



INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION Australian Section



International Youth Gathering 2008

Itinerary

Victoria

Sunday 20th July 2008

Official arrival day at Melbourne for all participants. Accommodation at Miami Hotel, West Melbourne. Optional activity is a 1 km walk to Queen Victoria Market. More info at <http://www.qvm.com.au/home.php> **Dinner** provided at La Porchetta Pizza Parlour.

Monday 21st July

Breakfast 7am-8am at Miami Hotel

Official opening and introduction to IPA tour leaders. 9.30am departure for tour of Melbourne highlights including Rialto Tower. **Packed lunch** will be provided. Travel by coach to Phillip Island to see some unique Australian wildlife at the Koala Conservation Centre and the Penguin Parade. **Dinner** at Board Walk Café, Phillip Island before return to Miami Hotel about 10pm. (Note: Phillip Island is situated on Bass Strait and very cold winds will probably be experienced. Warm layered clothing essential and possibly wet weather gear.)

<http://www.penguins.org.au/>

Tuesday 22nd July

Breakfast 7am-8am at Miami Hotel

9.30am we farewell Melbourne and travel north-westerly to Ballarat which developed into a booming city following the discovery of large quantities of gold in the 1850's. **Lunch, Dinner** and **Accommodation** will be provided at the replica mining village of Sovereign Hill. After dinner, we will be attending a light and sound show "Blood on the Southern Cross" (Depicts events leading to the miner's rebellion and the assault by government forces on the miner's site at Eureka Stockade.)

(Note: Warm layered clothing will be essential for the evening activity and possibly wet weather gear.)

<http://www.sovereignhill.com.au/>

Wednesday 23rd July

Breakfast 7am-8am at Sovereign Hill

9am departure to head north east for Bendigo in central Victoria. Here we will visit the Central Deborah Mine and experience life underground including a miner's **Lunch** in the crib. You will get to take the Vintage Talking Tram on a ride through Bendigo before we leave in the early afternoon for Echuca, a border town on the Murray River which divides Victoria and New South Wales. At Echuca we will first visit the Port of Echuca before taking a trip on a paddle steamer after which we will attend Billabong Ranch for **Dinner** and **Accommodation**. After dinner will be an indoor sports night (mini golf, climbing wall and archery) to sort out the champion team.

http://www.central-deborah.com/bendigo_talking_tram.shtml

<http://www.justhorses.com.au/index.html>

Thursday 24th July

Breakfast 7am-8am at Billabong Ranch

Prompt 8.30am departure as we head east to Albury and cross the Murray River into New South Wales. The Ettamogah Pub is unbelievable, a must, short photo stop. We travel north on the Hume Highway for **Lunch** at Holbrook and a look at the submarine which is located 400km from the nearest seaport. After lunch we continue north to Gundagai and a short photo stop at the "Dog on the Tucker Box" Continuing on we cross the border of Australian Capitol Territory for our stopover at Canberra and activities organized by the Canberra-Queanbeyan Region.
(Note: Driving time this day will be approximately 9 hours. Take water and snacks with you. It will be most important to maintain time schedules specified at coach stops.)

Upon arrival in the Australian Capital Territory, participants will check in to their accommodation at The Gold Creek Motel and Hotel, in west Canberra. A reception will be held to meet the guests.

<http://www.aussieworld.com.au/ettamogah-pub.php>

<http://www.warmuseums.com.au/Holbrook%20Submarine%20Exhibition%20-%20NSW.htm>

<http://members.pcug.org.au/~stmcdona/tuckrbox.html>

www.afp.gov.au

www.gctr.com.au/3.html

www.visitcanberra.com.au

Australian Capital Territory

Friday 25th July

7am-8am – Breakfast at Gold Creek.

8.30am. We will board the coach and visit the major attractions of the ACT. Hands on science at the world famous Questacon. Parliament House will provide the participants with an overview of the history of the Federation and the modern political situation. Representatives of the Embassies of the participants will meet and greet and the Australian Federal Police will put on a parade by the mounted branch and Traffic Operations. A cruise on Lake Burley Griffin and a visit to the National Museum may also be included if time permits.

