



CAREER ENRICHMENT



Financial Planners to Australia

Sydney & Melbourne

10 days / 7 nights

August 23 – September 1, 2018

\$6,499 (Based on double occupancy)

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

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Australia Highlights

- ✓ 7 nights / 10-day journey through Australia
- ✓ Cross a visit to the **Sydney Opera House** off your bucket list!
- ✓ **Accompanying guest program** – alternate activities will be provided for those not attending meetings.
- ✓ An **optional Great Barrier Reef extension in Cairns** will be offered on this itinerary.

Professional Interaction

- ✓ The primary professional objective of this journey is to seek a better understanding of the practice of personal financial planning and the development of the financial planning profession in Australia through conversation with local financial planners in conjunction with **Financial Planning Association (U.S.)** and the **Financial Planning Association of Australia**.
- ✓ Learn about the most prevalent financial challenges facing Australian families and the decisions they must make to plan for their future. Seek to gain an understanding of the financial institutions (bank, securities firms, insurance companies) serving them.

Cultural Immersion

- ✓ Private guided tours of Sydney Opera House, **Blue Mountain World Heritage Site**, and Great Ocean Road.
- ✓ Enjoy a **luncheon cruise** under the Harbor Bridge taking in the magnificent views of Sydney Harbor.

What's Included:

- 4.5-5* accommodations in Sydney & Melbourne
- All transportation and activities outlined in the itinerary
- Group transfers to and from the international airports
- International air to Sydney and home from Melbourne (gateway city set tentatively out of Los Angeles); plus, the flight from Sydney to Melbourne.
- 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 23-24, 2018

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 25

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.** In the heart of Sydney business district, the Amora Jamison Hotel is a 5-10-minute walk from Circular Quay and The Rocks district.

This afternoon the group will depart the hotel for your **lunch cruise**. Enjoy superb seafood buffet dining while taking in stunning views of Sydney Harbor from the upper deck of the ship. Kick back, relax and marvel at the incredible views!

Return to your hotel for an **afternoon orientation and welcome**. All travelers will gather this afternoon with your national guide and receive further information on the program and today's activities.

Dinner is by individual arrangement (own expense) allowing for an early evening chance for a good night's sleep!

Overnight: Amora Jamison Hotel (or similar)

Included meals: Lunch



📍 Sydney, Australia

DAY 4: August 26

Blue Mountain Tour & Welcome Dinner

The group will depart early this morning 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 **Featherland Wildlife Park**. Enjoy a walking tour to get up close and personal with the koalas or feed a kangaroo, wallaby or emu.

Upon arrival at the Blue Mountains, 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 the Hydro Majestic Hotel.

After your return to Sydney you will have some time to shower and change for your welcome dinner a short walk to the nearby **Waterfront Restaurant located in the Rocks area** with incredible views over Sydney harbor and the Opera House.

Overnight: Amora Jamison Hotel (or similar)

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner





📍 Sydney, Australia

DAY 5: August 27

Professional Interaction

Today's activities will focus on interaction with financial planning professionals at various facilities. Discussions are in the works with the **Financial Planners Association of Australia** to assist with the coordination of the professional elements of the program.

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Lunch will be provided this afternoon with dinner by individual arrangement (own expense).

Accompanying guests

Accompanying guests today will visit the historic Rocks area and hear about early convict history. Enjoy magnificent views of the Opera House and Harbor Bridge. Travel on to famous Bondi Beach to explore the beachfront promenade, enjoy a coffee or cool drink. See bronzed Aussie lifesavers and Sydney's best panoramic view at Dover Heights. Return to Sydney via Double Bay, Kings Cross and Mrs. Macquarie's Point for a final magical viewpoint over the harbor before returning to Circular Quay.

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

Overnight: Amora Jamison Hotel (or similar)

Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch



📍 Sydney, Australia

DAY 6: August 28

Professional Interaction & Afternoon Tour

This morning you will **meet with local financial planners**. Continue your discussion about the most prevalent financial challenges facing Australian families and the decisions they must make to plan for their future. You will also seek to gain an understanding of the financial institutions (bank, securities firms, insurance companies) serving Australia's citizens.

Lunch will be provided at a local restaurant.

