

Sample Itinerary
Spring Semester Hawai'i, New Zealand, Australia, Tahiti

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Notes: This itinerary is a sample of potential program activities, deviations may be expected. Many meals provided (not listed here).

Destination	Date	Time	Lecture Topic or Activity	Contact Hours
Pre-departure (online)			Program orientation	3L
			Pre-departure lecture Discover Abroad	2L
			Pre-departure lecture Australia	1.5L
			Pre-departure lecture Fiji	2L
			Pre-departure lecture New Zealand	1L
Los Angeles to Hilo, Hawaii	Day 1	18:00 – 19:30	Welcome dinner, survey A and in-country orientation	1L
		19:30 – 21:00	Artists and the environment social program	1.5F
Hilo	Day 2	8:30 – 10:00	Natural and cultural history of Hawai'i at the Mokupapapa Discovery Center	1.5L
		10:30 - Noon	Biogeography of Hawaiian islands	1.5L
			Free afternoon	
Hilo	Day 3	9:00 – Noon	Anthropology I	3L
		14:00 – 21:00	Travel to Puna coastal region (including Geothermal Venture), Red Road, Cape Kumukahi, Kapoho tidal pools, Kalapana black sand beach, and evening lava-viewing at Royal Gardens, return to Hilo	1L, 3F
Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park	Day 4	8:00 – 11:00	Anthropology II	3L
		12:00 – 14:30	Coach transfer to Kilauea Summit (via Cape Kumukahi) and travel Crater Rim trail.	1L, 1F
		15:00 – 18:00	Welcome introductory lecture at Hawai'i Volcano Observatory; hike Kilauea Iki Trail and Thurston Lava Tube	1L, 1.5F
Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park	Day 5	8:30 – Noon	Morning guided hike: Mauna Ulu Trail (Pele's hairs and Pele's tears)	3F
		13:30 – 16:30	Anthropology III	3L
		19:00 – 21:00	Evening drive/hike to view the night-time coastal lava glow	2F
Kailua-Kona	Day 6	8:00 –	Depart for Kailua-Kona. En route: Green sands	2F

		13:00	Beach (Southernmost point in the US), Pakini Nui wind farm, Kula Kai Caverns lava tubes	
		14:00 – 19:00	Pu'uhonua o Honaunau National Historical Park (Place of Refuge) with guided snorkel in Kealakekua Bay (geological/biological features of active reef communities). Late arrival to Kona	1L, 3F
Kailua-Kona	Day 7	9:00 – Noon	Anthropology IV	3L
		13:00 – 14:30	Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawai'i at Keahole Point	1.5L
		14:30 – 19:00	White and black sand beaches: Manini'owali, Makalawena, Hapuna, and Kiholo Bay, including hike to Kiholo lagoon (discussion of Kamehameha the Great's engineering projects (deep water fish pond) and Hawaiian green turtles). Visit Pu'ukohola Heiau National Historic Site for a discussion/summary review of Hawaiian history.	3F
Kailua-Kona and Mauna Loa Summit	Day 8	7:00 – 15:00	All day trip to Mauna Kea: Old and new volcanic activity; atmospheric observations and global climate change; Mauna Kea visitor center; alpine Lake Waiao and Pleistocene glacial features	2L, 3F
		16:00 – 20:00	Arrive near Mauna Kea Summit with possible visit inside one of the observatories and short hike to summit to view the sunset. Return to Onizuka Visitor Information Center for star gazing before returning to Kona	1L, 1F
Kailua-Kona	Day 9	9:00 - Noon	Anthropology V	3L
			Free afternoon	
Kailua-Kona to Queenstown, New Zealand via Honolulu	Day 10	9:00 - Noon	Depart Hawaii (lose one day en route)	
Queenstown	Day 12	11:30 – 13:00	Welcome lunch and in-country orientation	1L
			Free afternoon	
Queenstown	Day 13	8:30 – 11:30	Ecology I	3L
		12:30 – 17:30	Ben Lomond interpretive hike: managing conflicting land uses	1L, 3F
Queenstown	Day 14	8:30 – 11:30	Ecology II	3L
		13:00 – 14:30	Introduction to New Zealand biogeography	1.5L
		15:00 – 17:00	Guided tour of Queenstown: Tourism and landscape change	1.5F

