



‘When the Levee Breaks’: New Orleans and the Mississippi – La Trobe University 2020

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Code: CC22004

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Physical Ratings 

La Trobe University's programs in College of Arts, Social Sciences offer a 30-credit-point subject: HUS2IST/HUS3STT 'When the Levee Breaks': New Orleans and the Mississippi.

Overview

Course Overview

Institution: La Trobe University, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Commerce.

Course Code: HUS21ST/HUS3STT

Subject Coordinators: Dr Trevor Hogan and Dr Raul Sanchez-Urribarri

Credit Points: 30 credit points

Prerequisites: Completion of a first-year studies in any degree in the College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Commerce.

Enrolments: available for participants enrolled in an undergraduate course at La Trobe University or at another university; for participants not currently enrolled in an undergraduate degree wishing to take the subject for credit; or for those wishing to travel and attend classes but not wishing to submit essays and give talks (i.e., as a 'non-assessed' audit student). [For further details see 'How to Book'](#).

Assessment: For assessment details, please contact the online La Trobe University undergraduate handbook, searching under HUS21ST or HUS3STT.

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Subject Description

This subject provides for students across a range of disciplines in the College of Arts, Social Sciences and Commerce to undertake a structured international study tour, based in this instance in the cities of New Orleans, Clarksdale and Memphis and with the cooperation of Tulane University, New Orleans. The first part of the trip is mostly based in New Orleans and our key foci are on the history and development of the city of New Orleans and its region: the global and material forces that have shaped it over three centuries. Students will encounter a rich cultural tapestry of peoples, food, music, and visual arts. We will examine the people, economy and urban form of New Orleans particularly in the aftermath of the Hurricane Katrina disaster in 2005 and the attempts to regenerate the city and address its severe socio-economic inequalities. We will encounter local planners, artists, community leaders and social activists seeking to preserve the city's unique heritages but also to create a more socially just order. Study will focus on critical aspects of the city – its culture, literature, history, demography, migration, criminal justice, politics, and planning – through a range of case studies, fieldwork, research, practical exercises and site visits.

In the second part of the study tour, we will travel up the Mississippi river delta on Highway 61. We travel via Baton Rouge (capital of Louisiana), the historic town of Natchez, Vicksburg and its Civil War Park, Indianola and its BB King Museum, and arrive in the legendary blues 'crossroads' of Clarksdale, where students will be based for 5 nights, and learn about its recent regeneration based on the region's rich traditions. Aside from visiting the galleries, stores and blues juke joints and savouring southern cuisine, students will take part in daily workshops and field trips including the Mississippi river itself, plantations and slave trade museums, literary homes (such as William Faulkner's), the University of Mississippi in Oxford, and so on. This part of the study tour will be hosted by local experts and community leaders.

The study tour concludes with 4 nights in one of the most important cultural, commercial and civil rights centres in the US: Memphis, Tennessee. Opportunity is afforded students to look at the organisation of music cultures in the twentieth century by visits to Sun Records, Stax Records, and Elvis Presley's Graceland as well as sample the live music scene. We will be based in the downtown area and will look at socio-economic development issues and the politics of planning the city.

No matter what your disciplinary training – from archaeology to linguistics, history to sociology, literature to creative arts, politics to economics, community development to planning, cultural tourism to strategic communication and media studies, from education to law, from marketing to culture – there is something for everyone in this study-tour subject. You will be able to develop a research project that reflects your own discipline interests and methods whilst, at the same time, engaging in in-depth thought, analysis and problem solving in the richness of a multi-discipline setting.

The price of the study tour as listed in this itinerary excludes travel insurance and the usual university tuition fees/HELP fees for a 30-credit-point subject. The price includes return airfare, accommodation, local transport, and all formal excursions, including entrance fees to museums.

No participant may travel without travel insurance. While the price of the study tour excludes travel insurance, students taking this subject for credit at La Trobe may be covered by La Trobe University's travel insurance policy. It is important that you complete all the requisite paperwork in a timely fashion to ensure that you are covered.

La Trobe University offers an AUD \$500.00 mobility grant to all students who meet the requirements (more information at www.latrobe.edu.au/students/opportunities/exchange/program-funding-and-costs).

Learning Objectives

By participating in this subject, you will:

1. Analyse and critically review key elements in the story of cities and their regions in the deep south of America as representational of a peculiar pathway into modernity, especially over the past two centuries.
2. Identify the role and significance of history, culture, literature, politics, society, and urban planning in understanding the contemporary city and its region (you can use New Orleans or Clarksdale or Memphis as your key case study).
3. Use fieldwork observations, site visits and research to identify and review critical elements in the development of three key cities (New Orleans, Clarksdale and Memphis) and their ecological, social and economic region to explain their current circumstances and challenges.
4. Work individually and as part of a small team to explore different disciplinary approaches to the study of the Mississippi River Delta region as a whole.
5. Develop multi-media skills in the field and online.

