



# Gold Coast and New Zealand June 9-22, 2018

## World College Australia

Our programs develop leadership, English and life skills. (Accommodation in Melbourne can be in apartments or home stay or a combination of both. Dates can be changed. These itineraries are examples only)

### Saturday June 9

- Morning flight arrives at Brisbane International Airport. Welcome to Australia!.
- When ready you will be led to the coach in coach parking area, Lebara sims will be given out on the coach (which hopefully will be already activated and thus working once put in the phone and waiting 30 minutes).
- It is 1 hour 20 minutes drive South to the Gold Coast. We will stop for a pre-ordered Hungry Jacks or Macdonalds for lunch on the highway down.
- 2pm Arrive at our accommodation. There are 8 apartments for the group. The apartments have 1 queen, 2 singles and 1-2 extra singles in each for 5-6 students per apartment. The apartments are nice.
- 2.45pm-3.30pm Meet at reception. In four groups we will do a 30 minute walk to the immediate area each led by one of our staff. This to show you the local shops and local park.
- 4pm Meet at reception where coach will take us to Surfers Paradise for dinner and to explore the beach. This is 15-20 minutes drive from our apartments.
- 4.20-6.20pm Time for photos at the beach before exploring Cavill Mall and Surfer's Paradise shops. Students will have \$10 each for dinner. Our staff will point out dinner options including an area with 8-10 Asian eateries but also Western choices.
- At 6.20pm we meet the coach and will be dropped back at our apartments at 06.50pm.
- 7.00-7.30pm Group meeting to welcome students and to go over some rules for looking after the apartments and safety. This will be in one of the apartments. Students also collect breakfast provisions from our leaders apartments.
- Students have free time this evening from 7pm. They may go to the local convenience store in groups with a leader with them until 8pm. After 8pm they should be in their apartments. After 9pm they should be in their own rooms and at 10pm it is lights out and electronics off.
- One or more leaders should meet our leader in charge once things are settled at their end to go through the next day in detail.



### Sunday June 10

- 9am Meet at reception to take coach to Albert River Farm
- 10.10am Arrive at Albert River Farm for a farm show and tour. Students will see a sheep dog working the sheep, say hello to farm animals and be able to try whip cracking.
- 11.30am Lunch on the farm will be fish n chips n salad
- 12.30 Depart farm
- 1pm-2pm Arrive at Curtis Falls and do a 20 minute walk (one way) through beautiful rainforest to Curtis Falls and then return.
- 2.15-3.15pm Just nearby is Gallery Walk which is full of beautiful Village food and craft shops. Try the fudge or icecream or various speciality souvenir shops. This is a popular weekend destination for Brisbane and Gold Coast people and will be busy on this Sunday. Students will have 1 hour to explore a small but very nice village here.
- 3.30pm Depart Tambourine Mountain for the Gold Coast
- 4.30-6pm Time in Surfers Paradise to look around and have dinner. Students will be given \$10 each for dinner.
- 6pm Take coach back to our Apartments.
- 6.30pm Students have free time this evening from 6.30pm. They may go to the local convenience store or the nearby park in groups with a leader with them until 8pm. After 8pm they should be in their apartments. After 9pm they should be in their own rooms and at 10pm it is lights out and electronics off.
- One or more leaders should meet Peter once things are settled at their end to go through the next day in detail.



### Monday June 11

- 7.20am Meet at reception for coach to the University of Queensland
- 9am-10.40am Arrive at University of Queensland for welcome and class. Students will be placed in two groups. One will go with Jen for an outside activity where students have to find things and interview locals. The other group will have an official welcome by the Principal and then class with Katie. We are likely to divide the two groups by age.
- 10.40-11.00am Break time. Our staff will lead you to the main union building to relax or buy a snack
- 11.00-12.30pm Students will swap. Those with Jen and Ty in the morning will go with Peter and Katie and vice versa.
- 12.30-1.15pm Lunch will be organised in the union building or set up on the lawns,
- 1.15-1.45pm Walk to the ferry terminal
- 1.45-2.30pm Enjoy a cruise along the Brisbane River. It is a great way to introduce yourself to Brisbane
- 2.30-3.15pm New Farm is our destination and there is a nice park by the river here for students to relax and just socialise a little



