +)

The Sydney Olympic Park was home to the 2000 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Today it is a major tourist attraction and continues to host sporting events, sports training and an array of cafes.

Dinner – at own expense

Wednesday, 9 June 2010

Breakfast – Included in the program

Sydney Tower

Standing 250 metres (820 feet) above the city streets, the Sydney Tower encompasses a breath-taking 360-degree panorama of the city, harbour, and mountains.

Sydney Aquarium

In the heart of heart of Sydney Harbour and its spectacular waters lies Darling Harbour – just a short stroll from the centre of Sydney. It is here you will find an escape from city bustle, and discover the Sydney Aquarium - one of the largest aquariums in the world. Take a journey through the spectacular aquarium and explore Australia's rich and diverse waterways, marine ecosystems and unique aquatic environments. Nowhere else will you find a larger collection of Australian aquatic life, all displayed in their natural habitats. The 12,000 strong collection includes huge sharks, rays, platypus, seals, fairy penguins, crocodiles and more than 5000 different Australian fish. Visitors can "walk on the ocean floor" through 145 metres (480 ft) of acrylic underwater tunnels, and experience a world like no other.

Lunch – at own expense

Bondi and Coogee Beaches

Not only are these beaches famous for the sand and surf and have been the location of famous movies or TV episodes such as Baywatch, Bondi and Coogee beaches are also popular eating and entertainment areas at night. Spend time at your leisure visiting these beaches and café hot spots.

Dinner – at own expense

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Thursday, 10 June 2010

Breakfast – Included in the program

Blue Mountains Tour (Packed Lunch included in the program)

* Your experience will be fully guided by qualified eco guides.

Three Sisters (Katoomba)

A visit to the Blue Mountains would not be complete without viewing the spectacular Three Sisters at Echo Point. While the Blue Mountains features so much more than this natural attraction you can't help but admire the unquestionable beauty of this amazing rock formation.

Scenic World Pass

Scenic World sits on the edge of the escarpment overlooking the Jamison Valley and will provide you with a range of experiences that can be found nowhere else in the world:

- **Skyway**
The Skyway takes you on a 720 metre journey, 270m above ancient ravines and dazzling waterfalls. You are suspended over Jurassic rainforests as you glide smoothly across the sky. This ride boasts a world first - an Electro-Sceniglass floor. At the flip of a switch, breathtaking views are revealed through the cabin floor. The 360 degree bird's eye view from the Skyway takes in the Three Sisters, Katoomba Falls, Mount Solitary and the never ending expanse of the Jamison Valley.
- **Scenic Cableway**
The Scenic Cableway takes you on a 545 metre ride into - or out of - the World Heritage-listed rainforest of the Jamison Valley. Once at the bottom, you can take the Scenic Walkway to the base of the Scenic Railway.
- **Scenic Walkway**
Walk the path through a Jurassic rainforest. Discover over 2.8kms of boardwalk through the ancient rainforest, including 380 metres of wheel chair accessible walkway. Take the time to look around and find some fascinating facts about the local flora and history of the valley. Along the way you will also find the Marrangaroo Spring, where you can have a refreshing drink of pure Blue Mountains water.
- **Coal Mine Exhibition**
This is located just a few minutes along the Scenic Walkway. Take the time to watch a 10 minute audio visual display located in the coal mine entrance. See the life size bronze sculptures of a mine worker and his pit pony and a display of the tools used by the miners.
- **Scenic Railway**
Ride the steepest incline Railway in the world. The 415m descent will take you through a cliff side tunnel down into an ancient rainforest.

Norman Lindsay Gallery (en-route to Sydney return)

The Norman Lindsay Gallery at Faulconbridge is the home of the Magic Pudding and displays the work of artist and writer Norman Lindsay (1879-1969). 'The Magic Pudding' (1918) is arguably Norman Lindsay's best known work. A children's story that has remained popular throughout generations, it relates the comical adventures of Albert the Magic Pudding (who never gets smaller when eaten), and three mates - Bill Barnacle, Sam Sawnoff and Bunyip Blue gum. Together the trios thwart the hilarious attempts by two pudding thieves to steal poor Albert. Norman Lindsay also wrote the children's book 'The Flyaway Highway' (1936)

Dinner – at own expense

Friday, 11 June 2010

Breakfast – Included in the program

Sydney Opera House Essential tour

*Duration 1 hour – early morning

See inside the world's most recognisable sails. Experience this miracle of architecture and engineering. A work of art that came into existence against impossible odds - to become one of the busiest performing arts centres in the world.

