

Stanford **TRAVEL/STUDY**

Tasmania and Southern Australia

October 2 to 12, 2022

Discover the coastal capital cities of Hobart and Adelaide, admire the dramatic scenery of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area, observe koalas, kangaroos and wallabies in their natural habitats and learn about the histories of convicts and of Aboriginal people in the region. Travel to the Australian Outback, including Alice Springs and Uluru, the sacred monolith formerly known as Ayers Rock, on an optional post-trip extension.

FACULTY LEADER

Michael McWilliams

Professor Michael McWilliams is a physicist whose interest in understanding how the earth works led him to pursue graduate degrees in geophysics. He joined Stanford in 1977 and taught undergraduate, graduate and continuing studies classes in geology, geochemistry and geophysics. His favorite teaching experiences have been leading the very popular introductory undergraduate geology classes and leading a Sophomore Seminar on the Origin of the Universe.

Professor McWilliams and his research colleagues measure tiny quantities of radioactive isotopes contained in rocks and minerals to determine their age. They use this information to better understand Earth's evolution, the rate of geological processes, and the history of important earth events such as volcanism, earthquakes, mass extinctions and global climate change. Professor McWilliams has also served in a variety of international science leadership roles, including as Chief Executive of GNS Science [New Zealand's geological survey], Chief of CSIRO's Division of Earth Science and Resource Engineering [Australia], Director of the DeLaeter Centre of Isotope Science [Australia] and as an advisor to the U.S. National Academies of Science.

Apart from teaching and research, he has held many international leadership roles and previously led six Travel/Study adventures. "Through Stanford Travel/Study, I've met a host of fascinating people from all walks of life, many of whom have since become great friends and colleagues," says Professor McWilliams, speaking of his Travel/Study trips. While in Australia, Professor McWilliams will speak on: the geological evolution of Australia within the supercontinent Gondwana; the '[Cambrian Explosion](#)' of life on Earth that occurred about 541 million years ago and is spectacularly displayed in South Australia; and the causes and effects of ancient and recent climate change, both locally and globally.

ITINERARY

Sunday, October 2

Hobart, Australia

Arrive in Hobart, on the shores of the River Derwent with Mount Wellington as a backdrop. Explore Tasmania's capital city on foot and learn about the people who were major influences in the city's early days. Gather this evening for a welcome reception and dinner. MACq 01 HOTEL (D)

Monday, October 3

Hobart

Journey by coach to the Port Arthur Historic Site, one of Australia's most important convict settlements. Delve into Australia's colonial history as we explore the historic buildings, ruins, restored houses and heritage gardens. Join an archaeologist for a behind-the-scenes tour to learn about the historic artefacts found in digs over the years. Following lunch embark on an wilderness cruise along the spectacular coastline between Port Arthur and Eaglehawk Neck in southern Tasmania. The cruise travels beneath the highest vertical sea cliffs in the Southern Hemisphere at Cape Pillar, where we see waterfalls, rock formations, archways and deep-sea caves. The coastline is part of the Tasman National Park and is home to hundreds of seals, migrating whales and sea birds in the thousands. MACq 01 HOTEL (B,L,D)

Tuesday, October 4

Hobart

Tour Cascades Female Factory this morning and hear about the harsh life of the women—and their children—who lived within the cold stone walls of this convict site. After lunch board the Mona Roma ferry to Hobart's Museum of Old and New Art, or MONA, which intriguingly mixes controversial shock-value pieces with antiquities, rare coins and a spectacular 150-foot-long Sidney Nolan artwork, *Snake*. Explore the museum on your own before taking the ferry back to Hobart wharf. Enjoy dinner at leisure this evening. MACq 01 HOTEL (B,L)

Wednesday, October 5

Hobart

Today we head to Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary, which rescues thousands of animals each year, to visit the Tasmanian devils, the largest carnivorous marsupials in the world. Afterward visit Frogmore Creek winery for lunch overlooking the rolling hills, vineyards and waterways, and enjoy a tasting of Tasmania's cool-climate wines. MACq 01 HOTEL (B,L,D)

Thursday, October 6

Hobart / Strahan

Depart Hobart this morning for Queenstown, stopping at the Wall in the Wilderness, Australia's most ambitious recent art project. The 300-plus feet of panels, beautifully carved from rare Huon pine, set out in relief the history, hardship and perseverance of the people who settled and live in the Central Highlands. On arrival in Queenstown, board a steam train for a scenic journey through the Tasmanian wilderness to Strahan. Enjoy lunch and hear about the ingenuity, resilience and determination that turned the west coast of Tasmania into one of the wealthiest mining regions in the world. STRAHAN VILLAGE (B,L,D)

