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**Australia #1**  
**Field Hockey Tour**  
**Sydney & Melbourne**  
**12 Day / 9 Night Program**



**SUGGESTED PROGRAM**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Actual sequence and timing of activities will revolve around your game & practice schedule, which will be finalized in the weeks prior to your team's arrival at its destination. All times are approximate and may vary according to flight schedules and other logistical factors.

**ALL FIELD HOCKEY ACTIVITIES ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN RED.**

**Day 1**      **USA – SYDNEY**

Afternoon      Fly to Sydney via major international scheduled airline with possible change of plane enroute. Dinner and breakfast served aloft.

**Day 2**      **FLIGHT**

Day lost crossing International Dateline.

**Day 3**      **SYDNEY**

Morning      Arrive at Sydney international airport.

Greeting by your highly-qualified **Tour Manager**. The Tour Managers we select are chosen for their high-energy and commitment to customer satisfaction. For the duration of your stay, your Tour Manager will be coordinating and managing all of your scheduled activities and will be available to you on a 24-hour basis should you need special assistance.

*Sydney is Australia's oldest and largest city, on one of the most spectacular harbours in the world. A vibrant city with many natural attractions, surf beaches and water inlets everywhere! A blend of the old and the new, Sydney is an exciting city with a diverse mix of cultural backgrounds.*

*Sydney's skyline is highlighted by famous icons, such as the Harbour Bridge, and the very symbol of the city, the Sydney Opera House. Famous for its beaches, such as Bondi Beach and Manly Beach, Sydney offers both nature lovers and aficionados of urban life many engaging activities that fascinate.*

Transfer by private motorcoach to Sydney. Check into your Three-Star Hotel.

Evening

Dinner included in tour program.

## **Day 4**

### **SYDNEY**

Morning

Breakfast included in tour program.

Morning  
& Afternoon

### **Sydney Harbour Bridge & Sydney Opera House**



**Sydney Harbour**



**Sydney Skyline & Opera House**



**Harbour Bridge**

- **Harbour Bridge** - Walk its entire span and back for fabulous views of Sydney Harbour. Optional access to the Pylon Lookout for a climbing adventure (optional at own expense).
- **Sydney Opera House** - Tour Australia's best-known landmark and an architectural masterpiece. The facility is actually five performance halls in one, including the opera house itself (entrance fee included in tour package).
- **Royal Botanical Gardens** - Stroll or take a run through this wonderful park with plants and flowers indigenous to Australia and from all over the world.
- **Ferry Boats** - Take one of the small ferry boats to enjoy the refreshing moist breeze of Sydney Harbour (optional at own expense).

**Afternoon**

**PRACTICE SESSION at an astroturf field to warm-up for the next few days.**

Evening

Dinner included in tour program.

## **Day 5**

### **SYDNEY**

Morning

Breakfast included in tour program.

Morning  
& Afternoon

### **"The Rocks" & Darling Harbour**



**The Rocks & Circular Quay**



**Sydney Skyline**



**Australian Flag**

- **"The Rocks"** - Visit the site of Sydney's first European settlement, where today many cafés, restaurants, shops, historic homes, and workshops take you back to Sydney's pioneering days.
- **Queen Victoria Building** - A masterpiece of Venetian Romanesque architecture dating back to 1898 that is now a specialty shopping center.
- **Darling Harbour** - Selection of waterfront attractions to enjoy:

**Sea Life Aquarium**

**Wild Life Sydney Zoo**

**Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum**

**Chinese Gardens of Friendship**

**Sydney Tower Eye** - Go up the 960-foot tall tower for 360-degree panoramic views of the city and surrounding harbor.

(above attractions are optional, admission fees additional)

**Evening**

**MATCH # 1 vs. an AUSTRALIAN FIELD HOCKEY TEAM**



Evening

Dinner included in tour program.

**Day 6**

**SYDNEY**

Morning

Breakfast included in tour program.

Morning

**Bondi Beach to Coogee Beach - Clifftop Coastal Walk**



**Bondi Beach**



**Australian Surf**



**Riding the Waves at Bondi**

Venture in the direction of Sydney's Pacific Coast on the eastern side of the city where you will find one of the top two most famous Australian beaches (the other being Surfer's Paradise on the Gold Coast), the 300-foot long crescent-shaped **Bondi Beach**. Depending on the time of year, go in for a swim.

