



ADVENTURE HANDBOOK



AUSSIE ALL STARS

PASSPORT TO BROADWAY

JANUARY 2020

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ABOUT THIS TOUR

The Aussie All-Stars adventure, supported by Music Theatre International Australasia (MTIA), provides opportunities for gifted and talented students to perform and develop their skills by working with industry professionals in New York while collaborating with like-minded students on a performance for the Junior Theatre Festival, Atlanta.

It is the ultimate learning journey for aspiring musical theatre stars.

Students will gain from this international performance and skill development experiences through Broadway acting classes, meeting leading Broadway performers, getting feedback on their performance, performing at the Junior Theatre Festival and participating in the Disney Performing Arts Workshop program in Disneyland, Anaheim.

ABOUT TRAVEL GANG

We don't just offer a destination...we deliver an experience!

The team at Travel Gang like to be inspired ourselves and are not satisfied unless you are. We aim to change the world by innovating creative international experiences that allow young people to develop new ways of thinking. At Travel Gang we love to learn, we love to travel and we love to have fun! We design, customise, organise and conduct group adventures and programs that maximise learning and career development outcomes. #travelgangdelivers

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PRE ADVENTURE HOMEWORK

Movies to watch that are set in New York:

42nd Street (1933)	Citizen Kane (1941)
King Kong (2005)	Spiderman (2002)
Muppets take Manhattan (1984)	When Harry Met Sally (1989)
Lullaby of Broadway (1951)	Guys and Dolls (1955)
The Producers (2005)	Anger Management (2003)
A Chorus Line (1985)	Home Alone 2 – Lost in New York (1992)
Breakfast at Tiffany's (1961)	West Side Story (1961)
Night at the Museum (2006)	Sex and The City: The Movie (2008)
Ghost (1990)	Men in Black (1997)
The Godfather (1972)	Taxi Driver (1976)
The Avengers (2012)	The Wolf of Wall St (2013)
Independence Day (1996)	Godzilla (1998)
Ghostbusters (1984)	Annie (1982)

NOTE: Please check individual film ratings before watching.

BAGGAGE ALLOWANCES

Delta Airlines (as with most airlines) has the following baggage allowances:

* **ONE CHECKED BAG:** weighing up to 23 kilograms and not exceeding 157 centimetres (length plus width plus height).

* **ONE CARRY-ON ITEM:** weighing up to 7 kilograms not exceeding 114cm (length plus width plus height). They generally make everyone put it in a metal frame to ensure it is not oversized.

If you are travelling with another airline please contact them for more information. For more information on baggage limits go to:

http://www.delta.com/content/www/en_US/support/faqs/during-your-trip/baggage-faqs.html

WHAT TO PACK

This is our suggested list of things to consider packing for this trip. Although, everyone is individual, and you will no doubt have other things and personal preferences that you may wish to include or discard. The following is by no means a definitive list, but should give you a good guide as to what you should pack for your tour.

DON'T FORGET YOUR PASSPORT & PRINTED COPY OF YOUR ESTA

CLOTHES

- 1 rainproof jacket
- Comfortable walking shoes – waterproof if possible – snow/sleet is cold and wet
- 1 or 2 shorts/skirts
- 1 or 2 dresses
- 1 thick sweater/jumper
- 2 or 3 casual shirts
- 2 or 3 t-shirts
- 1 swimwear (some hotels may have pools/spas)

TOILETRIES

- Toiletry bag
- Toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant
- Make up, moisturizers and hair products
- Sun cream lotion – just because it's cold doesn't mean there is no sun
- Handkerchiefs/tissues
- Lip balm
- Paracetamol/medications

MISCELLANEOUS

- Travel umbrella
- Mobile phone/iphone
- Sunglasses
- Plastic bags/zip lock bags
- Washing powder / wonder soap
- iPhone/Camera
- Pens and writing materials
- Drama blacks (long pants) adjudication uniform
- Aussie All Stars uniforms where instructed
- Travel Gang Cap

- Underwear and socks (lots)
- 1 set of smart clothes (eg tie, blazer, jacket or suit for evenings out while on tour)
- 1 thick and very warm jacket
- Thermal underclothes (eg. top and bottom)
- Scarf, gloves and warm winter hat/beanie
- 2 or 3 pairs of jeans/long pants
- Thongs
- Going out' shoes

CARRY ON

- Passport
- Printed copy of your ESTA (USA visa)
- Pen (to complete necessary forms)
- Lollies for the plane to help ear equalisation
- You may decide to buy 'ear planes' which reduce discomfort during take-off.
- Any medications (eg Asthma inhaler)
- Printed medical plan
- Neck pillow (small)
- One change of clothes and your big jacket . (in case your luggage is delayed)
- USA Power adapters
- A warm top to take on the plane
- A small amount of American cash (eg. \$300.00)
- Credit cards and/or travel cards
- Home contact numbers
- Copies of your passport, drivers licence, insurance policy, credit cards
- Day bag/small backpack
- Copy of your sheet music/scripts
- Phone chargers/camera chargers

TIP: Travel Gang will provide you with a special luggage tag so we can identify your bag easily. It is essential that you use this and include your name and your home address. Our unique tags are our identifier that your luggage belongs to our group and also to make it easier to spot.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel Gang recommends that you take out travel insurance. There are many companies that offer travel insurance. You should make sure your travel insurance covers all medical expenses for injury or illness, as well as theft of valuables, damage to baggage and cancellations or interruptions to flight plans. Accidents can happen to anyone, and medical costs overseas can reach hundreds of thousands of dollars. Australian citizens have faced financial hardship to cover these costs when things go wrong.

