



**Pax**abroad

# Australia

## Summer Adventure

**In cooperation with Southern Cross Cultural Exchange**



*"Thanks for making this trip GREAT! The things I learned about myself were invaluable."*

- Duration:** Twenty-six days
- Program:** Nineteen day *home stay*, one week *excursion*
- Start date:** July 19, 2011
- Age level:** 15-18 years old
- Cost:** \$4,500

### PROGRAM

There is a world of difference between visiting a country as a tourist and actually living there. For those with a sense of adventure, there is no better way to understand a culture than to accept the challenge of living with a family. Students are placed in Sydney, a cosmopolitan harbor city surrounded by iconic beaches, world heritage sites and lush hinterlands.

### ACTIVITIES

Students will enjoy escorted activities in the home stay area specially designed for them. After living with a host family, they will take an excursion to Cairns, a tropical paradise and gateway to the Great Barrier Reef.

### ACCOMMODATION / MEALS

Accommodations are with a carefully selected host family. Depending upon availability, participants will stay in a single or double room. Orientation and support is provided by staff members qualified in education, counseling, travel and administration. Trained local representatives enhance the exchange experience. Working together with the staff, a 24 hour global network is available.

### TRAVEL DATES

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|-----------------|------------------------------|
| July 19, 2011   | Arrive Sydney, Australia     |
| August 6, 2011  | Travel from Sydney to Cairns |
| August 13, 2011 | Depart Cairns                |



## THE FINE PRINT

### TERMS OF PARTICIPATION

- ▶ Realistic expectations for the exchange experience
- ▶ An eagerness to explore cultural differences
- ▶ An understanding of the need for flexibility and good communication

### ARRIVAL & LOCAL ASSISTANCE

Participants are transferred from the Sydney Airport to their host families. Local assistance is provided during the whole stay.

### WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- ▶ Home stay in Sydney
- ▶ Escorted activities
- ▶ Queensland Tour- accommodations, transfers, sightseeing and most meals
- ▶ Local assistance and support
- ▶ Insurance

### NOT INCLUDED

- ▶ International airfare
- ▶ Domestic airfare from Sydney to Cairns
- ▶ Visa or passport fees
- ▶ Personal items and souvenirs
- ▶ Optional activities/entertainment/personal items
- ▶ Lunches during far north Queensland tour

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

- ▶ Go to our website ([www.pax.org/paxabroad.html](http://www.pax.org/paxabroad.html)) to complete an application, or email [paxabroad@pax.org](mailto:paxabroad@pax.org).
- ▶ Return the application to PAX with a \$1000 deposit.
- ▶ Send us a color copy of your passport, including the front and back covers and all pages, including blank ones.

### THEN WHAT?

- ▶ Once your completed application has been received, an interview will be arranged.
- ▶ You will be sent information to assist in your preparation.
- ▶ You will fly out of the US to begin your adventure.

### FEES & DEADLINES

- ▶ Application due April 15, with \$1,000 deposit
- ▶ Full program fee due May 1.  
*If payment is not received by May 1<sup>st</sup>, PAX reserves the right to cancel your program.*

### CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

- ▶ Cancellation between May 1 and departure - \$500 non-refundable
- ▶ After departure date – No refund