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LIFETIME

*You work hard.
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Melbourne | Sydney
Cairns | Tasmania (OPTIONAL)
and more!

We're going to
the land down under

March 18 - April 1, 2023

AUSTRALIA

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2023

Meet your fellow PDPW travelers at Dallas / Fort Worth (DFW) Airport, where we'll board a Qantas Airways plane to Melbourne.

MONDAY, MARCH 20

Once in Melbourne, we'll join a narrated tourist tram around the city. We'll see St. Paul's Cathedral, Federation Square, Flinders Street Station and the gold-era buildings in the Parliament House and Treasury. We'll cross the Yarra River to Southbank eateries for lunch and after checking out the National Gallery of Victoria, we'll enjoy a stroll along the Yarra, one of the city's most recognizable natural landmarks. Once we're checked in at the hotel, take your afternoon and evening at leisure.



TUESDAY, MARCH 21

Day two begins with a visit to a dairy in the Gippsland region combining robotic and conventional technology. From there we'll travel to the AgVic Ellinbank Research Farm, set in the foothills of the rugged Strzelecki Ranges. Australia's leading dairy innovation facility, Ellinbank showcases innovative technology solutions to the dairy industry and aims to be the world's first carbon-neutral dairy farm.

After lunch in nearby Warragul, we'll visit Healesville Sanctuary, a bushland haven for Australian wildlife that'll have your head spinning at the sheer number of animals iconic to the continent – Tasmanian devils, koalas, kangaroos, wombats, wallabies and platypuses, to name a few. That's in addition to those you may not be familiar with – pookilas, echidnas, tapirs and servals, as well as hippos, lions, elephants, wildcats, giraffes and oh, so many more.



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

Today we'll visit DairyBio at La Trobe University in Bundoora. A joint initiative between Agriculture Victoria and Dairy Australia, this world-class facility works to create improved pastures and herds through the latest bioscience advancements.

From there we'll travel to KyValley Dairy Group, one of Australia's largest family-owned dairies. Owned and operated by brothers Peter, David and Wayne Mulcahy, KyValley supplies innovative fresh milk products to the Asia Pacific region. Their business ventures also include fodder, A2 genetics, dairy, livestock and milk processing.



We'll then head to nearby Echuca, located on the Murray River. While there, we'll hear from representatives from Murray Dairy, one of eight Regional Development Programs for Dairy Australia. They'll explain how Australia handles extension provision and the types of support Australian farmers receive for their mandatory levy.

We'll also hear from the Goulburn Murray Water authority, the continent's largest rural water corporation and managers of Australia's largest irrigation-delivery network. Because of the region's combination of flat plains, warm-to-hot climate and an ample supply of water for irrigation, it's one of the most diverse and productive regions in Australia. It also contributes over A\$5 billion annually to their economy and directly supports over 10,000 jobs in the Goulburn-Murray Irrigation District.

Once back in Echuca, we'll enjoy some time at leisure before boarding a paddlesteamer for an evening cruise.



THURSDAY, MARCH 23

We'll hear from a representative from Warakirri Asset Management. The group manages nearly 500,000 acres of Australian agricultural land for investors, including Aurora Dairies, one of Australia's largest milk producers. Aurora Dairies owns and operates 33 dairy farms and 6 youngstock properties totaling about 33,600 acres and nearly 23,000 milk cows. Their farms are located across several rainfall zones and irrigation-water sources.

Next we'll head to the vineyards and olive groves at Murray Gums Estate. Located on the banks of the Murray River in the picturesque Echuca Moama tourist district, Murray Gums is the producer of a multi-award-winning extra virgin olive oil. While here we'll enjoy wine and olive oil tastings and lunch.

After driving on to Ballarat, we'll enjoy dinner and the AURA Light Show at Sovereign Hill. This immersive 90-minute theatre experience uses 3D technology to follow gold from its discovery up until today.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

Today we'll travel to Timboon, where we'll visit Schulz Organic Dairy. On site, this organic farm processes yogurts, milk, cream and cheeses from their Friesians and Jerseys. The farm is situated in an area that receives some of the highest rainfall amounts in the state of Victoria.



And then we're off for a drive along the Great Ocean Road. This spectacular section of the Australian coastline is famous for its views of such sights and towns as the Twelve Apostles, Apollo Bay and Lorne.



SATURDAY, MARCH 25

We'll board a morning flight to Cairns, with lunch upon arrival and an afternoon at leisure.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

In the morning we'll head south to Mungalli Dairy Farm in Millaa Millaa. Surrounded by ancient rainforests, brothers Rob and Dan incorporate innovative methods to create products that are not only tasty and nutritious but also help regenerate the earth. We'll top off our visit with lunch in their delightful café.

As we make our way back to Cairns, we'll swing by Mungalli Falls – a must-see natural attraction in this pocket of farmland.



MONDAY, MARCH 27

Get ready for the experience of a lifetime! This action-packed day will include an exclusive pontoon ride on the Reef Magic cruise, a floating reef-activity platform on the Outer Great Barrier Reef. During our five-hour stay, you'll get to explore the wonders of the reef above and below the water. Take your time enjoying whichever activities you choose: see the underwater marvels as you snorkel in the reef (gear and instructions provided); glass-bottom-boat and semi-sub tours are also available. And be sure to have your fill of the scrumptious tropical buffet lunch overlooking the reef.



