PERTH, AUSTRALIA LT GUIDEBOOK

INTRODUCTION TO THE PERTH PROGRAM GUIDEBOOK

With your departure for Australia fast approaching, many of you have begun to wonder what it’s really going to be like studying and living in Perth. What will it be like to travel to other parts of the country? Are the Australians as open and friendly with foreigners as they’re said to be? Just how much should you plan to pack in your suitcases? Hopefully, this guidebook can begin to answer these and other questions.

The information that follows is a collection of advice from former participants. The Center for International Programs and Perth program staff members have added practical information as well. All information was accurate to the best of our knowledge at the time of printing. We recognize that there might be some necessary changes in the program made on site. When you return, we would greatly appreciate it if you could help us update this guidebook for the next year’s participants.

Expect the unexpected. Ultimately, no written materials or any other suggestions are going to fully prepare you for what lies ahead. The best thing that you can do is commit yourself to keeping an open mind, remaining flexible, and being patient with yourself and others as you’re adjusting to your new environment. We would like to thank the former participants from previous years who have shared their experiences and helped with the editing process!

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BEFORE YOU GO...PREPARATION

PERTH, AUSTRALIA

Australia is an amazing land – an island continent approximately the size of the continental United States, with a population of 23.6 million, slightly more than that of New York State. When people think of Australia, kangaroos, koalas and kookaburras dominate the image, but there is far more about this country to discover!

Australia is divided into 6 states, the largest of which is the State of Western Australia (“WA”) covering one third of the continent. WA spans over 2.5 million square kilometers (1 million square miles), with exports including iron ore, gold bullion, petroleum and petroleum products, wheat and wool. Perth is the state’s capital located in the south of WA, renowned for its warm, sunny climate, pristine coastline and relaxed lifestyle. Home to approximately 1.9 million people, Perth enjoys more hours of sunshine than any other capital city in Australia (boasting 7.9 hours of sunshine on average, every day of the year). Although this sunshine is appealing and welcome, it is very important to remember to wear plenty of sunscreen and to have a hat and sunglasses to protect yourself from the intense rays of the summer!

Situated on the banks of the Swan River, Perth is the center of the state’s communication and transport systems, linking it to the rest of Australia and the world. Perth is Australia’s fastest growing city. It shares the same time zone as Singapore – and it is Australia’s western gateway to Asia. Water sports such as surfing, swimming and yachting are extremely popular and can be enjoyed most months of the year. In addition, there is much to learn about the Outback and the Aboriginal history and culture.

Western Australia runs on Western Standard Time, eight hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time. Unlike the other states in Australia, WA does not participate in Daylight Savings. Thus, Perth varies between 12 and 13 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time throughout the year.

Liz C says “the city of Perth is beautiful and clean with a very reliable and easy to use public transportation system. The best views of the city are from King’s Park. The best part, though, is the people, who are very friendly.” Jessica P agrees, Perth is a “friendly, clean, bright city…lots of shopping and cool outdoor cafes.” Ashley S says Perth “has the feel of a city that is growing into its potential rather than reached its peak. Sydney feels like New York City, Melbourne is very artsy, Cairns is touristy. They all have their own identities but Perth is still growing into its own. Beautiful, clean city.”
Jansi M describes Perth as having “great beaches and good restaurants. [The city] very relaxed and very isolated. There is plenty to do, although it takes quite a bit of time if you want to travel to the other side of the country (e.g. to Sydney).” Jeane G says, “Perth is more laid back than any other city on the East coast. People are more generally interested in you and will not treat you like another tourist.” The “thing that sets Perth apart,” says Jimmy K is that it’s very clean…clear skies, virtually no litter, which is pretty impressive for a city of 1.2 million people.”

PROGRAM CALENDAR

July 19, 2017
Arrival in Perth – Yanchep Outback Excursion

24 July
International Student Orientation Week

31 July
Semester Two begins

28 August
Tuition Free Week (holiday)

25 September
Tuition Free Week (holiday)

13-24 November
Exams

24 November – 13 December
ICRP or Asia Study Tour

14 December
Departure day – for students completing ICRP

13-14 December
Departure day – for students participating in Asia Study Tour

“'The Aussies have a holiday every month, or so it seems. So there’s always a reason to celebrate.”
PASSPORTS AND VISAS

It is necessary to have a passport for travel to Australia. You must also have a student visa while you are there. The student visa is electronic and you will not have a copy in your passport (good news – student visa is on-line and you don’t have to mail your passport anywhere). Since you are living in Australia carrying a student visa, it is important to follow the conditions of your visa, as stipulated by the immigration officials.

You should carry a copy of your passport (the first page with your photo and personal information). Carry your actual passport with you only when you travel out of the city. We also suggest that you save a digital copy of your passport in a cloud based email service, like gmail or your K account and with your family in case your passport is lost or stolen. If you have further questions regarding your student visa, you should consult Australia’s Immigration and Visa website: http://www.immi.gov.au. If your passport is lost or stolen while you are abroad, you will need to reapply at the American Consulate in Perth located at 16 St. George’s Terrace, Perth (telephone: 08.6144.5100).

FLIGHT CONNECTIONS

Please allow yourself plenty of time to check in at the airport. The current increase in security also means longer lines and processing time. Airlines recommend arriving at the airport at least 2 hours early for domestic flights and 3 hours early for international flights. Airlines are also randomly searching checked and carry-on luggage. Keep luggage lock keys, boarding passes and your identification (passport) easily accessible.

Please take care not to miss connecting flights. It is your responsibility to be in the boarding area at the appropriate time. Should you miss a connection, however, please note that you must be re-routed by an airline representative at the airport. Travel Leaders and/or Kalamazoo College can do nothing to alter your airline tickets at that point. Once you have had your airline tickets altered, you should contact Mr. Gary Hepworth (see contact information in the MAIL section), the Resident Director for your program, so that they know of your delay and can give you new arrival instructions. If you are unable to contact one of the directors, contact the CIP or a member of the CIP staff (contact information can be found in the EMERGENCIES section), and we will try to assist you in informing the on-site personnel of your situation.

MONEY

How much spending money should you bring? You will want to budget some personal spending money for nightlife, personal travel, etc. People spend money differently, whether in Kalamazoo or in Perth. Former Perth program participants report having spent widely varying amounts of money during their six-month stay. They spent anywhere from $2500 to $5000 (including money for travel). The current exchange rate is 1.00 USD to 1.32 AUD. There are a few items in Perth that tend to be a little more expensive than in the US. Part of the reason for this is the large amount of
importing into Australia. Generally, higher-cost items such as cameras, electronics, or high-quality outdoor equipment will be more expensive in Australia.