- 3.20pm-4.50pm Take the coach back to Surfers Paradise
- 5pm-6.30pm Enjoy steak dinner at a local restaurant
- 6.50pm Return back to our apartments Students have free time this evening from 6.30pm. They may go to the local convenience store or the nearby park in groups with a leader with them until 8pm. After 8pm they should be in their apartments. After 9pm they should be in their own rooms and at 10pm it is lights out and electronics off.
- One or more leaders should meet Peter once things are settled at their end to go through the next day in detail.

### Tuesday June 12

- 8.50am Meet at reception for coach to the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary
- 9.40am Arrive at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary. This is a wonderful adventure with Australian animals
- 10am Your chance to touch and take a photo with an Aussie koala. This is going to be awesome!
- 10.45am Enjoy watching birds of prey swoop in on the Free Flight Bird Show
- 11.15am Experience sheep shearing by some Aussie farmers
- 11.50am Education class where a local teacher will bring out three different creatures to touch and learn more about.
- 12.40-1.20pm Lunch at Currumbin
- 1.40-2.00pm Meet the kangaroos and have the chance to hand feed them.
- 2-2.45pm Free time to explore Currumbin with your friends
- 3pm Leave Currumbin and head to a local safer beach
- 3.30-4.30pm Enjoy ball games, feel the water between your toes or just relax with a great beach and playground area.
- 5.15-6.30 Free time to explore and choose your own dinner at Surfers Paradise
- 6.50pm Return back to our apartments Students have free time this evening from 6.30pm. They may go to the local convenience store or the nearby park in groups with a leader with them until 8pm. After 8pm they should be in their apartments. After 9pm they should be in their own rooms and at 10pm it is lights out and electronics off.



### Wednesday June 13

- 7.00am Meet at reception for coach to the University of Queensland
- 8.30am-11am English class at University of Queensland. Students will be placed in two groups.



One will go with Jen for an outside activity where students have to find things and interview locals. The other group will have class with Katie. We are likely to divide the two groups by age.

- 12.30-5pm SeaWorld what a wonderful adventure
- 2.30 The Fish Detective Sea Lion show
- 3.30pm Dolphin show is a real highlight and not to be missed. Students should be here by 3.15pm as they do lock the gates.
- 4.15pm Action a plenty with the Jet Ski Extreme Show
- In between the shows students can see other animals such as the penguins or Polar Bear and there are some great rides too. Storm Coaster, Jet Boat Rescue and Castaway Bay are all recommended rides. Storm Coaster is our favourite while Jet Boat Rescue is a fast ride for those looking for maximum adventure but not for all.
- 5.20pm Back at our apartments.
- 5.45-6.45pm Pizza for dinner either in your apartments or at the local park if the weather is nice. We can stay at the park a little while to relax and play with leaders in attendance
- 6.50pm Return back to our apartments Students have free time this evening from 6.30pm. They may go to the local convenience store or the nearby park in groups with a leader with them until 8pm. After 8pm they should be in their apartments. After 9pm they should be in their own rooms and at 10pm it is lights out and electronics off.



#### Thursday June 14

- 7.30am Meet at reception for coach to the University of Queensland
- 9.00am-12.15pm English class at University of Queensland. Today we will have all students in one class with 2 teachers with some activities and quizzes followed by certificate presentations to students.
- 12.15-12.55 Lunch on Campus at University of Queensland
- 2.30-4.00pm Time to explore Australia Fair one of the main shopping centres in Surfers Paradise.
- 4.30-6.00pm Fish n chips for dinner at Harley Park and some games and activities.
- 6.30pm Return back to our apartments Students have free time this evening from 6.30pm. They may go to the local convenience store or the nearby park in groups with a leader with them until 8pm. After 8pm they should be in their apartments. After 9pm they should be in their own rooms and at 10pm it is lights out and electronics off.

