

American Celebration of Music in Australia

Standard Tour #1 (9 nights/12 days)

Day 1

Depart via scheduled air service to Sydney, Australia

Day 2

In Transit

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Day 3

Sydney

(D)

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

Sydney is a cosmopolitan world city surrounded by iconic beaches. Sydney's laid back outdoor lifestyle and physical allure make it one of the world's easiest and most pleasant cities to visit

Day 4

Sydney

(B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

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

Lunch on own

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)

Evening dinner and overnight

Day 5

Sydney

(B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning masterclass

Lunch on own

Performance as part of the American Celebration of Music in Australia

Evening dinner and overnight

Day 6

Sydney / Canberra

(B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

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

Lunch on own

Transfer to Canberra for an orientation tour

Evening dinner and overnight



The capital city of Australia has national museums, tourist attractions, historical sites and many natural wonders. Canberra is a planned metropolis that architect Walter Burley Griffin envisioned as a garden city for some 25,000 people. The design was completed in 1912, and construction began in 1913. Political and economic complications prevented the city from being completed until the 1960s. Canberra is currently home to about 300,000 people

Day 7**Canberra****(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

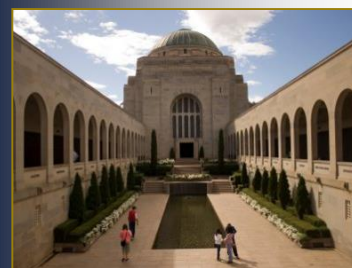
During our morning tour of Canberra, we visit Parliament House, the Mt Ainslee lookout for wonderful views of the capital region including both the Old and New Parliament Houses, the court houses, the diplomatic area, the War Memorial, ANZAC Parade and Museum

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. The exhibits express the feelings of many Australians about the dark times of past wars

Lunch on own

Performance as part of the American Celebration of Music in Australia

Evening dinner and overnight



Day 8**Canberra / Albury Wodonga****(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

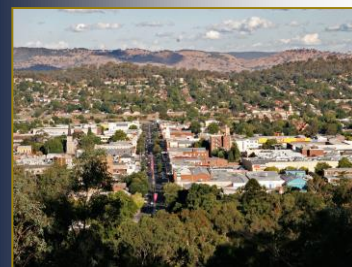
Transfer to Albury Wodonga

Lunch on own

Attend a Mayoral Reception followed by an informal performance

Evening dinner and overnight

Albury Wodonga is a broad settlement incorporating the twin Australian cities of Albury and Wodonga which are separated geographically by the Murray River and politically by a state border. Albury on the north of the river is part of New South Wales while Wodonga on the south bank is in Victoria. Whilst in many senses the centre operates as one community, it has parallel municipal governments and state government services



Day 9**Albury Wodonga / Melbourne****(B,D)**

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

Lunch on own

Then it is off to Melbourne for dinner and overnight

Melbourne is the capital and most populous city in the state of Victoria and the second most populous city in Australia. Melbourne is home to a non-stop program of festivals, renowned dining, major art exhibitions and musical extravaganzas



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Day 10**Melbourne****(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

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

Lunch on own

Afternoon at leisure for sightseeing, shopping or other activities

Evening dinner and overnight

Day 11**Melbourne****(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning masterclass

Lunch on own

Performance as part of the American Celebration of Music in Australia

Evening Farewell Dinner and overnight

Day 12**Depart for home****(B)**

Breakfast at the hotel

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

This is a very flexible itinerary. Except for confirmed appointments and performances, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable. In the event of an unavoidable conflict in the performance and the sightseeing schedule, the concert schedule will prevail, and it may be necessary to exclude some sightseeing activities.

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