Some costs are unavoidable. As is the case on nearly all study abroad programs, you’ll need to buy books for your classes in Australia, and you may spend upwards of $200, as you do on Kalamazoo’s campus, depending upon what courses you take. Take advantage of joining the Curtin Student Guild (sort of like a student union). They have a one-semester international student membership fee that includes a gift certificate at the bookstore. The Guild card also entitles you to discounts on campus and around Perth, and is highly recommended by past students. Food is relatively inexpensive in the grocery store, so getting accustomed to cooking meals instead of eating out is a good habit if you want to save your money for other things.

You’ll also spend money when you travel. Australia has one of the best hostel networks in the world. Every major city has a wide variety of hostels and many country towns also run a hostel or hostel-affiliate. If you eat in restaurants when you travel, plan to spend a lot of money. Even restaurants of average quality can be quite expensive. Be especially careful to budget your money during your breaks.

Past participants report that the easiest way to access money is with an ATM card, as the majority of money machines in Perth accept American ATM cards. It may be wisest to have more than one way of accessing money – perhaps both an ATM card and travelier’s checks. Please keep in mind that because of the fluctuations in the exchange rates over the past year, banks have begun to charge rather high commission fees to change money.

Most students set up a bank account at the BankWest location on the Curtin campus. This makes it easier to cash the food allowance checks you will receive through Gary Hepworth. At BankWest you can also get an ATM card to use around Perth. BankWest cards can be used in any Commonwealth Bank Machine in the Eastern States. Commonwealth Bank is the largest bank in Australia and its ATMs are easy to find. You will receive information about opening bank accounts during your orientation program in Perth. Some past participants recommend wiring money from your US account to your Perth account since the lump sum may be cheaper than paying conversion fees every time you use an ATM machine. You may want to research these options to figure out what will work best for you.

CLIMATE
Western Australia has a wide variety of climates from moderate to rainforest to arid desert. Perth is on a border between the temperate southern region and the drier north regions. You will be arriving during Australia’s winter season, which could be described as Kalamazoo in the spring (hint: rain). During the day you could be comfortable in a t-shirt and jeans, but at night you will most likely need a light jacket or sweatshirt.
Sometimes it can get even colder, but it will rarely go below 45°F. Perth also sees its heaviest rainfall between May and August. After November, rain is scarce and temperatures frequently break 35°C (95°F). Although this sounds uncomfortable, the breeze from the ocean tends to mask the heat very well (which can also lead to a fast sun burn – so beware!). Generally, the farther north you travel the warmer it gets, and the farther south the cooler.

Although somewhat surprising to visitors from the U.S., the Australian seasons are:
- Summer: December to February
- Autumn: March to May
- Winter: June to August
- Spring: September to November

**PACKING AND LUGGAGE RESTRICTIONS**

You will need to check with the airline or your travel itinerary from Travel Leaders to determine the luggage restrictions for your flight. Even if you’re willing to pay overweight or excess baggage charges at the airport, we strongly encourage you to resist doing this and to pack as little as possible.

NOTE: Never pack your passport, money, prescription medications and/or valuables in your checked luggage! Keep those items in a money belt or in your carry-on which you should keep with you at all times. People in Australia dress quite similarly to people in the US, and live a rather casual life. Please remember that although they are worn by some young Australians, baseball caps worn indoors (including in class) is considered rude and should be avoided.

Electricity: if you must bring any electrical appliance with you, keep in mind that you will need both an adapter and a converter. For small items, such as hair dryers and flat irons, plan on buying them in Perth.

**PACKING LIST:** (see the orientation section for suggestions as well)

- Jeans and lightweight pants
- A couple of sweaters or sweat shirts; some past participants have recommended a light winter coat (it will be chilly and rainy upon arrival).
- A few nice outfits (separates that will mix and match with your more casual clothes – important for going out/socializing and for possible ICRP placement in office setting)
- Clothing for working/being outdoors (again, depends on ICRP placement)
- Dressy shoes (to match your nice outfits)
- Sturdy walking shoes
- T-shirts (good for layering and to reduce the amount of laundry you do when you travel)
- Pajamas and slippers
- Backpack (great for weekend/day trips as well as school)
☐ Shorts (a few pairs only)
☐ Scarf
☐ Watch
☐ Laundry bag/stuff sack
☐ Bring plenty of underwear and socks, because in some cases, especially when traveling, laundry access may be limited
☐ Gifts (see suggestions in "Gifts" section)
☐ Towel & washcloth (If you plan on traveling as most hostels don’t provide them. These can be purchased inexpensively in Perth.)
☐ Plastic baggies (larger ziplock bags are great for holding wet towels and dirty laundry)
☐ Money belt or neck pouch
☐ Bathing suit
☐ A hat to block the sun
☐ Sunglasses
☐ Sun block
☐ Rain jacket
☐ Compact umbrella

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BRING**
☐ VISA, American Express, or MasterCard credit cards and an ATM card
☐ Contact solutions/glasses and their prescription
☐ Journal
☐ Prescriptions (in original containers) and other medical supplies
☐ Flashlight
☐ Thumb drive/memory cards
☐ Refillable water bottle

**ITEMS TO BUY IN AUSTRALIA**
☐ Bedding and towels: past participants report both bringing their own and purchasing in Perth. Students can also purchase a “linen pack” from the housing office at Curtin (check on the housing website for details)
☐ Toiletries (unless you have a brand you can’t live without, you should be able to find everything there)
☐ Transperth card for transportation
☐ Tropical strength bug spray
☐ A cell phone and minutes
☐ Print credits (10 cents per page)
GIFTS
It is a nice idea to have small gifts from home to leave with new Australian friends that you meet. Some good ideas include:
- T-shirts, sweatshirts, or other clothing items with Kalamazoo College logos
- US-style paraphernalia (i.e., things from Disneyworld, Warner Bros., Mt. Rushmore, World Cup, NBA, NFL, etc.)

BILLING
The Kalamazoo College Business Office issues the bills and will send your bills for the program costs to your home address just prior to the beginning of each quarter that you are abroad, as when you are in the United States. You will be billed the study abroad comprehensive for six K-units, $37,160. The first bill will be issued in August for 18,580. The second bill will be issued in November and will be 18,580. All K based merit and financial aid will be applied to the fee. For specific questions regarding your account, please contact Patrick Farmer in the Business Office at 269.337.7226 or pfarmer@kzoo.edu.

