

## ITINERARY | DAY-BY-DAY



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### Music Education Journey

**Australia: Sydney & Cairns**

**10 days / 7 nights**

**August 1-10, 2019**

**\$6,299** (Based on double occupancy)

Enjoy the unique culture and traditions of Australia while you spend time with the locals (*Aussies*). This adventure includes interaction with the local Aboriginal people!

**BOOK NOW 888.747.7501**

#### Australia Highlights

- ✓ 7 nights / 10-day journey through Australia
- ✓ **Accompanying guest program** – alternate activities will be provided for those not attending meetings.
- ✓ An **optional extension to see the Great Barrier Reef** will be offered.

#### Professional Interaction

- ✓ The primary professional objective of this journey is meaningful interaction and collaboration with a focus on **music education curriculum**, discussions on access to band and choral classes in schools, and an exchange of knowledge with your counterparts.
- ✓ Explore the **traditional music of Australia** while interacting with teachers in the **Aboriginal communities**.
- ✓ Exchange knowledge and discuss challenges in education with colleagues in **public and private schools and universities** in Sydney.

#### Cultural Immersion

- ✓ Enjoy a **luncheon cruise** under the Harbor Bridge taking in the magnificent views of **Sydney Harbor**.
- ✓ Take part in an **Aboriginal art workshop** to paint your own boomerang under the guidance of acclaimed Aboriginal artist, Brian "Binna" Swindley. Binna will provide insight into indigenous art history and techniques and share stories about their people.

#### What's Included:

- 4\* accommodations in Sydney & Cairns
- All transportation and activities outlined in the itinerary
- Group transfers to and from the international airports
- International air to Sydney and home from Cairns (gateway city is tentatively Los Angeles); plus, the flight from Sydney to Cairns.
- Meals as mentioned in itinerary and a local guide
- Tourist visa *for most travelers*

#### Not Included:

- Personal incidentals at the hotel
- Meals not specified
- Tips for national guide, maid and porters
- Cost to obtain or renew your passport
- Domestic flights to and from the gateway city (Los Angeles)





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📍 Los Angeles, California

### DAY 1-2: August 1-2, 2019

#### Depart for Australia

Depart from Los Angeles and make your way to Sydney, Australia. The stunning beauty and friendly people alone are worth a visit! You will lose a day as you cross the International Date Line.

📍 Sydney, Australia

### DAY 3: August 3

#### Arrival & Welcome

**Please Note:** Breakfast is included daily in your program.

Upon arrival, you will be met by your local guide who will travel with you throughout this program. **Transfer to your local hotel where early check-in has been confirmed for your comfort.**

This afternoon the group will depart the hotel for your **lunch cruise**. Your personal captain and host will share the rich history of **Sydney Harbor** and its foreshore as you take in the sites of the Sydney Harbor Bridge, the Sydney Opera House and the bays and coves of Sydney Harbor, aboard a 52-foot motor yacht. Kick back, relax and marvel at the incredible views and enjoy a delightful BBQ lunch.

Return to your hotel for an **afternoon orientation and welcome**. The Vibe Hotel is right in the middle of some of Sydney's finest cuisine, with cafés, restaurants and trendy bars all within walking distance. Guest rooms have a hairdryer, safe, iron and board, tea and coffee facilities, and the hotel has a rooftop pool.

Dinner is at the hotel allowing for an early evening and a chance for a good night's sleep!

**Overnight: The Vibe Hotel (or similar)**

**Included meals: Lunch & Dinner**



📍 Sydney, Australia

### DAY 4: August 4

#### Blue Mountain Tour & Welcome Dinner

After breakfast, the group will depart for the ultimate scenic experience in Katoomba, *Australia's World Heritage-listed Blue Mountains*. Your explorations will include unlimited rides on the railway, skyway, cableway and access to the walkway.

Your first stop today will be to see one of Australia's most comprehensive collections of native wildlife at **Featherdale Wildlife Park**. Enjoy a walking tour to get up close and personal with the koalas or feed a kangaroo, wallaby or emu.

