

# America's Team Australia

America's Team Softball

**Jul 13 - Jul 25, 2016**

**Group Leader:**

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**Group ID:**

115889

**Depart From:**

Indianapolis



## 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.*

"Our tour guide was phenomenal; he went above and beyond my expectations. His knowledge of the area and the history behind it was most impressive."

**Matthew L. Participant**

# trip itinerary - 13 days

## **Jul 13, 2016: Overnight Flight**

Departure from the United States.

## **Jul 14, 2016: Overnight Flight**

Cross the International Dateline. (B)

## **Jul 15, 2016: Sydney**

Arrive in Sydney this morning and your Australian Friendship Sports Tour Manager will greet you at Sydney Airport. You will be transferred by bus to your accommodation. Your Tour Manager will travel with the team for the entire tour, to make sure your stay in Australia is well organised, fun and stress free. Bronte to Bondi Coastal Walk - Enjoy the Bronte to Bondi Coastal Walk which takes in spectacular beach, ocean and cliff views whilst meandering its way along the coast finishing at Australia's famous 'Bondi Beach'. We grab a quick bite at the Icebergers Café, which is built on the cliff overlooking the Bondi Ocean Swimming Pool and the Bondi surfing waves. Afternoon free to explore Darling Harbour or just relax. Please note: International gateways, dates of games, excursions and overnight cities are subject to change.

## **Jul 16, 2016: Sydney**

Morning softball training session. This afternoon, 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

## **Jul 17, 2016: Sydney**

This morning, explore Sydney Harbour district with your tour guide and go on a guided tour of the famous Sydney Opera House. Sydney Harbour Bridge - Catch a ferry from Darling Harbour to Circular Quay and go sight-seeing around the famous Sydney Harbour and view the magnificent Sydney Harbour Bridge. Sydney Opera House - Participate in a guided tour of one of the world's most amazing buildings- the Sydney Opera House. The Rocks - There will also 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! Softball Games 1 & 2 – ACIS vs. Sydney Team (Evening Softball Games – Double header) Play against quality Australian Softball teams of similar ability.

## **Jul 18, 2016: Sydney**

Paddy's Market - This morning, you will have the opportunity to go shopping and experience Paddy's Market. This is where you can find everything and anything! It is also where you will get some of the cheapest prices on Australian items. Manly Beach - Catch a ferry to Manly Beach. Afternoon to explore, shop or relax on the beach.

## **Jul 19, 2016: Sydney**

Free morning. Softball Games 3 & 4 – ACIS vs. Sydney Teams (Afternoon Softball Games – Double header) Enjoy a meal after



the game with the Aussie team.

## **Jul 20, 2016: Brisbane**

This morning, transfer by bus to Sydney Airport and fly to Brisbane. Bus transfer to your accommodation on the Gold Coast. Fly Sydney – Brisbane This afternoon, time to explore Gold Coast and its beautiful beaches.

## **Jul 21, 2016: Brisbane**

Surfing Lesson 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! Softball Games 5 & 6 – ACIS vs. Gold Coast Teams (Softball Games – Double header) Enjoy a meal after the game with the Aussie team.

## **Jul 22, 2016: Brisbane**

Today we travel to Byron Bay, a destination with breathtaking 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 1-hour beach walk up to the lighthouse, whilst spotting whales and dolphins along the way.

## **Jul 23, 2016: Brisbane**

Today 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! Softball Game 7 ACIS vs. Gold Coast Team (Late afternoon game)

## Jul 24, 2016: Brisbane

Relax, go shopping or get some ideas from your Tour Guide, on what Gold Coast has to offer. GREAT OPTIONS- . Relax on the beach . Go shopping . Go surfing . Go fishing . Visit the Gold Coast theme parks- Movie World, Sea World, Dream World, Wet & Wild

## Jul 25, 2016: Departure

Transfer to the airport for return flight to the United States.

*This is a preliminary itinerary for your group.*



## tour cost

### Participant Fees

Program Fee	\$5891
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Total Participant Fees <sup>2</sup>	\$5891
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<sup>2</sup> Valid through 02/01/16 with \$495 deposit.

Additional Fees (as applicable)

Adult Surcharge	\$95
Single Room Supplement	\$700
Double Room Supplement	\$450
Ultimate Protection Plan	\$390
Comprehensive Protection Plan	\$300

## notes from acis

- Adult travelers age 24 and older should add in the Adult Surcharge and Double or Single Room Supplement to calculate their Total Group Fees.
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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%



**37%**

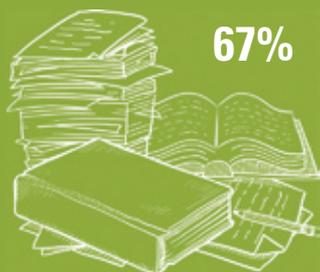
of travelers, who went on to college said their travel experience influenced their field of study.



**57%**

of respondents were motivated to study abroad during college.

## language skills



**67%**

of students continued to study foreign language in college.



**73%**

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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