HEALTH AND MEDICAL ISSUES
You need to be up to date with your standard immunizations such as measles and tetanus. Please refer to the SA Handbook for the information on required and recommended immunizations. If you have any questions, contact the Health Center (269.337.7200) or your personal physician before you go. Of course, be sure to make doctor appointments if you are concerned about a particular problem (i.e., make a dentist appointment for that sore tooth, etc.).

Common medical complaints abroad include sore throats and stomach aches. Bring aspirin, yeast infection creams, Midol, Rolaids, cold medicine, laxatives, Pepto-Bismol and other medications you generally use if there is a brand that you cannot do without. Shampoo, soap, tampons, and sanitary napkins are sold in Perth for little more than their cost in the United States, and in some cases they are cheaper than in the US. If you take any prescription medications, it is necessary to bring enough to last the duration of the program as it is very difficult to have prescriptions sent through the mail. If you wear glasses or contacts, it is also a good idea to bring a spare pair of glasses and/or contacts as they are also difficult to replace abroad.

If you are ill, please see a doctor. You will have access to the health clinic at the University, as you are required by the Australian Government and your visa status to purchase medical insurance and to be enrolled in Australia’s socialized medicine system. Gary Hepworth and his staff will give you more information regarding this facility and other medical resources during orientation following your arrival in Perth. This Australian insurance does not cover you outside of Australia; therefore, if you plan on travelling outside of Australia at any time while you are gone, it is necessary that you make sure your own insurance from home will cover you. If your insurance
from home will not cover you while you are abroad, please contact the CIP about AIG Insurance, which will cover you regardless of where you travel.

**VEGETARIANISM**

For those of you who follow a vegetarian diet: be aware that you may find yourself in situations in Australia where you will be expected to eat meat, although rarely. Vegetarianism is on the rise, however it is still not as popular is it is in the US. You will typically be able to find at least one vegetarian choice on menus in restaurants. Since you will be preparing your own meals in the dormitories, you have control over the food you purchase and prepare.

No special accommodations will be made for vegetarians during the various field trips. If you require a vegetarian diet and cannot eat what is available during such excursions, you will be responsible for paying for and providing your own meals at those times. In some cases it might be possible to organize vegetarian alternatives on excursions, if you give Gary Hepworth or the trip organizer sufficient notice. Most tour companies will ask your dietary restrictions or be willing to accommodate you.

*Australian coast*

~ Rachael Wilsmann K’10
Amy Chronis K'16

Pinnacles
~ Rachel Wilsman K’10
YOU’VE ARRIVED!

ARRIVAL IN AUSTRALIA AND PERTH

When you land in Australia, you will be required to pass through immigration and customs. Be prepared to present your passport and the boarding card that you will be given on the airplane or from the ticket agent before you depart from the United States. Once you have passed through this area, you will claim your luggage and pass through another check point. It is possible (yet somewhat unlikely) that your luggage will be searched, as immigration officials will be monitoring you as you exit the customs area. In all international airports, guards with trained food and drug-detecting dogs will be monitoring luggage collection. Do not be alarmed by this, just remember to keep your luggage with you at all times, and do not agree to carry anything that a stranger might try to give you. You will not be able to carry fruits, vegetables, plants or other food items into Australia. You are required to declare all such items or “dump” them when you arrive.

Australia is very strict about this requirement as it is free of many diseases that are carried by animals and food. If you have questions about any item you are carrying, do not hesitate to ask a flight attendant or an immigration official at the airport. After you clear customs with your luggage, it is likely you will need to stand in line to re-check your bags for your flight to Perth. You will then most likely need to move from the international terminal to the domestic terminal.

Please note that you should pay close attention to your airline tickets and to the flight attendant’s instructions when you land in Australia, as they will have very specific information regarding customs and immigration. When you arrive in Perth you will be met right outside the customs area in the airport by Gary Hepworth, or a representative of Curtin University. From there you will be delivered to a hotel and shortly afterwards your group will go on an orientation trip, usually to the Southwest part of Western Australia. After the orientation excursion you will check into your dorm at Curtin University.
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION
TransPerth runs an extensive public transportation system in Perth including ferries, buses and an excellent train system. The buses and trains go to all of the suburbs. Most of the time you will be using their system to get to the downtown area, the beach, Fremantle, King’s Park, or any of the other places you can visit. Buses stop running around midnight, but taxis are available. A typical trip from downtown Perth to the campus will cost $A15. Divided by four passengers this is a reasonable option if the buses are not available.

“[You will] buy smart-rider cards during your orientations. These cards allow you to take the bus and train at a discounted student (called ‘concession’ there) rate. You will have to refill these with money when it runs out, but it is incredibly easy to use. The transport is very safe and always on time. If you need to see how to get someplace just do a map quest type direction finder on the smart rider website listed on the card.” – Ashlee S

TRAVEL/VACATIONS
When you travel out of Perth, please inform Gary Hepworth of your plans, indicating where you are going and approximately when you will return. Please email itineraries where you can be contacted at approximately 48 hour intervals. Should an emergency happen at home or with you, this information will make communication possible.

TIPS ON INDEPENDENT TRAVEL

- **Avoid traveling alone.** This will ensure that you don’t have to deal with illness, theft, or emergencies by yourself.
- Look into the International Student group at Curtin University, which offers opportunities to take day trips outside of Perth.
- Take some kind of pouch for documents, money, and tickets. The best rule is never to remove it. Sleep with it and take it in the shower if you have any doubts, especially for those of you planning to stay in International Youth Hostels.
- Always carry your passport with you while traveling. When traveling, keep documents with you, not in luggage on a train rack or in a checked bag.
- Email your itinerary to Gary. Also, make sure that someone in the U.S. has a copy.
- Call/text/whatsapp home at regular intervals, especially if there is an itinerary change.
- Talk to security personnel concerning where you will enter boarding areas, which plane, train, or bus is yours, etc.
- Be wary of complete strangers who approach you and offer you rides. As is expected here in the U.S., never accept a ride from a stranger when you are alone. Although hitch-hiking is more acceptable in Australia, it is dangerous and violates College policy (and can lead to your dismissal from the program).
- A “YHA” card: You can get these in Perth for about $A30 at the YHA office (Youth Hostel)

SAFETY
Perth is generally a very safe city. Use of normal common sense and caution will serve you and your money well in this regard: women should get used to holding on to their purses while they walk, and men should not carry their wallets in their back pockets. You should also make digital and paper photocopies of relevant pages in your passport and carry these copies with you in place of your passport while walking around Perth. Leave a copy of your passport in the States.