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Itinerary

Participants should note that the daily activities described in this itinerary may be rotated and/or modified in order to accommodate changes in museum opening hours, flight schedules, road conditions and availability of guest speakers. Meals included in the course price and are indicated in the itinerary where: **B**=breakfast, **L**=lunch and **D**=evening meal.

New Orleans, LA - 6 nights

DEPARTURE EX AUSTRALIA:

Day 1: Friday 12 June 2020, Melbourne – New Orleans

- Flight from Melbourne to Los Angeles (United Airlines flight UA99)
- Flight from Los Angeles to Houston (United Airlines flight UA2361)
- Flight from Houston to New Orleans (United Airlines flight UA6308)
- Arrive New Orleans and collect your luggage; transfer by private coach to Tulane University
- Check in to accommodation, Tulane University, New Orleans

(Overnight Tulane University, New Orleans)

Day 2: Saturday 13 June, New Orleans

- Breakfast at leisure
- 1030-1230hrs: Community of Learning #1: Campus Tour and briefing workshop
- 1230-1500hrs: Lunch at leisure and free time
- 1500-1600hrs: Meet in front of Gibson Hall and travel by streetcar to the French Quarter
- 1600-1800hrs: 2-hour guided walking tour of the New Orleans French Quarter – History & Architecture
- 1800-2000hrs: Time for dinner at leisure in the French Quarter
- 2000-2100hrs: Return by streetcar to Tulane University

(Overnight Tulane University, New Orleans) B

Day 3: Sunday 14 June, New Orleans

- Breakfast at leisure & free time
- 1100-1200hrs: Community of Learning #2: Reflection on French Quarter visit and preparation for this afternoon's city district tours
- 1200-1300hrs: Catch streetcar to assigned destination (see below)
- 1300-1900hrs: Divide into HDR mentor groups and explore different parts of the city in groups. 1. Marigny/Bywater/Seventh Ward; 2. Esplanade/MidCity/City Park; 3. The Garden District, Irish Channel & Magazine Street Precinct; 4. CBD, Warehouse District & Lower Garden District; 5. Mississippi Ferry and Algiers Point. Time for dinner at leisure in the district visited.
- 1915hrs: Group 1: Performance at Preservation Hall (performance starts at 2000hrs, but recommended arrival is 1915hrs) / Group 2: Evening at leisure

(Overnight Tulane University, New Orleans) B

Day 4: Monday 15 June, New Orleans

- Breakfast at leisure
- 0920hrs: Meet your guide at Tulane University
- 0930-1300hrs: Guided 'Hurricane Katrina Rebirth Tour'
- 1300-1430hrs: Lunchtime at leisure
- 1430-1600hrs: Workshop #1: Prof. Richard Campanella, 'The big time view of Mississippi – ecology, history and human settlements'
- 1615-1800hrs: Community of Learning #3: planned activity on Hurricane Katrina
- 1800-2200hrs: Welcome Dinner – venue on Oak Street, near campus

(Overnight Tulane University, New Orleans) BD

Day 5: Tuesday 16 June, New Orleans

- Breakfast at leisure
- 0910-1020hrs: Meet in front of Gibson Hall and travel by streetcar to meeting point at Backatown Café
- 1030-1230hrs: 2-hour guided tour of the Tremé District incl. the Backstreet Cultural Museum
- 1230-1400hrs: Lunchtime at leisure in Tremé district
- 1400-1515hrs: Return to Tulane University by streetcar
- 1430-1800hrs: Workshop #2: NOLA – social justice, civil rights and politics
- 1800-1915hrs: At leisure
- 1915-2100hrs: Time for dinner at leisure near Tulane University – Oak or Feret Street
- Optional: the Rebirth brass band live at the Maple Leaf Club, Oak Street (please note that optional activities are subject to availability and are at additional cost)

(Overnight Tulane University, New Orleans) B

Day 6: Wednesday 17 June, New Orleans

- Breakfast at leisure
- 1000-1200hrs: Workshop #3: NOLA culture – music, art, festivals, religion, literature, etc.

