

The Pennsylvania State University Australia and New Zealand Indigenous Cultural Studies

Itinerary Highlights

Day 1 Auckland

Transfer by coach to Auckland accommodation

Welcome orientation and group dinner

Day 2 – 4 Paihia and Bay of Islands

Waitangi Treaty Grounds and Te Kongahu Museum of Waitangi

Visit New Zealand's most important historic site at which the Treaty of Waitangi between the British Crown and the Māori of New Zealand was signed in 1840. This is the foundational document of indigenous and white relations. Enjoy a private guided tour, cultural performance and watch a traditional carving demonstration and learn about the significance of this art form to Māori.



Art Programs at a Regional Corrections Facility

Your visit to a Māori-majority prison includes a traditional welcome by the prisoners, a talk by the art program coordinator and a group discussion with the inmates.

Russell – Home of New Zealand's heritage printer

Russell is the first permanent European settlement in New Zealand, the site of the first contact between Māori and Pakeha. Enjoy a guided tour of the historic nineteenth century building which houses an original printing press from France, which the Māori later acquired to print some of the first Māori language newspapers.

Travel by coach from the Bay of Islands to Auckland with sightseeing stops along the way

Day 5 Auckland

Auckland Art Gallery

Built in 1888, the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki is the largest art institution in New Zealand. Take a guided tour of the exhibitions on Contemporary Pacific Art and Māori Modernism (1950s, 60s and 70s), including carvings and paintings.

Day 6 - 8 Rotorua

Hobbiton movie set tour and Green Dragon Inn lunch

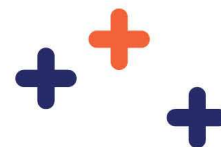
Enjoy a guided tour of the Hobbiton set from the Lord of the Rings film trilogy. Hear about how it operates as one of the world's most famous film sets yet remains a working sheep and beef farm. At the conclusion of the tour, you will enjoy a sumptuous buffet lunch in the Green Dragon Inn.



Tāmaki Maori Village

Tāmaki is a representation of a pre-European Māori village, owned and staffed by local Māori to present the indigenous culture to tourists. Experience a cultural performance with Māori song and dance, enjoy a traditional Hangi dinner, hear about Maori settlement and the arrival of Europeans around a campfire, and spend the night in a carved lodge.





Otanewainuku Forest

Hike through the original forest while you learn about the nature and conservation efforts being undertaken. Enjoy an interactive session with a world-renowned carver and learn more about his craft and how the natural world influences both his art and Māori culture.

Te Puia: New Zealand Māori Arts and Crafts Institute

NZMACI is the home of the national schools of carving (including pounamu and bone) and weaving. Tour the new wananga (tertiary education) precinct, have korero (talks) with the Head of School and Master Carver; visit the gallery; do the Tuku Iho walk and visit geothermal sites; enjoy a lunch cooked at geothermal sites; and visit the kiwi house.

Day 9 Rotorua to Auckland

Waitomo Caves tour

View stalactites, stalagmites, flowstones and a colony of native New Zealand cave wetas on a tour of the smallest cave. Then explore the extensive underground cave system inhabited by a species of glowworm unique to New Zealand. Marvel at thousands of these tiny creatures as they radiate their luminescent light in the caves.

Day 10 Auckland

Free day to explore Auckland

The City of Sails, fondly nicknamed for the city's waterside location and the local's general love of the sea. Auckland, New Zealand's largest city, is a melting pot of European, South Pacific and Asian cultures, alongside a strong indigenous Māori heritage. With many of the city's popular attractions within walking distance you will find plenty to enjoy, whether it's a walk around the harbor, exploring the many beaches, or visiting the Sky Tower for spectacular views



Day 11 - 13 Alice Springs

Art Gallery of Aboriginal Works

Visit a gallery which promotes the artists and artworks from Aboriginal owned art centers. It is committed to ethical trade in indigenous art as a means to support economic development in remote communities.



Community organization visit

Visit an aboriginal community-controlled organization in Alice Springs that delivers on-site dialysis service, social services, social enterprises, social support, health education and a mobile dialysis bus that services remote communities. It is partially funded by Aboriginal art communities. Take a tour and learn more about this project.

Aboriginal Cultural Tour of Alice Springs

This walk draws on 40,000 years of life in Central Australia. The guide introduces an experience of the natural and cultural environment of Alice Springs (Mparrrntwe).

Optional visit to the Royal Flying Doctor Service Museum

Day 14 - 15 Yulara

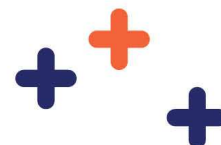
Aboriginal artists corporation visit

Visit one of the longest running and most successful Aboriginal-owned art centres in Central Australia. Meet with the artists and the leaders of the community, participate in an art workshop and tour the galleries and museum.

Day 16 - 18 Uluru / Ayers Rock

Desert Weavers Gallery visit

Stopping at the gallery en route to Ayers Rock, you will receive an introduction to this social enterprise, a tour of the gallery and a weaving workshop with local artists.



Cave Rock Art Tour (Uluru)

Learn about the not-for-profit art and craft corporation. The purpose of the collective is to keep culture strong and alive through art, craft and organic experiences.

Field of Light

Watch the sunset over Uluru with drinks and canapes then explore the Field of Light art installation at your own leisure.



Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park

Visit the cultural center to learn about the local Anangu culture, history, and traditions, then visit the nearby Mutitjulu waterhole, home to almost 300 Aboriginal people. View the Aboriginal etchings in the rock.

Ayers Rock Resort Indigenous Activities

Spend the afternoon immersing yourself in the local culture. Includes a bush food experience, indigenous cultural theatre, and an ecology and museum tour.

Day 19 – 20 Sydney

Free morning to explore Sydney

Program wrap-up and evaluations

Vivid Sydney (dates TBC)

Vivid Sydney is annual festival of light, music and ideas. Take a walk to see outdoor immersive light installations and projections and performances by local and international musicians. A highlight for many are the building projections that transform various buildings and landmarks such as the Opera House and Harbour Bridge.



Day 21 Sydney to USA

Transfer from accommodation to Sydney Airport