Please make sure that you read the “Responding to Physical and Sexual Assault while on Study Abroad” section in your 2017-18 Study Abroad Handbook to be prepared in case you or a friend are in such a situation. It is always best to be prepared. In general, as on college campuses in the U.S., you will want to remain aware of your surroundings. If you feel uncomfortable in a situation, remove yourself immediately. Make sure when you go out you use the “buddy” system.

It is also a good idea for safety reasons not to call attention to the fact that you are foreign (to the extent this is possible). It’s not a good idea to stand in the middle of a public place, loaded down with backpacks, speaking loudly. In addition, experience has shown time and again that drunk tourists are the easiest and most common targets of mugging. Please be responsible and aware of your surroundings in all social settings.

WATER AND OTHER BEVERAGES
Tap water in Australia is generally safe to drink, and many students are able to drink the water from the first day with no ill effect. Occasionally your system may prove a little less adaptable, in which case you may wish to avoid it for a while. When eating in restaurants you may wish to specifically request tap water to avoid being given expensive bottled water.

MAIL
You may also receive mail/packages in care of Gary Hepworth:

Student Name
c/o Gary Hepworth
Community Life
Curtin University of Technology
GPO Box U1987
Perth WA 6845
EMERGENCIES

► In case of an emergency, you should first contact the work number of Gary Hepworth 011 61 8 9266 2957. He will contact the appropriate people on site. In case you cannot contact him, you can call one the following numbers of the International Programs staff or follow further instructions given to you in Perth:

Local Emergency Number - 000
(equivalent to 911 in US)

Center for International Programs
Voice 269.337.7133 | E-mail cip@kzoo.edu

Margaret Wiedenhoeft, Executive Director, Perth Program Manager
Mobile 269.267-5800 | E-mail mwieden@kzoo.edu

US Citizen Emergency Service and Assistance
US Consulate in Perth
(08) 6144-5100 (8:00 am – 4:30 pm Perth local time)
(08) 9476-0081 (after business hours)
THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

RESIDENT DIRECTORS

Gary Hepworth is the main Resident Director of the Kalamazoo College program in Perth and Director of External and Community Relations at Curtin University of Technology. Mr. Hepworth and his staff coordinate arrival and orientation, housing on campus and oversee all other aspects of the program. He can be approached about any issue related to your stay in Perth.

Mr. Hepworth coordinates the study abroad program for students from Elon University, Trinity College, and Southern Methodist College. The orientation program, excursions, and other activities will include students from these institutions as well.

You will also have a local study abroad adviser who will work with you to ensure that you gain the maximum advantage of your time in Australia. She/he will conduct weekly meetings with all participants throughout the program and assist you with integrating into the social life in Perth and at Curtin University. This is usually a graduate student or older peer who is very familiar with student life at Curtin. They are good resources for any questions you may have during your program.

UNIVERSITY SETTING

Kalamazoo College students study at the Bentley campus of Curtin University of Technology in Perth. Curtin University is a large comprehensive research institution located approximately 10 kilometers south-east of the city’s central business district, and conveniently serviced by a number of busses. The University’s enrollment of 30,000 includes 5,000 international students from 95 countries, offering undergraduate, graduate and doctoral level courses in five divisions including: Engineering and Science, Health Science, Business, Humanities, and Resources and the Environment.

According to a former K participant, “the campus is very beautiful and not too large, so it is easy to get to class despite the large number of students. There are multiple restaurants, convenience stores, a pharmacy, a tavern, and even a hair salon right on campus, which is extremely convenient.”

Students have access to all University facilities, including counseling and a health center. The University and affiliated student organizations, including the Students’ Guild, sponsor several programs of sports, activities, and entertainment. Volunteer opportunities are available through the Curtin Volunteers office and may also be available in the Center for Aboriginal Studies.

ON-SITE ORIENTATION

Typically your orientation will last three or four days, and will commence the day after you arrive.
in Perth. You will be traveling to the Australian “bush,” so you will need warm clothes including jeans, a rain jacket, a fleece jacket or sweatshirt and sturdy hiking shoes or boots.

The orientation is designed to help you get acquainted with Australian culture, with your Resident Director in Perth, and your fellow “K” students who will also be studying in Perth. You will have the opportunity to eat at a traditional “Aussie” Inn, as well as participate in various activities, including rock climbing, fishing and hiking. Classes will commence a week after your return from orientation.

**CLASSES AND CREDITS**

The Perth, Australia program is a university integrated program in which Kalamazoo College students enroll directly in courses with Australian and other International students. Most courses offered in the various divisions of the university are open to Kalamazoo College students, provided they have met the prerequisites and the courses are within Kalamazoo College’s liberal arts tradition.

During the long-term program, all students are required to enroll in an Aboriginal Studies course and four additional University courses (including the Service-Learning course) during the university’s second semester (beginning in July). After the semester has concluded, all students (unless they are going on the Asia Study Tour) are required to complete an Integrative Cultural Research Project in November and December.

Students must enroll in the equivalent of 6 K-units for credit for the long-term program. In order to receive one K unit, a course at Curtin University must have a minimum of 25 credit points. Students may not underload or overload. Grades from all study abroad courses will appear on the Kalamazoo transcript but are not included in the Kalamazoo grade point average. The transcript will list the title of the course, the appropriate discipline and a translation of the local grade into the Kalamazoo “A, B, C” grading system. Students must earn the equivalent of a “C” in the local grading system to receive credit for course work completed abroad. All course work, including the ICRP must be completed and turned in before the end of the academic program abroad or no credit will be given.

**The following grade equivalencies apply to the program at Curtin University:**

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INTEGRATIVE CULTURAL PROJECT (ICRP)

For your integrative cultural project you will choose some aspect of Australian culture that you wish to research in a more direct, experiential manner. Conducting such a project offers you a way to get to know the host culture using a variety of methods and in a more intimate fashion. How productive and fruitful your experience is will depend on how much time and thought you put into the planning and how much you choose to commit yourself.