About 5.30pm we will board the coach and return to Gold Creek for dinner and optional evening activities.

<http://www.aph.gov.au/>
<http://www.questacon.edu.au/>
<http://www.nma.gov.au/index.html>

New South Wales

Saturday 26th July

7am-8am – Breakfast at Gold Creek.

8.00am. We will tour some of the sights around Canberra including the Embassies. There will not be enough time to see everything before we travel from Canberra to Goulburn New South Wales. A short stop at the NSW Police Academy for lunch and short tour of the academy grounds (12pm-2pm) After the tour participants will board the coach and make the two hour journey to Teen Ranch – Cobbity where they will be accommodated for the next four nights. A greeting will be conducted by Teen Ranch guides and all guests will be given time to unpack and unwind. Teen Ranch is set in beautiful grounds with canoeing, horse riding and rock climbing listed amongst its many activities.

7pm – A good old fashioned Aussie BBQ dinner followed by a blue light disco held in the Teen Ranch Auditorium. The blue light disco (8.30pm-11.30pm) will be run by the Police Citizens and Youth Club of NSW.

<http://www.teenranch.com.au/index.php>

Sunday 27th July

7am-8am – Breakfast at Teen Ranch

8.30am We will board the coach and head into the heart of Sydney, a bus tour of all the must see spots of Sydney. We will start our tour at Bondi Beach. Then head into the Botanical gardens, see Mrs. Macquarie's chair <http://www.discoversydney.com.au/parks/mmc> and see the Opera House. We will board a ferry and travel over the Sydney Harbour to Manly where we will have lunch.

Lunch – Own selection in Manly

About 3pm we will travel back to Sydney and visit Darling Harbour for some shopping time.

About 5.30pm we will board the coach and return to Teen Ranch for dinner and evening campfire.

- Tonight it is important that all those with clothing that needs to be washed, place items in the bags provided with your name clearly printed on the outside. The bags will be collected early Monday morning and be returned on Tuesday, washed dried and folded.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bondi_Beach

<http://www.manlyweb.com.au>

<http://www.darlingharbour.com>

Monday 28th July

Washing collection

Breakfast 7am-8am at Teen Ranch

8.30am We will board the coach and travel to the Blue Mountains for a sightseeing adventure. We will travel on the famous scenic railway and scenic skyway. We will enjoy our lunch at one of the famous lookouts over the Blue Mountains.

(Packed picnic lunch provided by Teen Ranch)

We will return to **Teen Ranch for dinner** and a games night with the friendly Teen Ranch staff

<http://www.scenicworld.com.au>

Tuesday 29th July

Today is a free day with two options available to participants.

Option 1.

Stay at Teen Ranch for the day and enjoy some of the activities at the ranch, such as horse riding, canoeing, rock climbing, an adventure obstacle course etc. All these activities are included in the price of staying at Teen Ranch.

There is no added cost.

Lunch and Dinner at Teen Ranch.

Option 2.

Travel by Coach into Sydney and experience the awesome Bridge Climb adventure, which entails climbing the world famous Harbour Bridge and seeing Sydney in a unique way.

www.bridgeclimb.com.au

- Children (Aged between 10yrs-16yrs) \$109
 - Adults (17yrs and above) \$189
- (A ratio of two children to one adult needs to be complied with for the climb)

Depending on the time of the climb, participants will either return to Teen Ranch for lunch or lunch will be in Sydney at each participants own expense.

Our final dinner at Teen Ranch and a chance to relax and get ready for the flight to Queensland the next day.

Our clean laundry will be delivered to Teen Ranch.

Queensland

Wednesday 30th July

We say farewell to New South Wales and fly from Sydney Airport to the Coolangatta Airport on the Gold Coast in Queensland.

We then travel by coach to the central area of the Gold Coast and check into the Tallebudgera Active Recreation Centre (TARC), which will be our home for the next five nights.

Website for TARC: <http://www.sportrec.qld.gov.au/tallebudgera.cfm>

After unpacking and some lunch we'll then have a surf awareness lesson which will ensure the safety of all delegates when they are enjoying the sun, surf and sand lifestyle – hopefully the winter sun will shine for us!!!!!! Following some beach games and a bit of free time we will enjoy an in-house movie night at the TARC.

