



SPORTS TRAVEL AUSTRALIA

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2023 CROSS COUNTRY ATHLETIC TOUR AMERICA

Sports Travel Australia is now offering our **2023** Cross Country Athletics Tour to America for young Australian Athletes.

We have successfully conducted athletic tours to different international destinations over many years.

What do these tours offer?

- **The opportunity to travel and compete internationally against athletes of similar age and standard.**
- **A cultural experience by seeing and enjoying different lifestyles in conjunction with entertainment and sightseeing packages.**
- **Develop new lifetime friendships by sharing group experiences with fellow students from different parts of Australia.**

If you are interested in joining our 2023 group, please read the attached literature carefully for further information regarding this organization and the proposed tour.

Should you wish to join the group, simply return your completed application (mail or email) along with the deposit (EFT or cheque) to secure a place on this tour. If you are unable to submit your application at this time but would like to be invited on future tours, please email and we can ensure you do not miss future invitations.

We look forward to having you travel with us.

Yours Truly,

*Karen Morham
Tour Manager
Sports Travel Australia Pty Ltd*



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TOUR INFORMATION DATES AND COSTS

Dates:

Depart Australia: **Wednesday 20th September 2023**

Return to Australia: **Wednesday 4th October 2023**

Days: **15 Days (includes day of departure and day of return to Australia).**

Note: Sports Travel Australia reserves the right to change tour dates, itineraries, and tour content dependent on availability of competition, airline schedules and other outside influences at time of final bookings.

Cost: \$7,995.00 Departure from Sydney or Melbourne.

(Departure from other locations by negotiation)

Included in the cost:

Return economy international airfares including taxes, all international ground transport, twin share accommodation including breakfast, organized entertainment and sightseeing, competition entries and uniform, tour management and supervision.

Not included in the cost:

Passport, travel insurance, and personal spending money.

Note: Tour prices are fixed subject to no increases in airfares and taxes at time of bookings.

Payments:

At the time of submitting an application we require a non-refundable deposit of \$500. The final page of this document is a tour payment schedule. The payments schedule also includes bank details for electronic funds transfer (EFT).

WHO IS SPORTS TRAVEL AUSTRALIA?

Sports Travel Australia is a Pty Ltd company that organizes Sports Tours for Groups. Sports Travel Australia has been conducting tours for decades with experienced tour Managers and coaches.

Sports Travel Australia is not affiliated or associated with Australian Athletic Associations or Education Departments or programs in Australia.

HOW DID I GET INVITED?

By achieving pre-determined standards at various state championships, athletes qualify for participation in our program. The standards are relevant to the competition conducted in America.

Invitations are distributed through schools because the school is the only point of contact, we have for the athletes. The school's name is also obtained from the results of the various state competitions. Invites are also distributed to Athletics Clubs and Running Groups with an open invitation to Athletes that meet pre-determined standards.

CAN PARENTS/GUARDIANS TRAVEL WITH THE GROUP?

Yes, we have many adults who wish to accompany athletes on our tours. If travelling with the group, the cost per adult is the same as the athlete.

CAN I JOIN PART OF THE TOUR?

No, participants must complete the whole tour including travelling from Australia with the group. An extended stay in America to complete a family holiday or stay with friends can be negotiated.

Previously we have had athletes join a tour while holidaying overseas, and it has proved to be disruptive to the group for coaching and competition preparation, and tour management co-ordination.

COMPETITION

The tour provides athletes with up to four competitions which are based in the Las Vegas area.

Two are invitational meets which are held on each of the Saturdays and involve up to twenty high school teams.

The other two meets are conducted midweek and involve up to five different high schools.

The standard of competition is suited to the standard of athletes we invite, so you can be assured of good competition.

Medals are awarded to individual placegetters at the invitational meets; also the group competes for team awards at these meets.

TEAM MANAGEMENT / COACHING

We have a network of qualified managers / coaches from around Australia who have a vast experience in travelling internationally with young Australian Athletes.

Staff are not only selected on qualifications, but also their interpersonal skills and abilities when relating to athletes.

Commitment to the success of this program is another critical quality that we assess when deciding on tour management groups.

SIGHTSEEING / ENTERTAINMENT

In addition to competition, the tour will incorporate other highlights including Disneyland and Universal Studios in California, a tour of the Hollywood area in Los Angeles, a visit to the Grand Canyon in Arizona, staying in Las Vegas where you will experience the magnificent night lights of the famous Las Vegas strip.

There will also be plenty of time allowed in the schedule for shopping at the many factory outlets.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is a requirement that all those who travel with our group take out the highest level of international travel insurance.

Note: Sports Travel Australia cannot absorb the risks associated with international travel, and will not be responsible for any liabilities, losses, claims, demands or any other expenses incurred by clients should the client fail to purchase adequate travel insurance.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES

Please do not hesitate to phone any time if you have any queries or require further information. When phoning the office you will be speaking to Karen Morham, tour coordinator, administrator and coach.