Each study abroad site has unique conditions, practices particular to the community and specific limitations. Some of the common limitations of this program are that students cannot work in medical setting, and prisons or houses for battered and abused women do not usually accept our students.

Six distinctive features characterize the ICRP projects, regardless of where they are completed, and should guide you in the selection and implementation of your particular project—

1. **Emphasis on “hands on” human interaction**—your project should allow you to interact with local people outside of the usual academic environment in a systematic, integrated way.

2. **Choice of the Project Topic, Type, and Scope**—the project should reflect your own goals, interests, and skills. Although you will need to consult with the local project coordinator who will ultimately approve your topic, you may exercise wide latitude in selecting the sort of project you wish to pursue in the host city; however, the project should give you an opportunity to apply what you are experiencing to your academic experience and to interact with a diverse group of people within the local culture.
   
   a. Service and volunteer projects
   
   b. Cultural externships or internships—participation in some facet of the local culture
      
      Life histories

3. **Choice of Methodology**—in consultation with the project coordinator, you’ll have wide latitude with respect to the information-gathering method(s) you choose to employ in your project.

4. **Systematic Research** (cf: Describe, Interpret, Evaluate, Validate, Act)
   
   a. Consistent journaling
   
   b. Painstaking interpretation

5. **Cultural Insight** (cf: DIEVA)
a. Insight into the particular cultural activity or aspect you’ve selected

b. Insight into the larger culture and/or social structure of the host country

6. Advising and Mentoring—from a local project coordinator and also a site supervisor

a. Selection of topics and methods

b. Introductions and first contacts

c. Review of journal notes

d. Interpretation

GUIDING QUESTIONS FOR ICRPS

- What is the main activity of the placement? What was produced?

- What are the goals and mission of the organization?

- Where does this particular organization stand in relation to similar ones in the city? In the region? In the state? In the country?

- Whom does this organization serve?

- How do people view this organization and its mission?

- What problems and tasks are to be accomplished?

- How was this done?

- How successful is the organization?

- What are the basic skills and knowledge needed to work for this organization?

- What would be a typical day or week in the organization?

- What were your responsibilities?

- What contribution did you make to help the organization achieve its goals?

The project can consist of a collection of life histories, a study of some facet of the local culture, a service project, or some other form. Start thinking early in the fall about what aspect of the culture you would like to study. In discussing your plans with Mr. Hepworth you will receive more specific instruction. The ICRP must be conducted in Perth, and you will be required to keep extensive notes of the time you spend conducting your project. At the conclusion of the experience, you will then analyze in a final paper how your site reflects Australian culture as a
The paper must be turned in to the Resident Director before the end of the academic program, or no credit will be awarded.

ASIA STUDY TOUR
Kalamazoo students have the option to participate in an Asia Study Tour led by Gary Hepworth. The Asia Study Tour will count as the ICRP credit. Part of the Asia Study Tour costs will be subsidized by Kalamazoo College and students will need to pay Gary Hepworth approximately 4,400 USD for the difference. This difference will be billed to your student account at K. Students are required to inform Mr. Hepworth whether they intend to participate in a study tour by August 15, 2017. Participants will turn in a reflective paper at the conclusion as part of the study tour grade. Note: For students who select the study tour option the study abroad program will end after the conclusion of the study tour. In practical terms, this means housing and meal stipends will not be available for Kalamazoo students remaining in Perth after the conclusion of the study tour. Also, Kalamazoo students participating in either of the Asia study tours are required to purchase medical insurance. Students may enroll in the HTH insurance by contacting the CIP at cip@kzoo.edu.

LIVING IN PERTH

THE DORMITORY EXPERIENCE
Please familiarize yourself with the "Housing Definitions and Regulations" as stated in the Handbook and in the Curtin University housing materials.

The living units that Kalamazoo College students choose from are typically made up of 6 or 8 people living in single bedrooms and are just a short walk to campus. Each unit shares a kitchen, living room, and toilets. The units are usually coed, although you may request otherwise; men and women have separate bathrooms. Your housemates will be other international students or Australian students from towns outside of Perth. (Most Australian students live in Perth and commute to school.) This living arrangement fosters a unique international experience since your housemates bring an eclectic blend of cultures, attitudes, beliefs, languages, and musical tastes. There are many students from the United States, but also students from Malaysia, Singapore, France, Germany, Indonesia, India, China, Sweden, England, etc. It is not possible, nor desirable, to have all of the K students living together in the same dorm for the semester.

All Kalamazoo students are required to pay a housing bond payment and an A$50 activities fee when they arrive on campus in Perth. The bond payment (much like a security deposit) is equal to 4 weeks of rent, or approximately $350US. You can pay this with cash in Australian Dollars or with a credit card. There will be a cleaning fee deducted, but provided there is no damage, this deposit will be refunded by the housing office prior to your departure from Perth. In addition, please note that it is possible that although Kalamazoo College covers housing while classes are in session (which includes a normal electricity bill), some units in the past have been charged for excessive electricity usage. Any such bills for usage that exceeds the normal rent are the student’s responsibility.

Please note that food and housing are not covered during the break weeks, as when students are in the US. You will need to budget accordingly.

You may purchase a linen pack through the housing office. Check your housing offer or the housing information on the website [http://housing.curtin.edu.au/](http://housing.curtin.edu.au/)

In addition, you may also enroll in the “recreation package” offered by Curtin University. Information on this option should also be located on the housing site. This allows you membership to the Curtin University gym and other sports facilities. Please note that the linen pack and the recreation package are not included in the study abroad comprehensive fee.

MEALS
Program participants will be given a food stipend from Mr. Hepworth that will cover your meals while classes are in session and when you are on campus completing your ICRP; this stipend is
designed for you to purchase groceries or eat at local establishments. The total amount of the stipend is 2400 AUD. Please note you will need to open your local bank account before you may receive the stipend (funds are directly deposited). This means you need to bring some money for your first days after arrival! Meals are at your own expense during breaks. Each housing unit is equipped with a kitchen for students to prepare all meals. Utensils and kitchenware are not provided, but other housemates tend to share what they have. Past participants have also left boxes of equipment for K students to use while they are at Curtin.

Curtin University also has a variety of on-campus bistros and lunch stops. The kebab shop at the Curtin Tavern is a popular meeting place.

**MOBILE PHONES**
You may want to check with past participants about suggestions that they might have about mobile phones and the different plans that are offered in Perth. Skype is probably the best way to stay in touch with family/friends outside Australia.

