

UF in North Queensland Tour in Cairns, Australia

Summer
May 19 - June 11, 2009

University of Florida Study Abroad

departure date: May 17



The Department of Tourism, Recreation, and Sport Management is offering students at UF an opportunity to earn 6 semester credits while traveling extensively as a group with UF faculty and local field guides throughout the Queensland region of Australia. This program offers an interdisciplinary approach to sustaining human societies and their natural environments.

HIGHLIGHTS

- During this program you will be introduced to the top attractions of Queensland which include: the Great Barrier Reef, ancient tropical rainforest, and the Outback.
- Snorkeling on the Great Barrier Reef, hiking and bird watching in the tropical rainforest, and experiencing Aboriginal culture and wildlife of the Outback are all included in the program.
- You will spend much of your time out in the field, visiting and observing Australia first-hand with local field guides and professors with expertise in the fields related to sustaining human societies and their natural environments.



COURSE OFFERINGS - courses taught by UF faculty

6 UF GPA credits:

- LEI 4955: Humans and the Environment - Travel Studies
- LEI 6931: Humans and the Environment - Travel Studies

Eligibility: Students from all majors may attend.

Application Deadline:
March 6, 2009

2009 Program fee: \$4,652 - undergraduate
\$5,984 - graduate

Program fee includes: Tuition for 6 credits, all accommodations, in-country transportation, lectures and seminars, all field excursions and entrance fees, some meals, international health insurance and emergency medical assistance.

Course reading packet is not included.

Round-trip airfare is not included.

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See your assigned financial aid advisor.

University of Florida reserves the right to make changes.

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UF in Cairns, Australia

Known as the Sunshine State, Queensland is home to lush green rainforests, golden beaches, the remote Outback, and the spectacular marine diversity of the Great Barrier Reef. This program uses the theme of sustainable development to explore the relationship between people and their natural environment. The short program is based in tropical Cairns, where we learn from leading experts at James Cook University.

A 3½-week study tour includes snorkeling and/or diving on the Great Barrier Reef, hiking and bird watching in the tropical rainforest, and experiencing Aboriginal culture and wildlife of the Outback. Queensland has a wonderful warm tropical climate throughout the year.

The focus is on learning through guided action. Students spend about 60% of their time traveling the stunning national parks, forests, wildlife reserves, coastlines, and islands of Australia under the guidance of knowledgeable field professionals. The remaining time is spent in class.

Group meals will be provided at special locations, and students have the flexibility to choose amongst the many cafes and restaurants, or cook for themselves in the hostel facilities.

All in-country transportation in a comfortable, luxury coach is provided. Students should be prepared to move and travel frequently while in the field, although many say that the bus trips are always enjoyable with such fantastic scenery out the window!



Application deadline is March 6, 2009.

*Applications considered on space-available basis,
so please apply early.*

Please apply online at: www.abroad.ufic.ufl.edu

Financial Aid

University of Florida students needing financial aid should apply through UF Student Financial Affairs (SFA). Non-UF students needing financial aid must apply to their home institutions.

Academic Credits

6 UF credits will be awarded upon successful completion of the program.

Housing

Students will usually stay together in comfortable hostel-style accommodations. At several of the more remote locations, they stay in safari-style tents. If traveling with someone, a student may request to room with that person for the duration of the trip, varies, but typically rooms are shared by 2-4 students.



FEES DUE UPON APPLICATION:

A \$250 nonrefundable deposit toward the total cost of the program is required at the time of application. The remaining fees are due **no later** than 30 days prior to departure.

Students receiving financial aid may defer payment until their financial aid disperses.

Not Included in the program fees:

Round-trip airfare, some meals, course reading packet, additional personal travel and personal expenses.