KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY OPTIONAL POST-TOUR TO SYDNEY AND CAIRNS, AUSTRALIA MAY 31-JUNE 5, 2008 TRAVEL ITINERARY

May 31 Saturday -, -, D	Queenstown – Sydney. Air New Zealand flight 524 departs Queenstown at 12:20P and arrives in Christchurch at 1:05P. You connecting flight NZ 783 departs at 4:00P, arriving in Sydney at 5:30P. You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. Dinner at the hotel. Overnight at: Ibis World Square (or similar)
June 1 Sunday B, - , -	Sydney. Breakfast at the hotel. This morning a local guide joins you for a city and beaches tour, taking in the historic 'Rocks' area at the southern end of the Harbour Bridge, the Opera House, the fashionable Eastern Suburbs, and famous Bondi Beach. Return to the hotel, and the afternoon is free for shopping and individual sightseeing. Overnight at: Ibis World Square (or similar)
June 2 Monday B, - , D	Sydney – Cairns. Breakfast at the hotel and the morning is free to enjoy Sydney. This afternoon you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Cairns. Virgin Blue flight 391 departs at 3:00P and arrives in Cairns at 6:05P. Upon arrival, you will be met at the airport and taken to your hotel for a three-night stay. The rest of the day is free for you to relax and get some rest. Dinner at the hotel. Cairns is the international gateway into Tropical North Queensland, and is home to two of the world's greatest natural treasures - the Great Barrier Reef and the Wet Tropics Rainforests. Both of these attractions are World Heritage listed, and there are very few places on earth where two such treasures rest side by side. Cairns city is modern and cosmopolitan with palm-fringed beaches, balmy days, and a friendly atmosphere. Overnight at: Country Comfort Sunlodge

June 3 Tuesday

Kuranda Scenic Rail, Skyrail, Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park

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Breakfast at the hotel. This morning meet your Down Under Tours coach captain in your hotel foyer for transfer to Freshwater Station, where you will board the famous Kuranda Scenic Rail for a breathtaking journey on one of the world's most scenic operational rail journeys. On arrival in Kuranda there is free time to explore the "Village in the Rainforest". Time for lunch on own prior to departing on Skyrail to glide over the Rainforest canopy with picturesque view. After enjoying the "world's most beautiful Rainforest Experience", take a short walk to the fascinating Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park. Discover this ancient culture through theatres, stage shows and demonstrations before boarding your coach for the return to your accommodation late afternoon. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Overnight at:

Country Comfort Sunlodge

June 4 Wednesday

Great Barrier Reef.

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A wonderful day of excitement on a cruise to one of the marine wonders of the world. There will be a short transfer from your hotel to the Marlin Jetty for your Great Adventures Reef Cruise. You visit Green Island as well as the Great Barrier Reef. Underwater coral viewing, snorkeling and lunch are all included. Scuba diving is available for all those qualified. Later return to Cairns for a free evening.

Overnight at:

Country Comfort Sunlodge

June 5 Thursday B, - , D*	Cairns – Sydney – Los Angeles. Breakfast in hotel restaurant. Transfer to the airport for your flight to Sydney, where you will take your connecting flights to the USA. Virgin Blue flight 382 departs at 6:35A and arrives in Sydney at 9:20A. NZ flight 718 departs at 3:30P, arriving in Auckland at 8:30P. Connecting flight NZ 2 departs at 9:45P, arriving in Los Angeles at 2:40P. Take the free shuttle to your hotel. There is a 24-hour restaurant at the hotel, as well as a spa and pool where you can relax after your long flight. Overnight at: Hacienda Hotel and Conference Center Los Angeles
June 6 Friday	Los Angeles – Kansas City. Take an early morning shuttle to the airport for your flight home (shuttle is free). United Airlines flight 58 departs at 7:45A (you should arrive for flight check-in two hours prior to departure) and arrive in Denver at 11:11A. Your connecting flight UA 598 departs at 12:25P and arrives in Kansas City in 2:58P. Welcome home!

Latest revision: 1/2/2008
Meal code: B-breakfast;L-lunch;D-dinner; S-snack; *airline meal, **meal with host family.