The Australian Government won't pay for your medical treatment overseas or medical evacuation to Australia or a third country. Travellers without travel insurance are personally liable for covering any medical and associated costs they incur.

U.S VISA REQUIREMENTS

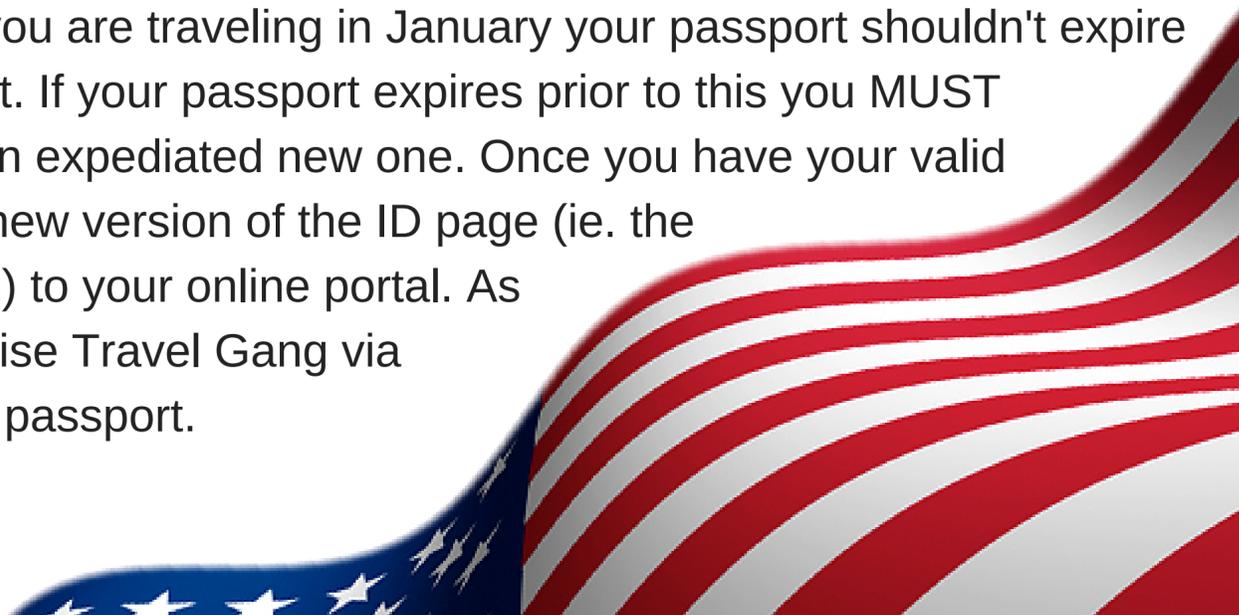
Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) is an automated system that determines the eligibility of visitors to travel to the United States under the Visa Waiver Program (VWP). All nationals or citizens of VWP countries who plan to travel to the U.S. on a plane or cruise ship for temporary business or pleasure for 90 days or less under the VWP will need authorization via ESTA. If a traveller is planning to transit through the United States en route to another country, an authorization via ESTA is still required. ESTA is accessible online at <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov> for citizens and eligible nationals of VWP countries including Australians. It costs \$14.00 USD.

Here is the link: <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/>

YOU MUST HAVE A PRINTED COPY OF YOUR ESTA!!

VALID PASSPORTS

Your passport must have 6 months validity remaining from your return date to Australia. For example, if you are traveling in January your passport shouldn't expire before the following August. If your passport expires prior to this you **MUST IMMEDIATELY** apply for an expedited new one. Once you have your valid passport please upload a new version of the ID page (ie. the page with your photograph) to your online portal. As well as this you **MUST** advise Travel Gang via email that you have a new passport.