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Working with new, rich audio-visual components, where images are projected onto the fabric of the building - their guides will take you on an emotional journey, engrossing you in a story to rival any opera plot with its dramatic twists and turns. You'll visit at least one of the venues where live performances are held every day. Some 1,500 performances, from opera to circus, rock and cabaret, are staged each year to audiences of around 1.5 million.

Taronga Park Zoo (via ferry)

The Taronga Foundation was established in 2000 with a vision to be recognized as a world leader in the development of philanthropic support for the conservation and presentation of Australian and exotic wildlife. Revitalizing the infrastructure is not only great for both visitors and the animals in our care; it also means that they can provide the best possible facilities for vital research, education and captive breeding programs. This will ensure the Zoo remains a conservation powerhouse in this century and beyond. Through the Taronga Foundation, the zoos also support conservation, breeding and education projects for threatened and endangered wildlife in Australia and around the world, including Sumatran Tiger conservation in Indonesia; recovery programs for Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby and Little Penguin populations in NSW; Asian Elephant conservation and breeding programs; and Silvery Gibbon rescue and rehabilitation in Java.

Lunch – Included in the program

Sydney Opera House Performance

*Note: Date of attendance may change as performance information is yet to be released. Further information will be provided once known.

The Sydney Opera House (1957 - 1973) is a masterpiece of late modern architecture. It is admired internationally and proudly treasured by the people of Australia. It was created by a young architect who understood and recognised the potential provided by the site against the stunning backdrop of Sydney Harbour. Denmark's Jørn Utzon gave Australia a challenging, graceful piece of urban sculpture in patterned tiles, glistening in the sunlight and invitingly aglow at night. In its short lifetime, Sydney Opera House has earned a reputation as a world-class performing arts centre and become a symbol of both Sydney and the Australian nation. Sydney Opera House was inscribed in the World Heritage List in June 2007: "Sydney Opera House is a great architectural work of the 20th century. It represents multiple strands of creativity, both in architectural form and structural design, a great urban sculpture carefully set in a remarkable waterscape and a world famous iconic building."

Dinner – at own expense

Saturday, 12 June 2010

Breakfast – Included in the program

Lynchburg Group meeting (Meeting Room Included in Program)

Unscheduled Afternoon (Lunch & Dinner at own expense)

Sunday, 13 June 2010

Breakfast – Included in the program

Unscheduled day (Lunch & Dinner at own expense)

Monday, 14 June 2010

Breakfast – Included in the program

Flight to Brisbane

Walking Tour of Brisbane

*Guided Tour

- Anzac Square

The ANZAC Square War Memorial is uniquely and ideally set in peaceful surrounds amidst the hustle and bustle of city life. Centrally located, ANZAC Square is dedicated to Australia's military heritage. The Shrine of

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Remembrance, with its Eternal Flame, forms the focal point for the radically patterned pathways, pools, lawns and Bribie Island Pine and Bottle trees.

▪ Commissariat Store Museum (inside included)

*1 hour tour

The Commissariat Store is located at the birthplace of Queensland - on William Street, facing the Brisbane River. Four buildings were used for handling stores - food, clothing and other goods – for use by military and convicts. In April 1828 Acting Civil Engineer William Dumaesque's plan for a permanent Commissariat Store was requested.

▪ St. Stephen's Church (Gold coin donation)

During the past century it was used for school, church offices and storage, and was several times threatened with demolition. It has been enhanced with treasures our ancestors could not have imagined: the West window is now filled with magnificent stained glass depicting Christ in glory and the story of St Stephen. The building will take its place in the cathedral precinct which serves as an oasis for shoppers and workers in the midst of a busy city. The whole of the worship space is located in the nave which is divided off from the apse by four solid timber panels and a rood bar with a crucifix in the midpoint. The apse space has been devoted to the diocesan shrine of Mary MacKillop. Archbishop John Bathersby solemnly dedicated the restored St Stephen's Chapel on 5 February 1999.