EMAIL: sportstravelaust@gmail.com

Attached you will find a reference sheet of some athletes and parents who have participated in previous tours to America.

Please do not hesitate to contact any of these people who will be happy to discuss their experience with you.

Also if you would like to discuss competition details, I am happy to help or put you in touch with our other touring coaches.

This exciting and value packed program is exclusive to **Sports Travel Australia**. The tour offers quality competition for athletes who wish to take up the challenge and gain the experience of competition against high school athletes in the United States, in addition to the benefits of an entertainment and sightseeing package.

Sports Travel Australia offers many athletes the opportunity to travel and compete internationally. We do this by making arrangements for group travel and accommodation packages. We have a network of contacts overseas who arrange competitions for us.

Usually, the only athletes who have the privilege of competing overseas are with National teams. This opportunity will probably only come once in a lifetime for other athletes.

I HAVE DECIDED TO GO, WHAT AM I REQUIRED TO DO?

The following is a checklist of things that need to be done between the time of making the decision to participate in the program and the time of departing Australia.

As you complete each item cross it off the list:

1. Application form / deposit.
2. Passport.
3. Fundraising.
4. Insurance.
5. Tour payments.
6. Travel arrangements to airport of international departures.

1. Submit your application and deposit.

NOTE: the \$500 deposit is regarded as our authority to proceed with the tour arrangements on your behalf. Therefore the deposit is strictly non-refundable (kindly refer to conditions on the reverse side of the application form). However the deposit may be transferred to a later tour if for some valid reason your tour needs to be deferred, or will be refunded in full if you are not selected to travel with the team.

If you are not in a position to submit the application and deposit at the time of receiving the invitation, please email your interest in travelling with us.

2. Passport.

If you do not already hold a passport you should apply for a passport immediately. All the details can be obtained from your local Post Office. Alternatively, the phone number for the Australia Passport Information Service is 131 232

3. Fundraising.

Set up a plan for fundraising. If you plan well you will succeed.

4. Insurance.

A travel insurance brochure may be sent to you at an appropriate time, parents are encouraged to shop around, especially for specific insurance regarding Covid.

5. Tour payments.

A receipt will be sent to you after each tour payment has been made.

6. Travel arrangements to airport of international departure.

Once issued with a detailed itinerary, plan any travel arrangements to arrive at the airport of international departures at least 3 hours prior to the scheduled departure time.

- **Please contact us at any time if you require advice or assistance with any of the above.**



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WED	20 th SEPT	Depart Australia. Arrive Los Angeles (California-United States). Visit Hollywood Boulevard and Santa Monica Pier.
THU	21 st SEPT	Travel to Las Vegas. (Nevada) stopping for Lunch at Barstow Station.
FRI	22 nd SEPT	Acclimatization / Relaxing day on Las Vegas strip / Leisure time.
SAT	23 rd SEPT	Morning Competition: TBC Evening Las Vegas Show- Cirque Du Soleil-Treasure Island.
SUN	24 th SEPT	Travel to Williams (Arizona). Williams is located about 1 hour South of the Grand Canyon on the famous Route 66. Souvenir shopping in historic Williams.
MON	25 th SEPT	Visit the Grand Canyon. Mid-afternoon -Training session-friendly relay Cross Country against Williams High School followed by a social evening with Williams High School Athletes at a local restaurant. TBC
TUE	26 th SEPT	Return to Las Vegas.
WED	27 th SEPT	Morning- Leisure time. Afternoon- Competition against schools from Clark County School District. (TBC)
THU	28 th SEPT	Factory outlet Shopping / leisure time. Evening- Team ride on New York New York Casino rollercoaster.
FRI	29 th SEPT	Visit Boulder City and Hoover Dam.
SAT	30 th SEPT	Morning Competition: TBC Afternoon: Travel back to Anaheim (Los Angeles)
SUN	1 st OCT	Full day and Evening experiencing the magic of Disneyland & California Adventure Park.
MON	2 nd OCT	Visit Universal Studios and its attractions Depart Los Angeles
TUE	3 rd OCT	In Flight
WED	4 th OCT	Arrive back in Australia Welcome Home



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PROPOSED PAYMENT SCHEDULE

NOTE: THIS IS ONLY AN INDICATION OF POSSIBLE PAYMENT PLAN ALTERNATIVELY
PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE ANYTIME IN PART OR FULL.

PAYMENT DUE	AMOUNT DUE	PAYMENT DATE	REFERENCE/METHOD	PAYMENT AMOUNT
DEPOSIT (ON APPLICATION OR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST)	\$500			
FEB/MARCH	\$1,250			
APRIL	\$1,250			
MAY	\$1,250			
JUNE	\$1,250			
JULY	\$1,250			
AUGUST	\$1,245			
TOTAL	\$7,995			

ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (EFT)

SPORTS TRAVEL AUSTRALIA PTY LTD

BENDIGO BANK

BSB: 633-000

ACCOUNT: 198 146 300

REFERENCE: *SURNAME AND INITIAL* also include either "1" = Deposit or "2" =Repayment