TRAVEL GANG TEAM



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 MAX BALDOCK
 MADISON BECKLEY
 CONNOR CHADWICK
 AMELIA DAVIES
 JORJA ELLIOTT
 EMILY FRANKLIN
 AMANDA GARDNER
 ABBIE GOMMERS
 MAKENZIE GOODWIN
 MABEL GREEN
 GEORGIA HEYWARD
 MADELEINE JEFFREY-MOORE
 SAM JENKINS
 AARON JOHNS
 CHELSEA JONES
 KIMBERLY MACGOWN
 COREY MAJOR
 ANDREW MCARTHUR
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 SIENA ROMEO
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 ELLA SHEGOG
 CHLOE SLOAN
 LUCINDA SMITH
 FINLAY UNDERWOOD



SIENNA



ELLA



AMANDA



AMELIA



COREY



MAKENZI



CONNOR



ANDREW



ABBIE



CHELSEA



MADISON



NATASHA



FINLAY



LUCINDA



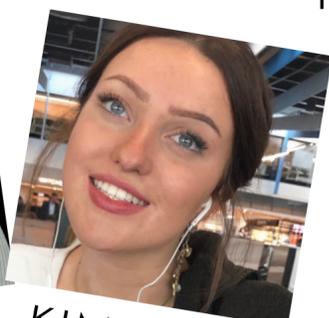
MABEL



JORJA



SHANNAE



KIMBERLY



AARON



MADELEINE

AUSSIE ALL-STARS MEMBERS

CHAPERONES & SIBLINGS



JORDAN



JADE



BINDI



SUZETTE



RACHAEL



JASMINE



STEVEN



KATHRYN



LESLIE



SYLVIA



TRACEY



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GIOVANNI AMBROSI
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 MICHAEL JENKINS
 TINA JONES
 BELINDA MAJOR
 CHRISTINE MCARTHUR
 NINA PYE
 JADE RANDALL
 JORDAN RANDALL
 SUZETTE RANDALL
 SANDY ROMEO
 RACHAEL SHEAD
 TRACEY SHEGOG
 MELISSA SMITH
 KATHRYN TRELOAR
 LESLIE WRIGHT



NINA



SAMANTHA



ERICA



SHANNON



TRACEY

LOGISTICAL GROUPING

In order to ensure smooth logistics while touring with a large group, it has been necessary to split the tour members into groups. These groups are mostly utilised when travelling. The itinerary has the details as to the different meeting times for the different groups when needed. A great deal of care has been taken when selecting the groups to try and keep friends connected where possible.

ORANGE GROUP GREEN GROUP

Andrew McArthur
Christine McArthur
Amelia Davies
Shannon Browning
Jasmine Harvey
Kylie Harvey
Steven Harvey
Connor Chadwick
Emily Franklin
Justine Franklin
Lynette Franklin
Giovanni Ambrosi
Madonna Ambrosi
Mia Ambrosi
Leslie Wright
Kathryn Treloar
Jorja Elliott
Sylvia Elliott
Mabel Green
Niesha Green
Rebecca Cameron
Laura Macleod

Ella Shegog
Tracey Shegog
Georgia Heyward
Madeleine Jeffrey-Morre
Kimberly Macgown
Max Baldock
Oscar Reisz
Finlay Underwood
Aaron Jones
Madison Beckley
Tracey Beckley
Belinda Major
Corey Major
Natasha Pye
Nina Pye
Sandy Romeo
Siena Romeo
Michael Jenkins
Sam Jenkins
Erica Benci
Samantha Benci
Abbie Gommers
Rachale Shead
Shannae Shead
Chloe Sloan
Amanda Gardner
Jade Randall
Jordan Randall
Sienna Randall
Suzette Randall
Jamie Goodwin
Makenzi Goodwin
Skyla Goodwin
Stacey Goodwin
Chelsea Jones
Tina Jones
Lucinda Smith
Melissa Smith
Daniel Stoddart
Nicole George
Sharon Baird

Each tour member is given a luggage tag and Travel Gang cap to match the colour of their group.

ON TOUR

ARRIVAL AT SYDNEY AIRPORT

Please meet at the **VIRGIN AUSTRALIA Airlines check-in at 7:15am** and then stay with your allocated colour group ALL the way through the airport. Please ensure you have all your flight documentation, passports and Visas (ESTA) on hand. Good idea to make sure you have this ready before you leave home. You will also receive your official Travel Gang cap from your Travel Gang Tour Director when you arrive. This cap must be worn all the way through the airport for identification purposes. Please note- *If you are not at the airport to meet us and miss the first flight, the airline automatically cancels all of your other flights. Allow extra time to ensure you are there!*

CUSTOMS & IMMIGRATION

Once we meet at all security gates and departure lounges your Tour Director and other group supervisors will inform you of the relevant forms that need to be completed when boarding the plane and during arrival procedures. Some of the forms you may need to complete include an arrival card and a customs declaration card. You will need to have your passport available for immigration and customs officers. Please be aware that Australian and USA customs procedures are very strict. You must declare any food items, animal products and wooden/plant products. Penalties also apply for exceeding duty free limits.

DOCUMENTATION

It is recommended to carry a copy of your passport, visas, travel and other important documents as well as your travellers cheque numbers (if you use them) with you in your luggage. You should also leave a copy of all this information at home with someone trusted and contactable while you are away. Don't pack your travel documents and passport in your luggage, rather take it with you in your carry luggage.