▪ St. John's Anglican Church

Under the arches of this building, candles of hope and trust have flickered through the years. Adjacent to the cathedral is the residence of the Dean. The Webber house is the oldest purpose built property in the precinct, it opened as The Cathedral Day School in 1905 and in 1971 was renamed for use as office space. In 1988, bells were hung in a temporary tower at the West End to commemorate Australia's bi-centenary. This motivated fundraising for completing the West End. The Centenary of Federation in 2001 was marked by the Commonwealth Government grant which paid for the completion of the Western Façade. This was also the centenary of the laying of St John's foundation Stone.

▪ The Mansions

The George Street Mansions (1890) are six well restored terraced houses with handsome façades in dark-colored brick and arcading in light-colored sandstone, now occupied by shops.

▪ Parliament house

*30 min tour

Parliament House is an imposing sandstone building in French Renaissance style designed by Charles Tiffin, winner of a national architectural competition, and built in stages between 1865 and 1891.

Lunch – at own expense

Dinner – Included in the program

Inner City Accommodation (Venue TBA)

Student- Shared Accommodation/Shared Bathroom facilities

Leader- Single Accommodation En-suited

Tuesday, 15 June 2010

Breakfast – Included in the program

Lynchburg Group meeting (Meeting Room Included in Program)

Miramar Cruise & Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary (Lunch included)

Begin the day with a relaxing river adventure on the historic MV Mirimar and spend a fascinating Cruise to the world famous Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary — See the Bat Colony and hear the story of Brisbane. The cruise aboard Brisbane's most famous river Boat, MV Mirimar, takes you 19 kilometres (12 miles) upstream through some of the city's most attractive suburbs and most interesting wildlife habitats. You'll see modern mansions alongside graceful "Old Queenslander " homes with their wide verandas and wrought iron lacework — all overlooking lush river-front gardens. Come close to flying foxes (fruit bats) in the wild. You'll have the opportunity to get a close up view of a

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unique inner-city colony of fruit bats — so close you can hear the beating of their wings. And you'll learn about Brisbane's past — some of it amusing and some of it horrifying as the Captain recalls our history. His local knowledge will amaze you! The Mirimar is a large and comfortable cruise boat with a licensed bar and tea/coffee facilities for your comfort.

All this before you arrive at Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary, with the return trip you have a full two hours to cuddle a Koala, hand feed Kangaroos and marvel at Australia's many more animal wonders. Then board the Mirimar for a thoroughly relaxing cruise back to the city.

Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary in Brisbane, Australia, is the world's first and largest koala sanctuary, with over 130 koalas. Cuddle a koala anytime, hand feed kangaroos and encounter a large variety of Aussie wildlife, all in beautiful, natural settings. Brisbane's premier tourist attraction is only 50 minutes from the Gold Coast. Their motto is: "The earth is not only for humans"

South Bank Precinct

*Exploration at own discretion & leisure

Brisbane's South Bank attracts more than nine million people annually and is one of Brisbane's popular destinations and meeting places. Attractions:

- The lush, sub-tropical, 17-hectare parkland includes Australia's only man-made beach and lagoon in the heart of the City, South Bank Beach, rainforest walks, picnic and barbecue areas, water features and a picturesque riverfront promenade on which to walk, run and rollerblade.
- One kilometre walkway, the ENERGEX Arbour winds its way through the length of the parklands at South Bank. Draped in brilliant bougainvillea, the award-winning arbour has 403 individually designed, tendril-like columns.
- More than 30 restaurants, cafes and takeaways cater to all tastes ranging from Turkish, Indian and Asian to Mediterranean, Modern Australian and Italian.
- Fashion followers will enjoy a visit to South Bank's newest retail strip, Little Stanley Street. Opened in November 2001, the stylish retail precinct is where you will find a range of boutique fashion label stores.
- The 450m long Goodwill Bridge, opened in October 2001, links the southern end of South Bank, the city's Botanic Gardens and the Queensland University of Technology. More than 50,000 pedestrians and cyclists use the footbridge each week.
- South Bank is also home to the Queensland Art Gallery, Queensland Performing Arts Centre, Opera Queensland, Queensland Theatre Company, Queensland Museum, and State Library of Queensland - all of which take pride of place along the bank of the Brisbane River - plus the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre (BCEC), and the Greater Union Hoyt's South Bank Cinemas.