#### Friday June 15

- 9.00am Meet at reception for coach to Movie World
- 9.30am-4pm Enjoy this fun and amazing adventure park
- 11am Hollywood Stunt Driver Show. This is amazing and you will feel like you are standing in the middle of a major Hollywood Car Chase. Get here by 10.40am as it does sell out and they do close the gates
- 3.30-3.50pm All star parade: See all the stars of Looney Tunes including Batman, Bugs Bunny, Scooby Doo, Captain America and many more

- In between enjoy the rides and there are many. Our favourites include: Wild Wild West rollercoaster, and Scooby Do Coaster two must try rides. There are very fast rides for the adventurous and slow rides for those wanting something more gentle. You have an unlimited ride pass so try as many as you can or take your favourite a second time.



- 4.30-7.00pm Our last time at Surfers Paradise. Enjoy a Chinese dinner together and then have free time to explore the shops and the beach
- 7.30pm Return back to our apartments  
Students have free time this evening from 7.30pm. They may go to the local convenience store or the nearby park in groups with a leader with them until 8pm. After 8pm they should be in their apartments. After 9pm they should be in their own rooms and at 10pm it is lights out and electronics off.

### Saturday June 16

- 4.20am Meet at reception with bags and suitcases. All room keys to be given to Ty.
- 4.30am Depart our apartments to Brisbane International Airport
- 6am Arrive at Brisbane Airport for check in.
- 7am Breakfast at Brisbane Airport
- 08.10am Depart Brisbane on Emirates flight EK434
- 01.25pm Arrive in Auckland New Zealand Yey
- 02.30pm Organise phone sims at the airport
- 04.00pm-5pm Arrive at our apartments and settle in.
- 5.00-6.30pm Taken to city centre for dinner and a short walk around before eating in a popular food court
- 7pm Back the hotel for the evening.
- 7.30pm Students have free time this evening from 7.30pm. They may go to the local convenience store or the nearby park in groups with a leader with them until 8pm. After 8pm they should be in their apartments. After 9pm they should be in their own rooms and at 10pm it is lights out and electronics off.

### Sunday June 17

- 08.50 Meet at reception
- 9.00am Depart on Coach for Snow Planet and your chance to try skiing.
- 10am-11.00am Mt Victoria with views over Auckland and beyond
- 11.45-12.30pm Welcome, safety talk and gear up with skis, helmet etc
- 12.30-1.30pm Lesson on the snow followed by skiing on this unique indoor mountain and ski slope
- 1.30-2.30pm Free time on the snow with lunch at Snow Planet whenever you are ready.
- 3.30-4.15pm A short walk around the Auckland city waterfront.
- 5pm-6.00pm Back in Parnell for some warm clothes and a shower after the snow



- 6.30-7.30pm We will walk to a local restaurant for dinner tonight.
- 7.30pm Students have free time this evening from 7.30pm. We recommend that you watch the start of "The Hobbit" on DVD to see where we will go tomorrow on the movie. They may go to the local convenience store or the nearby park in groups with a leader with them until 8pm. After 8pm they should be in their apartments. After 9pm they should be in their own rooms and at 10pm it is lights out and electronics off.

### Monday June 18

- 07.50 Meet at reception bring your luggage
- 8.00am Depart on Coach for Hobbiton and our Lord of the Rings special day
- 10.00am Arrive at Hobbiton with time for toilets and the souvenir shop
- 10.20am-12 Hobbiton tour through the world of Middle Earth. See Frodo and Bilbo Baggins house at Bag End and The Green Dragon Tavern. Learn about movie making and special effects from our guide. This is great fun and a great adventure.
- 12.30-1.30 Lunch in Matamata
- 3pm-3.40pm Arrive in Rotorua and we will take you shopping to buy supplies for breakfast.
- 4pm Arrive at our cabins in Rotorua and settle in. Note there is a playground, grass areas for balls and even a heated pool (you need an Australian leaders' permission to use the pool)
- 5pm-6pm Dinner organise at the cabin park
- 6.30pm Students have free time this evening from 6.30pm. They may go to the local convenience store or the nearby park in groups with a leader with them until 8pm. After 8pm they should be in their apartments. After 9pm they should be in their own rooms and at 10pm it is lights out and electronics off.



