

# Australia in March, 2018

with Friendship Force Dallas



Enjoy two one-week home stays - the first week in Gold Coast and the second week in Sydney.

## The FF home stay dates are:

- Mar 8 Arrive in Gold Coast (Note: 1 ½ hour flight from Sydney).  
Evening Welcome Party.
- Mar 15 Leave Gold Coast and fly to Sydney
- Mar 21 Home stay in Sydney ends

Send your completed application (attached below) by **Friday, Dec 1** to Lou Ann King, Journey Coordinator, at [king.la@sbcglobal.net](mailto:king.la@sbcglobal.net) or mail to:

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Dallas, Texas 75287

home 972-713-0283  
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If you are accepted to go on this Journey, costs of **\$905.00** are to be paid to Friendship Force Dallas. This does not include required travel insurance (can be waived, not recommended), airline fares to and from Australia, round trip airline fare to and from Sydney to Gold Coast, or any extended personal trips you arrange before or after home stays.

## Deadline Dates:

- Dec 1 Application form sent to Lou Ann King
  - Dec 15 Ambassadors notified back if accepted to travel with FFD to Australia
  - Jan 5 \$905 received by Edward Perez, Journey Treasurer for FFD
- The post office uses electronic sorting so use **block printing (not cursive)**.

## Notes of Interest:

- You must have a passport with expiration date **after** September, 2018.
- You must have an Electronic Visa (available online) to enter Australia.  
<https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/country/australia.html>
- Finance.yahoo.com/currency-converter (quote as of Nov 14):  
USD \$1 = AUD \$1.3119 or AUD \$1 = USD \$0.7623
- Mark O'Neill, [mark@theadventurespecialists.com.au](mailto:mark@theadventurespecialists.com.au), has been recommended as a tour specialist for personal add-on adventures in Australia.
- Suggested flight: Qantas leaving Dallas on March 5, arriving in Sydney 17 hours later on March 7. This plan allows for morning arrival on the 7<sup>th</sup>, a one night hotel stay in Sydney for jet lag catch up (IBIS hotel and transport to and from airport approximately USD \$100), and continued travel onto Gold Coast on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Note: Because of traveling across the International Date Line, you **will lose a calendar day**. If you do not want to take this flight, plan to meet the group at the airport in Gold Coast on March 8<sup>th</sup> – time TBA.

Please do not hesitate to contact me by email or phone. *LouAnnKing*