Dinner – at own expense

Wednesday, 16 June 2010

Breakfast – Included in the program

Brisbane Botanic Gardens

*Exploration at own discretion & leisure

Brisbane City Botanic Gardens is a living museum of plant collections, displaying early heritage specimens through to present day exotic and native plantings. It is considered to be one of the most important non-indigenous cultural landscapes in Queensland and is recognized for its natural and historic values. In addition to the plant collections, there are a number of significant heritage features.

Lunch – at own expense

Queensland Cultural Centre

The Queensland Cultural Centre is a multi-venue arts centre at South Bank and consists of the Queensland Museum, State Library of Queensland, Queensland Performing Arts Centre, and Queensland Art Gallery. The new Queensland Gallery of Modern Art, joined the complex in December 2006.

Old Art Gallery (QAG) & Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA)

*45 min guided tour of the Art Gallery and GOMA (There may be a fee for any special exhibitions, this will be at students own expense)

The Gallery is committed to profiling Indigenous Australian art and strengthening relationships with Queensland's Indigenous communities. The Gallery is also recognized as an international leader in presenting innovative museum-

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based learning programs for children. These programs are coordinated through the Children's Art Centre. Developing youth audiences for visual art is another priority for the Gallery and this is achieved through programs such as the annual Prime event.

Queensland Museum

Queensland Museum is a cultural icon that continues to play an important role in the lives of many Australians. It embodies the virtues of discovery, preservation and interpretation, covering all areas of science, the natural environment and cultural heritage, as well as providing a fun environment for all the family to interact and learn. The flagship campus, Queensland Museum South Bank is a fascinating museum of natural history, cultural heritage, science and human achievement and tells the changing story of Queensland. Located at the Museum, the much-loved Science Centre offers an exciting, experience rich environment that is contemporary, user-friendly and inspiring.

Dinner – at own expense

Thursday, 17 June 2010

Breakfast – Included in the program

Unscheduled Day to explore Brisbane

Here are some suggestions on other activities to explore in Brisbane;

- Queen st mall and shopping district
- Wheel of Brisbane
- Riverlife Aboriginal Cultural experience
- Dolphin Safari
- Morton Bay Whale watching

Lunch and Dinner at own expense

Friday, 18 June 2010

Breakfast – Included in the program

Unscheduled day (Lunch & Dinner at own expense)

Suggestion:

Gold Coast day excursion via public train (approx 2 hours return travel)
Transportation and Activities - at own expense

Saturday, 19 June 2010

Breakfast – Included in the program

Lynchburg Group meeting (Meeting Room Included in Program)

Unscheduled day (Lunch & Dinner at own expense)

Sunday, 20 June 2010

Breakfast – Included in the program

Flight to Cairns

Lunch – at own expense

Unscheduled time at Lagoon & CarinsNight markets

The Cairns Esplanade Lagoon

This 4800 sq metre salt water swimming pool offers Cairns visitors swimming all year round. The Lagoon offers a sandy beach area which offers spectacular views of the Cairns foreshore. You will also find shady areas to escape the sun and parts of the lagoon are shallow and perfect for small children.

Cairns Night Markets

From 5pm the Cairns Night Markets come alive, providing a great atmosphere for after hours shopping. Offering more than 70 fascinating outlets promoting everything from home wares, gift wares, tattoos, crocodile skins and pearls. The market's innovative design captures the entire atmosphere of the outdoor markets with the convenience of indoor air conditioned comfort.

The Cairns Esplanade boasts internationally renowned restaurants and cafes and the Cairns Night Markets endeavour to continue this trend with our Esplanade front food court. Whether you want some quick take away food or some of the unique tastes from different cultures, the Cairns Night Markets food court has a lot to offer.

