

**Western Australia Study Abroad Trip**  
**([www.West-Oz.com](http://www.West-Oz.com) & [www.westernaustralia.com](http://www.westernaustralia.com))**  
**Summer Semester 2006**  
**June 3<sup>rd</sup> to June 29<sup>th</sup>**

**NASHVILLE** (June 3<sup>rd</sup>):

Depart Nashville at 5:21pm on American Airlines nonstop to Los Angeles.

**LOS ANGELES** (June 3<sup>rd</sup>)

Arrive in L.A. at 7:37pm from Nashville and depart on Qantas for Australia at 10:30pm

**SYDNEY** (June 5<sup>th</sup>)

Arrive in Sydney at 6:05am and depart on Qantas for Perth at 8:20am.

**PERTH** (June 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>)

Arrive in Perth at 11:10am

"The Capital City of Western Australia"

**Lodging** at Banksia Tourist Village (<http://www.banksiatourist.com.au/>)

**Things to do** (<http://www.countrywide.com.au/attractions/index.html>):

**Kalgoorlie:** This city is about 375 miles east of Perth. If time permits and the train fares are low enough, this would be a great one-day event. Kalgoorlie has the famous "Super Pit" as a result of the gold mining industry.

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**Kings Park & Botanic Garden:** Perth's most visited attraction. Shopping too!

**Perth Hills Wineries** (<http://www.winediva.com.au/regions/perth-hills.asp> and [http://www.wineweb.com/map\\_w\\_australia.html](http://www.wineweb.com/map_w_australia.html)): Abbey Creek Vineyard, Ashley Park, Briery Estate, Brookside Vineyard, Carosa Vineyard, Chidlow Brook, Chittering Estate, Darlington Vineyard, Hainault, Lawnbrook Estate Wines, Piesse Brook, Rosily Vineyard, Scarp Valley, and Walsh Family Winery.

**Western Australian Maritime Museum:** "Most exciting museum afloat." Submarines and shipwreck galleries.

**Beaches**

**Swan Bell Towers:** World's largest Instruments! 12 Bells in a tower located on Trafalgar Square.

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**Fremantle Prison:** Learn about Australia during the convict era from the 1850s to the maximum-security era until the 1990s.

**And lots more!**

**MT. MAGNET** (June 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>)

“One of Australia’s Oldest Mining Settlements”

**Lodging** at Mount Magnet Hotel (Ph: (08) 9963 4002)

**Things to do** (<http://www.smh.com.au/news/Western-Australia/Mount-Magnet/2005/02/17/1108500208552.html>):

**Warrambo Hill (Old Mount Magnet):** An overview of the mines.

**The Granites:** A rocky outcrop with Aboriginal art!

**Paynes Find:** Named after Tom Payne who discovered gold at Sandstone. Located here is nothing more than a roadhouse, Tavern and an old mine.

**Perth to Mt. Magnet:** 569km (<http://rac.com.au/files/PerthMountMagnet03.pdf>)

**NEWMAN** (June 10<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>)

“A Model Mining Town.”

**Lodging** at Newman Motel Hotel (Ph: 01161891751101)

**Things to do** (<http://newman.west-oz.com/>):

**Outback Waterholes:** Pools of water, which are fed by spring water and water falls.

**BHP Mount Whaleback Iron Ore Mine:** The largest iron ore mine in the world!

**Mt. Magnet to Newman:** 615km ([http://rac.com.au/files/Mag\\_PtH.pdf](http://rac.com.au/files/Mag_PtH.pdf))

**KARIJINI NATIONAL PARK via Wittenoom** (June 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>)

**Lodging** at Wittenoom Holiday Homes (Ph: 01161891897096)

**Karijini National Park:**

([http://www.calm.wa.gov.au/national\\_parks/previous\\_parks\\_month/karijini.html](http://www.calm.wa.gov.au/national_parks/previous_parks_month/karijini.html) and <http://www.westernaustralia.com/en/search/product.htm?ID=9001606>): This is

Australia’s second largest national park. It is home to the most scenic gorges in the world and located just north of the Tropic of Capricorn!

**Newman to Wittenoom:** 190km ([http://rac.com.au/files/Mag\\_PtH.pdf](http://rac.com.au/files/Mag_PtH.pdf))

**PORT HEDLAND** (June 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>)

“Iron Ore Industry Town”

**Lodging** at Port Hedland Caravan Park

(<http://www.hedlandcaravanpark.com.au/>)

**June 13<sup>th</sup>:** Visit **80 Mile Beach** ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eighty\\_Mile\\_Beach](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eighty_Mile_Beach))

**Things to do** (<http://www.porthedland.wa.gov.au/town> and <http://www.totaltravel.com.au/travel/wa/pilbara/outbackadventure/guide/port-hedland-attractions>):

**Town Observation Tower:** See the whole town!

**Courthouse Arts and Gallery Centre:** Indigenous Arts and Crafts.

**The Port Area:** A major shipping port.

**Cultural and Heritage Trail:** Historic landmarks!

**Dalgety House:** A museum and interpretive centre.

**Stairway to the Moon:** Full moon days only since this event is dependent on it. It's the reflection of the moon off the Indian Ocean while the tide recedes giving the illusion of stairs to the moon. This event only lasts 15 minutes. And guess what? There will be a full moon on June 11<sup>th</sup> and so we'll get to see it!

