

THE WORLD UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM (WUPJ) PRESENTS:

AUSTRALIA

November 2018

(as of 10/25/17)



Days 1 & 2: Tuesday, November 6 & Wednesday, November 7, 2018: DEPARTURE

- We depart on our flight to Australia (due to traveling over the international dateline, we will take off on November 6th and land on November 8th).

Day 3: Thursday, November 8, 2018: WELCOME TO SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

- Upon arrival in Sydney, we transfer to our hotel for check in.
- This afternoon, we meet with community leader **Steve Dennenberg** for an introduction to the Progressive Jewish community in Australia.
- We stop at **Katzy's Food Factory**, a kosher deli, where we can grab a **light lunch** before walking from **Circular Quay** to the **Sydney Opera House** for a one hour guided tour of this magnificent building. This tour offers the opportunity to experience the Sydney Opera House in its daily operation. Our guide will bring to life the stories and secrets behind the theater, and give a fascinating account of the history and architecture of this international landmark.
- Evening at leisure to discover Sydney and have dinner on our own.

Overnight in Sydney

Day 4: Friday, November 9, 2018: EXPLORING SYDNEY

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We depart our hotel this morning for the **northern beaches**. We cross the **Sydney Harbour Bridge** and travel to see magnificent views from the **Seaforth lookout** over Middle Head and Pearl Bay marinas.
- We continue with a visit to the **Arabanoo lookout** for a superb panoramic view of the rugged headlands and Manly.
- We enjoy some time in the cosmopolitan suburb of **Manly**, nestled between a tranquil, inner harbour beach on one side and a popular surf beach on the Pacific Ocean. Relax at the beach, visit the **Manly Art Gallery & Museum** or rent a bike to explore the area on two wheels.
- We return to our hotel to relax and refresh.
- Early this evening, we join **Shabbat services** at **Emanuel Synagogue**, the largest congregation in Australia, followed by **Shabbat dinner** with members of the community.

Overnight in Sydney



Day 5: Saturday, November 10, 2018: SHABBAT IN SYDNEY

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Option to attend Shabbat morning services at **North Shore Temple Emanuel**, led by Rabbi Nicole Roberts, (similar name, different place!).
- Enjoy the day at leisure, exploring Sydney on your own or relax at the famous **Bondi Beach**.
- **OPTIONAL** (additional cost): We put on our aprons and delight in a **cooking class** and **lunch**, a chance to learn or sharpen our kitchen skills and discover Australian cuisine together.



- This evening, we join up and head out to the **King Street Wharf** to have **dinner** at one of the many restaurants lining this waterside neighborhood. After dinner, find a bar to sip a cocktail or stroll along the water and enjoy the surroundings of this beautiful place on your own.

Overnight in Sydney

Day 6: Sunday, November 11, 2018: SITESEEING IN SYDNEY

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning, we drive through **Sydney's city center**. We will see many contrasts - from the traditional Victorian architecture of the **Town Hall** and the **Queen Victoria Building** to the modern skyscrapers of the business district; from the sweeping design of the **Opera House** to the modern developments of **Darling Harbour**.
- We visit the **Sydney Jewish Museum** for a multi-sensory engagement with exhibitions, including **Culture & Continuity: Journey Through Judaism and the Holocaust**, among other rotating exhibits.
- Drive through the **Royal Botanic Garden** to **Lady Macquarie's Chair** (for views of the harbour and the Opera House and bridge) and then head out to the exclusive eastern suburbs, passing **Kings Cross** en route to **Vaucluse** and **Double Bay**.
- We return to our hotel after a fulfilling day of sightseeing to refresh and enjoy dinner on our own this evening.

Overnight in Sydney

Day 7: Monday, November 12, 2018: SYDNEY TO CAIRNS

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- This morning, we transfer to the airport for our 3 hour flight to **Cairns** in Northern Australia. Charming Cairns is the gateway to two of the world's greatest natural wonders – tropical rainforests and the Great Barrier Reef.
- We travel a short distance to our hotel to check in.
- We meet this afternoon at our hotel with members of the **small progressive Chavurah** in the area to learn more about their community and lovely city.
- Spend the remainder of the day and evening at leisure, discovering the beauty of Cairns on own.