Continue onward to the **Blue Mountains** with some scenic lookout stops in route. On arrival, glide between cliff tops and gaze at the rainforest canopy through the glass floor of the **scenic skyway**, which is suspended 270 meters above the ancient ravines. Discover the thrill of a 52-degree incline riding the steepest passenger railway in the world, the **scenic railway**. This unforgettable experience offers glass-roofed carriages with expansive views of the rainforest and Jamison Valley. Stroll along the tranquil **scenic walkway** of the ancient rainforest on the valley floor.

Lunch will be provided at a local restaurant today.

After your return to Sydney, you will have some time to rest with dinner on your own.

**Overnight: The Vibe Hotel (or similar)**

**Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch**



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### DAY 5: August 5

#### Professional Interaction

Professional members of the program will take part in morning/early afternoon substantive meetings at a **public or private school**, such as the *Sydney Grammar School*, as well as the **University of Sydney**.

*Accompanying guests will enjoy a unique guided shopping experience which will include a visit to the Queen Victoria Building. Built in the 1890s it was erected as a Municipal Market on the scale of a Cathedral. The QVB was beautifully restored and re-opened in 1986, and quickly became Sydney's most popular and prestigious shopping centre.*

Lunch will be provided this afternoon.

Late this afternoon, the group will take part in a **humanitarian or social project**. Giving back and engaging with the local community is an important part of your journey. Spend time visiting a local non-profit or other humanitarian organization in Sydney that dedicates their time and resources to helping the local people.

Dinner is by individual arrangement (own expense).

*\*\*For those interested, your guide can assist in coordinating an unforgettable twilight or night **Sydney Harbor Bridge Climb** (additional expense).*

**Overnight: The Grace Hotel (or similar)**

**Included meals: Vibe & Lunch**

📍 Sydney, Australia

### DAY 6: August 6

#### Professional Interaction

Early this morning, the group will head out on an exclusive experience at the **Sydney Opera House** for a backstage tour of this world-famous center for the performing arts. Your expert guide shares stories about the real-life dramas behind the curtain and in the venue's storied history since it opened in 1973. **Go behind the scenes** to see parts of the opera house normally reserved for staff and performers, including the stage and dressing rooms. After your guide takes you through some of the center's five performance halls and backstage areas, sit down for a full continental **breakfast served in the Green Room** — which is usually only accessible to staff.

From Circular Quay, take a ferry across Sydney's sparkling harbor to **Watsons Bay**. A short walk to The Gap, an ocean cliff on the South Head peninsula in eastern Sydney, will give you some incredible views. Enjoy lunch at **Doyle's Seafood Restaurant** before returning to Circular Quay.

This afternoon will focus on interaction with music staff like those at the **Gondwana Choirs: Sydney Children's Choir** to learn about their *Indigenous Children's Choirs*. Gondwana Choirs comprises the most accomplished choral groups of young people in Australia and the organization is synonymous with performance excellence and has a reputation for the highest standards of young people's choral music in Australia.





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### **Accompanying guests**

Accompanying guests will enjoy a walking tour of the Royal Botanic Garden with a local guide this afternoon. They will share information with you about the history of the gardens before your return to the hotel to relax.

Dinner will be by individual arrangement (own expense).

### **Overnight: The Vibe Hotel (or similar)**

#### **Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch**

📍 Cairns, Australia

## **DAY 7: August 7**

### **Fly to Cairns**

Say goodbye to Sydney and head to the airport for your short flight to **Cairns** early this morning.

After arrival make your way to **Rainforestation Nature Park**, set on 100 acres of World Heritage Rainforest. You will first enjoy a BBQ lunch before exploring. Your explorations this afternoon include a guided Dreamtime Walk where you will try your hand at boomerang throwing and observe spear throwing and didgeridoo playing. Learn about the **aboriginal culture** and watch a traditional dance depicting animal, food gathering, and hunting traditions.

Experience the tropical rainforest from a unique perspective as you see wildlife pass by while aboard an **amphibious World War II Army 'Duck'** or DUKW (locally known as a 'Duck').

Head to the **Pacific Hotel Cairns** to check in later today. They are centrally located on the picturesque Cairns Esplanade overlooking Trinity Harbor and opposite the main shopping precinct, casino and the new restaurant area. Rooms have a private balcony and complimentary Wi-Fi. Dinner will be provided at the hotel's **Bushfire Flame Grill**.