**EMAIL AND COMPUTERS**
You will be able to have an email account through Curtin University, or continue using your K account. Note – official emails from K College will come through your Kalamazoo account.

Curtin University prides itself on their computer system and is constantly upgrading to remain competitive, even with American colleges. However, students should not expect to have the same access at Curtin University as they are accustomed to in Kalamazoo.

Students with computer laptops will be able to connect to the internet in the dorm rooms. Students who elect this option must pay for a download quota. Some of the computer labs on campus are open 24 hours a day and provide free high speed internet access.

**LAUNDRY**
Coin operated laundry machines are conveniently located in your housing complex, but not in the individual units.

**LEAVING YOUR DORMITORY AND DESIGNATED VACATION PERIODS**
As a matter of policy, you’ll be able to stay in your housing only when classes are in session. At the conclusion of the semester, you may need to store your belongings while you travel and move into a new housing complex or unit while you complete your ICRP.

**ADVICE ON INDEPENDENT TRAVEL IN SOUTHEAST ASIA**
“K” students sometimes like to travel to SE Asia during the tuition free breaks or at the conclusion of the program. This is a fantastic opportunity to explore a new region. These travel tips cannot guarantee that you will have fewer problems, but we hope they will at least help you to minimize your risks and/or inconvenience.

- Make sure you really know how to get where you’re going.

- **Avoid traveling alone.**
  - Definitely take some kind of pouch for documents, money, and tickets. The best rule is never to remove it. Sleep with it and take it in the shower if you have any doubts. When traveling, keep documents with you, not in your luggage on top of the bus or in a checked bag.
  - On buses, try to get a seat where you can watch luggage being on- and off-loaded, so you can keep an eye on your own.
  - Plan an itinerary and leave a copy of it with the Resident Director.
  - Contact home when you get a chance, especially if there is an itinerary change. Make sure you keep your parents/friends/goldfish updated with any changes!
  - Lock your luggage with combination padlocks (so you don't have to worry about losing keys).
  - Allow plenty of time before scheduled departures -- at least two hours at the airport. If possible, buy bus tickets early, but then get there early to claim your seat. Be very clear as to your precise destination, and once you're on board or on the bus, make sure your destination matches that of your vehicle!
  - Talk to security personnel concerning where you will enter boarding areas, which plane or bus is yours, etc.
  - Check with the U.S. Department of State for updates on the country/region. Some countries may also require U.S. passport holders to have tourist visas. Check on-line at [http://travel.state.gov/](http://travel.state.gov/)
  - Be wary of complete strangers who approach you and offer you rides or a place to stay. As is expected here in the U.S., **never** accept a ride from a stranger when you are alone. Remember that hitchhiking is grounds for dismissal from the study abroad program.
Aboriginal culture course
Evan Loudenbeck K’05

Beach arch
Hannah Jary K’11
ADAPTING TO AUSTRALIAN CULTURE

HELPFUL HINTS FOR A POSITIVE CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

While common sense will get you through a lot of potentially awkward situations in an unfamiliar culture, you should be aware of a few cultural differences that exist between Australia and the U.S. You should bear in mind that Australians tend to be more informal, socially, than most Americans, and that if you're willing to adapt to your new culture by observing some of the Australian norms, you'll run into fewer problems at home, in the classroom, and elsewhere:

- Respect people’s privacy. Living with up to seven other people requires a great deal of patience and flexibility.
- Be aware of other people’s living habits. It’s better to organize cleaning duties than just assume that people will do them.
- Avoid wearing a hat in the house, in class or while eating out (baseball hats on women or men earn strange looks and are considered rude).
- Don’t be surprised if some students walk around barefoot or go to class without shoes.
- Be open to the new and different. Being intolerant of food that you have never tried demonstrates very poor manners and will be offensive to your hosts.
- Refrain from chewing gum often.
- Don’t put your feet on furniture, whether at home or in class.
- When in bars, do as the Aussies do. Enjoy the company of the people you’re with rather than absorbing yourself in the act of drinking as an end in itself. Despite the more open consumption of alcohol, drunkenness is not socially acceptable.

Of course, there’s no guarantee that if you do fail to observe some or all of these norms, you’ll be openly criticized.

CULTURAL ADJUSTMENT

Over the period of your stay in Australia you will probably learn the most from living daily in a different culture. For in the day-to-day experiences -- the morning walk to the university, a trip to the market, a meal with your housemates -- lie the real challenges, frustrations, and joys of living in a new cultural environment. It is an immensely rich and rewarding experience, and one that you can anticipate with pleasure.
However, everyone has bad days once in a while, some people more than others. It is normal to feel like you just want to go home -- everyone has felt that way at some point in her or his travels. Students who have been abroad in the past offer the following advice:

- First of all, be prepared to have unhappy days and know that they will pass.

- Remember that Australians have bad days, too. If someone in your unit is having a bad day, don't take it personally and automatically think they're unhappy with you. If they seem to be bothered about something, ask them. If it is something to do with you, it is most likely a simple misunderstanding. Don't let problems fester.

- Talk to others in your group, perhaps with someone who's having a good day but who can relate to your feelings.

- Try doing something that will involve you in the present; simply doing something can work wonders. For example, if you have nothing to do one Saturday and are feeling homesick or miserable, give yourself a task that will help you get to the know the local culture better -- like going to a local church, searching for a specific item in the market, going to a café in a different part of town, etc. Immerse yourself and keep busy. Gary Hepworth runs numerous volunteer opportunities and is always looking for people willing to help. Getting involved is the best cure for the “blues.”

- Sometimes, though, you might find that you need to be away from people and/or the local culture for a while, so you might choose to hole up with a book, listen to music, or write letters.

- Keep a journal, even if you haven't ever done so before. You'll enjoy it more than you can imagine when you return from study abroad.

- Be patient with yourself! There will be times when you feel you are the only one who is miserable and having a bad day -- you're not!

- If you are having any problems, discuss them with Gary Hepworth or someone in the Curtin University study abroad office!

- Lastly, just tell yourself that you can do it. You can and will survive in a different culture.

You'll learn that everyone has her or his own way of coping in a different culture and what might help some people some of the time won't help everyone all of the time. But this learning process, coming to really know yourself in a way you haven't before, is part of the adventure.
SEXUAL HEALTH

Issues of sexuality can be complex in your own cultural environment, and much more so in one with which you are less familiar. While living in a culture that is not your own, it is more challenging to evaluate situations and to assess risks for emotional distress, disease, and assault as a result of intentional or non-intentional sexual contact. Sexually transmitted diseases are prevalent everywhere in the world. We strongly recommend that students educate themselves on safe sex practices and be cautious about their sexual activity while abroad.