Dinner – Included in the program

Inner City Accommodation (Venue TBA)

Student- Shared Accommodation/Shared Bathroom facilities
Leader- Single Accommodation En-suited

Monday, 21 June 2010

Breakfast – Included in the program

Great Barrier Reef Excursion (Lunch included)

*Full day activity

Your journey from Cairns to the Great Barrier Reef starts on an award winning magnificent 25 meter sailing catamaran. With an emphasis on personalised service and genuine Australian hospitality, your adventure will take you to beautiful Michaelmas Cay and Paradise Reef. Lunch & snorkeling gear is provided free of charge while there is an additional cost for scuba diving. With twenty years experience in providing a unique experience for passengers, you will be provided an unforgettable adventure as you chase the fish in these famous waters, or simply lie on the trampoline across the bow of the vessel soaking up the tropical sun.

Dinner – at own expense

Tuesday, 22 June 2010

Breakfast – Included in the program

Lynchburg Group meeting (Meeting Room NOT Included in Program)

Kuranda Rainforest Experience (Tropical BBQ Lunch included)

At the award-winning Rainforest Nature Park (*A Planet Safe Partner*), you'll get to experience indigenous culture, Australian native wildlife and World Heritage listed rainforest all on one site. Set on 100 acres (40 hectares) in the midst of World Heritage rainforest, this unique tourist attraction provides enjoyable and educational activities for all types of groups. Imagine learning about our precious environment and how to preserve our wildlife while travelling through World Heritage rainforest on an authentic amphibious Army Duck, or share a Dreamtime Experience with the Pamagirri Aboriginal dance troupe. The Koala & Wildlife Park also promotes awareness of Australian culture and conservation issues, encouraging appreciation for native wildlife and surrounding environments. Highlights of your visit will include:

Dreamtime Walk & Pamagirri Aboriginal Dance Show

This half-hour guided tour along an all weather walk-way modelled on the Rainbow Serpent gives you fascinating insight into aspects of aboriginal culture. Try your hand at *boomerang throwing* - after a demonstration and a few lessons, you'll be ready to test your skills with this ancient aboriginal implement. The area is specially netted for your safety, as boomerangs do come back! Observe *spear-throwing* - you'll be amazed at the distance the Pamagirri Guides can throw spears using a Woomera. In the midst of traditional aboriginal dwellings, hear your Pamagirri Guide *play the didgeridoo*, an ancient instrument. Listen carefully for sounds imitating Kangaroos or the Kookaburra.

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Army Duck Tour

Experience the tropical rainforest from a totally unique perspective – aboard an amphibious World War II Army Duck, which hold up to 30 passengers and have 6 wheel drive, propeller and rudder. As you traverse part of the property on your unforgettable 45 minute rainforest tour, your knowledgeable Duck Captain will point out and explain ferns, orchids, strangler figs and stinging trees, as well as birds such as the Azure Kingfisher and a host of other animals and reptiles. With propeller engaged, your Army Duck cruises up to the water's edge whilst turtles, fish and eels swim up close. Keep an eye out for water dragons or pythons sun-baking or slithering up trees.

Wildlife Park with Koala Experience & Photo

Covered boardwalks provide excellent viewing of native Australian animals, including crocodiles, wombats, dingoes, snakes, lizards, and the cassowary. Hand feed kangaroos and wallabies, and have your photo taken cuddling a cute koala (photo at own expense).

Eco-sustainability Tour

Behind The Scenes look at the eco-efficient initiatives in place at Rainforestations, eg Worm farm; waste management; desert loos; etc

Behind the Scenes Experience

Accompany a Wildlife Keeper on their rounds. Help with Koala leaf prep & feed out in 3 koala enclosures. Visit food prep area; Explain medical treatment / vet visits/ injured animal care; Snake feeding / lizard feeding / Roo enclosure cleaning

Boomerang Painting

Design and paint your own boomerang with the guidance of a Pamagirri Artist. Take home the boomerang as a souvenir of your experience in Australia.