### Tuesday June 19

- 08.50 Meet at reception
- 9.00am Depart on Coach for Okere Falls and a volcano
- 09.40am-10.30am Explore Okere Falls, famous for white water rafting and fast and beautiful rapids and falls
- 11.30-12.30 Mt Maunganui an extinct volcano coming up out of the coastline. We do a spectacular 1 hour walk around the base of this volcano with great ocean views. Wear shoes for walking
- 12.45-1.45pm Lunch at local shops in Mt Maunganui
- 2.20-3.20 Tauranga city and shops on the East coast. One hour free time to explore
- 4.00p-05.30pm Maclaren's Falls Park. Time to relax, explore a close waterfall. We will have some games here and some cup noodles, hot chocolate and fruit for dinner

- 5.30-6.00pm New Zealand is famous for glow worms and we are going to find you some. In a little fern gully after darkness there they are. Magical like fairy houses.
- 7.30pm Arrive back at our cabins. Students have free time this evening from 7.30pm. They may go to the local convenience store or the nearby park in groups with a leader with them until 8pm. After 8pm they should be in their apartments. After 9pm they should be in their own rooms and at 10pm it is lights out and electronics off.

### Wednesday June 20

- 08.50 Meet at reception
- 9.00am Depart on Coach for Waiotapu mud pools and the thermal high way. This is unlike any road you have soon with steam coming out from the ground and mud pools bubbling away
- 09.40-10.30am Waiotapu mud pools and hot springs.
- 11.30-12.30pm Lunch in Rotorua
- 1.00pm-3.00pm Agroventures jet boating. Each student can choose one of 4 rides: jet boating, free fall extreme, Swoop and Shwebb. Enjoy your ride and watch your mates.
- 3.30pm Return to cabin park for free time
- 4.45pm Meet at reception for your next adventure
- 05.00pm Off to the Mittai Maori cultural show and banquet.
- 5.30-7.30pm Mittai cultural centre. Enjoy story telling, songs, dance and performance from the local Mitai people followed by a traditional Maori banquet. This is a fantastic way to meet the indigenous people of New Zealand
- 08-10pm We have our own party back at the Cabin Centre. Students are to host it and may put on a talent show or disco or whatever they want within reason.



### Thursday June 21

- 9.00am Depart on Coach for Lake Taupo
- 10.00am We stop at the Huka Huka falls to watch some of the fastest flowing water in the world. Legend has it that at least one Maori chief paddled a canoe over it.
- 11.30-1.30pm Barbecue by Lake Taupo. It is a great relaxing time with ball games, adventure play ground and time to chill and relax a little bit.
- 2-3pm There is a huge Bungy jump in Lake Taupo over a canyon. We will see if anyone is jumping off the bungy (we will be watching only)
- 3.30-4.00pm Honey tasting at Huka honey and the honey icecream is seriously Yum!
- 5.30-6.30pm Dinner in Rotorua or at our cabin park

## Friday June 22

- 06.50 Meet at reception
- 7.00am Depart on Coach Auckland to airport
- 08.45-9.10am Short break on the way and toilets available
- 11.15am Arrive at Auckland airport for flight home
- 01.45pm Depart Auckland for home.

### Some tips for students:

The best country in the world is not your country nor Australia nor New Zealand. Take the best of all to make something better than any.

Leadership is an action. This is your chance to shine and grow

Commit to the 3 conversation challenge: This is to have 3 English conversations everyday outside the class room. This will be 75 conversations with maybe more than 20 people and is good for your confidence in using English

Keep 30% battery in your phones for emergencies.

All photos used in this itinerary have been taken on our programs!