Queenstown	Day 15		Free day	
Doubtful Sound, Fiordland National Park	Day 16	6:30	Depart for Doubtful Sound and Lake Manapouri: Conflicting uses of a national park	1.5L, 3F
Doubtful Sound, Fiordland National Park	Day 17	8:00 – 13:00	National Park heritage, conservation, and tourism	1.5L, 3F
		15:30 – 17:00	Bush survival skills	1L, .5F
Doubtful Sound, Fiordland National Park	Day 18	8:00 – Noon	Doubtful Sound track: Ecology and History of the Sound	1L, 3F
		14:00 – 17:00	Ecology III	3L
Queenstown	Day 19	8:00	Return to Queenstown, via Te Anau bird park	1F
		18:00 – 21:00	Ecology IV	3L
Queenstown to Aoraki/Mt Cook	Day 20	8:00	Depart for Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park	
		10:00 – 11:30	Fork Farm: A family owned sheep farm (making a living in the Lake District)	.5L, 1F
		15:30 – 17:00	Ben Ohau station: Land management in the High Country	1L, .5F
Aoraki/Mt Cook	Day 21	8:00 – 9:30	Alpine conservation and recreation issues in Aoraki National Park: Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Center	1.5L
		10:00 – 15:00	High Country hike: Ecology and management of an alpine system	2L, 3F
		18:30 – 21:30	Ecology V	3L
Aoraki/Mt Cook	Day 22	9:00 – 10:30	Tenure review and conservation management in the South Island high country	1.5L
		13:00 – 17:00	High country hike: Conflicting demands on a sensitive system	1L, 3F
Aoraki/Mt Cook to Kaikoura	Day 23		Travel day with stops en route to discuss hydropower and water issues	1L
		19:00 – 21:00	Group discussion: South Island conservation, the Big Picture	2L
Kaikoura	Day 24	8:00 – Noon	Swim with dolphins: Wildlife habitat in the continental shelf	3F
		Noon – 13:00	Dolphin Encounter story and brown bag lunch	1L
		15:00 – 21:00	Maori Tours and hangi (underground cooked indigenous meal)	2L, 2F

Kaikoura to Wellington	Day 25	9:00	Depart for Interislander ferry	
Wellington	Day 26		Free day	
Wellington	Day 27	9:00 – Noon	Massey University day and lectures	3L
		13:30 – 16:00	Kaori Wildlife Sanctuary: Guided tour	1L, 2F
Wellington	Day 28	8:00 – Noon	Mount Victoria guided hike: Landscape change and development in Wellington	1L, 2F
		13:00 – 17:00	Te Papa, The National Museum: Guided Maori tour plus self-guided exercises	1L, 2F
Wellington to Tongariro	Day 29	8:00 - 11:00	Travel to Tongariro	
		19:30 – 21:00	Natural history of Tongariro National Park	1.5L
Tongariro	Day 30		All-day hike Tongariro Crossing (The World's best one-day walk?): Maori legends and natural history of central New Zealand	2L, 4F
Tongariro to Wellington	Day 31	8:00 - Noon	Guided hike and introduction to the history of volcanic activity in the North Island Travel to Wellington	1L, 2F
	Days 32 – 38		Spring Break	
Sydney	Day 39	16:00 – 18:00	Australia in-country program orientation	1.5L
		18:00 – 20:00	Traditional Aboriginal welcome	2F
Sydney	Day 40	9:00 – 12:00	Geography I	3L
		13:00 – 14:30	Australian history	1.5L
		19:00 – 22:00	Sydney Opera House	
Sydney	Day 41	8:30 – 9:30	Culture and Geography Quiz review	1L
		9:30 – 12:30	Geography II	3L
		13:30 – 17:30	Rocks Dreaming tour: Guided walking tour around Sydney Bridge and boat trip on the Harbor	1L, 3F
Sydney	Day 42	9:00 – Noon	Geography III	3L

		13:00 – 18:00	Manly Beach field trip: Beach tourism, Quarantine Station, environmental conservation, and Bradley's Head	1L, 3F
Sydney	Day 43	9:00 - Noon	Geography IV Free afternoon	3L
Sydney to Hervey Bay	Day 44	8:00 – 11:00	Geography V Flight to Brisbane and travel to Hervey Bay	3L
Hervey Bay to Lady Elliot Island	Day 45	9:30	Fly to Lady Elliot Island	
		14:00 – 16:00	Orientation to the 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 46	8:00 – 9:00	Biology of corals	1L
		9:30 – 12:00	Boat snorkel	2F
		13:00 – 16:00	Reef walk <i>Optional diving for certified divers</i>	2F
		16:30 – 18:00	Reef diversity and interactions	1.5L
		19:00 – 20:30	Movie and discussion <i>Optional night dive for certified divers</i>	1F
Lady Elliot Island	Day 47	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 snorkeling	3F
		19:00 – 20:30	Management of coral reef systems	1.5L
Lady Elliot Island to Noosa	Day 48	8:00 – 11:00	Presentation of project results	3L
		13:00	Flight back to mainland and travel to Noosa	
Noosa	Day 49	8:00 – 9:00	Introduction to Noosa research project	1L