- 1200-1400hrs: Lunchtime at leisure
- 1400-1600hrs: Student Presentations #1
- 1600-1800hrs: Community of Learning #4: Debriefing session for NOLA and briefing for the road trip
- 1800hrs: Group 2 transfer to Preservation Hall
- 1915hrs: Group 2: Performance at Preservation Hall (performance starts at 2000hrs, but recommended arrival is 1915hrs) / Group 1: Evening at leisure

(Overnight Tulane University, New Orleans) B

Natchez, MS - 2 nights

Day 7: Thursday 18 June, New Orleans – Whitney Plantation – Baton Rouge – Natchez

- Early Breakfast and check out of Tulane University for departure at 0845hrs
- 0845-1030hrs: Transfer by coach to Whitney Plantation
- 1030-1300hrs: Whitney Plantation: 90-minute guided tour, plus extra time on site
- 1300-1430hrs: Transfer to St James Parish; time to stop for picnic lunch
- 1430-1800hrs: Continue by coach to Natchez incl. short stop (30 mins) for coffee break at Baton Rouge
- 1800-1930hrs: Arrive Hotel Vue, Natchez and check in. Time at leisure.
- 1930-2100hrs: Group Dinner in the dining room of Hotel Vue

(Overnight Natchez, Mississippi) BLD

Day 8: Friday 19 June, Natchez

- 0730-0830hrs: Buffet Breakfast at Hotel Vue
- 0830hrs: Group to meet Carolyn Vance Smith in the lobby, Hotel Vue. Carolyn, who is Co-Chairman, Copiah-Lincoln Community College, will accompany the group this morning.
- 0900-1000hrs: Workshop #4: Lecture by Mr Dennis Harried: "Richard Wright and his story, 'Almos' a Man', and the use of African American Vernacular English". Venue: meeting room at the Hotel Vue
- 1000-1015hrs: Transfer by coach to Melrose Historic Estate
- 1015-1115hrs: Guided tour of Melrose Historic Estate
- 1115-1200hrs: Short coach tour of Downtown Natchez and the Natchez Bluff with Carolyn Vance Smith
- 1200-1330hrs: Light lunch at the The Camp restaurant on Silver Street
- 1330-1500hrs: Time at leisure in downtown Natchez
- 1500-1515hrs: Transfer by coach from downtown Natchez to the Vue Hotel
- 1630-1730hrs: Community of Learning #5, in Hotel Vue's meeting room
- 1730-1845hrs: At leisure
- 1845-1900hrs: Transfer from Hotel Vue to Magnolia Hall
- 1900-2030hrs: Group Dinner at Magnolia Hall
- 2030-2045hrs: Transfer back to Hotel Vue

(Overnight Natchez, Mississippi) BLD

Clarksdale, MS - 5 nights

Day 9: Saturday 20 June, Natchez – Vicksburg – Indianola – Clarksdale

- 0715hrs: Luggage down in hotel foyer
- 0700-0730hrs: Buffet Breakfast at Hotel Vue; check out of hotel
- 0730-0930hrs: Travel by coach from Natchez to Vicksburg
- 0930-1300hrs: Vicksburg National Military Park Visitors Centre – visit Cairo Museum and cemetery, then Vicksburg city precinct
- 1300-1500hrs: Transfer by coach from Vicksburg to Indianola, MS
- 1500-1630hrs: Guided tour of the BB King Museum & Delta Interpretive Centre
- 1630-1800hrs: Transfer by coach from Indianola to Clarksdale
- 1800-1845hrs: Check in to Uptown Motor Inn, Clarksdale
- 1845-1900hrs: Meet in foyer and walk 300m to Meraki
- 1900-2000hrs: Welcome to Clarksdale – hosted by Meraki Coffee Roasters, and 'Welcome' by Chuck Espy, Clarksdale mayor
- 2000-2015hrs: Walk 100m to restaurant
- 2015hrs: Dinner at Levon's Drug Store Diner

(Overnight Clarksdale) BD

Day 10: Sunday 21 June, Clarksdale

- Until 1030hrs: Breakfast at leisure (Option: Grandma's Pancakes, Yazoo Pass)
- 1030-1100hrs: Transfer to Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church (optional)
- 1100-1300hrs: Optional visit to the Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church
- 1300-1415hrs: Transfer to downtown, time at leisure for lunch
- 1415-1530hrs: Visit the Delta Blues Museum
- 1530-1630hrs: Student Presentations #2
- 1630-1800hrs: Workshop #5: Local speakers address a number of themes – History & Culture, Downtown Revitalisation & Tourism, Community Support
- 1800-1900hrs: Free time
- 1900hrs: Curry dinner kindly hosted by Mike and Mary at the Uptown Motel, Clarksdale
- Optional: Ground Zero Club or Reds Juke Joint (please note that optional activities are subject to availability and are at additional cost)

