

Sample Itinerary
Australia Queensland: Sydney, Brisbane, Outback, Sunshine Coast, Great Barrier Reef
Sustaining Human Societies and the Natural Environment

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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
Sydney	Day 1	10:00 – 15:00	Koala Park Sanctuary and welcome lunch	3F
			Free late afternoon and evening	
Sydney	Day 2	8:00 – 9:00	Traditional Aboriginal welcome	1L
		9:15 – 10:45	In-country orientation	1.5L
		11:00 – 12:30	History of Sydney and Australia	1.5L
			Free afternoon	
Sydney	Day 3	8:30 – 10:00	Introduction to Australian politics and society	1.5L
		10:15 – 11:45	Introduction to Australia's biogeography	1.5L
		13:00 – 17:00	Field activity relevant to specific course	1L, 3F
Sydney	Day 4	8:30 – 10:00	Heritage conservation and tourism development	1.5L
		10:00 – Noon	Rocks guided tour	2F
		13:30 – 17:30	Field activity relevant to specific course	1L, 3F
Sydney	Day 5	8:00 – 17:00	Manly Beach all day field trip: Beach tourism, Quarantine Station, environmental conservation, and Bradley's Head	2L 5F
		19:00 – 22:00	Sydney Opera House	
Sydney	Day 6		Free day	

Sydney to Brisbane	Day 7		Fly to Brisbane and onto Hervey Bay	
			Free afternoon	
Lady Elliot Island	Day 8	9:30	Fly to Lady Elliot Island	
		14:00 – 16:00	Orientation to Lady Elliot Island	2L
		16:30 – 17:30	Ecotourism and managing an island resort	1L
		19:00 – 20:00	Overview of the Great Barrier Reef	1L
Lady Elliot Island	Day 9	8:00 – 9:00	Biology of corals	1L
		9:30 – 12:00	Boat snorkel	2.5F
		13:00 – 16:00	Reef walk <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 10	8:00 – 9:00	Threats to coral reefs	1L
		9:30 – 10:30	Project design and discussion	1L
		11:00 – 16:00	Data collection and snorkelling	3F
		19:00 – 20:30	Management of coral reef systems	1.5F
Lady Elliot Island	Day 11	8:00 – 11:00	Presentation of project results	3L
			Free afternoon	
Lady Elliot Island to Noosa	Day 12	19:00 – 20:30	Introduction to Noosa and sustainable development activities	1.5L
Noosa	Day 13	8:00 – 9:00	Introduction to Noosa research project	1L
		9:15 –	Noosa Biosphere reserve and sustainability	1L

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		10:30 – 12:00	Sustainable planning and healthy communities: An Exploration of Hastings Street and Spit	2F
		13:00 – 16:00	Guided walk in Noosa National Park: Wildland – urban interface (and time for koala spotting)	1L, 2F
Noosa	Day 14	7:30 – 10:30	Interpretive trip on the Noosa River	1L, 2F
		11:00 – 16:00	Data collection, analysis, and presentation preparation	1.5F
Noosa	Day 15	8:00 - Noon	Noosa project presentations	4L
			Free afternoon	
Noosa	Day 16	6:30 – 18:30	All day guided field trip to Fraser Island World Heritage Area: Aboriginal history, sustainable tourism development, and environmental issues	2L, 6F
Noosa to Carnarvon Gorge	Day 17	8:00	Depart for Carnarvon Gorge	
		19:00 – 20:30	Night walk and nocturnal wildlife spotting	1.5F
Carnarvon Gorge	Day 18	9:00 – 12:00	Introduction to Carnarvon National Park	3L
		13:30 – 16:30	Guided walk to Wagaroo Gorge	3F
Carnarvon Gorge	Day 19	7:30 – 11:30	Boolimba Bluff exercise: Effects of geology on human cultures	4F
		19:00 – 21:00	Southern Skies Star Gazing	2F
Carnarvon Gorge	Day 20	7:30 – 14:30	Guided walk and discussion of Aboriginal rock art	7F
Carnarvon Gorge	Day 21		Travel to Brisbane	
Brisbane	Day 22	9:00 – 13:00	Course-specific lecture and field activity	2L, 2F
			Free afternoon	
Brisbane	Day 23	8:30 – 10:30	Program evaluation and Survey B	2L
		10:30 –	Final exam	3L

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		Free afternoon
	17:00	Farwell dinner

Brisbane	Day 24	Depart for U.S. or Fiji or Tahiti
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Contact Hours

Lecture hours: 48

Field hours: 60 field hours (using 2 field hours = 1 lecture hour) = 30

Field modules pre- and post- seminars plus independent study (n=4 at 3 hours): 12

Total contact (lecture equivalent) hours: 90 (6 credit course)

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