Remember to bring more than enough of any medication you might need along with you and carry prescriptions as well as a letter from your doctor for any medications that you carry with you.

IN FLIGHT

You may like to swap seats to be with family and friends once on the plane. Some of you will already be seated with your family but as we are traveling as a group there may be a little bit of rejigging once on the plane.

Use lip balm frequently and rehydrate often with water. Cover yourself with a warm blanket or top when sleeping. Walk around and complete in-seat stretches often. Force yourself to sleep otherwise you may be disorientated over the next 2 days.

ON TOUR CONT.

SAFETY AND WELFARE

Tour member's safety is of the utmost importance to Travel Gang. See below for advice and tips about safety and welfare whilst on tour:

- Stay with your group at all times.
- Be sure to always confirm the arranged meeting times and meeting points.
- Do not make it obvious that you are carrying money, credit cards and other valuables.
- Any individual who places themselves, other tour members, or the tour at risk will be excluded from continuing the tour at the sole discretion of Travel Gang.
- Always carry some form of identification.
- Always carry the phone numbers of your Tour Director, your temporary guardian (if you have one) and your hotel.
- Always be ON TIME. If you are late, the group will leave without you. You will need to call your group guide to find where to meet them.
- Always carry a small amount of cash between \$20 and \$50USD.
- Respect the laws of the county we are visiting. Drug activity, shop lifting, physical violence, vandalism, and verbal abuse are illegal.
- Cross roads only at traffic lights – always look LEFT first. In America Jaywalking (crossing roads elsewhere) is an offence.

If you are unsure about anything or anyone always talk with your Tour Director.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Travel Gang code of conduct is outlined in the “Terms and Conditions” that you signed upon application for this tour. Please refer to this for specific details and policies. Throughout the tour it is a Travel Gang policy for all tour members to strive to promote harmony and good will. Travelling as a group, as opposed to travelling independent, carries with it not just responsibility for yourself but for all other members of your group. It is not permitted that tour members make their own rules and conditions. Here are our top 4 things to keep in mind:

1. Treat all tour members respectfully and courteously.
2. Value other tour member's personal property and need for privacy and personal space.
3. Bullying and harassment within the tour in any form will not be tolerated under any circumstances.
4. All Travel Gang adventures are drug and alcohol free for all travellers.

ON TOUR CONT.

BUDDY SYSTEM

It is expected that all tour members (students and chaperones) be in the company of another tour member at all times. With particular concern to public places such as museums, toilets, shopping centres, airports to name a few.

HOTEL BEHAVIOUR

- Always be aware of individual hotel rules posted in each room.
- Students are not permitted to leave the confines of the hotel without the permission of the Tour Director and then must be supervised by appointed persons and chaperones.
- Make note of the room numbers of the Tour Directors and chaperones at each hotel.
- Tour members are not to change rooms.
- Number of persons per room is dictated by hotel policy.
- No chaperone (with the exception of appointed guardians/Tour Directors) will enter a student room.
- Do not congregate/hang out in hotel corridors.
- Students are not permitted to invite any non-tour members to their room.
- Students are not to leave their room after the advised curfew time.
- Always secure luggage and valuables safely when not in your room.
- Punctuality at meeting times and meeting points is imperative in order to make transfers and flights. Return your key on check out.
- Travel Gang will not under any circumstances be responsible for hotel expenses (room service, in-house movies, laundry etc.) incurred by any tour member.
- In-house hotel expenses must be paid for well before check-out in order to meet transfers/flights etc. it is recommended you do this the night before check-out.

IF YOU ARE LOST

In the event you become separated from the main group please follow these steps:

1. Contact the Tour Director immediately via mobile phone.
2. Try and contact another tour member via mobile phone.
3. Make your way to the assigned meeting point/area and wait for the group to return.
4. Call the hotel and give your whereabouts.
5. Ask staff at a nearby shop, restaurant, café etc. for assistance and ask them to contact your hotel.

DO NOT: Wait on the street; Accept a lift from anyone or Catch a taxi cab without a chaperone.

ON TOUR CONT.

MOBILE PHONE USE

It is highly recommended that you arrange for international data on your phone, or alternatively purchase a new SIM card in New York that includes data. Trust us, you need this for so many reasons. Please note, using data overseas can be expensive if you do not have the correct plan. We recommend you contact your phone network provider and understand the full costs while roaming internationally. (Shane once had a surprise bill for \$800 when he returned from a trip to Hawaii)

COMMUNICATION ON TOUR

Morning toolbox sessions are **mandatory**. It is when you will get important information about the day and anything you need to prepare for the following day. The tour group Facebook site is also an important tool used to communicate regularly while on tour which is why it's important to be a part of the group and also have data on your phone.

If there is ever anything troubling you while on tour, it is better to talk about it with someone. Please tell your chaperones, teacher or one of our tour directors.

KEEP CALM

We are all going to have so much fun on this tour. If you're a regular traveller, you will know that sometimes plans need to change for many reasons. You are being looked after by the awesome Travel Gang tour directors so there will be nothing to worry about. Just go with the flow and let us solve any issues that pop up along the way. Your flexibility is appreciated.