(Overnight Clarksdale) BD

Day 11: Monday 22 June, Clarksdale – Helena – Clarksdale

- 0730hrs: Meet in hotel foyer
- 0745-0830hrs: Transfer by coach to Helena
- 0830-0900hrs: Buffet breakfast provided on arrival
- 0900-1300hrs: For those who wish to canoe – Mississippi River Canoe Excursion with Quapaw Canoe Company
- 0900-1300hrs: For those who don't wish to canoe – Visit Delta Cultural Center and Fort Curtis, and attend live radio broadcast 'King Biscuit Time'
- 1300-1330hrs: Transfer to the Miller Annex/Classroom building
- 1330-1415hrs: Picnic/boxed lunch provided at Miller Annex/Classroom building
- 1415-1500hrs: Visit KIPP School
- 1500-1600hrs: Return by coach to Clarksdale
- 1600-1845hrs: Highly recommended (but optional) visit to Tennessee Williams Society Home – with afternoon tea, dramatisation by local actors, and Q & A with Panny Mayfield (Tennessee Williams historian) and three local academics

- 1845-1900hrs: Meet in foyer of hotel and transfer to Hopson's Commissary
- 1900-2200hrs: BBQ Dinner at Hopson's Commissary
- 2200-2215hrs: Return by coach to the hotel

(Overnight Clarksdale) BLD

Day 12: Tuesday 23 June, Clarksdale – Sumner – Cleveland – Clarksdale

- 0745-0845hrs: Breakfast at leisure (Option: Grandma's Pancakes, Yazoo Pass)
- 0845-0915hrs: Return to hotel, meet in foyer and board coach
- 0915-0945hrs: Transfer by coach from Clarksdale to Sumner
- 0945-1130hrs: Visit Emmett Till Interpretative Center – Patrick Weems, director – guided tour of Center and Sumner Courthouse
- 1130-1300hrs: Transfer by coach from Sumner to Delta State University
- 1300-1430hrs: Lunch: Delta State University Student Union – welcome by the President
- 1430-1445hrs: Walk to Delta Music Institute at DSU
- 1445-1600hrs: Visit Delta Music Institute. Onsite: Community of Learning #6: Creative Culture, Community Resilience, Collective Trauma
- 1600-1615hrs: Transfer by coach to the Grammy Museum
- 1615-1730hrs: Guided tour of the Grammy Museum
- 1730-1845hrs: Return to coach and transfer back to Clarksdale
- 1845-1915hrs: Time to freshen up at the hotel
- 1915-1930hrs: Transfer to The Ranchero
- 1930-2100hrs: Dinner at The Ranchero
- 2100-2115hrs: Transfer by coach back to the hotel

(Overnight Clarksdale) BD

Day 13: Wednesday 24 June, Clarksdale – Oxford – Clarksdale

- 0800-0900hrs: Breakfast at leisure (Option: Grandma's Pancakes, Yazoo Pass)
- 0900-1030hrs: Transfer by coach to Oxford
- 1030-1100hrs: Workshop #6, Session 1: Center for the Study of Southern Culture: Presentation arranged by Director, Ted Ownby. Introduction to Center; walk around square; James Meredith sculpture.
- 1130-1300hrs: Workshop #6, Session 2: Center for the Study of Southern Culture: 2 short lectures by local researchers
- 1300-1600hrs: Free time for lunch & to explore town centre (Square Books, Old Venice Pizza Co.)
- 1430-1600hrs: Optional tour for Humanities students & auditors – Visit to Rowan Oak (William Faulkner's home)
- 1600-1815hrs: Transfer back to Clarksdale
- 1815-1845hrs: Time to freshen up at hotel
- 1845-1900hrs: Walk to Hooker's Grocer & Eatery (350m)
- 1900-2115hrs: Dinner at Hooker's Grocer & Eatery
- 2115-2130hrs: Walk back to hotel

(Overnight Clarksdale) BD

Memphis, TN - 4 nights

Day 14: Thursday 25 June, Clarksdale – Graceland – Memphis

- 0700-0830hrs: Breakfast at leisure (Option: Grandma’s Pancakes, Yazoo Pass)
- 0830-0900hrs: Check out of motel and load luggage onto coach
- 0900-1100hrs: Transfer by coach to Graceland, Memphis
- 1100-1115hrs: Arrive Graceland and collect tickets
- 1115-1300hrs: Graceland Mansion Tour
- 1300-1400hrs: Time for lunch at Graceland
- 1400-1430hrs: Transfer to Chucalissa Indigenous site
- 1430-1600hrs: Guided tour of Chucalissa and the C.H. Nash Museum
- 1600-1630hrs: Transfer to French Fort District
- 1630-1730hrs: Visit French Fort District
- 1730-1800hrs: Transfer by coach to Downtown Memphis
- 1800-1900hrs: Check in to Comfort Inn Downtown Memphis
- 1900hrs: Evening at leisure for dinner on Beale Street/environs