### **Overnight: Pacific Hotel (or similar)**

#### **Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

📍 Cairns, Australia

## **DAY 8: August 8**

### **Professional Interaction**

Continue your professional program today with an opportunity to explore topics of mutual interest, as well as time to interact with the **Aboriginal community**. Visit a local school to learn more about traditional and cultural music of Australia.

Lunch will be provided this afternoon.

### **Accompanying Guests**

Guests will have some free time this morning and after lunch will transfer to Tjapukai Cultural Center to enjoy a tour with a personal guide. Tjapukai is an accessible venue to experience authentic Aboriginal culture dating back over 40,000 years including hunting and weapons demonstration and creation stories and dance performances. They will have various demonstrations and workshops to share their culture and traditional with you including their local art, music and history.

Dinner will be on your own arrangement this evening.

### **Overnight: Pacific Hotel (or similar)**

#### **Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch**





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### DAY 9: August 9

#### Cultural program

Today you travel to **Mossman Gorge** where you will commence your **Dreamtime Gorge Walk**. You will be treated to a guided rainforest walk along private, easy graded tracks, visiting special places and culturally significant sites, past traditional bark shelters and over cool rainforest streams. Your experienced interpretive Indigenous guides demonstrate traditional plant use, identify bush tucker sources, share their dreamtime legends, explain the history of cave paintings and provide an enchanting narrative of the rainforest and their special relationships within this unique tropical environment. After your walk enjoy tea, damper, and question time with your guide who will be happy to point out the highlights of the area.

Lunch will be on your own cost this afternoon at a local restaurant during your tour.

This afternoon take part in an **Aboriginal Art Workshop** to paint your own boomerang! Learn how to understand stories told through Aboriginal paintings while creating your own souvenir of Australian art under the guidance of acclaimed Aboriginal artist, *Brian "Binna" Swindley* at Janbal Gallery. As well as learning about Aboriginal ochre paints, Indigenous art history and painting techniques, Binna will share stories about traditional bush foods, construction materials and medicines.

Enjoy a short tour of the historical town of **Port Douglas** before heading back to the hotel.

Share memories of Australia at a **farewell banquet** this evening at the Ochre Restaurant, a short walk from your hotel.

**Overnight: Pacific Hotel (or similar)**

**Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner**

📍 Cairns, Australia

### DAY 10: August 10

#### Fly back to Los Angeles

Depart this morning for Los Angeles (with arrival the same day).

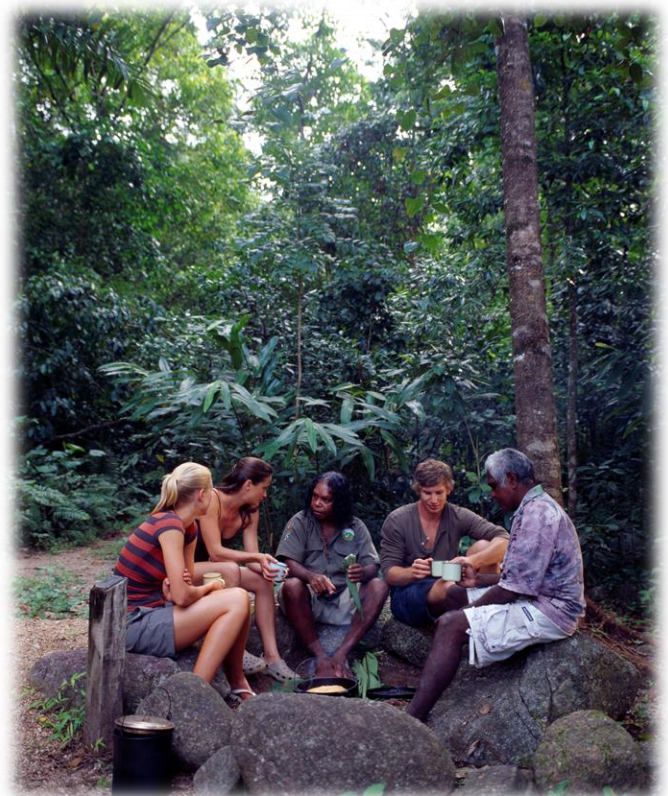


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📍 Sydney, Australia

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