Learning about Australian culture with regard to acceptable and safe sexual behavior, is one of your responsibilities as you prepare for and experience study abroad. It is also very important that participants understand the local norms and cultural patterns of relationships between genders. What are the local dating patterns? Is it the custom for females to have male friends (or vice versa) or is that considered unusual? If you accept a drink or some other “gift”, are you tacitly consenting to sexual activity? If you invite a member of the opposite gender into your living space, is it culturally and/or legally acceptable for him/her to expect intimate contact? Is the legal definition of “consent” different from the definition in the U.S.? -- Most of the time, it is different. How will you know? Ask your Curtin advisors what the norms are for Australians or what their experience has been. As on any college campus, students should be aware that drinking impairs judgment and the ability to make good, safe decisions.

At a minimum, you must be aware that some behaviors that may be culturally and legally acceptable, and seemingly safe, at home may not be in Australia – and vice versa. Certain behaviors will also communicate different messages in Perth than they do in the U.S. Program staff members will give you guidelines to the local cultural norms for relationships between genders and laws regarding this issue.

LGBTQ LEGAL ISSUES

Excerpted from materials prepared by Wanda L.E. Viento, former Coordinator for Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay Student Services at WMU.

While preparing for the study abroad experience, participants should research the LGBTQ climate of the host country. One very important aspect with which to become familiar are the legal issues pertaining to lesbian, bisexual, gay or transversed individuals. Even if participants do not plan to have a sexual relationship while away, he/she will need to be informed about specific laws regarding sexual behavior and sexual/gender orientation. When looking for information, try to determine:

- The legality of same-sex sexual behavior (sometimes male-male sexual behavior is illegal when female-female sexual behavior is not)

- The age of consent for sexual behavior (age of consent for same-sex sexual behavior can be different from age of consent for opposite-sex sexual behavior, make sure to get the right info)

- Restrictions on freedom of association or expression for LGBTQ people

- Anti-discrimination laws (these can be national laws or specific to local areas)
- Sodomy laws

Additionally, legislation on employment protection, partner recognition and HIV/AIDS may impact a participant's experience directly. Obtaining a deeper understanding of how the host country views its LGBTQ citizens may also be helpful. Information on inheritance laws for same-sex couples, immigration laws, transgender issues, asylum guidelines, domestic partner benefits and parenting laws may offer a gauge for what LGBTQ travelers can expect outside the U.S. Other research topics, such as street violence, police harassment or “social cleansing” practices that might be common, can complete the picture if other resources are not direct or clear. Internet resources to help with researching climates for LGBTQ students are listed in the handbook bibliography.

**BECOME FAMILIAR WITH AUSTRALIA AND THE U.S. BEFORE YOU GO**

**GETTING TO KNOW AUSTRALIA: TALK TO YOUR FELLOW STUDENTS!**

One of the best ways to start preparing for your experience is to do some background reading and research on Australia. Familiarize yourself with the current political situation and educational systems, historical background, current events, customs, and cultural norms. Go to your library or ask to talk to a faculty or staff member who has had experience in Australia. See if you can find the answers to many of the questions in the Crossing Cultures section on the CIP website. You may also arrange to talk with one of the students who has been there in the past. You have had the opportunity to do this during your orientation, but oftentimes individual conversations are extremely helpful. Former participants will be your best sources of information. They know what it’s like to be in your shoes as you try to imagine what the next several months will hold.

**KNOW WHAT’S GOING ON IN THE U.S.**

Some people have had the embarrassing experience to learn that people abroad seem to know more about U.S. history and politics than they themselves do. This often tends to be the case in Australia! You can expect to be asked your opinion about current events and U.S. politics -- you can also expect to hear the opinions of others, and not all of them will be complimentary of the U.S. Should such a situation arise, the best advice is to remain respectful, even when disagreeing, and to resist the temptation to criticize Australia, as you are a guest. Start keeping abreast of current events and continue to do so while you’re in Australia.

**SPEAKING AUSTRALIAN?**

While English is the most commonly spoken language in Australia, Americans are unfamiliar with much of the slang that is present in the Australian dialect. Be prepared to hear uncommon phrases and pronunciations. Usually Australians are more than willing to explain a certain phrase. Also,
the “Beyond the Outback” pre-departure booklet from the Australian Education Office offers a section on terms used in Australia, and their meanings. Looking through these will help you to avoid misunderstandings!

RETURNING TO THE UNITED STATES

YOUR RETURN FLIGHT TO THE U.S.
The airlines require that any change after departure must be done in person directly with the airline. This means the bearer of the ticket (i.e., you, the student) must make this change personally, and any change charges will be applied.

PREPARE FOR YOUR RETURN
As the end of your program approaches, you will likely experience a wide range of emotions and reactions. Just as you needed to prepare for your stay in Perth before leaving the United States, you will also need to take care of many important details as your program comes to an end. As you are preparing to leave, please remember the following:

- Do not take back items made of animal hides or any agricultural products, as you will not be able to pass through U.S. customs.
- Don’t forget to set aside some U.S. cash for the trip home.
- Remember: when completing customs forms, a trip to the countryside or to Laverton does not constitute time spent on a farm. Answering otherwise on the customs form when re-entering the U.S. will make for a long chat with immigration officials concerned about parasites, etc.

Also, the Center for International Programs’ Peer Advisers – seniors who have returned from studying abroad that organize campus events and help advise students on their study abroad experience – put together a list of recommended things to do several weeks BEFORE you leave for the US, and before you do any post-program travel. These are great things to do to prepare yourself for the end of the program and for the reverse culture shock you may experience when you return to the United States. The Peer Advisers, who have experienced the reintegration process, wish that they, themselves, had done the following:

- Take photos of your campus, living space, neighborhood, and surrounding areas so you can remember them and share them with your family and friends back home.
- Definitely set time aside for thorough ‘last’ goodbyes with friends and host families.
- Enjoy some of your favorite foods that you may not be able to get in the United States.
- Re-visit a place you went to when you first arrived and reflect on how that place feels differently now.