(Overnight Memphis) B

Day 15: Friday 26 June, Memphis

- 0800-0900hrs: Buffet Breakfast at the hotel
- 0900-0930hrs: Walk to University of Memphis Law School
- 0930-1030hrs: Workshop #7, Session 1: Presentations / Q & A panel with city planners and community organisers
- 1030-1100hrs: Coffee break
- 1100-1200hrs: Workshop #7, Session 2: Presentations by Lyman Aldrich (revitalisation) and Aubrey Preston (Founder of the Americana Music Triangle), plus 1 other presenter on African American music
- 1200-1330hrs: Lunchtime at leisure
- 1330-1500hrs: Workshop #8, Community of Learning #7: Building community in fractured cities
- 1500-1530hrs: Coffee break
- 1530-1700hrs: Student Presentations #3
- 1700-1800hrs: Freshen up at hotel
- 1800-2200hrs: Evening at leisure for dinner in Mud Island

(Overnight Memphis) B

Day 16: Saturday 27 June, Memphis: Downtown & Suburbs

- 0800-0930hrs: Buffet Breakfast at the hotel
- 0930-1600hrs: Independent or small-group visits to Rock & Soul Museum, Sun Studio & STAX Records
- 1600-1630hrs: Return to hotel
- 1630-1800hrs: Time to freshen up
- 1800hrs: Evening at leisure for dinner on Beale Street/environs
- Optional: Baseball at the Autozone park – home of the Memphis Redbirds (please note that optional activities are subject to availability and are at additional cost)

(Overnight Memphis) B

Day 17: Sunday 28 June, Memphis

- 0730-0930hrs: Buffet Breakfast at the hotel
- 0930-1030hrs: Walk 1.7 km to the National Civil Rights Museum
- 1030-1400hrs: Visit the National Civil Rights Museum (Alternative option: you may wish to visit Al Green's church in the morning and the Civil Rights Museum in the afternoon)
- 1400-1745hrs: At leisure (or visit Civil Rights Museum if you chose to visit Al Green's church in the morning)
- 1745-1815hrs: Walk 2km or public transport to restaurant
- 1815-1945hrs: Farewell Dinner at 5-Spot restaurant (*or other location – to be confirmed*)
- 1945hrs: Return to hotel. Rest of evening at leisure

(Overnight Memphis) BD

Day 18: Monday 29 June, Depart Memphis

- Buffet Breakfast at the hotel
- Check out of hotel (Official check-out time is 1200hrs)
- Transfer by coach to Memphis Airport
- Flight from Memphis to Houston (United Airlines flight UA 4090 OR UA 3914)
- Flight from Houston to Los Angeles (United Airlines flight UA 1692)
- Flight from Los Angeles to Melbourne (United Airlines flight UA 98)
- PLEASE NOTE: Arrival in Melbourne will be Wednesday 1 July (as you will have crossed the International Date Line)