Friday, October 7

Strahan

Today cruise the Gordon River aboard the low-environmental-impact vessel *Spirit of the Wild*, outfitted with electric motors for a tranquil trip across Macquarie Harbour to Hells Gates. Venture deep into the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area to Heritage Landing, where we disembark for a walk through the rain forest to see ancient Huon pines. Disembark again to tour Sarah Island, a 19th-century penal colony. This evening experience Australia's longest-running play, *The Ship That Never Was*, which tells the dramatic and hilarious true story of the last great escape from Sarah Island in 1834. STRAHAN VILLAGE (B,L,D)

Saturday, October 8

Strahan / Launceston

As we head to Launceston this morning, drive past mountains, wild tundra, dense rainforest and farmlands. Stop enroute in Sheffield, Australia's 'Town of Murals,' where more than 150 murals depict the history of the town. Enjoy lunch and a late afternoon walk through the heart of Launceston, one of Australia's oldest cities, learning about its architecture and the history of its first inhabitants and subsequent settlers. HOTEL VERGE (B,L,D)

Sunday, October 9

Launceston / Kangaroo Island / Adelaide

Transfer to the airport this morning to board a charter flight to Kangaroo Island for a safari to see kangaroos, echidnas, koalas and wallabies. On the island's North Coast, visit Latham Conservation Park, and at Seal Bay Conservation Park, walk the sandy beach among Australian sea lions. Watch pups nursing or playing in the surf, see old bulls bearing the scars of territorial disputes and learn about the animals' unique breeding biology. Stop for a barbecue lunch, then set out again in search of animals in their natural habitats: koalas sitting high among the trees, small wallabies that are almost extinct on the mainland, a kangaroo species found only on Kangaroo Island and a variety of other animals, birds and plants native to Australia. Return to the plane in the afternoon for a short flight to Adelaide. MAYFAIR HOTEL (B,L,D)

Monday, October 10

Adelaide

This morning visit the Adelaide Central Market, one of the largest covered produce markets in the southern hemisphere. From there, head to Cleland Wildlife Park, an open bushland habitat where we enjoy up-close encounters with wildlife, including hand-feeding kangaroos and emus and cuddling a koala. Venture into the Adelaide Hills wine region for lunch at The Lane vineyard. In the late afternoon, return to Adelaide, where local Aboriginal guide Haydyn Bromley, cultural director and chief tour guide of the South Australian Museum, shares stories about South Australia and his connection to the country's Stolen Generation. Enjoy dinner at leisure this evening. MAYFAIR HOTEL (B,L)

Tuesday, October 11

Adelaide

After breakfast this morning, we split into two groups, with one taking a historic walking tour and the other meeting Haydyn Bromley for a tour of the South Australian Museum. We gather together for lunch before swapping activities this afternoon. On the walking tour, explore the utopian planned city of Adelaide and walk in the footsteps of its first settlers. Along the way discover the cultural precinct, with its galleries and museums. On the museum outing, learn about traditional Aboriginal life, the impact of European settlement and the role Aboriginal people have played in the development of Adelaide and its surrounding areas. Gather for a farewell dinner this evening to celebrate our journey. MAYFAIR HOTEL (B,L,D)

Wednesday, October 12

Adelaide / Home

This morning transfer to Adelaide airport for flights home. (B)

POST-TRIP EXTENSION TO ALICE SPRINGS AND ULURU October 12 to 17, 2022

Wednesday, October 12

Adelaide

This morning board the famous passenger train, *The Ghan*, for an overnight journey into the rusty Red Centre of the Australian outback. Cross over the Dingo Fence, the world's longest fence, built to keep dingoes out of Southeast Australia. Gaze out over rustic railway towns and wide-open tracts of Aboriginal land where communities have maintained their connection to this vast country for years. *THE GHAN* (L,D)

Thursday, October 13

Marla / Alice Springs

Awaken early on the train to watch the sun come up over the Australian outback. Arrive in Marla for an early-morning off-train experience and to stretch our legs. Back on board, enjoy breakfast as we cross the state border into the Northern Territory, traveling through the small bush town of Kulgera and over the generally dry Finke River. Arriving in Alice Springs just after noon, have lunch at a local favorite restaurant before continuing to the Royal Flying Doctor Service facility, where we learn about the importance of the RFDS to outback Australians. Next visit the Alice Springs Telegraph Station Historical Reserve, the site of the first European settlement in Alice Springs. Established in 1871, the station connected Australia's population centers with the north of the country and with the undersea telegraph network of the British Empire. *DOUBLE TREE BY HILTON* (B,L,D)

Friday, October 14

Alice Springs

This morning visit the Alice Springs School of the Air, which provides education to children at remote cattle stations, roadhouses, Aboriginal communities and national parks. Later this afternoon enjoy a sunset tour at the Kangaroo Sanctuary, and learn about its Baby Kangaroo Rescue Centre. Dine at leisure this evening. *DOUBLE TREE BY HILTON* (B,L)

