

Sample Itinerary
**Australia and New Zealand: Sydney, Great Barrier Reef, Outback, Sunshine Beach, Queenstown,
 Fiordland, and Aoraki/Mount Cook**

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Notes: This itinerary is a sample of potential program activities, deviations may be expected. The itinerary below is for courses in Sustainable Development: Some modifications (mostly in content, not activities) will occur for other courses. Many meals provided (not listed here).

Destination	Date	Time	Lecture Topic or Activity	Contact Hours
Pre-departure			Program orientation	2L
			Online pre-departure lecture: An overview to Discover Abroad	1.5L
			Online pre-departure lectures: An introduction to Australia and New Zealand society, politics, economy and environment	3L
Sydney	Day 1	10:00 – 14:00	Koala Park Sanctuary and welcome lunch	.5L, 2F
		16:00 – 18:00	Orientation and dinner	1.5L
			Free evening	
Sydney	Day 2	8:00 – 9:00	Traditional Aboriginal welcome	1L
		9:30 – 11:00	Socio-political history of Sydney and Australia	1.5L
		11:15 – 12:45	Introduction to Australian biogeography	1.5L
			Free afternoon	
Sydney	Day 3		Free morning	
		11:00	Rocks guided tour	1L, 1F
		14:00	Heritage conservation and tourism development: Manly Beach field trip	1L, 1F
Sydney to Lady Elliot Island (Great Barrier Reef)	Day 4	9:30	Fly to Hervey Bay and onward to Lady Elliot Island	
		14:00 – 16:00	Orientation to Lady Elliot Island	2L
		16:30 – 17:30	Overview of the Great Barrier Reef	1L
		19:00 –	Management of coral reefs	1L

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Lady Elliot Island	Day 5	8:00 – 9:00	Biology of corals	1L
		9:30 – 12:00	Interpretive boat snorkel	1L, 1.5F
		13:00 – 16:00	Reef animal observations or photography <i>Optional diving for certified divers</i>	2.5F
		16:30 – 18:00	Reef diversity and interactions	1.5L
		19:00 – 20:30	Movie <i>Optional night dive for divers</i>	
Lady Elliot Island	Day 6	8:00 – 9:00	Research design	1L
		9:30 – Noon	Data collection and snorkelling	2.5F
		13:00 – 16:00	Data analysis and write-up	3F
		19:00 – 20:30	Presentations	1.5F
Lady Elliot Island to Carnarvon Gorge	Day 7	8:00	Depart for Carnarvon Gorge	
		19:00 – 20:30	Night walk and nocturnal wildlife spotting	1.5F
Carnarvon Gorge	Day 8	9:00 - Noon	Introduction to Carnarvon National Park and indigenous workshop	3L
		13:30 – 16:30	Boolimba Bluff guided hike: Human culture and the environment	1L, 2F
Carnarvon Gorge	Day 9	7:30 – 14:00	Guided walk to Arts Gallery: Aboriginal culture and sacred places Free afternoon	1.5L, 2.5F
		19:00 – 21:00	Southern Skies Star Gazing	2F
Carnarvon Gorge to Noosa, Sunshine Beach	Day 10	7:00	Travel day	
		19:00 – 21:00	Welcome to Noosa and introduction to sense of place	2L
Noosa	Day 11	8:00	Introduction to social science research project	1L
		9:30 -	Arts and craft market and data collection: The	2F

		Noon	Original Eumundi Market (largest in Australia)	
		13:30 – 15:30	Noosa National Park: Management issues and wildlife	1L, 1F
		15:30	Optional swim on Main Beach	
Noosa	Day 12	8:00	Introduction to Socio-scientific issues simulation	1L
		9:30	Noosa Spit and Hastings Street guided walk	1L, 2F
			Free afternoon	
		19:00 – 21:00	SSI presentation	2L
Noosa to New Zealand	Day 13		Noosa to Queenstown, New Zealand	
		19:00 – 21:00	Introduction to human – environment relations in New Zealand	2L
Queenstown	Day 14	8:00 – 9:30	Introduction to Queenstown: Tourism and development	1.5L
		10:00	Introduction to New Zealand wildlife	1.5L
		13:00 – 17:00	Ben Lomond guided hike: Environmental systems	1L, 3F
Doubtful Sound, Fiordland National Park	Day 15	8:00	Travel to Deep Cove, Doubtful Sound	
		14:00 – 16:00	Doubtful Sound and carrying capacities: Conflicting uses of a national park	2L
Doubtful Sound	Day 16	08:30 – 10:30	Brasell Track guided hike	1L, 1F
		Noon – 15:30	Doubtful Sound cruise: National Park heritage, conservation, and tourism	1L, 2F
		20:00	Bush survival skills and glow-worm search	1L, 1F
Queenstown	Day 17	8:00	Return to Queenstown	
		19:00 – 20:30	Adventure tourism management: Balancing business with resource conservation	1.5L
Queenstown	Day 18		Free day	
Queenstown to Aoraki/Mt Cook	Day 19	8:00	Depart for Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park (Fork farm en route)	1L
		11:00 – 12:00	MacKenzie basin: The world's first Starscape National Park?	.5L, .5F
		13:30 – 16:00	Green power: Realities and potentials at Benmore with Peninsula hike and talk	1L, 2.5F
Aoraki/Mt Cook	Day 20	8:00 – 17:00	Hooker valley interpretive hike and field project: The Alpine environment	2L, 4F

		19:00 – 21:00	Tenure review and conservation management in the South Island high country	1L
Aoraki/Mt Cook to Kaikoura	Day 21	8:00	Travel to Kaikoura	
			Free evening	
Kaikoura	Day 22	8:00 - Noon	Swim with dolphins: Wildlife habitat in the Pacific Ocean continental shelf	2F
		Noon	The Dolphin Encounter story and lunch	1L
		14:00	Green tourism and business	1.5L
		19:00 20:30 –	Indigenous cosmology and conservation in New Zealand	1.5L
Kaikoura	Day 23		Free morning	
		13:00 – 17:00	Program final assessments, evaluation and closing	4L
			Farewell dinner	
			Free evening	
Kaikoura to Christchurch	Day 24		Depart for the U.S. or Fiji	

Contact Hours

Lecture hours: 64

Field hours: 42 field hours (using 2 field hours = 1 lecture hour) = 21

Total contact (lecture equivalent) hours: 85 (6 credit course)