(In flight) B

Accommodation

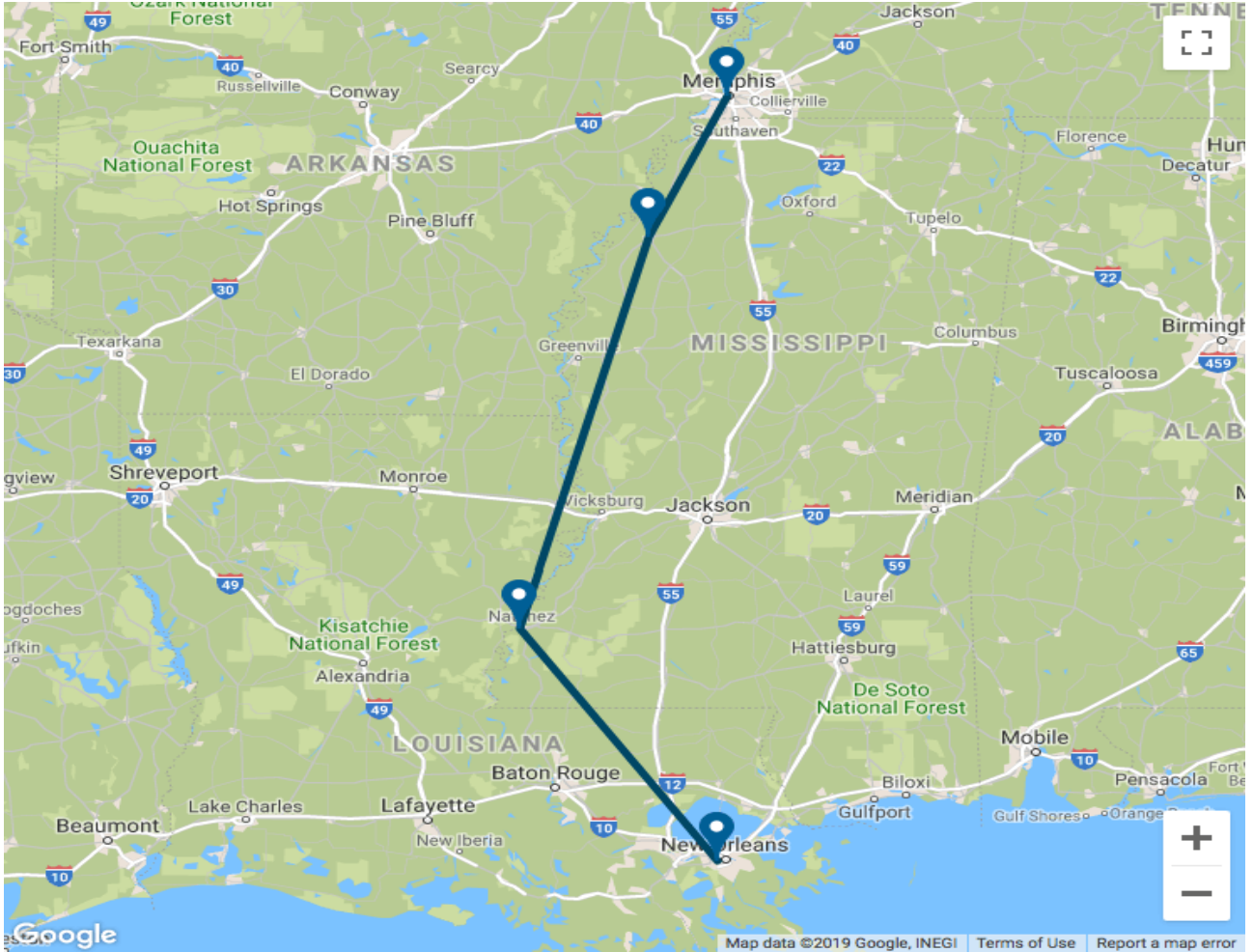
18 days in the Southern States

Accommodation is provided in twin-share rooms.

- **New Orleans (6 nights) Tulane University**
St Charles Ave, New Orleans, Louisiana 70118, USA. Phone: (504) 8655724
www2.tulane.edu/studentaffairs/housing/index.cfm
Located in Uptown New Orleans on St. Charles Avenue, directly across from Audubon Park. The campus sits along the St. Charles streetcar line, providing access to downtown attractions while staying in a residential area. Accommodation is provided in residential halls in twin-share rooms (including linen) with communal bathrooms. "THIS IS NOT A TULANE UNIVERSITY PROGRAM OR EVENT"
- **Natchez (2 nights) 3-star Hotel Vue Natchez** www.hotelvuenatchez.com
130 John R. Junkin Drive, Natchez, MS 39120, USA. Phone: (601) 442-9976
Situated on the Mississippi River shore, this hotel provides an on-site restaurant, outdoor pool, and daily continental breakfast. All rooms include en-suite bathroom, flat-screen TV and tea/coffee maker. Free Wi Fi is available.
- **Clarksdale (5 nights) 2-star Uptown Motor Inn**
305 E 2nd St Clarksdale, MS 38614, USA Phone: (662) 627-3251
Located a couple of blocks from the Delta Blues Museum. All rooms include en-suite bathroom.
- **Memphis (4 nights) 3-star Comfort Inn Downtown** www.choicehotels.com/tennessee/memphis
100 N. Front St., Memphis, TN, 38103, USA Phone: (901) 526-0583 Fax: (901) 525-7512
Located in the historic area on the trolley line, near Beale Street and overlooking the Mississippi River and Mud Island River Park. This hotel provides a rooftop outdoor pool, business centre, exercise room and daily hot breakfast. All rooms include en-suite bathroom, air-conditioning, flat-screen TV, microwave, minibar and tea/coffee maker. Free Wi Fi is available.

Note: Accommodation providers are subject to change, in which case accommodation of a similar standard will be provided.

Tour Map



Tour Price & Inclusions

AUD \$7280.00 Course Price incl. airfare

AUD \$500.00 Audit Fee Supplement (applicable to participants who are not taking this subject as part of their university degree)

Tour Price (Land Content Only) includes:

- Return airfare (economy class) including taxes.
- Accommodation in twin-share rooms (2 people per room).
- Breakfast daily, lunches and evening meals as outlined in the itinerary, where **B** = breakfast, **L** = lunch and **D** = dinner
- Return airport transfers if travelling on the ASA 'designated' flights
- Intercity travel by air-conditioned coach, public transport used extensively in New Orleans and Memphis
- Academic program as outlined in the itinerary
- Entrances to museums, galleries outlined in the itinerary
- Tips for the coach driver, local guides and restaurants for included meals.

