

American Celebration of Music in

# Australia

*An exclusive concert series for performance ensembles*



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Concert Tours With Integrity



# An Exclusive Concert Series

The American Celebration of Music is a special annual performance-tour program, co-sponsored by local governments, music associations, community organizations, and tourist boards around the globe. In many countries this has developed into a prestigious, recognized, year-long concert-series festival. Recognition of this festival facilitates greater access to performance venues, official publicity, generally very successful concert arrangements, and the ability to touch local cultures in a way that may not be done through other affiliations. This equates to more meaningful musical and emotional experiences for participating performance ensembles.

A highly sought-after South Pacific destination and the world's sixth-largest country, the Commonwealth of Australia boasts a rich developmental history and eclectic cultural variety. From taking in scenic garden wildlife, to celebrating native aboriginal traditions in the wetlands, walking across Harbour Bridge, and even exploring the uniquely majestic Sydney Opera House, Australia's natural beauty and laid-back lifestyle offers some of everything that performing groups are sure to enjoy.

Famous for its indigenous musical traditions and folk life, Australia also has a successful opera legacy around the country, and each of its six states features at least one professional symphony orchestra. As the country's largest cities, Sydney and Melbourne are home to several nationally renowned music institutions, including the Sydney Conservatorium and Australian National Academy of Music. Composer and pianist Percy Grainger, who lived most of his life in the United States and Europe, was born in Melbourne and later founded his own autobiographical museum there, which is still open for visitors today.

Once a British colony, Australia offers a mix of new and old, featuring contemporary urban appeal balanced with indigenous traditions kept alive by its citizens who call it home. Come experience life "down under" for yourself and see what awaits your ensemble!



# Sample Itinerary

SYDNEY / CANBERRA / ALBURY WODONGA  
/ MELBOURNE

## DAY ONE: DEPART FOR SYDNEY

Depart via scheduled air service to Sydney, Australia

## DAY TWO: IN TRANSIT

## DAY THREE: SYDNEY

Arrive in Sydney

Meet your MCI Tour Manager who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach for a transfer to the hotel for check-in

Balance of the day at your leisure

Evening Welcome Dinner and overnight

## DAY FOUR: SYDNEY

Today's sightseeing includes the Sydney Harbour Bridge and world famous Opera House. The Opera House is truly a uniquely designed building like no other in the world

After spending time exploring Darling Harbour we visit the Wildlife World and Aquarium

Enjoy some time at leisure during which you may like to climb the Sydney Bridge or take in the wonderful views of Sydney Harbour on a thrilling jet boat cruise (additional cost)

## DAY FIVE: SYDNEY

*Morning masterclass*

*Performance as part of the American Celebration of Music in Australia*

Evening dinner and overnight

## DAY SIX: SYDNEY / CANBERRA

This morning is set aside for some relaxation or retail therapy in Sydney. A visit to the QV Building is a great choice for us or a leisurely stroll along Darling Harbour

Transfer to Canberra for an orientation tour

## DAY SEVEN: CANBERRA

During our morning tour of Canberra, we visit Parliament House, the Mt Ainslie lookout for wonderful views of the capital region

We have a guided tour of the War Memorial Galleries which commemorate the sacrifice of Australian men and women who have served their country in times of war. The Museum has thousands of relics, artwork and personal items - from a Japanese Midget submarine which attacked Sydney in 1942 to a brooch made for a sweetheart by a soldier on a battle field.

*Performance as part of the American Celebration of Music in Australia*

## DAY EIGHT: CANBERRA / ALBURY WODONGA

Transfer to Albury Wodonga

*Attend a Mayoral Reception followed by an informal performance*

## DAY NINE: ALBURY WODONGA / MELBOURNE

This morning we are treated to a Bushmen's breakfast at the Wonga Wetlands in a setting similar to that seen in the Crocodile Dundee films. The native aborigines meet us there to play the unusual but uniquely sounding aboriginal instrument, the didgeridoo



After our cultural experience we board our touring coach and head for Melbourne. Our first stop south of the Murray River is Glen Rowan where we see bushranger, Ned Kelly's last stand. Kelly was born in Victoria to an Irish convict father, and as a young man he clashed with the Victoria Police. His daring and notoriety made him an iconic figure in Australian history, folklore, literature, art and film  
Then it is off to Melbourne for dinner and overnight

#### DAY TEN: MELBOURNE

Enjoy a morning sightseeing tour to view examples of Melbourne's Victorian architecture including St Paul's Cathedral, Princess and Regent Theatres, Melbourne Town Hall, Parliament House, the Treasury Building, the Royal Exhibition Buildings and Queen Victoria Markets  
Afternoon at leisure for sightseeing, shopping or other activities

#### DAY ELEVEN: MELBOURNE

*Morning masterclass*

*Performance as part of the American Celebration of Music in Australia*

Evening Farewell Dinner and overnight

#### DAY TWELVE: DEPART FOR HOME

Depending on your flight times there may be some time at leisure for last minute sightseeing or shopping

Transfer to Melbourne's airport for return flight



### Standard Performance Tours in Australia

#### TOUR #1 (9 NIGHTS / 12 DAYS)

3 nights in Sydney  
2 nights in Canberra  
1 night in Albury Wodonga  
3 nights in Melbourne

#### TOUR #2 (11 NIGHTS / 14 DAYS)

2 nights in Auckland  
2 nights in Rotorua  
1 night in Hamilton  
3 nights in Sydney  
1 night in Canberra  
2 nights in Melbourne

*These and all other Standard Tours may be viewed on our website at [www.musiccelebrations.com](http://www.musiccelebrations.com).  
Fully-customized tours may also be created to meet your specific needs and interests.*



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