Saturday, October 15

Alice Springs / Uluru

Visit the Reptile Centre, where over 50 different species are exhibited in re-creations of their natural environments. After lunch board a flight to Australia's sacred monolith, Ayers Rock, or Uluru as it is now known, in Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. This evening travel to a secluded sand dune with stunning 360-degree views of Uluru and Kata Tjuta to sip champagne as the sun sets, followed by a gourmet dinner under the starry skies. As darkness falls, the art exhibition *Tili Wiru Tjuta Nyakutjaku*, also known as "Field of Light," illuminates with more than 50,000 beautiful lights. *SAILS IN THE DESERT* (B,L,D)

Sunday, October 16

Uluru

Depart early for Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park where we head out on foot from the sacred site of Kuniya Piti to the Mutitjulu Waterhole. We then drive to the Talinguru Nyakuntjaku viewing area, where we watch the sunrise as we enjoy a light breakfast. Return to the hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. There are a number of activities to take part in including guided garden walks, bush food experiences and digeridoo workshops. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner. *SAILS IN THE DESERT* (B,D)

Monday, October 17

Uluru / Home

Transfer to the airport this morning to board flights returning home. (B)

INFORMATION

Covid-19 and Travel

With travel requirements and local Covid-19 conditions changing weekly, travel protocols for specific destinations will be shared with confirmed travelers closer to departure. To read more about Travel/Study's approach to ensuring traveler health and safety, visit our [Covid-19 Travel page](#).

Size

This trip is limited to 42 participants. Single accommodations are limited.

Cost*

\$11,495 per person, double occupancy

\$ 13,395 per person, single occupancy

*Stanford Alumni Association nonmembers add \$300 per person.

Post-Trip Extension Cost

\$4,595 per person, double occupancy

\$5,395 per person, single occupancy

Included

- Educational program with lecture series and predeparture materials, including an education resource list and travel information
- Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program
- All tours and excursions as described in the itinerary
- Internal flight on October 9
- Gratuities to guides and drivers for all group activities
- 10 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations
- 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 8 dinners
- Welcome and farewell receptions
- Transfers and baggage handling on program arrival and departure days
- On-tour quarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage
- General medical, accident and evacuation insurance

Not Included

- Your personal flights to and from the program
- Passport and visa fees
- Immunization costs
- Meals and beverages other than those specified as included
- Independent and private transfers
- Nonquarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage
- Baggage insurance

- Excess-baggage charges
- Personal items such as internet access, telephone calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

Air Arrangements

You are responsible for booking and purchasing airfare to the start location and from the end location of the program. These air purchases are NOT included in the program cost. To assist you in making these independent arrangements, we will send you details with your confirmation materials on when to arrive and depart.

What to Expect

All participants must be physically fit and in active good health. We consider this expedition to be a moderately active program. Daily programs involve one mile of walking, on average, often on uneven terrain. Some days require early-morning starts and have a full schedule of excursions, lectures and special events. We welcome travelers 15 years of age and older on this program.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Eligibility

We encourage membership in the Stanford Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is \$300 more than the members' price. The nonmember fee is waived for anyone traveling as a paid guest of a current member, as well as for emerita or emeritus faculty and staff. To purchase a membership, call (650) 725-0692 or visit alumni.stanford.edu/goto/membership.

Deposits, Payments and Cancellations

A \$1,000-per-person deposit is required to reserve space on this program. Final payment is due 120 days prior to program start. Deposits and any payments are refundable, less a \$500-per-person cancellation fee, until 120 days prior to program start. After that date, refunds can be made only if the program is sold out and we resell your place(s), in which case a \$1,000-per-person cancellation fee will apply.

Insurance

Stanford Travel/Study provides all travelers who are U.S. or Canadian citizens with minimal medical, accident and evacuation coverage, as well as on-tour quarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage, under our group-travel insurance policy. Our group policy is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. You may choose to subscribe to optional nonquarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage and/or baggage insurance. Information offering such insurance will be included in your confirmation materials. The product offered includes special benefits if you purchase your insurance within 14 days of receiving your welcome email.

Responsibility

The Stanford Alumni Association, Stanford University and our operators act only as agents for the passenger with respect to transportation and exercise every care possible in doing so. However, we can assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any automobile, motor coach, launch or any other conveyance used in carrying out this program or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the program. We cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses

due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, force majeure or other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger, as tour rates include arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make such alterations to this published itinerary as may be deemed necessary. We reserve the right to cancel any program prior to departure, in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. We also reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the program. No refund will be made for an unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. Baggage is carried at the owner's risk entirely. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their plane or conveyance. Neither the Stanford Alumni Association, nor Stanford University, nor our operators accept liability for any carrier's cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in connection with the tour. Program price is based on rates in effect at the time the brochure is published and is subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges. As a condition of participation, all confirmed participants are required to sign an Assumption of Risk.

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