Dinner – at own expense

Wednesday, 23 June 2010

Breakfast – Included in the program

Unscheduled day (Lunch & Dinner at own expense)

Thursday, 24 June 2010

Breakfast – Included in the program

Hartley's Creek Crocodile Farm

Situated on the magnificent coastal drive between the popular destinations of Palm Cove and Port Douglas, Hartley's Crocodile Adventures is the best place to see crocodiles and native wildlife in Tropical North Queensland. Set in the foothills of the MacAlister Range, in a World Heritage listed area, Hartley's Crocodile Adventures is home to a range of habitat types including melaleuca wetlands, riverine rainforest and eucalypt woodland. Hartley's Crocodile Adventures provides an innovative approach to viewing and interacting with wildlife, enabling visitors to become immersed in a natural environment with safety. A series of timber boardwalks provide elevated viewing of wildlife as visitor's journey through a range of natural habitats.

Your experience on the day will include:

- √ Boat Cruise on Hartleys lagoon spotting crocodiles and wildlife in the tropical wetland (25mins)
- √ Cassowary (endangered rainforest bird) education and feeding
- √ Wetland Tour guided walk – feeding turtles, fish, and water birds
- √ Crocodile Farm Tour – learn about crocodile farm operations and how farming contributes to the conservation of wild crocodiles and their habitat
- √ Crocodile Feeding – see a huge estuarine (salt water) crocodile hand fed in a presentation which also features an Australian indigenous freshwater crocodile
- √ Crocodile Photos (at own expense) – hold a live crocodile and take home photos to impress your friends!

Lunch – at own expense

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Rex Look Out

Stop and admire the amazing views en-route back to Cairns. Apart from the cascading waterfalls during the wet season along the road, what makes it all the more attractive is the stunning views of the sparkling waters of the Coral Sea from the Rex Lookout.

Unscheduled Afternoon

Ochre Grill Tutorial & Farewell Dinner (included in the program)

Ochre Grill Tutorial

The renowned Ochre Grill Chef will guide you through a history of Bush Tucker as you sample a variety of native spices and fruits, explaining their tastes, origins, commercial and traditional uses e.g. quandongs, Lilly pilli, Kakadu plum, bush tomato, and wattle seed. These Australian native foods have remained the property of the Australian Aboriginal people until being discovered by talented chefs only in the last 12 years. You will be provided a bush food glossary and menu to keep and participants have an opportunity to purchase from the range of merchandise.

Farewell Dinner

Participants are able to enjoy a meal based on the food prepared during the tutorial.

Sample Menu (Subject to change):

- √ Wattle seed damper with wild spice
- √ Australian antipasto plate - smoked kangaroo, Emu pate with bush tomato salsa, Eucalyptus smoked salmon, crocodile
- √ Char grilled native meats - Emu and kangaroo with wild berry sauces and salad and spiced fries
- √ Dessert plate with a selection of pavlova, fresh fruits & ice creams

Friday, 25 June 2010

Breakfast - Included in the program

Check out of accommodation

Depart Australia

Explanation of Terms

Unscheduled Days

During the program there may be several unscheduled days which will allow for completion of academic projects, personal exploration of the cities and surrounds, or to allow you to catch up on personal needs such as resting, laundry, shopping, email, etc.

Accommodation

Your accommodation will be comfortable, safe and clean. Participants, unless otherwise requested, will be housed in shared accommodation, generally with 4 – 6 beds. Program directors are housed in the same accommodation venues as participants, but in single, en-suited rooms. Laundry, postal, telephone and email facilities will be within walking distance to your accommodation.

Unless alternatives have been specifically requested, most accommodation is located in or near the inner city to allow easy access to sites. All accommodation meets strict standards and has been personally inspected by AustralLearn.

Restaurants & Meals

Meals provided as part of the program will be served at reputable local venues. There will always be vegetarian options and all special dietary needs can be catered for where specified in advance.

For meals not included in the program, the participants will have plenty of opportunity to dine out at local venues. Where meals are not included we advise participants to budget \$10 AUD/NZD for breakfast, \$15 AUD/NZD for lunch and \$30 AUD/NZD for dinner.

Transport

The itinerary has been designed to maximize comfort and safety. Transport will be either private bus charter or public transportation. All transport companies meet the highest standards and levels of insurances. AustralLearn contracts with award-winning quality companies.