**Koombana Lookout:** Panoramic views which you can see forever on a clear day!

**Cape Keraudren Nature Reserve:** The beginning of Eighty Mile Beach. Seashell hunting, white sands, mud crabs and aquamarine waters. However, this is located 151km northeast of Port Hedland.

**Wittenoom to Port Hedland:** 264km ([http://rac.com.au/files/Mag\\_PtH.pdf](http://rac.com.au/files/Mag_PtH.pdf))

**CARNARVON** (June 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>)

"A Tropical Town"

**Lodging** at Carnarvon Central Apartments

(<http://www.carnarvonholidays.com/>)

**June 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and/or 17<sup>th</sup>:** Visit **Monkey Mia** (Shark Bay).

**Things to do:** (<http://carnarvon.west-oz.com/>):

**Blowholes** (70km north of Carnarvon): Water can be seen as high as 20 meters jetting from the coastal rocks.

**Sheep Station (OTC Earth Station):** NASA space-tracking station during 1969 and the 70s. "One small step for man. One giant leap for mankind" was made possible to hear because of this station. This station was critical for the Apollo missions!

**Gascoyne River (*The Upside-Down River*):** Runs mostly underground, hence *the upside-down river*! It flows regularly on average for about 120 days a year and the remainder of the year below the dry-river bed.

**One Mile Jetty:** The "Coffee Pot" train across a jetty into the Indian Ocean for about a mile in total length. This shows off the fishing industry.

**Munro's Banana Plantation:** Fresh Bananas!

**Beaches**

**Port Hedland to Carnarvon:** 875km

(<http://rac.com.au/files/CarnarvonPortHedland02.pdf>)

**GERALDTON** (June 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>)

"Lobster Capital of Australia"

**Lodging** at Mahomets Village (<http://www.mahometsvillage.com/>)

**Things to do** (<http://www.auinfo.com/Geraldton-western-australia.html>):

**Coral Reef:** Snorkeling and SCUBA.

**White Sandy Beaches:** Swimming, fishing, and relaxing.

**Chapman Valley Wines** (<http://www.chapmanvalleywines.com.au/>): Most recognizable are Shiraz (a unique Australian character), Chardonnay, Merlot, Zinfandel, and Cabernet. This is Australia's northerly most winery!

**ACDC:** Arts and Cultural Development Council Community Gallery. A showcase of local art!

**Geraldton Regional Art Gallery:** More art!

**Ellendale Pool:** A natural pool. Great for a picnic! It has facilities to accommodate the basic necessities.

**Geraldton Meteorological Office Staff Tours:** Visit between 12:15pm and 1:30pm. Call (08) 99 233671. Do they predict the weather by viewing maps "upside-down?"

**Live Cray Factory Tours:** See the multi million-dollar lobster industry!

**Carnarvon to Geraldton:** 479km

(<http://rac.com.au/files/CarnarvonPortHedland02.pdf>)

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**Geraldton to Perth:** 426km (<http://rac.com.au/files/PerthCarnarvon03.pdf>)

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>:** depart Perth at 12:25 on Qantas to Sydney

**SYDNEY** (June 22<sup>nd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>)

Arrive in Sydney at 6:20pm

"The Most Famous City of Australia"

**Lodging** at Challis Lodge (<http://www.budgethotelssydney.com/aboutchallis.htm>)

**Things to do** (<http://www.sydney.com.au/>)

**The Sydney Harbor Bridge Climb:** A 3.5 hour climb to the top of Sydney's tallest bridge (440ft msl), which overlooks the famous Opera House and Sydney harbor.

**The Opera House:** The famous shell-shaped opera house that sits on the harbor of Sydney. As legend is told, the guy that designed the opera house has not yet seen his creation with his own eyes. He left Australia fearing for his life since the actual cost of the house ended being at least 3 times more than what he estimated.

**The Sydney Tower:** Panoramic view of Sydney. It stretches 854ft above Sydney!

**Hunter Valley Wine Region** (<http://www.winecountry.com.au/>): Australia's most well known wine regions!

**Sydney Sky Walk:** Walk on top of the Sydney Tower, which is 879 feet in height.

**Double Decker Bus Tour:** See Sydney on the open upper level deck! You will get to see the Opera House, Sydney Harbor Bridge, Bondi Beach, Sydney Aquarium, Town Hall and The Rocks.

**Shark Dive Extreme:** Take a plunge into the water to see sharks, stingrays, sea turtles, and other marine life.

**Blue Mountains:** The 2000 Olympic Games site! Of course mountains and beautiful scenery – Absolutely Gorgeous! A must see! (<http://www.bluemts.com.au/tourist/>)

**Sydney Cycling Tour:** Tour Sydney on a bicycle and visit the famous sites.

**And lots more!**

**June 29<sup>th</sup>:** Depart Sydney at 10:50am on Qantas to Los Angeles.

**LOS ANGELES** (June 29<sup>th</sup>)

Arrive in Los Angeles from Sydney at 7:10am and depart on American Airlines for Nashville at 10:10am with service through St. Louis.

**ST. LOUIS** (June 29<sup>th</sup>)

Arrive in St. Louis from L.A. at 3:45pm depart for Nashville on American Airlines at 6pm.

**NASHVILLE** (June 29<sup>th</sup>)

Touchdown in Nashville from St. Louis at 7:25pm.