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Educational Adventures

Welcome to our **Centre of Learning**

Head north... The Territory has it all...

The Northern Territory is the perfect location for students to learn about – and participate in – experiences that contribute to their education under the Australian Curriculum.

Students can be immersed in the arts, music, dance and story telling of Indigenous people.

Multiple disciplines can be incorporated into one fabulous itinerary.

Let Austour help you prepare a new generation for Outback fun and learning. It's what we have loved doing for more than 50 years.



Aboriginal Studies

Travelling through extraordinary landforms, spectacular scenery, visiting Outback Indigenous communities, throwing a boomerang, playing on a didgeridoo, cooking and sampling a kangaroo tail, digging for honey ants, sitting around a campfire and chatting to an Aboriginal family and sleeping under the stars – this is what an Aboriginal studies program with Austour is all about.



The Northern Territory has it all, from the Central Australian Deserts to the Top End and Arnhem Land.

Experience one of the world's oldest surviving cultures.

RIGHT: Jessica Mauboy with students at Yipirinya School, Alice Springs.



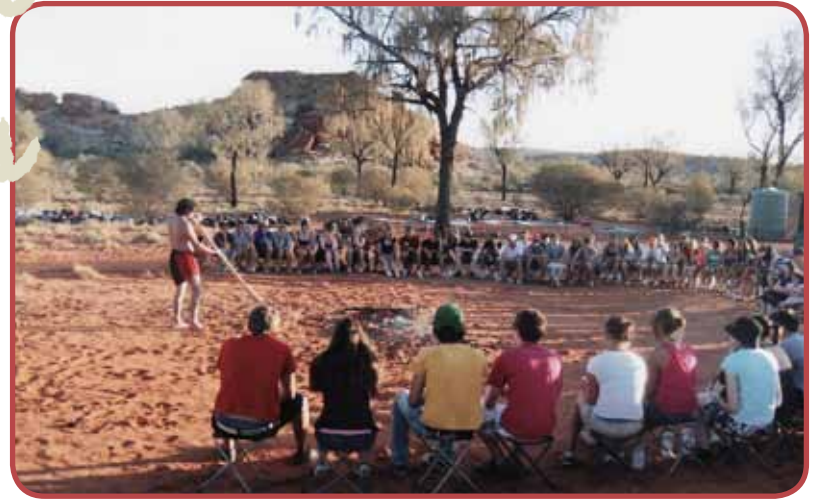
The Australian Curriculum

The Australian Curriculum sets consistent national standards to improve learning outcomes for all young Australians. It outlines, through content descriptions and achievement standards, what students should be taught and achieve, as they progress through school.

Austour has designed itineraries to combine fun and adventure with key educational outcomes as proposed under our national curriculum.

Students have the opportunity to study and explore new environments, develop personal skills, as well as meet and learn alongside Aboriginal people.

LEFT: Yipirinya school principal Ken Langford-Jones makes a presentation to a student.



Sustainability and Ecology

Attractions that bring lessons to life

Earth Sanctuary World Nature Centre is a family-owned company focusing on ecology, culture, astronomy and sustainable practices. The centre is best known for its astronomy and educational tours and is a partner with Austour in this program.



Alice Desert Park is a government-owned facility that brings the Central Australian Desert to life. Students gain an understanding that the country around them is ancient, exciting and dynamic.

Larapinta Trail: a walk on the Larapinta Trail with Austour and our Aboriginal guide will introduce students to bush tucker, flora and fauna and learning about Indigenous skills.



Darwin, Kakadu, Arnhem Land

Discover the Top End where your students will gain insight into extraordinary landscapes, pre-historic creatures, ancient Aboriginal art and culture, the understated war history of this region, and the devastating 1974 Cyclone Tracy. The Northern Territory's multi-cultural capital, Darwin is the closest Australian capital city to the Asia Pacific Region. A city steeped in history, Darwin today offers an insight into the past and future of Australia's geopolitical and economic engagement in the region. The Territory is a vital part of our connection to the Asia Pacific Region.

The first Indigenous inhabitants of the region had trading ties throughout Southeast Asia – and the Top End's trade with the Asian region continues to grow today.

Aboriginal studies' students visiting the Top End have excellent opportunities to engage with Indigenous communities on social, cultural and sporting levels. Trips from Darwin can include Litchfield National Park, Katherine, Kakadu, Arnhem Land and the Tiwi Islands.

The opportunities are endless. Each Austour itinerary is tailored to suit student or adult needs.



Traditional Camping Safari

Austour's Traditional Camping Safari, pioneered in the 1960s, has introduced many thousand of students to the Outback. Safari camping is a fun-filled adventure at a budget price. Camping out in pyramid style tents (which we invented) and visiting iconic Australian landmarks creates life-long memories of this outdoor classroom activity. The Safari has generally departed from school in either Melbourne or Sydney, travelling 4 or 5 days through the Outback, visiting iconic places like Broken Hill, the Flinders Ranges, Woomera and Coober Pedy.

Ultimately it reaches the highlights of the Red Centre – Uluru, Kings Canyon and Alice Springs.

While many schools continue to favour the attraction-based safari, others are choosing the newer concept of meeting and becoming involved with Aboriginal communities.

This choice has opened the door to a whole new range of experiences.



12 reasons to choose Austour

1. We are passionate about sharing the Australian Outback.
2. A lifetime of working with Aboriginal communities
3. Our team members are knowledgeable and enthusiastic
4. We are committed to service
5. Our safety record is impeccable
6. We work with Indigenous enterprises
7. We respect Indigenous culture
8. We have a wide range of trip themes
9. Our staff members are experienced and friendly
10. We tailor our tours to meet your needs
11. We design our itineraries to meet curriculum needs
12. We guarantee we won't be beaten on price.*

*Our guarantee is that we will not be beaten on price for verifiable identical itineraries.



Testimonials

Our school has travelled with Austour since 1989, the latest trip being a 10-day Outback Cultural & Historic Pilgrimage to Central Australia for Years 5 to 8 students. We highly recommend Austour to any school contemplating an adventure holiday. We have found Austour's pre-trip planning to be thorough and our students have always been well prepared for the trips they have undertaken. Mr Max Whitehead has always worked closely with our school and has been willing to supplement any new initiatives we have proposed in order to have an exciting, educational experience for our students.

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We are writing to you to say how much we enjoyed our wonderful Queensland trip in the September vacation. The trip went very smoothly as all arrangements were well planned in advance of our trip. The coach driver and catering manageress were excellent and we did appreciate their professionalism and expertise throughout the trip. Once again very many thanks Max to you and your excellent company for again allowing us to have an exciting, interesting and adventurous trip in Australia.

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Students and staff travelled to Uluru and Alice Springs in vacation. Austour consulted and co-operated at all times with the staff organisers and all arrangements were organised well prior to the trip. We were very pleased with the quality of organisation as well as the food, coach driver, catering manager, tents and camping sites and cabin accommodation. Austour has organised many trips for our school and again we would like to congratulate them on their continued excellent standards at all times, as well as always being a most helpful, informative and obliging company with whom to work.

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Thanks for the 16-day Kimberley to Kakadu Adventure - I would like to make the following comments. Liz and Ian were excellent team managers. Both have a vast knowledge of the flora and fauna and of the mining and agriculture of the land through which we passed. Liz's cooking was absolutely outstanding. Every meal time was a pleasure despite the extra worries which she and Ian faced with the vehicle breakdown. They both handled this extra problem with remarkable skill and good humour. I thank Austour most sincerely for two splendid trips and shall spread the good word.

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