

## Reserve **Best of Australia** today!

Please mail your completed reservation form and deposit to Virginia Tech Alumni Association, Holtzman Alumni Center (0102), 901 Price's Fork Road, Blacksburg, VA 24061.

Legal Name (as it appears on passport)

(1) \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Middle Last Virginia Tech Class Year

(2) \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Middle Last Virginia Tech Class Year

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City \_\_\_\_\_

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Sharing with \_\_\_\_\_ (If form sent separately)

Name(s) you would like on your name badge(s).

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a deposit of \_\_\_\_\_ (\$600 per person for the Australia tour and \$300 per person for the Fijian Islands extension required).

I/we would like to join the optional Fijian Islands post-trip extension.

### Payment Options

Accept my check made payable to **American Universities International Programs Limited**.

I will make payment by international money transfer (wire) to the following account:

American Universities International Programs Ltd, ANZ Bank Ltd  
 Cnr Hereford & Colombo Streets, Christchurch, New Zealand  
 Account # 206036-USD, Swift: ANZBNZ2

### Single participants only

I prefer single accommodations for the main tour at an additional \$700 USD.

I prefer single accommodations for the Fiji post-trip extension at an additional \$350 USD.

I request assistance in securing a roommate but will accept a single and pay the single supplement if one is not found. Should a roommate be found, I understand the supplement will no longer apply.

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first come, first served basis.

Reservations must be paid in full by **May 1, 2012**. Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full.

I/we have read the general information section of this brochure and understand and agree to the terms and conditions stated herein, including the right of American Universities International Programs Limited (AUIP), trading as Continuum Educational Travel, and the Virginia Tech Alumni Association to reject any reservation or application at any time for any reason.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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### A Word about your Tour Operator

Continuum Educational Travel (www.continuumtours.com) is a brand of the New Zealand-based company, American Universities International Programs Limited (AUIP), which provides educational travel opportunities for a wide range of groups from students to adults.

Our point of difference is in providing tours that are deeply rooted in learning through experience. We believe that travel is the best way to open hearts and minds to the fabulous cultural and natural diversity of our world. Our goal is to challenge participants to use their travel experiences to actively promote intercultural understanding and cooperation, to overcome cultural and national barriers, and to forge international connections once they return home.

Our specific focus is on the Pacific region because these are the cultures and environments we know best. We have traveled the world and believe that our region offers one of the safest, most beautiful, and most diverse regions anywhere.

### Terms and Conditions

NOT INCLUDED – U.S. domestic and international airfare to Sydney and returning from Cairns, Australia; excess baggage charges; airport security fees charged by the government or airports; passport and visa fees; immunizations; transfers to and from airports for those not on the group flights; personal gratuities; laundry and dry cleaning; meals and beverages not specified; optional excursions; travel insurance; medical expenses; room service, phone calls, and internet charges; other items of a strictly personal nature.

MOBILITY AND FITNESS TO TRAVEL – The right is retained to decline to accept or to retain any person as a member of this trip who, in the opinion of American Universities International Programs Limited, trading as Continuum Educational Travel (CET) and/or the Virginia Tech Alumni Association (VTAA) is unfit for travel or whose physical or mental condition may constitute a danger to themselves or to others on the trip, subject only to the requirement that the portion of the total amount paid which corresponds to the unused services and accommodations be refunded. Passengers requiring special assistance, including without limitation those who permanently or periodically use a wheelchair, shall be accompanied by someone who is fit and able to assist them, and who will be totally responsible for providing all required assistance.

CANCELLATION – All cancellations for any reason whatsoever will be subject to a \$300 per person cancellation fee. Cancellations prior to May 1, 2012 are completely refundable minus the \$300 fee. All payments are completely nonrefundable after May 1, 2012, regardless of date of deposit. NOTE: We strongly recommend the purchase of trip-cancellation insurance. An application will be sent upon confirmation of your reservation. All cancellations must be submitted in writing to VTAA Alumni Tours.

BAGGAGE – Luggage restrictions for internal flights included in the program price may differ from the allowances on other international and U.S. domestic flights. Please check with the tour operator for the specific baggage allowances on all internal flights. Baggage allowances are subject to change by the carrier without notice.

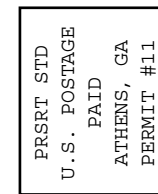
RESPONSIBILITY – VTAA and CET act only as agents for the passenger with respect to transportation, hotels, and activity arrangements, and exercise every care possible. However, we can assume no liability to any program participant or any third party for any reason whatsoever including without limitation liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or irregularity in connection with the service of any automobile, motor coach, ship, or other conveyance used in carrying out the arrangements of the tour, or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the tour. Nor can we accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay, weather, strikes, wars, acts of God, or other causes beyond our control. All such losses must be borne by the participant. VTAA and CET reserve the right to make such alterations in this published itinerary as may be deemed necessary. The right is reserved to cancel any program prior to departure, in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the program. No refund will be made for the unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. Baggage is carried at the owner's risk entirely. VTAA and CET are not responsible, in the event of cancellation or alteration of the tour, for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by purchasing a non-refundable airline ticket.

