

Australia: Design and Art

July 9th – 22, 2018

The Destination: Cairns, Melbourne, and Sydney, Australia

Australia is a diverse location where one can experience beautiful aquatic and coastal areas as well as the unique wildlife, nature, and food. Start by spending 3 days in Northern Australia in a coastal town, close to one of the 7 wonders of the world- the Great Barrier Reef. This is the perfect place to start our experience as we learn about the culture and history of Australia. Then travel south to the busy city of Sydney, the perfect place to study and learn while touring famous buildings, museums, restaurants, shops, and attending a show at the Sydney Opera house. An evening bridge climb is available for those who want to feed an adrenaline rush. Then head further south to Melbourne, where you will connect with other students, and experience leading design and architecture firms. Finally, finish the program studying zoological design at animal sanctuaries and an excursion to Phillip Island.

The Course: INT-311 Global Perspectives in Interior Design (3 credits)

This course combines collaborative effort and hands-on teamwork to focus on national and global design issues, and human factors through exposure to contemporary issues, historical architecture and design, varying dynamics, other cultures, and different economic groups.

The Experience Highlights:

This experience aims to look at the evolution of design and design professionalism from indigenous aboriginal civilizations, to international education at partner colleges such as RMIT, and then take students to the top design firm in the world to do a mentorship experience and tours of internationally acclaimed design projects. The experience will show students innovative and sustainable designs, and forward thinking design approaches, and provide the context for the evolution to this point in design professionalism while highlighting some significant architecture and interior design along the way through tours and excursions.

- Work with RMIT design students in Melbourne
- Tour the different regions, cities, hotels, buildings, and museums in these locations
- Snorkeling at the beautiful Great Barrier Reef (one of the 7 wonders of the world)
- Mentorship at Hirsch Bedner Associates (HBA)
- Visit different wildlife sanctuaries to study zoological and sustainable design
- Sydney Opera House for tour and evening show



“Do everything in your power to study abroad; it is worth every single penny.”

– Kirkwood student, 2017 program

Estimated Program Fee: \$4,150

\$1,000 Global Advantage Scholarship available!

Includes:

Airfare
Housing
Some Meals
Health Insurance
Many Cultural
Excursions
Most In-Country Transit

Does not include:

Tuition – 3 summer credits
Passport Fee
Personal Expenses

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Tentative Program Itinerary:

- Tuesday, July 9 (Day 1): Depart Cedar Rapids
- Thursday, July 11 (Day 2/Day 3): Travel to Australia (Day Loss), Check into Cairns Harbour Lights Hotel
- Friday, July 12 (Day 4): Visit Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park, Dinner at Bazaar market place
- Saturday, July 13 (Day 5): Visit the great Barrier Reef for snorkeling, Free night for self-exploration
- Sunday, July 14 (Day 6): flight to Sydney and check into hotel Sydney walking tour, Sydney Bridge climb (optional)
- Monday, July 15 (Day 7): Aurora Place, Macquarie Towers, Visit Shangri la and Four Seasons hotel, Art Gallery of New South Wales, and free evening
- Tuesday, July 16 (Day 8): Le Corbusier walking tour, Sydney Opera House tour and evening show
- Wednesday, July 17 (Day 9): Travel to Melbourne, Meet with RMIT faculty and design students
- Thursday, July 18 (Day 10): Morning with RMIT design students afternoon at Maru Koala Park animal sanctuary
- Friday, July 19 (Day 11): Mentorship/Tour at Hirsch Bedner Associates (HBA), and building tours
- Saturday, July 20 (Day 12): Tour local interiors and buildings, Evening is yours to explore
- Sunday, July 21 (Day 13): Philip Island day tour and wildlife sanctuary and sustainable study
- Monday, July 22 (Day 14): Depart Melbourne



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