

Down Under Games

America's Team - Team Ohio Softball

Jul 5 - Jul 15, 2021

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Depart From:

Detroit



our promise

In educational travel, every moment matters. Pushing the experience from “good enough” to exceptional is what we do every day. Our mission is to empower educators to introduce their students to the world beyond the classroom and inspire the next generation of global citizens. *Travel changes lives.*

“This was one the best experiences of my life. The trip and places we went were just amazing.”

Samantha S. Participant

trip itinerary - 11 days

Jul 5, 2021: Overnight Flight

Departure from the United States.

Jul 6, 2021: Overnight Flight

Cross the International Dateline. (B)

Jul 7, 2021: Sydney

Arrive in Sydney this morning and your Tour Managers will greet you at Sydney Airport. You will be transferred by bus to your Sydney accommodation. This morning there will be time to visit and explore Australia's most famous Bondi Beach. Explore this coastal resort beach right in the heart of Sydney. Relax on the beautiful beach, enjoy the great shops and cafes. Enjoy the Bondi to Bronte Clifftop Coastal Walk. A spectacular walk with amazing views of the ocean and beaches. Team Training Session Light afternoon training session at Coach discretion. Please note: International gateways, dates of games, excursions and overnight cities are subject to change. (D)

Jul 8, 2021: Sydney

This morning, explore Sydney Harbour district with your tour guide and go on a guided tour of the famous Sydney Opera House. The Rocks – This afternoon there will be time to explore 'The Rocks', the original settlement in Australia on Sydney Harbour. 'The Rocks' settlement, is at the base of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, and is a great place to explore and shop! Sydney Harbour Bridge - Go sight-seeing around the famous Sydney Harbour and view the magnificent Sydney Harbour Bridge. DOWN UNDER GAMES 2020 – DAY 1 The Down Under Games is a multi-sport event for high school aged athletes from 15-18 years old. A contingent of US teams will compete against Australian teams for the Down Under Games title in the following sports: • Volleyball • Softball • Basketball OPENING CEREMONY The Opening Ceremony for the Down Under Games will be held this evening. (B,D)

Jul 9, 2021: Sydney

Free morning to relax and prepare for competition that will start after lunch today. DOWN UNDER GAMES 2020 – DAY 2 Depending on the sport, teams will play between 2- 3 games today. Round robin Round robin competition will begin. (B,L)

Jul 10, 2021: Sydney

DOWN UNDER GAMES 2020 – DAY 3 Depending on the sport, teams will play between 2- 3 games today. Round robin Round robin competition will continue today. Great Optional Evening Activity – (At own expense) Depending on your competition schedule, this evening you will have the option to go to- Aussie Rules Football Game. Go and see an Aussie Rules Football game & watch the big men play full contact football with no protection! or Rugby League Game – Which is like American football with no protection. (B,D)

Jul 11, 2021: Sydney

DOWN UNDER GAMES 2020 – DAY 4 Round robin Round robin competition will continue this morning. DOWN UNDER GAMES



FINALS Finals held this afternoon Bronze medal play off 3rd place vs 4th place Gold medal play off 1st place vs 2nd place CLOSING CEREMONY All sports will come together for the closing ceremony. (Late afternoon/early evening) (B,D)

Jul 12, 2021: Brisbane

This morning, transfer by bus to Sydney Airport and fly to Brisbane. Bus transfer to your accommodation on the Gold Coast. This afternoon you will visit Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary where you can see Australia's native animals face to face in their natural surroundings. The Sanctuary is an oasis with over 27 hectares of landscaped surrounds and bushland catering for over 1400 Australian mammals, birds and reptiles. Plenty of kangaroos and koalas! 1000's of wild birds have made their home at the Sanctuary. Be there at feeding time and some may try to land on you while you hand feed them! (B,D)

Jul 13, 2021: Brisbane

This morning you will have the opportunity to "Stand-up and surf the curl", while you learn to surf under the guidance of some of the Gold Coast's most highly qualified surf coaches. Professional Surf Coaches will be teaching you how to surf. They will provide you with a surfboard and wetsuit and teach you step-by-step how to catch a wave and stand-up on the surfboard! Free afternoon to explore the Gold Coast or just relax on the beach. (B,D)

Jul 14, 2021: Brisbane

Today we travel to Byron Bay, a destination with breath-taking beaches and marine life including dolphins, whales and sea turtles. Cape Byron is Australia's most easterly point where the in-service lighthouse is famous as one of the most popular whale watching locations in Australia. Each June/July thousands of humpback whales travel past Byron Bay. The town of Bryon Bay is a thriving coastal town with great shops and cafes, which are surrounded by beautiful hinterland mountains. We take a 45-minute beach walk up to the lighthouse, whilst spotting whales and dolphins along the way. (B,D)

Jul 15, 2021: Departure

Transfer to the airport for return flight to the United States. (B)

This is a preliminary itinerary for your group.



tour cost

Participant Fees

Program Fee	\$5559
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Total Participant Fees ²	\$5559
² Valid through 05/01/20, with initial deposit of \$200.	
Additional Fees (as applicable)	
Adult Surcharge	\$100
Single Room Supplement	\$760
Ultimate Protection Plan	\$330
Comprehensive Protection Plan	\$275

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Can travel make a difference in students' futures? It certainly can and does every single day. In fact, we surveyed 930 former ACIS travelers to see how their tours abroad as young adults influenced their choices in education and paved a way for future careers. Many of them credit travel as a defining moment in their adolescence, and below is a recap of our findings.

education



81%

of those that traveled in middle school or high school continued their studies at the college level compared to the national average of 68%



of travelers who went on to college said their travel experience influenced their field of study.



57%

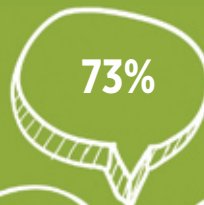
of respondents were motivated to study abroad during college.

language skills



67%

of students continued to study foreign language in college.



of ACIS travelers say they speak one foreign language fairly well compared with 18% of the American population.



personal development



94% felt more independent after their trip.

78% saw an increase in their problem solving skills.

92% noted improvement in their interpersonal skills.



65%

have traveled overseas again since their ACIS trip.

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