

Sample Itinerary  
**Australia and New Zealand: Sydney, Brisbane, Great Barrier Reef, Outback, 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 |
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| Pre-departure                |       |               | Program orientation   | 2L            |
| 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  |               |
|                              |       | 13:00         | Rocks guided tour   | 1.5L          |
|                              |       | 14:30         | Heritage conservation and tourism development: Manly Beach field trip | 1.5L          |
| Sydney to Lady Elliot Island | Day 4 | 9:30          | Fly 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 – 20:00 | Management of coral reefs   | 1L            |
| Lady Elliot Island           | Day 5 | 8:00 – 9:00   | Biology of corals   | 1L            |
|                              |       | 9:30 – 12:00  | Boat snorkel  | 2.5F          |

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|   |        | 13:00 –<br>16:00 | Reef animal observations or photography<br><i>Optional diving for certified divers</i> | 2.5F   |
|   |        | 16:30 –<br>18:00 | Reef diversity and interactions  | 1.5L   |
|   |        | 19:00 –<br>20:30 | Movie<br><i>Optional night dive for divers</i>   |        |
| Lady Elliot Island                          | Day 6  | 8:00 –<br>9:00   | Research design  | 1L     |
|   |        | 9:30 –<br>Noon   | Data collection and snorkelling  | 2.5F   |
|   |        | 13:00 –<br>16:00 | Data analysis and write-up   | 3F     |
|   |        | 19:00 –<br>20:30 | Presentations  | 1.5F   |
| Lady Elliot Island<br>to Carnarvon<br>Gorge | Day 7  | 8:00             | Depart for Carnarvon Gorge   |        |
|   |        | 19:00 –<br>20:30 | Night walk and nocturnal wildlife spotting   | 1.5F   |
| Carnarvon Gorge                             | Day 8  | 9:00 –<br>12:00  | Introduction to Carnarvon National Park  | 3L     |
|   |        | 13:30 –<br>16:30 | Guided walk to Wagaroo Gorge: Animal behavior<br>or interdisciplinary arts             | 3F     |
| Carnarvon Gorge                             | Day 9  | 7:30 –<br>11:30  | Boolimba Bluff exercise: Human culture and the<br>environment                          | 4F     |
|   |        | 19:00 –<br>21:00 | Southern Skies Star Gazing   | 2F     |
| Carnarvon Gorge<br>to Brisbane              | Day 10 |                  | Travel to Brisbane   |        |
|   |        | 19:00 –<br>21:00 | Introduction to human – environment relations in<br>New Zealand                        | 2L     |
| Brisbane to New<br>Zealand                  | Day 11 |                  | Brisbane to Queenstown, New Zealand  |        |
|   |        | 19:00 –<br>21:00 | Introduction to New Zealand ecology  | 2L     |
| Queenstown                                  | Day 12 | 8:00 –<br>9:30   | Introduction to Queenstown: Tourism and<br>development                                 | 1.5L   |
|   |        | 10:00            | Introduction to New Zealand wildlife   | 1.5L   |
|   |        | 13:00 –<br>17:00 | Ben Lomond guided hike: Environmental systems  | 1L, 3F |

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| Doubtful Sound, Fjordland National Park | Day 13 | 6:30          | Overnight trip to Doubtful Sound and Lake Manapouri: Conflicting uses of a national park        | 1.5L, 4F |
| Doubtful Sound                          | Day 14 | 08:30 – 17:00 | Brasell Track hike and Doubtful Sound cruise: National Park heritage, conservation, and tourism | 2L, 3F   |
|   |        | 19:00 – 21:00 | Bush survival skills and glow-worm search   | 1L, 1F   |
| Queenstown                              | Day 15 | 8:00          | Return to Queenstown  |          |
|   |        | 19:00 – 20:30 | Adventure tourism management: Balancing business with resource conservation                     | 1.5L     |
| Queenstown                              | Day 16 |               | Free day  |          |
| Queenstown to Aoraki/Mt Cook            | Day 17 | 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 18 | 8:00 – 17:00  | Hooker valley self-guided hike and field project  | 6F       |
|   |        | 19:00 – 21:00 | Tenure review and conservation management in the South Island high country                      | 1L       |
| Aoraki/Mt Cook to Kaikoura              | Day 19 | 8:00          | Travel to Kaikoura  |          |
|   |        |               | Free evening  |          |
| Kaikoura                                | Day 20 | 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 – 19:30 | Maori Tours and hangi (feast): Indigenous relations in New Zealand                              | 2L, 2F   |
| Kaikoura to Wellington                  | Day 21 |               | Depart for Picton and Inter-Islander ferry  |          |
|   |        |               | Free evening  |          |
| Wellington                              | Day 22 | 8:30          | Kaori Wildlife Sanctuary: Guided tour   | 1.5L, 2F |
|   |        | 14:00 – 17:00 | Te Papa, The National Museum: Guided Maori tour   | 1L, 2F   |
|   |        |               | Free evening  |          |
| Wellington                              | Day 23 | 9:00 –        | Kapiti Island: Predator-free conservation guided  | 3L, 3F   |

15:00 field trip  
18:00 – Farewell dinner and closing  
21:00

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Day 24

Depart for the U.S. or Fiji or Tahiti

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Contact Hours

Lecture hours: 50

Field hours: 56 field hours (using 2 field hours = 1 lecture hour) = 28

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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