TUESDAY, MARCH 28

We'll travel to Mareeba for a stop at a mango plantation in the area. From there, we'll visit Jaques coffee plantation. Jaques Café and Roastery is home to around 85,000 trees; they've been in the business of Australian commercial-coffee growing for 40 years.

We'll enjoy lunch in their café – and you'll probably want to try one of their delectable desserts.

In the village of Kuranda we'll board the Sky Rail for a breath-taking view as we glide across the tropical rainforest in the mountains behind Cairns. And then we'll board a plane to Sydney.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

Today we'll travel to the World-Heritage listed Blue Mountains, a deeply incised sandstone tableland covering over 3.2 million acres and one of the largest, most intact tracts of protected bushland in Australia.

Later in the morning we'll hop aboard the steepest railway in the world. Originally constructed for a coal and oil shale-mining operation in the Jamison Valley in the 1880s, the Scenic World Railway Experience is now a permanent tourist attraction.

After lunch, we'll visit a sheep farm in the Central West and then we'll check into our lodgings in the town of Cowra for the evening.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

The morning will find us traveling to Gooloogong to visit Moxey Farms. Passionate about their people, cows and farms, the farm employs more than 220 people and its team members understand "the best innovation comes from collaboration."

As we make our way back to Sydney, we'll stop at family-owned and operated Leppington Dairy, one of Australia's largest dairy farms. Approximately 2,000 cows are milked 3 times a day in a Magnum 40 double-36 Westfalia-Surge Herringbone. Their facility is one of the largest in Australia.

The evening is yours to explore Sydney at your leisure.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

After a leisurely start, we'll re-group for a "City and Beaches" coach tour, with lunch at the iconic Bondi Beach. With its sweeping white-sand crescent, reliable waves to draw surfers and dramatic sandstone headlands popular with walkers, golfers and whale watchers, you'll quickly see why Bondi is one of the world's most famous beach destinations.

The rest of the afternoon is yours to enjoy as you wish.

In the evening, we'll take a short walk to join our farewell dinner cruise on Sydney Harbour.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

Those not extending to Tasmania will transfer to the Sydney International Airport to connect with a homeward flight.



TASMANIA

an optional finale

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

Those travelling to Tasmania will fly to Launceston and kick off their experience with a guided wine tasting and lunch at Tamar Ridge Wines. The winery is on the western bank of the picturesque Tamar River.

Our next visit will be to Ashgrove Cheese, award winners of the prestigious Australian Grand Dairy Awards. Situated in a small, fertile pocket of Northern Tasmania, between towering bluffs and cold, clear rivers on natural ryegrasses unique to this latitude, they'll treat us to a presentation and cheese tastings.

From here, we'll head to Hazelbrae Hazelnut Grove for an orchard tour and tasting. Home to Australia's most-awarded hazelnuts, Hazelbrae Hazelnuts also offers a café and retail shop.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

Today's first stop will be to Rosemount Agriculture's dairy. James and Sophie Greenacre were the 2021 Tasmanian Dairy Business of the Year winners. Rosemount Ag is a partnership between two couples – Rob and Jo Bradley, who raise the young stock, and James and Sophie Greenacre, who manage the dairy. They milk nearly 1,300 spring-calving cows twice a day at peak operation.

Our next stop will be to another dairy in the region, after which we'll travel south through the Midlands.

We'll enjoy lunch in historical Ross, a beautiful village listed on the Register of the National Estate and noted for its old and incredibly intricate bridge (the third oldest in Australia). With its original sandstone buildings, Ross has remained an English settlement through and through.

The afternoon gives us an opportunity to tour the Cadbury Chocolate Factory – yes, the one that makes millions of chocolate eggs and bunnies for Easter season.

MONDAY, APRIL 3

This morning we'll hear from Huon Aquaculture, a salmon-farming operation. The business started in 1986 as the Bender family business and in 1994, Peter and Frances Bender bought out the family and began to expand by contract-growing salmon. In November 2021, they sold Huon Aquaculture to JBS Foods.

Our next stop will take us to a successful family-owned organic apple orchard where we'll enjoy some cider tasting. From there we'll travel to the Tahune Forest, an old-growth forest at the confluence of the Huon and Picton Rivers. We'll have lunch in the café and then a guided walk on the Airwalk track, a walkway nearly 2,000 feet above the forest floor. We'll swing by Mt. Wellington lookout for incredible views of the surrounding area as we head back for our farewell dinner this evening.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

Feel free to spend the morning hours as you please. We'll travel to Hobart Domestic Airport for a midday flight to Melbourne, where we'll make our connection back to the US.



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- ◆ Roundtrip economy airfare on Qantas Airways from Dallas/Ft. Worth (DFW), including taxes and fees. *Taxes and fees not guaranteed until tickets are issued.*
- ◆ Specialized tour manager with dairy and agricultural knowledge and experience
- ◆ 12 nights hotel/motel accommodations
- ◆ Ground transportation via comfortable, modern 53-passenger motorcoach
- ◆ Sightseeing and technical visits as outlined in the flier
- ◆ Daily breakfast, 12 lunches, 6 dinners
- ◆ All entrance fees or special events as noted in the flier
- ◆ One refillable stainless steel water bottle per person
- ◆ End-of-tour gratuities for Australian tour manager and coach driver

For Australia only, cost is \$8,995/traveler with double occupancy and \$10,024/single traveler.

For Australia + Tasmania cost is an additional \$2,295/traveler with double occupancy and \$2671/single traveler.

A non-refundable deposit is required to secure your spot (\$500 for Australia only; \$750 to extend to Tasmania.)

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