When you are travelling so close to people for such a long time, there will be times when you just want your own space. If that happens to you, we recommend you put your earphones in and listen to some music for a while. If you see someone else having some 'earphone time', give them a few moments to themselves unless your message is truly important.

MEALS IN FLIGHT

When we distribute the flight tickets to you, it is YOUR responsibility to go online and order any special meals you require for the flight if you have dietary requirements. You need to do this for any flights that will have meals. The airlines will only consider one request Eg: 'Gluten Free', they won't cater for two requests Eg: 'Gluten Free and Dairy free'

ON TOUR CONT.

SEATS ON THE PLANE

You will be allocated a seat with the group. If you are not happy with your assigned seat, you can use the online system to change your seat to another vacant seat on the plane. This may involve extra payment to the airline, which is managed by you through the airline website. Seat assignment is done by the airline, not by Travel Gang.

SPENDING MONEY

Please budget your money carefully to ensure that you have enough for meals throughout the trip. Around \$50 USD per day should be budgeted for your meals. Also you wouldn't want to spend all your souvenir money in New York and then have nothing left for Disneyland. Chaperones are asked to keep an eye on student expenditure and let the teachers know if you have concerns.

While it is not recommended for anyone to carry large amounts of cash, avoid letting yourself fall short of money as ATMs are often difficult to locate. We strongly advise against using credit cards when buying from small merchants. Please note that each participant is responsible for managing their own money while on tour.

LOOKING AFTER YOUR THINGS

Tour participants are responsible for looking after their own belongings while on tour. It is not possible for us to return to a tour venue so take care not to leave items (like phones/ cameras) behind. While in New York, it is also easy to lose items like gloves, scarfs and beanies because you are regularly taking them off and putting them on. The best way to keep these things together is to ball them up and shove them tightly in the sleeve of your jacket while carrying them around.

LAUNDRY

Shane likes to wash his clothes in his hotel bathroom and they usually dry by the next day. However, you can do your laundry at the following places (own cost).

New York- Best Wash & Dry Inc, 670 9th Ave (two blocks from the Edison)

Atlanta - Hotel laundromat services available

Hollywood - Hotel laundromat services available

Anaheim - Hotel laundromat services available

ADVENTURE ITINERARY

DAY 1

Thursday 9/01/2020

7:15am- Meet at the Virgin Australia airlines check-in area at the Sydney International Airport

Your Travel Gang guides will be wearing black travel gang caps

Travel Sydney to JFK (via LAX)

Flight VA 1 - 11:15am - Arrive LAX 6:05pm

Depart LAX - DL 183 - Evening Arrival New York 8:06pm

ORANGE BUS - Travel Gang Guides (Daniel, Nicole)

GREEN BUS - Travel Gang Guides (Rebecca, Laura)

Evening Arrival New York

Transfer to accommodation

Hotel Edison 228 W 47th St

DINNER (own cost): Group will be taken along 8th ave for traditional NY Pizza.

DAY 2

Friday 10/01/2020

Full Group Sightseeing Day #1:

8:20AM Breakfast (Buffalo Wild Wings) & Tool Box Session

9:20AM Morning walk to Grand Central Station

Subway trip to Brooklyn Bridge

Subway to Battery Park/ view of Statue of Liberty

Walk to Ground Zero Memorial

LUNCH: At Westfield 'Fish Building' (next to ground zero memorial)

Subway from Cortlandt St (R or W train) to 34th Herald Square

Walk back to Edison

[HUGE WALKING DAY: Approx 16km]

6:00PM Dinner at Sbarro (1606 Broadway)

8:00PM: MOULIN ROUGE At Hirschfeld Theatre - 302 W 45th - Meet your guide at the front of the theatre. If you are not on time to collect your tickets from us, you will miss the show.

ADVENTURE ITINERARY

DAY 3

Saturday 11/01/2020- Rehearsal Day #1

8:20AM Breakfast (Buffalo Wild Wings) & Tool Box Session

9:10AM Students walk to Ripley Greir Studios (939 8th Ave Studio 4A)

- Auditions & Learn All Vocals

* Students to take a packed lunch and plenty of water

9:10AM Parents and Chaperones depart for sightseeing

- Lower Manhattan Walking Tour, Chelsea Markets, High Line Walk,

5:00PM Meet back at the Edison

LEISURE NIGHT- Dinner recommendations include Hard Rock Cafe, TGI Fridays, Ellen's Stardust Diner, Applebees, Shake Shack. You might also like to buy tickets to another Broadway show or go check out a comedy club.

DAY 4

Sunday 12/01/2020- Sightseeing Day #2

8:20AM Breakfast (Buffalo Wild Wings) & Tool Box Session

9:20AM Depart for Central Park Ice Skating and exploring

Walking tour of Central Park including the John Lennon Memorial

Afternoon Film walking tour (around times square), Library, The Drama Book Shop and Bryant Park Fountain, Rockafella Center, Chrysler Building.