Tour Price (Land Content Only) does not include:

- Evening meals & lunches not indicated in the course itinerary
- Personal spending money
- Airport-hotel transfers if not travelling on the ASA 'designated' flights
- Luggage in excess of 20kg (44lbs)
- Travel insurance (for eligible students, travel insurance is covered by La Trobe University)
- USA Visa (if applicable)
- University tuition fees/HELP fees, 'Single Subject' fee or 'Non-Assessed Audit' fee



Physical Endurance & Practical Information

Physical Ratings 

The number of flags is a guide to the degree of difficulty of ASA tours relative to each other (not to those of other tour companies). It is neither absolute nor literal. One flag is given to the least taxing tours, seven to the most. Flags are allocated, above all, according to the amount of walking and standing each tour involves. Nevertheless, all ASA tours require that participants have a good degree of fitness enabling 2-3 hours walking or 1-1.5 hours standing still on any given site visit or excursion. Many sites are accessed by climbing slopes or steps and have uneven terrain.

This 18-day course involves:

- Accommodation at Tulane University (New Orleans) & 2-star or 3-star hotels/motels
- An extensive amount of walking to site visits, often up and down hills and/or flights of stairs, along cobbled streets and uneven terrain. You therefore need to be a good walker and be prepared to stand for some time on site and in front of buildings
- Minimal coach travel – all on good roads; extensive use of public transport in New Orleans and Memphis
- Portage is not included; participants MUST be able to carry their own luggage.

It is important to remember that ASA programs are group tours, and slow walkers affect everyone in the group. As the group must move at the speed of the slowest member, the amount of time spent at a site may be reduced if group members cannot maintain a moderate walking pace. ASA tours should not present any problem for active people who can manage day-to-day walking and stair-climbing. However, if you have any doubts about your ability to manage on a program, please ask your ASA travel consultant whether this is a suitable tour for you.

Please note: it is a condition of travel that all participants agree to accept ASA's directions in relation to their suitability to participate in activities undertaken on the tour, and that ASA retains the sole discretion to

direct a tour participant to refrain from a particular activity on part of the tour. For further information please refer to the ASA Reservation Application Form.

Practical Information

Prior to departure, tour members will receive practical notes which include information on visa requirements, health, photography, weather, clothing and what to pack, custom regulations, bank hours, currency regulations, electrical appliances and food. The Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade website has advice for travellers: www.smartraveller.gov.au

Booking Conditions

Applications & Enrolments

ASA will not accept any reservation, even if a \$500.00 deposit has been paid, unless the following documentation has been received:

Completed and signed ASA Course Reservation Application Form

- You will be notified shortly afterwards whether you have been selected to participate in the subject.
- A maximum of 40 students can enrol in the subject; first-come, first-served.

In addition to fulfilling ASA's requirements, all participants must enrol under one of the following options:

- Option 1 is for participants currently enrolled in an undergraduate course at La Trobe University. If you want the subject to count as 30 credit-points towards your current La Trobe degree, you enrol in the subject before departure according to the requirements of your Faculty. Normal university tuition fees/HELP fees apply as with any other university subject, but with the addition of the travel provider's (*Australians Studying Abroad's*) price for airfares, bus & local transport, bed & breakfast accommodation and some meals. In the past, the La Trobe Abroad Office has offered a subsidy of at least AUD\$500.00 to enrolling La Trobe University students. La Trobe students are eligible to apply for a \$6791 OS-HELP loan, which will help cover costs. OS-HELP loan students must also have at least 15 credit points (the equivalent of one La Trobe subject, or 0.125 EFTSL to use the cross-institutional measure) to complete in their current course after return from exchange. To be eligible to apply for an OS-Help loan, students need to be enrolled in a secondary program at an overseas institution crediting a full time load back to your La Trobe University course. Visit: www.latrobe.edu.au/students/opportunities/exchange – this offers a La Trobe-students' information portal for study abroad options in general and www.latrobe.edu.au/students/opportunities/exchange/program-funding-and-costs offers information about La Trobe-students' AUD\$500.00 mobility grant subsidy and OS-HELP loan options.
- Option 2 is for participants currently enrolled in an undergraduate course at another University. If you want this La Trobe subject to count as credit towards your current degree in your University, you enrol in the subject as a cross-institutional Complementary Subject and obtain the approval of the relevant officers in both universities. Standard (home institutional) HELP fees apply as with any of their subjects, but with the addition of the travel provider's (*Australians Studying Abroad's*) price for airfares, bus & local transport, bed & breakfast accommodation and some meals. Students may also be able to use an OS-HELP loan to cover all costs, but it will depend on the view of their 'home' institution.
- Option 3 is for Participants not currently enrolled in an undergraduate degree, wishing to take the

subject for credit. With this option, you enrol as an 'Assessed' student taking the course as a 'single-subject' if you wish to complete assessment and receive a result for the subject. As an 'Assessed' student you will receive an official academic result, which is available for credit should you subsequently gain admission into an award course at La Trobe University. The 'Single Subject' fee is in addition to the travel provider's (*Australians Studying Abroad's*) price for airfares, bus & local transport, bed & breakfast accommodation and some meals. Note that to apply for admission into a course offered by La Trobe's School of Humanities and Social Sciences you will be required to have completed two subjects at an undergraduate level.