Overnight in Cairns



Day 8: Tuesday, November 13, 2018: THE RAINFORESTS OF CAIRNS

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning, we embark on an exciting experience at the **Skyrail Rainforest Cableway** for a ride over Australia's pristine tropical rainforests before descending into them for the ultimate experience, including stops at **Red Peak Station** and **Barron Falls Station**.
- We continue to **Baron Gorge National Park**. Here, we have the chance to take a short hike, enjoy the beautiful views and visit the **Barron Gorge Hydro-Power Station**.
- We return to our hotel for relaxation before enjoying **dinner** together later this evening at **Red Ochre Grill**.

Overnight in Cairns

Day 9: Wednesday, November 14, 2018: THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning, we drive north along the scenic **Cook's Highway**, enjoying views of some of the most beautiful beaches in the world. We arrive at **Port Douglas**, where we embark on the **Quicksilver Wavepiercer catamaran** and journey to the outer edge of the **Great Barrier Reef**, the most spectacular undersea garden in the world. At the reef, we float atop a large platform or raft where we can view the coral in a number of ways. There is a semi-submarine, an underwater viewing platform, an optional helicopter ride or the chance to try scuba diving. A **buffet lunch** will be served during the time we are at the reef.
- On our arrival back at Port Douglas, we spend a short amount of time at the marina before travelling back down the coast.
- This evening, we head to the **Cairns Night Market**, one of the most popular attractions in town. Boasting 130 stalls and a full food court, this is a perfect place to eat, drink and shop on our last night in Cairns.



Overnight in Cairns

Day 10: Thursday, November 15, 2018: CAIRNS TO MELBOURNE - UPJ CONFERENCE BEGINS

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- Transfer to the airport for our flight to **Melbourne**, known as the sporting capital of Australia and the second largest metropolis in the country.
- We land in Melbourne and transfer to our hotel for check in.
- This afternoon, we participate in the **UPJ Conference** (details to be provided).

Overnight in Melbourne



Day 11: Friday, November 16, 2018: UPJ CONFERENCE

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We participate today in the **UPJ Conference** (details to be provided), including **Shabbat services** and dinner with participants!

Overnight in Melbourne

Day 12: Saturday, November 17, 2018: SHABBAT SHALOM! UPJ CONFERENCE

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We spend Shabbat as participants in the **UPJ Conference** (details to be provided).

Overnight in Melbourne

Day 13: Sunday, November 18, 2018: GREAT OCEAN ROAD



- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Today, we set out on a **scenic coastal drive** along **Great Ocean Road** and embark on a day full of adventures. We see the **12 Apostles**, beautiful beaches and many more attractions along the way to **Otway Harvest Trail**. Spend the day indulging on fresh, local produce, sipping a glass of wine or beer, and visiting the **ostrich farm** or the **Forrest General Store** for local gifts to bring home to your friends and family. For the adventurous at heart, try the **treetop walk** or a **zip line eco-tour** through the rainforest at the nearby **Otway Fly Treetop Adventures** (additional cost).
- We return to our hotel for time to refresh and spend the remainder of the afternoon and evening discovering Melbourne and enjoying dinner on own.

Overnight in Melbourne

Day 14: Monday, November 19, 2018: SIGHTSEEING IN MELBOURNE

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning, we enjoy a tour of **Melbourne City**. We see premier examples of Melbourne Victorian architectural splendor, including **St. Paul's Cathedral**, **Princess and Regent Theatres**, **Melbourne Town Hall**, **Parliament House**, the **Treasury Building**, the **Royal Exhibition buildings** and the **Queen Victoria Markets**.
- Visit the statue of **General Monash**, one of Australia's most revered citizens, who was an active member of the Jewish community.
- Spend the evening at leisure and enjoy dinner on own at one of Melbourne's delicious restaurants.

Overnight in Melbourne



Day 15: Tuesday, November 20, 2018: MELBOURNE'S JEWISH HISTORY & MORE

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We begin our day at the **Jewish Museum of Australia**, where we engage, learn and connect with Judaism in Australia from past to present.
- We explore the center of Jewish life in Melbourne, through the **Caulfield** and **St. Kilda** neighborhoods of the city.
- We travel to **Sky High Mount Dandenong** for **afternoon tea**, a **hike through the scenic park** and a chance to discover the **English Gardens**, **Sky High Maze** and all the other attractions.
- We return to our hotel for time to refresh.
- Tonight, we enjoy a **farewell dinner** together at one of Melbourne's wonderful restaurants, as we recall all that we have experienced together.



Overnight in Melbourne

Day 16: Wednesday, November 21, 2018: RETURNING HOME

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- Transfer (on own) to the airport for our flights back to the United States, landing tomorrow.

THE MEMORIES LAST FOREVER!

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