Start your scenic walk by climbing the stairs on the south end of Bondi to the trail that takes you southwards along sandstone cliffs with panoramic views of the ocean and surrounding area. Pass **Tamarama Beach** and descend the cliffs onto **Bronte Beach**. Continue to **Clovelly** and **Coogee Beaches**, wrapping up your 3+ mile adventure !

Afternoon Transfer to a professional sports ground.

**Australian Football League - National Rugby League - Super Rugby**

Take in a game of one of the Australian professional sports leagues.  
(subject to being in season, tickets included in tour package)

**Evening** **MATCH # 2 vs. an AUSTRALIAN FIELD HOCKEY TEAM**



Evening Dinner included in tour program.

**Day 7** **SYDNEY**

Morning Breakfast included in tour program.

Morning & Afternoon **Blue Mountains Tour**



This morning, drive out to the **Blue Mountains** and visit **Katoomba**, a town literally on the edge of the Blue Mountains. Here you can view the breathtaking Blue Mountains and the magnificent **Three Sisters** rock formation.

For those that are game, there is the opportunity to descend the **Giant Stairway** (over 800 steps edged into the Blue Mountains cliff face) and walk the nature trail.

Evening Dinner included in tour program.

**Day 8** **SYDNEY - MELBOURNE**

Morning Breakfast included in tour program.

Check out of hotel. Transfer by private motorcoach to Sydney's International Airport for your flight to Melbourne.

*Melbourne and its surrounding suburbs are sprawled around the shores of Port Phillip Bay, in the Southern State of Victoria. Melbourne is a beautiful city with strong European architectural influences. Wonderful parks and gardens and a ring of eclectic, suburban 'Villages', filled with great cafes, restaurants and fantastic shopping, surround the city.*



Afternoon Arrive at Melbourne International Airport and transfer by private motorcoach to the city. Check into your Three-Star Hotel.

Afternoon **Melbourne City Tour**



**Melbourne on Yarra River**



**Melbourne at Night**



**"Bathing Boxes"**

Visit Melbourne's highlights for an overview of this exciting city's landmarks, including:

- **Lygon Street** - Melbourne's "Little Italy" features cafés & restaurants with classic Italian foods.
- **Parliament House** - Its ivory white colonnade projects opulence and grandeur
- **St. Patrick's Cathedral** - Australia's largest and tallest religious edifice
- **Degraves Street** - A charming 19th-century alleyway with restaurants & cafes that are great for hanging out and people-watching
- **Federation Square** - Weird-shaped futuristic buildings contrast with metal-clad structures making for a visually intriguing experience as you walk through this square.

Evening Dinner included in tour program.

**Day 9** **MELBOURNE**

Morning Breakfast included in tour program.

Morning **Royal Botanic Gardens**

Beautiful expansive gardens full of greenery, colorful flowers, exotic trees and trails ideal for running, all adjacent to downtown Melbourne.

Afternoon **St. Kilda's Beach**

Enjoy the waters of this beach located only four miles south of Melbourne (subject to season).

**Evening** **MATCH # 3 vs. an AUSTRALIAN FIELD HOCKEY TEAM**



Evening Dinner included in tour program.

**Day 10** **MELBOURNE**

Morning Breakfast included in tour program.

Morning

### **Queen Victoria Market**

The southern hemisphere's largest open-air market features 600 shops, stalls, famous eating destinations, and live performances making it the cultural center of Melbourne.

This is where you can find everything and anything! It is also where you will get some of the cheapest prices on Australian items.

Afternoon

### **Kayaking - Yarra River - (Optional - not included)**

Enjoy a unique perspective of Melbourne kayaking on the Yarra River from Princes Bridge through the heart of the city past Flinders Station and up to the iconic Polly Woodside Tallship at South Wharf before entering the Docklands precinct and the beautiful Yarra's Edge Marina.

Afternoon

### **Bike Tour - Melbourne - (Optional - not included)**

Discover Melbourne at an up-close leisurely pace with your expert guide who will show you many of the less-discovered attractions.