LEISURE NIGHT- Dinner recommendations include Hard Rock Cafe, TGI Fridays, Ellen's Stardust Diner, Applebees, Shake Shack. You might also like to buy tickets to another Broadway show or go check out a comedy club.

ADVENTURE ITINERARY

DAY 5

Monday 13/01/2020 - Rehearsal Day #2

8:20AM Breakfast (Buffalo Wild Wings) & Tool Box Session

9:10AM Students walk to Ripley Greir Studios (939 8th Ave Studio 4A)

- Learn All Choreography

- * Students to take a packed lunch and plenty of water

9:10AM Parents and Chaperones depart for sightseeing

- Fifth Avenue, Macy's, Saks on Fifth shopping OR

- Explore The Met, MoMA

5:00PM Meet back at the Edison

LEISURE NIGHT- Dinner recommendations include Hard Rock Cafe, TGI Fridays, Ellen's Stardust Diner, Applebees, Shake Shack. You might also like to buy tickets to another Broadway show or go check out a comedy club.

Visit Broadway Merchandise Stores

DAY 6

Tuesday 14/01/2020- Rehearsal Day #3

8:20AM Breakfast (Buffalo Wild Wings) & Tool Box Session

9:10AM Students walk to Ripley Greir Studios (939 8th Ave Studio 4A)

- Choreography + Vocals + Blocking

- * Students to take a packed lunch and plenty of water

9:10AM Parents and Chaperones depart for sightseeing

- Museum of Natural History, The Met (*own cost*)

5:00PM Meet back at the Edison

LEISURE NIGHT- Dinner recommendations include Hard Rock Cafe, TGI Fridays, Ellen's Stardust Diner, Applebees, Shake Shack. You might also like to buy tickets to another Broadway show or go check out a comedy club.

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ADVENTURE ITINERARY

DAY 7

Wednesday 15/01/2020 - Rehearsal Day #4

8:20AM Breakfast (Buffalo Wild Wings) & Tool Box Session

9:10AM Students walk to Ripley Greir Studios (939 8th Ave Studio 4A)

- Full Runs + Performance for special guests

* Students to take a packed lunch and plenty of water

9:10AM Parents and Chaperones depart for sightseeing

- Ground Zero Museum (own cost)

5:00PM Meet back at the Edison

5:20PM Dinner at Sbarro (1606 Broadway)

7:00PM: OKLAHOMA Circle In The Square Theatre, 235 West 50th Street

- Meet your guide at the front of the theatre. If you are not on time to collect your tickets from us, you will miss the show.

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10:00PM Empire State Building (night time visit.. Cold but amazing)

DAY 8

Thursday 16/01/2020 - Broadway Workshop Day

8:20AM Breakfast (Buffalo Wild Wings) & Tool Box Session

9:30AM Students walk to _____ studios for Workshops

9:30AM Chaperone Free Time

1:30PM Meet Back at the Edison

LEISURE NIGHT: Enjoy your last night in New York City....

GO TO BED EARLY!!!!

ADVENTURE ITINERARY

DAY 9

Friday 17/01/2020

4:20AM GREEN GROUP - Bus Departure

5:20AM ORANGE GROUP - Bus Departure

-Breakfast at the airport-

Flight from LaGuardia Airport to Atlanta

GREEN GROUP- DL1842 DEPARTING @ 0800am ARRIVING @ 1040am

ORANGE GROUP- DL2921 DEPARTING @ 0900am ARRIVING @ 1144am

Transfer to CNN building to see the news in action, lunch and shopping.

1:30PM- Green group depart for Centre of the Puppetry Arts

2:00PM- Orange group depart for Centre of the Puppetry Arts

Transfer to accommodation

Renaissance Atlanta Waverly Hotel

2450 Galleria Pkwy, Atlanta

Junior Theatre Festival Registration

Dinner (own cost): Cumberland Mall (recommend Cheesecake Factory).

8:00PM - 8:30PM Rehearsal

DAY 10

Saturday 18/01/2020

Junior Theatre Festival Adjudication Day

Other Festival Activities

Dance Party

Dinner (own cost): Cumberland Mall

DAY 11

Sunday 19/01/2020

Junior Theatre Festival Day 2

Other Festival Activities

Festival Concert

Dinner (own cost): Cumberland Mall



ADVENTURE ITINERARY

DAY 12

Monday 20/01/2020

7:00AM Coach transfer to Atlanta Airport

Fly Atlanta to LAX DL1206 DEPARTING @ 1050am ARRIVING @ 1242pm

Breakfast at airport

Transfer to Hollywood area

LUNCH on Hollywood Boulevard

See the Hollywood sign, Walk of Fame, Grauman's Chinese theatre, Beverly Hills, Rodeo Drive

Transfer to Accommodation-

Hilton Universal City, Hollywood

Dinner at Universal City Walk

DAY 13

Tuesday 21/01/2020

7:30AM- Breakfast and tool box session

Universal Studios FULL DAY

Dinner Recommendation: Universal CityWalk

ADVENTURE ITINERARY

DAY 14

Wednesday 22/01/2020

7:30AM- Breakfast and Toolbox session

Transfer to Anaheim (Disneyland area) via Griffith Park Observatory,
The Original Farmer's Markets, Olvera Street

Transfer to accommodation;

Grand Legacy at the Park

1650 S Harbor Blvd, Anaheim

DINNER Suggestions (own cost): Downtown Disney Mall, iHOP, Rain Forest Cafe

Evening Leisure Suggestions (own cost): Downtown Disney Mall shopping.