- Start thinking of ways to be upfront with your family and friends back home about how you are feeling – write emails or make phone calls to share what you will miss from study abroad and ask them to be patient with you when you have ups and downs as you reintegrate.

**RETURNING HOME**

Going home is usually a very exciting prospect. Most students look forward to seeing family and friends they have missed, eating food they haven’t had for so long and enjoying activities that may not have been possible during study abroad.

Remember that returning home is also a transition very similar to your arrival in Australia. Just like your arrival, you can expect to feel frustration, anxiety and confusion at home, on your campus and with your friends. Craig Storti puts it this way in *The Art of Crossing Cultures*:

“The problem is this word home. It suggests a place and a life all set up and waiting for us; all we have to do is “move-in.” But home isn’t a place we merely inhabit; it’s a lifestyle we construct (wherever we go), a pattern of routines, habits and behaviors associated with certain people, places and objects—all confined to a limited area or neighborhood. We can certainly construct a home back in our own culture—just as we did abroad—but there won’t be one waiting for us when we arrive...In other words, no one goes home; rather we return to our native country and in due course we create a home.”

At the foundation of this transition is the task of determining what to do with the changes that have occurred while you were away and the changes that have taken place within you as a result of your time in Australia. Life for your family, friends and teachers probably will not be the same as when you departed, but you were not there to gradually adjust to those changes with them. And they have not been able to get used to the things that are different about you.

Hardly anyone avoids the discomfort of this period of growth, but the good news is you will eventually find a way to include your new ideas, skills and outlook in your life back in the U.S. Here are a few questions to consider before your return. Your answers may help you recognize the changes that have occurred during your sojourn.

- What have I learned about Australia’s culture that I did not know previously? In what ways has this changed my view of Australia?
- By being abroad and able to compare my culture with a different culture, what have I learned about the history, values and traditions that make up my home culture?
- While I was away, what significant events have occurred in my country, my family, in my hometown, among my friends and on campus?
- How have my personal values changed because of my study abroad experience?
In what ways have my stereotypes or biases changed?

What new skills have I developed (e.g. adaptation skills, second language proficiency, sensitivity, etc) and how might I maintain them?

How can I express these changes to my friends, family and teachers?

What might I do to continue to deepen my understanding of Australia?
ADVICE FROM PAST-PARTICIPANTS

RECOMMENDED THINGS TO DO

“Join the Student Guild…the discounts are great and there are PE and craft classes you can take through them. There are many options ranging from pilates and yoga, to martial arts and bartending courses. I personally took a 6 week surfing course which I would recommend to anyone wanting to learn to surf. – The classes require an additional cost, like the ‘K’ PE classes” – Ashlee Steudle K’10

“Definitely check out AFL [Australian football—a mixture of rugby, soccer, and American football] if you are there in season. The games are fun even for those who aren’t into sports.” – Jansi Maganti

“Take a wine tour to the Swan Valley. The Swan Valley is located outside of Perth and there are many day tours which leave right from Perth.”

“Eat Tim Tams...they are the best cookies ever. Try an espreski at a Dome coffee shop.”

“Oktoberfest is a big deal, so make sure you buy your tickets the day they go on sale. They sold out about midday the first day they went on sale to the public (members can buy early).”

“You should try kangaroo steak and Vegemite at least once, and emu sausages were pretty good too. Also try Anzac cookies.”

LIVING IN PERTH: CULTURE AND CITY LIFE

“Like most cities around the world, many places close early in Perth—so beware!” “Perth businesses close at 5PM everyday but Thursday (open till 9PM). The citizens of Perth like it this way, even voting to keep it as is a few elections back. There’s still some nightlife, pubs and such, restaurants, etc., but don’t count on anything like a 24-hour Meijer. When 5PM rolls around, the city really does stop. You get used to it very easily; it just requires you to plan ahead sometimes when you need to go someplace.”

“There isn’t much culture shock in going Down Under. The U.S. and Australia are both well-developed nations, which have English as a primary language and love heavy-hitting sports. To a certain degree,
studying abroad in Australia is like studying abroad in the U.S. only they drive on the opposite side and you tan faster, especially in Sydney.”

“Drinking champagne before noon on Christmas is a tradition, along with going to the beach.”

“A lot of people go out for arvo (Sunday afternoon) and have a couple of drinks before heading home for the evening.”

SLANG
“People actually do say “mate,” as well as “cheers,” “ta,” “how are ya going” (pronounced in a slur), and some people add “hey” onto the back of their sentences,” “pissed’ doesn’t mean angry, it means drunk.”

“Never say rooting— as in rooting for the Red Wings— In Australia, it means you’re sleeping with the Red Wings (to put it nicely).”

“Don’t offer to show any Aussie your awesome Australian accent. They will not be impressed.”

RECOMMENDED PLACES TO VISIT
- Northbridge (downtown Perth) offers night life, coffee shops, restaurants, bars etc.
- King’s Park (“a gorgeous park that you can get to easily by bus”)
- Perth Zoo
- Underwater World
- Downtown Perth: Hay Street and Murray Street Malls
- Carousel (“a huge mall with good shopping”)
- Rottnest Island – near Perth
- Fremantle
- Cottesloe and Scarborough (the main beaches) are easily accessed by train (about thirty minutes away from Curtin campus)
TRAVEL ADVICE

“If I could do anything over again, I would travel more around Western Australia to see the natural landscapes to the north.”

“Planning trips anywhere around Australia is very costly because everything is a flight or long drive.”

“If you make it over to Sydney, climb the bridge!”

“Cairns is where the Great Barrier Reef is located...winter is not a very good time to go if you are planning to snorkel.”

“Take the initiative to make travel plans in advance, it really pays off to make the most of your free time, wherever you go!”

“The most valuable trip I took while abroad was to Laverton. For just $40, CV! will fly you out into the outback, put you up in a house in Laverton and spend the weekend in this unforgettable Aboriginal town. You’ll do a different community service project for any weekend you should visit and you’ll have the chance to learn more about Australia in one of those weekends than perhaps your entire time abroad.”

“I would highly recommend taking a 7 day tour from Perth to Exmouth with a local travel guide. I did this on my own and it was the best thing I ever did. I met a great bunch of people and saw the most amazing things, like pinnacles, a whole beach of shells, Dolphins coming up to you on the beach, sea turtles, wild horses, camels, and kangaroos (of course). We hiked down a gorge and went snorkeling to see the coral reef, and went on a boat ride, and met the Princess of Hunt River Province.”

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