G’Day!

Welcome to the greatest study abroad experience of your life! I am excited to be your professor and co-traveler in this learning experience. I have put together the following pages for you to read, copy, and make sure your parents read. This is your local guide booklet before and during travel. So, please take the time to read the entire booklet. Forget the please, READ the entire booklet and have your PARENTS READ the entire booklet.

There will be 30 of us traveling for the month of January. Some key words to keep in mind: flexibility, patience, time apart, and responsibility! Sometimes traveling can be overwhelming and invades our personal style of being. Group travel requires an awareness of others, so please, relax!

Much of the information in this booklet is based on our experiences traveling with students in the past. Parents, you can email Amy questions at any time at ajohnson@udel.edu or call 302-831-2852

Traveling Schedule

Depart Philadelphia on January 3rd American #1025 2:25pm for Dallas. YOU MUST BE AT TERMINAL, READY TO CHECK-IN BY 1:00 PM. PLEASE check in with Amy Johnson BEFORE checking your luggage – and check your bags to CAIRNS. After going through security, go directly to the departure gate to check in with our TA to get your assignments. Stay in the area until we board!

Arrive Dallas 5:20 PM
Stay with the group as we will need to walk to the international terminal to check in for our next flight.

Depart Dallas 10:00 PM
Flight Qantas 8
We will cross the international dateline causing us to miss an entire day.

Arrive Brisbane, Australia January 5 6:15 AM
Go through customs, get on next flight to Cairns 9:50AM
**Arrival Information**

Do not bring any food into Australia, but do pack snacks (no drinks) for the flights. Discard anything you have been snacking on while in flight. All opened containers of food must be discarded by the time we land.

Before landing you will be given a customs card. For the questions: How long do you want to stay? 30 days; Reason for coming? Education; Address in Australia? Traveling to Sydney, New South Wales; Cairns, Queensland.

**Classes**

The classroom will be moving as we travel. Some days your classroom will be the airplane. Other days your classroom will be in a hotel. This entire trip will be your classroom. Your attendance and participation is expected regardless of the type of classroom or location. Cell phones are not a part of our trip. Please leave them in your suitcase (if you must bring them).

**Expenses**

Students who have gone to Australia on previous programs spent $800.00 to $1,000.00. Many used American Express Travelers checks as they are easy (and free) to exchange for cash in every city we tour. Also, Visa and Master Card are accepted for most purchases. NOTE: Your credit card will be billed a couple of days after the purchase at the daily exchange rate. Most credit card companies will also charge you an exchange fee of up to 3%. Check with your bank to see if your debit card has a fee as many do not. This will save you money and keep you on track with your spending.

Make sure if you purchase any expensive items that is charged a GST (goods and services tax) that you put the receipt with the item and carry it on the plane with you. At the airport, you will need to go to the government office to receive a refund for this tax.

**Weather**

It will be mid-summer and the temperatures are cool in the morning and evening, but very warm during the day. You may want to check out [http://www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com) for local weather information.

**Electricity**

Australia is on a 240v system so you will have to purchase an adapter from Radio Shack or Staples. Most adapters are only for 1500 watts and most hairdryers are 1800 watts. Be sure to pack a hairdryer that matches watts!

**Packing**

You are allowed to check one (1) bag that weighs no more than 50 lbs. and take one (1) carry-on on the plane weighing not more than 15 lbs. All luggage
is weighed at every airport. Please travel light since we will be traveling for the entire month. Some suggested items to pack:

- Walking shoes
- 1-2 dressy outfits
- Copy of your passport
- bathing suit/beach towel
- Collapsible bag for extra purchases
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen - SPF30 or higher
- Summer clothes
- Light weight jacket/sweatshirt
- Business casual outfit
- UD Scrubs plus nametag
- Personal toiletries
- Camera/underwater camera
- Notebook
- Textbooks
- Umbrella
- sandwich bags, laundry soap

Hint: PACK LIGHT! It is summer in Australia.

CARRY ON BAG: Please pack your carry on with 1-2 outfits, a change of shoes, swimsuit, camera, & necessary items in case your luggage is lost. You will be changing & freshening up in the Brisbane airport as we will be touring immediately after our arrival in Cairns.

Security
Australia & Hawaii have a reputation as remarkably safe destinations. However, you should use the same common sense you do at home or at U of D. Protect your valuables while traveling. Keep your Traveler’s checks, passport and airline tickets in a secure document holder on your body. These items are your responsibility.

Contacting Home
You may purchase a pre-paid phone card from various stores for 1.6¢ per minute. Please leave your cell phone home. You will also have access to computers in all cities visited for a small fee.

Living Arrangements
There will be two to a room with two bedrooms per suite in Sydney & Cairns. These suites have kitchens, family rooms, and laundry facilities. We will be staying in hotel rooms in Waikiki with two or three students per room.

Weekend Excursions or Out and About
Students are good at organizing yourselves for extra excursions or out and about trips in the cities. You will have public transportation passes in Sydney. In the cities where you do not have transportation passes, it is more economical for you to go out in groups and share the expense of the fare. For any weekend excursions you must leave an itinerary with the faculty director before you leave.
Speaking the language

Bathers — bathing suit
Biscuits or bickies — cookies
Bonnet — hood of a car
Boot — trunk of a car
Bush — woods, forest or wilderness
Chippies — potato chips
Chips — french fries
Cuppa — a cup of hot tea
Dairy — small grocery
Entrée — appetizer
Station — ranch
Footpath — paved sidewalk
Gadonya — good for you or go for it
G’day or Gidday mate! — hello, good morning, goodday
Give way — yield
Jersey or jumper — sweater
Lollies — candy
Loo — toilet
Mate — friend
Nappies — diapers
No worries, mate! — no trouble, no problem
One off — one of a kind, unique
Oz — Australians, British or Ozzie
Peckish — hungry
Petrol — gasoline
Pub — local bar
Pudding — dessert
Supper — bed-time snack
Tea — hot drink, mid-morning
Tolls — long-distance phone calls
Tomato sauce — ketchup
Tucker — food
Yanks — Americans
Dear Parents, Guardians, and Sponsors,

I want to take a few minutes to discuss program responsibilities. While I do everything we can to assure safety and eliminate risks from program participants, I cannot monitor or control all the daily personal decisions, choices and activities of your student. During their free time, students are on their own. I do request that they tell me where they are going and who they are traveling with, however, what they do is up to them.

Australia and Hawaii is known for its natural beauty and with that comes a variety of outdoor activities that some might perceive as risky. Although known for their safety record for these types of activities, I feel it is still important to bring them to your attention.

Another primary concern for me is that of alcohol consumption as the legal drinking age in Australia is 18. Students have been informed that the University Code of Conduct is the expectation while we are traveling. They will be held responsible for over-consumption of alcohol. For more information, please check the University website at: http://www.udel.edu/stuquide/11-12/code.html#alcohol

I hope that you will take the time to talk to your student about the trip ahead of departure and let them know how you feel about the things they do in their free time, and their conduct abroad. I look forward to this experience of a lifetime with your student and thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

Amy Johnson
Faculty Director