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CUSTOMISED PROGRAM PROPOSAL

First Nations in Fiji

Proposal date: 13 June 2023

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Program Name

First Nations in Fiji

Destination

Fiji

Tentative Dates

18 November - 2 December 2023

Program Summary

The study tour is designed to provide an opportunity for Australian Indigenous students to understand the Pacific region, to learn how the Pacific Island communities are connected through history, and to develop a knowledge about Fijian culture and Indigenous people of the region. The itinerary will explore a cross-sector provision of services (government, NGO, CBO) and contributions to self-determination and sustainable livelihoods. Students participation in this study tour will allow them to better understand the similarities and differences between Fijian and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, social issues affecting populations, and share approaches to improving self-determination within community.

CISaustralia: The value proposition to University staff and students

- Access to dedicated and highly trained staff, with years of travel experience
- Programs tailored to meet academic course requirements
- Academic staff can focus 100% on academic content (T&L)
- Marketing support for student recruitment
- A structured approach to program development
- Meticulous logistical support
- Create efficient travel schedules
- Save the University time and money
- Specialised pre-departure guide and support process
- In-country orientation and cultural values session
- 24/7 Australia-based emergency support
- CISaustralia onsite staff member
- Customised risk matrix
- Risk management and emergency response plan
- Fixed cost structure
- Advice on external student funding

SAMPLE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

WEEK 1

Pre-departure Session: approx. 2 weeks prior to program

Student pre-departure presentation including cultural awareness, program expectations, accommodation, transport, visits, program structure and schedule (approx. 45 mins).

Day 1 Saturday 18 November Arrival Day	Day 2 Sunday 19 November	Day 3 Monday 20 November	Day 4 Tuesday 21 November	Day 5 Wednesday 22 November	Day 6 Thursday 23 November	Day 7 Friday 24 November
Sote Village	Sote Village to Suva	Suva	Suva	Suva	Suva	Suva
Morning: Arrive In Suva and travel To Sote Village Welcome Ceremony	Morning: Village Church Service (optional)	Morning: Fijian “Welcome to Country” Ceremony with the Australian High Commissioner & Prime Minister	Day: University Of The South Pacific (USP) for a campus tour & lecture	Morning: Visit the Fijian Parliament	Day: Visit the Fiji Women’s Crisis Centre <i>- is the only organisation raising awareness on violence against women as a human rights violation</i>	Morning: Visit the Fiji Rehabilitation Centre Suva
Afternoon: Group Lunch Cultural Introductory Session Local Village Tour & Mat Weaving Demonstration	Afternoon: Lovo Lunch - <i>a traditional underground oven method using hot stones</i> Travel to Suva	Afternoon: Fiji Museum & Suva Cultural Excursion - including fruit and fish markets		Afternoon: Visit the Fiji Council Of Social Services (FCOSS) <i>- provides support and training, and channels funding to small NGOs working in family welfare</i>		Afternoon: Free
Evening: Group Welcome Dinner prepared by the village Mother’s Club	Evening: Free to explore the local area	Evening: Free to explore the local area	Evening: Free to explore the local area	Evening: Free to explore the local area	Evening: Meeting With Local Church Youth Group discuss projects in place to assist Youth at risk & Group Dinner	Evening: Free to explore the local area
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Transport: Airport Transfer	Transport: Private Coach	Transport: Private Coach	Transport: Private Coach	Transport: Private Coach	Transport: Private Coach	Transport: Private Coach

*All excursions and visits listed in the above itinerary are subject to availability

SAMPLE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

WEEK 2

Day 8 Saturday 25 November	Day 9 Sunday 26 November	Day 10 Monday 27 November	Day 11 Tuesday 28 November	Day 12 Wednesday 29 November	Day 13 Thursday 30 November	Day 14 Friday 1 December
Suva	Suva	Suva	Suva	Suva	Suva	Suva
Morning: Free	Day: Today is free to rest or explore Suva	Morning: Visit the World Health Organisation (WHO) - <i>involved in a host of closely related public health activities, including research, evaluation, awareness raising and resource mobilization</i>	Day: Excursion up the Navua River By Local Longboat & Navua Village Visit for a traditional kava ceremony, exciting war dancing, Fijian singing , lunch, and village tour	Morning: Visit the Foundation for the Peoples of South Pacific International - <i>the regional secretariat for a network of 10 independent community-based organisations working in the Pacific to foster self-reliance and sustainable development</i>	Day: Seminar about life In Fiji and the contrasts of traditional village life And the modern city life @ USP	Day: Visit to a local beach resort to experience the beach culture in Fiji
Afternoon: Visit Colo-i-Suva, one of the national heritage parks in Fiji		Afternoon: Free		Afternoon: Free		
Evening: Free to explore the local area	Evening: Free to explore the local area	Evening: Free to explore the local area	Evening: Free to explore the local area	Evening: Free to explore the local area	Evening: Free to explore the local area	Evening: Group Farewell Dinner
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Meals: B	Meals: B	Meals: B	Meals: B,L	Meals: B	Meals: B	Meals: B,L,D
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WEEK 3
Day 15 Saturday 2 December Departure Day
Day: Check out of accommodation and travel back to Australia
Accommodation: n/a
Meals: B Transport: Airport Transfer

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