Thursday 31st July

This morning will be an early breakfast so we are on the road at 7am for the trip northwards from the Gold Coast to the Sunshine Coast and a visit to **Australia Zoo**, home of the Irwin family and the late Steve Irwin. This zoo has animals from all over the world but has a particular focus on Australian wildlife including the tourist favorites of snakes, spiders and crocodiles. We want to be at the zoo when it opens at 10am and there are a number of live shows commencing at 10.30am including the crocodile feeding which is not to be missed. We'll spend most of the day at Australia Zoo as there is plenty to see and do and then it is back on the coach at 4.30pm.

<http://www.australiazoo.com.au/>

On our way back to the Gold Coast we'll stopover at the **Southbank** Precinct in the Queensland capital city of Brisbane. Here we will have some free time to wander around this vibrant inner-city parkland which is adjacent the Brisbane CBD and the Brisbane River. We will have dinner in the parklands before returning to the TARC around 10pm.

<http://www.visitsouthbank.com/>

Friday 1st August

Because we've had a big travel and activity day yesterday, this morning we will have a relaxed time with breakfast and then some beach activities including some surfing lessons. These lessons will mainly cater for the beginners and you will get to appreciate the skill required for the sport of surfing.

After lunch we have a free afternoon so everyone can catch up on some letter and postcard writing, some internet time, some sleeping, some chatting and some shopping at nearby Palm Beach.

Tonight we are off to the award winning '**Australian Outback Spectacular**' just north of the Gold Coast at Coomera. This venue has a truly unique and authentic Australian look and feel and is set in a traditional outback shearing shed. During the show you will become truly immersed in the spirit and grandeur of the Australian Outback from the moment you step through the arena doors. This sound and lighting spectacular will feature many animals including horses, cattle, sheep, camels, dogs and chickens in a live production show that also features live music from award winning country artists. To top the night off, we will enjoy a three-course Aussie BBQ dinner and be back at the TARC around 10pm.

<http://outbackspectacular.myfun.com.au/>

Saturday 2nd August

Today we'll get away for breakfast in the lovely Cascade Gardens at Broadbeach, after which we will travel back up to Coomera for a day at the Dreamworld theme park. This is Home to Tiger Island, Nick Central, The Australian Wildlife Experience, Big Brother, FlowRider and some of the tallest, fastest thrill rides in the world. <http://www.dreamworld.com.au/>

Dreamworld is also the home of the newly opened WhiteWater World – yes it will be winter when you are in Australia, but you are on the Gold Coast. WhiteWater World heats up its rides and slides, delivering HOT thrills for all ages. Woof it up on the best water attractions in the world, including top four water slides!

<http://www.whitewaterworld.com.au/>

After this full day of activity we will return to the TARC for dinner and a free night.

Sunday 3rd August

Today is the last day for our IYG and so it will be a relatively easy and flexible one.

After breakfast there will be time for a game of beach volleyball and other beach activities and some packing and organising. After lunch we will jump on our coach and head up to the Pacific Fair Shopping Centre and then into the famous Cavill Mall in Surfers Paradise for some shopping and free time.

Back at the TARC for this evening, we will have a farewell dinner hosted by the Queensland Police Commissioner, Mr Bob Atkinson APM.

Monday 4th August

Today we say good-bye to each other and the IYG team will facilitate transport to either Coolangatta Airport or Brisbane Airport.

For those IYG delegates wishing to stay on, arrangements will be made for IPA member families to host you.

Hosting in other Australian States/IPA Regions

Should you wish to consider travelling to South Australia or Western Australia prior to or after the IYG program you will be very welcome. Both regions are preparing short programs to host IYG delegates and are eager to welcome you to their region. Both areas represent unique parts of Australia that you will not have the opportunity to see on the IYG program. If you have the time take this once in a lifetime opportunity to see more of Australia!

Please feel free to directly contact the South Australian IPA Regional President Warren Wrobel on visavis5@optusnet.com.au or the West Australian IPA Regional Chairman Chris Cassidy on ccassidy@iinet.net.au if you would like to be hosted in their region.

We look forward to welcoming you in Australia and to say G'day!

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