Accompanying guests

Accompanying guests will enjoy a walking tour of the Royal Botanic Garden with your Aboriginal guide. Learn about the richly diverse history and culture of the Aboriginal People of Australia as they share how the gardens were an important ceremonial site for many of the Sydney Aboriginal Nations, and home to the Cadigal people of the Eora Nation. Experience Wogganmagule (Farm Cove) and its environs while learning about traditional lifestyles including a diverse array of bush foods, the ample fresh water and a plentiful supply of seafood from the harbor. From Circular Quay take a ferry across Sydney's sparkling harbour to Watsons Bay to enjoy lunch at Doyle's Seafood Restaurant. Return via Ferry to the Opera House.

This afternoon the group will enjoy a guided tour of the **Sydney Opera House**. You will explore the hallowed theaters and foyers where more than 1600 concerts, operas, dramas and ballets take place each year. Your experienced guide will be on hand to lead you through every aspect of the building's 14-year creation and 58-year history.

Dinner will be by individual arrangement (own expense).

Overnight: Amora Jamison Hotel (or similar)

Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch



📍 Melbourne, Australia

DAY 8: August 30

Great Ocean Road Tour

Leave the city behind and head down to **Corio Bay**, a wonderful mix of old wharves, wool stores and a fully restored 1930's sea bathing complex. See wonderful examples of century old housing and the 100 brightly painted bollards dotted around the bay. At Torquay the **Great Ocean Road** starts. Known as the world's most inspiring coastal drive, we follow its winding trail through the lush Otway rainforests, to the breathtaking, windswept drama of the Shipwreck Coast.

At **Lorne** visit a lookout perched high on the hillside where you really get to see the Great Ocean Road from a bird- like perspective. This will be followed by morning tea where you may possibly see some of the local surfers 'ripping it up.' Another highlight of the day is a stop at Kennett River. In this area, high in the trees is a colony of **wild koalas**. See these creatures in their natural habitat, hanging from trees and looking after their young.

A sumptuous lunch will be served at **Apollo Bay** before you make your way to the Shipwreck coast area of the Great Ocean Road to stop at **The Twelve Apostles**. The mighty Twelve Apostles are world- recognized icons. These giant rock stacks soar from the swirling waters of the Southern Ocean and are a central feature of the spectacular Port Campbell National Park.

Venturing further west we arrive at **Loch Ard Gorge**. Your first view will be of towering cliffs, sparkling blue-green sea and a small, sandy beach. It's hard to imagine that the drama of one of Victoria's most tragic shipwrecks was played out at this very spot more than 120 years ago, giving its name to the gorge.

Return to Melbourne arriving back around 7:30 pm

Dinner is on your own this evening.

Overnight: Sofitel Melbourne (or similar)
Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch

📍 Melbourne, Australia

DAY 7: August 29

Fly to Melbourne

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

Immediately after arrival, you will depart for an afternoon visit to the **Yarra Valley**. Travel through a cross section of suburbs to the rich greenness of Yarra Valley with over 50 wineries, varying in size from small family vineyards to large international establishments. Stops today will include wineries such as **Fergusson's Winery, Oaks Ridge** and **DeBortoli**. This afternoon you will have a chance to enjoy wine tastings along with a local lunch.

Return to Melbourne for hotel check-in and dinner on your own arrangements.

Overnight: Sofitel Melbourne (or similar)
Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch





📍 Melbourne, Australia

DAY 9: August 31

Professional Interaction

Continue your professional interaction with local financial planners in Melbourne. Meet today with **local financial planners** that are experts in estate planning, retirement, budgeting, succession planning, lending & finance, risk management as well as small and medium business advise. Learn more about how individual Australian's invest and gain an understanding of the financial markets and economy.

Lunch will be provided this afternoon at a local restaurant.

Accompanying guests

Late this morning accompanying guests will indulging in the amazing foodie scene and cafe culture of Melbourne City! Enjoy tastings and quirky insider stories along the way make this morning outing a "something for everyone" experience. Hear of the immigrant populations influences, but also the transformation of the city via its heritage coffee palaces, and passionate barista's. Bring your sweet tooth but balance it out with a coffee and light lunch to finish. Following the tour your guide will further introduce you to Melbourne's highlights on foot and by tram.

Share memories of Australia at a farewell banquet this evening at your hotel.

Overnight: Sofitel Melbourne (or similar)

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



📍 Melbourne, Australia

DAY 10: September 1

Fly back to Los Angeles

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





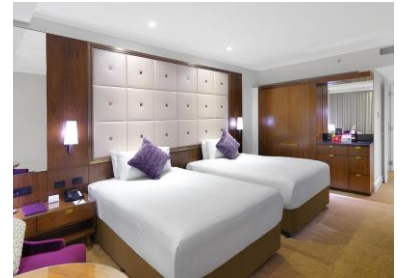
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