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Australia #2
Field Hockey Tour
Sydney, Brisbane
& Gold Coast
13 Day / 10 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 - BRISBANE

Morning Breakfast included in tour program.

Check out of hotel.

Transfer by private motorcoach to Sydney International Airport for your short 90-minute flight to Brisbane.

Arrive at Brisbane International Airport and transfer to the city by private motorcoach.

Afternoon Check into your Three-Star Hotel.

Brisbane is Australia's third-largest city with a population of 2.2 million located on the country's Pacific Coast about 1/3 of the way from Sydney to Cairns. The city's many cultural and natural attractions, such as the Gallery of Modern Art, Queensland Art Gallery and the Brisbane River make it one of Australia's more important urban centers.

Evening

PRACTICE SESSION

Evening

Dinner included in tour program.

Day 9

BRISBANE

Morning

Breakfast included in tour program.

Morning &
Afternoon

Brisbane City Tour

Take in Brisbane's main areas of interest located in the central districts of **South Brisbane** and **Kangaroo Point**. Visit the city's two most popular museums, the **Gallery of Modern Art** and the **Queensland Art Gallery**, featuring more traditional art.

Visit the **Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary** to see Australian wildlife and take the **CityCat Ferry** along the **Brisbane River** for the best views of the city.

The best way to get a feel for Brisbane is to take advantage of the lengthy bikeways and walking trails along the river for up close views of the city's people and places.

Evening

MATCH # 3 vs. an AUSTRALIAN FIELD HOCKEY TEAM



Evening

Dinner included in tour program.

Day 10

BRISBANE - GOLD COAST

Morning

Breakfast included in tour program.

Check out of hotel.

Transfer to the Gold Coast by private motorcoach.

Check into your Three-Star Hotel.

The Gold Coast is legendary for its beaches, including along the famous Surfer's Paradise. It has sunshine and comfortable temperatures nearly all year long making for an ideal environment to pursue water sports, such as swimming, surfing, kayaking and jet skis. The city's nightlife is very active with virtually limitless options.



Gold Coast Beaches

Afternoon Enjoy the beaches, either along **Surfer's Paradise** or a stretch with fewer people. The beaches are so long both north and south of the Gold Coast that you can usually find a comfortable spot fairly easily.

Evening Dinner included in tour program.

Day 11 **GOLD COAST**

Morning Breakfast included in tour program.

Suggested Activity:

Visit the **Skypoint Observation Deck** in the Gold Coast's tallest building at an altitude of 750 feet for panoramic views of the beaches and ocean or, better yet, do the **Skypoint Climb** outdoors 140 steps to the 900-foot summit ! (additional fee)

Afternoon **Surfing Lessons**

A trip to Australia, especially the Gold Coast, would not be complete without surfing lessons. Professional Surfing Coaches will provide you with a wet suit and surfboard and teach you how to catch a wave, stand up on the surfboard and hopefully ride a wave for a bit too ! Good surfing conditions can be found along the entire length of the Gold Coast.

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



Evening Dinner included in tour program.

Day 12 **GOLD COAST**

Morning Breakfast included in tour program.

Morning &
Afternoon

Byron Bay – Full-Day Tour



Beach near Cape Byron



Cape Byron Lighthouse



Cape Byron Point

Travel to **Byron Bay**, some 60 miles south of the Gold Coast, to enjoy this small town's quaint atmosphere, strollable streets, and lovely small restaurants.

Follow the winding **Cape Byron Walking Track** from the **Captain Cook Lookout** up to the Lighthouse and onwards to near Cape Byron Point for great views of the cape and surrounding ocean. You might catch a glimpse of some dolphins (year-round), migrating whales (June to July and September to November) and the occasional brush turkey and wallaby.

Dolphin Kayaking – Optional Activity (additional fee)

Venture off the beach in your own individual kayak and look out for dolphins, which are a common sight. Enjoy the waves, sun, surf and natural marine life of Cape Byron.

Day 13

BRISBANE – USA

Morning Breakfast included in tour program.

Morning Check out of hotel.

Afternoon Transfer by private motorcoach to Brisbane International Airport for your return flights home.

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 - Brisbane – USA
- Five nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Sydney
- Two nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Brisbane
- Three nights at a Three-Star Hotel in the Gold Coast
- Breakfast and one other meal daily (drinks not included at lunches and dinners)
- Airport / Hotel / Airport transfers in each city
- 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
- Brisbane City Tour

- Surfing Lessons on the Gold Coast
- Byron Bay – Full-Day Tour
- 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***
- ***Two Practice Sessions***
- **Round-trip Transfers to above Field Hockey Activities by private motorcoach**

Summary of Included Meals:

- 10 Breakfasts
- 10 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 #2**"

- 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.