DAY 15

Thursday 23/01/2020

Disneyland Day 1

Magic Kingdom/ California Adventure park hopper

Disney Broadway Magic Masterclass 'Show Choir'

DAY 16

Friday 24/01/2020

Disneyland Day 2

California Adventure/ Magic Kingdom park hopper



DAY 17

Saturday 25/01/2020

Transfer from Anaheim to LAX via Santa Monica/Venice Beach/ Rydell High School

Evening Flight from LAX to Sydney

LA to SYD- Flight# VA 2 DEPARTING @ 2300pm ARRIVING 0855am on 27 JAN

DAY 18

Sunday 26/01/2020 - Lost In Flight

DAY 19

Monday 27/01/2020 - Arrive Sydney International Airport. Adventure ends.

Travel Gang responsibility ends at the arrivals gates at Sydney Airport at the end of the adventure. If you are picking up your child please meet us at the arrival gates at Sydney International airport. If you are transferring to a connecting flight to another city, please make sure you are prepared for this with your flight numbers and know how to transfer to the Domestic terminal.



WHAT TO PREPARE?

By now you would have seen lots of materials in our closed Facebook group to help you prepare for the big week in New York. Rehearsals will be extremely fast paced and high energy. You will be expected to move quickly, listen and work in your down time at night to get on top of all of your materials learnt each day.

Before you get on the plane in January you should have learnt the following:

- a) All of the script's dialogue and lyrics
- b) All of the choreography samples provided by the choreographer
- c) All of the melody sections of music (including solo and ensemble)

If you need some extra support, please talk to your individual singing and dance teachers. It is recommended that you allocate a lesson to getting on top of your materials. If you do not have a singing teacher, we recommend you find yourself one and book a lesson or two prior to departure.

WHAT TO WEAR?

Each day to rehearsals it is imperative that you wear full "drama blacks". This includes:

- a) Black t-shirt - take a few in case they get stinky in rehearsals.
- b) Long black pants - no shorts, bike pants, jeans, stripes, or logos/emblems.
- c) Black sock
- d) Black shoes - "Basic Lace Up Canvas Shoes" from Kmart please.
- e) Long hair tied back off face
- f) No make-up or jewellery - earring studs are fine. No watches.

NOTE: Jazz shoes are OK for rehearsals but not essential. We will not be wearing jazz shoes for our adjudication piece. Everyone will be required to get their hands on the officially approved K-mart canvas lace ups as shown on the following page.



WHAT TO WEAR? (CONT.)

K-mart
Basic Lace Up Canvas Shoe
\$3.50



For our adjudication performance in Atlanta, we will wear our official "Aussie All Stars" uniform t-shirt. You will receive this at Sydney airport on the day of departure, along with your Travel Gang Cap and complimentary Travel Gang luggage tag.

WHAT TO BRING TO REHEARSAL EACH DAY?

- * Sheet Music - provided in closed Facebook group
- * Script - provided in closed Facebook group
- * iPhone - for recording sections of the music for you to practice at night
- * Pen/Pencil/Highlighter - to mark down notes in music and script
- * Lunch, Snacks, Water - there will be time in the morning to purchase

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Sat 11th Jan	MORNING - Auditions + Vocals AFTERNOON - Vocals
Mon 13th Jan	MORNING - Choreography AFTERNOON - Choreography
Tue 14th Jan	MORNING - Choreography + Vocals + Blocking AFTERNOON - Choreography + Vocals + Blocking
Wed 15th Jan	MORNING - Polishing all elements + Full run through AFTERNOON - Polishing all elements + Full run through + Performance for special guests and receive feedback

FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Thursday 9th January 2020 - Flight from Sydney to JFK (via LAX)

Sydney to LA- Virgin Australia Flight # VA1 DEPART @ 1115 ARRIVE @ 0605pm
LA to New York (JFK)- Delta Flight # DL183 DEPART @ **** ARRIVE @ 2006pm

Friday 17th January 2020 - Flight from New York to Atlanta

New York (LaGuardia) to Atlanta- Delta Airlines

GREEN GROUP Flight # DL1842 DEPART @ 0800 ARRIVE @ 1040am

ORANGE GROUP Flight # DL2921 DEPART @ 0900 ARRIVE @ 1144am

Monday 20th January 2020 - Fly Atlanta to LAX

Delta Airlines Flight #DL1206 DEPART @ 1050 ARRIVE @ 1242pm

Saturday 25th January 2020 - Evening Flight from LAX to Sydney

LA to SYD- Virgin Australia Flight # VA2 DEPARTING @ 2300
ARRIVING 0855am on 27 JAN

OUR HOTELS



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TIPS AND GRATUITIES

While tipping is NOT mandatory in most of the United States, it is expected in many circumstances for service, especially at almost all sit-down restaurants which offer table service. The general rule is to tip in proportion to the service, and the quality of service, being delivered. An average tip is 15%.