		9:15 – 10:15	Noosa Biosphere reserve and sustainability	1L
		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 50	7:30 – 10:30	Eumundi market: Largest arts and crafts market in Australia	2F
		11:00 – 16:00	Data collection, analysis, and presentation preparation	3F
Noosa	Day 51	8:00 - Noon	Noosa project presentations	3L
			Free afternoon	
Noosa to Carnarvon Gorge	Day 52	8:00	Depart for Carnarvon Gorge	
		19:00 – 20:30	Night walk and nocturnal wildlife spotting	.5L, 1F
Carnarvon Gorge	Day 53	9:00 – 12:00	Introduction to Carnarvon National Park	3L
		13:30 – 16:30	Guided walk to Wagaroo Gorge	3F
Carnarvon Gorge	Day 54	7:30 – 11:30	Boolimba Bluff exercise: Effects of geology on human cultures	3F
		19:00 – 21:00	Southern Skies Star Gazing	1F
Carnarvon Gorge	Day 55	7:30 – 14:30	Guided walk and discussion of Aboriginal rock art	1.5L, 4F
Carnarvon Gorge to Beaudesert	Day 56		Travel to Beaudesert farmstay	
Beaudesert	Day 57		Farmstay service activities	4F
Beaudesert to Brisbane	Day 58		Travel to Brisbane	
Nadi, Fiji	Day 59		Flight to Nadi, Fiji	
		16:00	Fiji in-country program orientation	1L
		18:00 – 19:00	Traditional Fijian foods sampler (group) dinner; explanation of yaquona ceremony	1F
		19:00 – 22:00	International Affairs I	3L

Nadi Fiji	Day 60	8:00 – 16:00	University of Fiji lectures, discussions, and ceremonies/demonstrations: Origin of the Pacific Islands and their environment Indigenous Fijian culture and history Indo-Fijian culture and history Indian sampler lunch Indo-Fijian and indigenous Fijian cultural demonstrations Small group discussions with University of Fiji students	4L, 2F
Nadi	Day 61	9:00 - Noon	International Affairs II	3L
		13:00 – 17:00	Guided visits to Nadi temple, vegetable market, and handicraft market	3F
Nadi to Botaira	Day 62	8:30	Yasawa Flyer boat transfer to Botaira Resort	
		13:30 – 16:30	International Affairs III	3L
		18:30 – 20:30	Introduction to Fiji's marine environment and group projects	1L
Botaira	Day 63	8:30 – 11:30	International Affairs IV	3L
		13:00 – 15:00	Group research projects and snorkel induction	1L, 1F
		15:30 – 17:30	Project data collection	2F
		19:00 – 20:00	Introduction to service learning project	1L
Botaira	Day 64	8:30 – 12:30	International Affairs V	3L
		13:00 – 16:00	Project presentations	3F
		19:00 – 20:00	Briefing for village visit and homestay	1L
Botaira to Soso	Day 65	7:30	Depart for Soso	
		9:30 – 10:30	Sevusevu ceremony, kava ceremony, and welcome to Soso	1F
		10:30 – 11:30	Tour of village and introduction to homestays	1F
		13:00 – 17:00	Faculty-led activity in homestays and introduction to ethnographic study	1L, 1F

		18:30 – 21:00	Lovo feast (group dinner), meke and kava ceremony	1F
Soso to Nadi	Day 66	9:00 – 11:00	Homestay debriefing	2L
		11:00	Return to Boraira	
		14:00	Return to Nadi via Yawasa Flyer	
Nadi	Day 67	9:30 – 12:30	Survey B, Fiji program wrap-up and evaluation	3L
		12:30	Closing group lunch in Nadi	
		13:30	Free afternoon	
Fiji to Los Angeles	Day 68		Transfer to Nadi International Airport and depart for Los Angeles, crossing International Dateline and arriving same day	

Contact Hours

Lecture hours: 160

Field hours: 116 hours (using 2 field hours = 1 lecture hour): 58

Field modules discussions and feedback: 12

Total contact hours = 230 (15 semester credits)