VTAA/CET DISCRETION – VTAA and/or CET reserve the right to reject any reservation or application at any time for any reason including, without limitation, the failure of the applicant to provide all required information and/or complete all required documentation (including any waiver/release document required by VTAA and/or CET at any time). Until such information and documentation is completed and provided to VTAA and/or CET, VTAA and CET owe no obligations to the applicant.

GOVERNING LAW – The applicant acknowledges and agrees that these terms and conditions shall be governed by and interpreted according to the laws of New Zealand and irrevocably submits to the jurisdiction of the Courts of New Zealand over any proceedings arising out of, or relating to these terms and conditions.

**We strongly suggest purchasing travel insurance. Travel insurance information is available through the Virginia Tech Alumni Association. Visit [www.alumni.vt.edu/travel/insurance](http://www.alumni.vt.edu/travel/insurance) for more details or to register online.**

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Australia is a quintessential land of contrasts. From the vast empty spaces of the Outback to lush, ancient rainforests and from the dazzling colors of the Great Barrier Reef to bustling cosmopolitan cities, this country has something for everyone.

Join us in a unique tour that will explore some of Australia's most spectacular natural and human landmarks, sample fabulous food and wine, and learn about one of the oldest living cultures in the world.

## Highlights

- Enjoy a tour of the iconic Sydney Harbor.
- Visit the world's oldest and arguably most biologically diverse rainforest in the world, the World Heritage-listed Daintree Rainforest.
- Cruise by luxury catamaran to the outer Great Barrier Reef.
- Listen as Aboriginal guides share their Dreamtime legends, explain the history of cave paintings, and demonstrate the didgeridoo.
- Interact with koalas, kangaroos, wallabies, crocodiles, and other endemic species at a habitat park.

### Days 1 & 2 Depart U.S. for Australia

Flying from Los Angeles or Dallas/Ft. Worth non-stop to Australia, you lose a day as the flight crosses the International Dateline and arrives in Sydney in the early morning of day three.

### Day 3 Arrive in Sydney (D)

Settle in at your hotel and enjoy free time to explore one of the most beautiful cities in the Southern Hemisphere. We welcome you with dinner and a cruise around the iconic Sydney Harbor.

### Day 4 Sydney (B)

Explore the Sydney Harbor area by catamaran, including Darling Harbor (Sydney Aquarium), Circular Quay and the Rocks, Taronga Zoo and Watson's Bay. You can disembark at any of these stops throughout the day.

### Day 5 Sydney to Port Douglas (B)

Today you will travel to Port Douglas, a quaint coastal town that is a perfect base for exploring the Great Barrier Reef and rainforests of tropical North Queensland. During your free afternoon, you may choose

to visit Tjapukai Aboriginal Park, where you can discover the ancient Aboriginal culture through theatres, stage shows and demonstrations, or the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway experience, which spans 7.5kms over Australia's pristine tropical rainforests.

### Day 6 Port Douglas (B)

This morning experience the symphony and color of tropical birds wandering freely amongst the tables as you enjoy North Queensland's best 'Breakfast with the Birds'. You will also have close encounters with iconic



Australian wildlife such as koalas, kangaroos, and wallabies. This afternoon you will explore a different environment with marine biologists, learning about coral reefs, fish, and other marine life that you will see tomorrow.

### Day 7 Great Barrier Reef daytrip (B, L)

The Great Barrier Reef is one of the most spectacular natural features of our planet. Today you will cruise by luxury catamaran out to the outer barrier reef, where you may choose to snorkel or scuba dive, or stay dry and view the many colorful fish and coral by glass bottom boat or semi-submersible vessel.

### Day 8 Port Douglas to Cape Tribulation (B)

This morning Kuku Yalanji, the traditional owners of Daintree National Park, will welcome you to Mossman Gorge, where crystal clear water cascades over large granite boulders and lush rainforests cloak the rugged eastern slopes of the Main Coast Range. Your Aboriginal guides will explain traditional plant use, identify bush tucker sources, share their Dreamtime legends, explain the history of cave



paintings, and demonstrate the didgeridoo. Continue north to your accommodation in Cape Tribulation, home to one of the oldest and most diverse rainforests in the world.

### Day 9 Cape Tribulation to Cairns (B, D)

Enjoy free time this morning at Cape Tribulation, where you may choose to go kayaking or walking, take a local fruit tasting tour, or simply relax and walk along a beautiful white sand beach. In the afternoon, we depart the rainforest for the tropical city of Cairns. Enjoy free time to enjoy the many cafes and shops of Cairns before your departure home tomorrow or to Fiji for the post-trip extension.

### Day 10 Depart for U.S. or Fiji

Activity level: moderately active.

Program price: \$3,500



Airfare from the U.S. to Sydney, with return from Cairns, is not included in the program rates. As of November 2011, round-trip economy class airfare is estimated at \$1,600. This fare is subject to change. Please note that internal flight between Sydney and Cairns is included in this program price, and baggage allowances may differ from your international flight allowances.



### Optional extension: Fijian Islands

Fiji boasts a welcoming traditional culture, pristine coral reefs, and fabulous white-sand beaches. Enjoy 4 days and 3 nights relaxing in this tropical paradise, where you can explore the beauty of the Mamanuca or Yasawa offshore islands and visit Fijian villages, where traditional values and customs still flourish. Fiji can usually be included as a stopover on your return journey from Australia to the U.S. for little or no extra cost.

Activity level: mildly active.

Extension price: \$1,500



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