Keep in mind that all those who provide service often are very dependent on tip income and generally are grateful for any tips received, especially when prompt and exceptional service has been provided and acknowledged.

Here's one tipping app for smartphones and tablets: [Globe Tipping](#).

Many visitors to the U.S. feel pressured to tip even when they do not feel it is fair or reasonable to do so. Customers cannot be forced to tip as a matter of law, but they are legally required to pay any charges that are clearly marked prior to service, and these may include mandatory gratuities (tips). Mandatory gratuities are used by some restaurants with large numbers of foreign customers who may not be familiar with American tipping customs, often in tourist centers such as New York City. Mandatory gratuities also are charged by many restaurants when large groups are being served.

Fast food restaurants do not have tipping, nor do they have table service.

Obviously at restaurants with no tipping policies or where gratuities are automatically added to customer checks, there is no need to tip unless there is a desire to additionally reward some exceptional service.

As explained below in greater detail, customers should understand that tips are often a major source of compensation for wait staff and other U.S. service providers. Employers often pay these employees lower wages in anticipation that the service employees will receive tip income to raise their compensation to market levels.

Many hotel guests who tip housekeeping staff leave tips daily before leaving the hotel, both to reward the person immediately servicing the room and in expectation of good service.



SUGGESTED TIPS

- Doormen who merely open doors are not tipped, unless they call a cab or provide another service.
- For waiters at sit-down restaurants, bartenders, barbers/hairdressers/attendants at beauty salons, taxi drivers, tour guides, and food delivery folks, the tip should be calculated as a percentage of your total bill as follows: 10% usually means you aren't totally happy, 15% usually means all was acceptable, 20% for excellent, over 20% for outstanding. 15-20% is considered standard in most communities.
- Note that if you have more than one person serving you at these establishments, the percentage represents the total tip and should be split amongst all who serve you.
- Tips should only go to people who are helpful. If they don't help you, don't tip them.
- In some places a clearly displayed "Service Charge" or "Gratuity" might be automatically added to a bill, especially for party sizes of 8 or more. Check your bill for these charges before tipping. If the word "Gratuity" is used and you're not happy, check with the manager. A gratuity by definition is an amount you don't have to pay but choose to.
- Hotel housekeeping/maid service: \$2-3 per night up to \$5, more in high-end hotels. Also more if there are more than 3 people in a room or suite. Leave the tip on your pillow or in a similar obvious place with a note that says thank you. Leave the tip each day when you leave the room, rather than at the end of your stay, because your room might get cleaned by different people each day, depending on staff schedules. If you have additional items delivered to your room, such as extra pillows, hangers, luggage racks, tip the person who brings them \$2 or \$3.
- Concierge: Tipping is never expected, but always appreciated. The more difficult the request, the higher the tip. \$5.00 and up per request is good.
- In-suite dining waiter: Always read the bill, if there is a tip included, it will be on the bill breakdown. Ask the server. The policy of having the gratuity included in the bill is not the norm anymore. A service charge or convenience fee goes to the hotel, not the server. If there is no gratuity added, tip the server 18% - 20%.
- Bellman/Porter: \$1-2 per bag. More if the bags are very heavy.
- Taxi Driver: 10-15% of fare, based on service.
- Drink Server in a casino or bar: \$1-\$2 per drink. Some tip \$5 for the first drink to make sure the waitress "remembers" them and returns often...
- Hairdresser/manicurist: 10% - 20%.
- Tour Guides: 15% - 20% + depending on quality (knowledge, friendliness, etc).

ADVENTURE PLEDGE

As a member of the Aussie All-Stars, I hereby pledge that I,

Will bring my fun pants.

Am prepared to freeze my butt off in New York.

Will ride the biggest roller-coasters in Universal Studios & Disneyworld.

Will sing show tunes on the bus even when everyone else is really tired.

Will let other gang members in queues in Disneyland.

Will be supportive of my fellow Gang members.

Will be a good team player and remember at all times that I am part of a group and am responsible for contributing to this group positively even when I am totally jet-lagged and feeling very cranky.

Will help unload suitcases (not just my own) off the coach.

Will travel with an open mind and always be ready to learn, grow, listen and be inspired.

Will remember to thank my parents who have very generously afforded me this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Please tick the boxes above and sign here:

(signature)

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(date)