**Evening**

### **MATCH # 4 vs. an AUSTRALIAN FIELD HOCKEY TEAM**



Evening

Dinner included in tour program.

**Day 11**

## **MELBOURNE**

Morning

Breakfast included in tour program.

Morning & Afternoon

### **Great Ocean Road – Full-Day Tour**



**"London Bridge"**



**"Twelve Apostles"**



**Beach on Great Ocean Road**

Depart early this morning for a day tour along the famous Great Ocean Road, described as **one of the world's most impressive coastline drives**. View "London Bridge" and the "Twelve Apostles" intriguing rock formations.

Drive to **Torquay**, a famous surfing town, where the surfing industry was born. Check out the surf shops.

Continue along the Great Ocean Road to the beachside resort town of **Lorne** and then onto **Apollo Bay**. As you drive along, you will see the awesome coastline, its golden sandy beaches and the stark brutality of wave torn cliffs, backed by mountain ranges.

**Lunch in Apollo Bay is included in your tour program.** Explore the beaches and the surrounding rainforest.

### **Surfing Lessons - Included**

This afternoon you will have the opportunity to "**Stand-up and surf the curl**", while you learn to surf under the guidance of some of professional surf coaches. 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!

Return to hotel.

Evening Dinner included in tour program.

## **Day 12 MELBOURNE – USA**

Morning Breakfast included in tour program.

Morning Check out of hotel and transfer by private motorcoach to Melbourne International Airport for your return flight home.

Afternoon Rest and relax during your flight.

Arrive back in the USA.

**Your Australian Adventure comes to a close with great memories to cherish for a lifetime !**

## **TOUR INCLUSIONS:**

### **Travel Services:**

- Economy-class Air Transportation USA – Sydney – Melbourne – USA
- Five nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Sydney
- Four nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Melbourne
- Breakfast and one other meal daily (drinks not included at lunches and dinners)
- Airport / Hotel / Airport transfers in Sydney and Melbourne.
- Sydney Harbour Bridge (ordinary crossing)
- Sydney Opera House visit
- Bondi Beach to Coogee Beach – Clifftop Coastal Walk
- Tickets to your choice of an Australian Football League, National Rugby League or Super Rugby match. Subject to game schedules.
- Blue Mountains - Full-Day Tour
- Melbourne City Tour
- Queen Victoria Market visit
- Great Ocean Road - Full-Day Tour
- Surfing lessons
- Round-trip transfers by private motorcoach for all of the above activities
- **Tour Manager** available as necessary and 24/7 access in case of emergency
- 24/7 Emergency Support from **Victory Sports Tours'** Operations Office

## **Field Hockey Program:**

- ***Four Games with clubs / universities at your level***
- ***One Practice Session***
- **Round-trip Transfers to above Field Hockey Activities by private motorcoach**

## **Summary of Included Meals:**

- 9 Breakfasts
- 9 Lunches or Dinners

## **Tour Price:**

- For the most up-to-date pricing information on this tour, please visit our website:

<http://www.victorysportstours.com/sport/field-hockey/>

Scroll down to the tour named "**Australia #1**"

- Price is based on a minimum of 20 paying travelers.
- Prices are subject to availability of airfares at time of booking.
- One **FREE COACH'S TRIP** is included based on 20 paying travelers (21st is free).
- Coach would share a bedroom with a paying traveler and pay **only taxes/fees**.

## **Notes:**

- The itinerary text outlines both included services and suggested free time activities. For a definitive indication of what is included in the tour price, please refer exclusively to the "TOUR INCLUSIONS" section above.
- No booking has been made yet. Tour dates are subject to availability.
- Tour price is based on current U.S. dollar / foreign currency exchange rate. Price may vary if the exchange rate were to change significantly prior to receiving your tour deposit.
- Air taxes/fees are determined by the various governments/airlines involved and are those currently in effect. By government regulation, actual air taxes/fees collected will be those in effect at ticketing, approx. 45 days before departure.
- Airlines may add a fuel surcharge if the price of fuel increases significantly.
- Final fuel surcharge is determined 30 days prior to departure.
- Full Terms & Conditions to be provided upon acceptance of this proposal.