- Option 4 is for participants who wish to travel and attend classes, but who do not wish to be assessed. These participants do not wish take the subject for credit. You enrol in the subject as a 'non-assessed' Audit student if you do not wish to gain an official academic result. Participants undertaking this course as a non-assessed student will be required to pay a 'Non-Assessed Audit Fee Supplement' of AUD\$500.00, in addition to the travel provider's (*Australians Studying Abroad's*) price for airfares, bus & local transport, bed & breakfast accommodation and some meals. You will be required to pay this fee supplement at the time of paying your balance for the subject. This will be included in the final invoice you receive from *Australians Studying Abroad*.



Course Reservation Application

COURSE NAME **CC22004: When the Levee Breaks: New Orleans and the Mississippi – La Trobe University**
COURSE DATES **12 June - 1 July 2020**

Please **complete one application, per person in block letters and sign**. Parental signature is required for participants under 18 years of age. Please mail this form with the appropriate deposit to: **P.O. Box 8285, ARMADALE, VICTORIA, 3143**. On receipt of this Reservation Application and deposit, ASA will process your booking and if approved, send you a tour confirmation.

Applicant Details (as in passport)

TITLE Mr Mrs Ms Miss Dr Other

FIRST NAME Preferred FIRST NAME

MIDDLE NAME SURNAME

POSTAL ADDRESS

CITY STATE COUNTRY POSTCODE

TEL. (AH) () TEL. (BH) () Mobile Tel:

EMAIL address

Date of birth / / GENDER Male Female

Passport Number Expiry date / / Nationality

I have enclosed a colour copy of my current valid passport ASA has a colour copy of my current passport

Travel Plans

Group flights:

Departure from Melbourne on 12 June 2020 / Arrival in New Orleans on 12 June 2020

Departure from Memphis on 29 June 2020 / Arrival in Melbourne on 1 July 2020

Meals

I do not have any specific dietary requests

Please **X** the box if you **CAN NOT** eat any of the following:

fish poultry red meat dairy products
 eggs pork nuts
 Other

Allergies: Refer to the Medical Information

Correspondence

Your preferred method of correspondence Postal Mail Email Address

Emergency Contact Details

Note: this person **MUST** be available by telephone and be present in Australia for the duration of your tour with ASA

Name Relationship to Traveller

Address

TEL. (AH) () TEL. (BH) () Mobile Tel:

EMAIL address



Course Reservation Application

COURSE NAME
COURSE DATE

Tour Accommodation

Below we have asked you to indicate your accommodation preference. Accommodation preferences will be addressed on a **first-come-first-serve** basis. Due to the restricted configuration of rooms allocated to us, we cannot guarantee that you will be allocated the room of your choice. **Please number the following boxes in order of preference, where 1 is your first preference.**

Option A: Twin-share accommodation (2 people per room - 2 single beds)

Twin-share room (2 people per room - 2 single beds)

I wish to share with

Option B: Double room accommodation (2 people per room - 1 large bed)

Double room (2 people per room - 1 large bed)

I wish to share with

Enrolment Information

Q1: Please indicate how you are intending to enrol for this subject:

- Option 1 As a CREDIT SUBJECT as part of a degree at LA TROBE UNIVERSITY (Please go to Question 2)
- Option 2 As a CREDIT SUBJECT: COMPLEMENTARY COURSE from another tertiary institution (Please go to Question 2)
- Option 3 As a SINGLE SUBJECT for Credit (Please go to Question 2)
- Option 4 As a STUDY TOUR WITHOUT ASSESSMENT (Note: an Audit fee of \$500.00 AUD will be required)

Q2: If you selected OPTION 1, 2 or 3 please complete the following:

UNIVERSITY La Trobe University

Other

Campus

SCHOOL Please specify

Obtaining School Approval to take this course for credit:

- School of Humanities & Social Sciences: Dr Raul Sanchez-Urribarri R.Sanchezu@latrobe.edu.au
- School of Education: Professor Craig Deed C.Deed@latrobe.edu.au
- Business School: Dr Greg Jamieson G.Jamieson@latrobe.edu.au
- Law School/Criminology: Dr Pascale Chifflet P.Chifflet@latrobe.edu.au

Have you obtained **School** approval?

Yes No

Have you completed enrolment procedures with the Faculty?

Yes No

Are you studying

Full Time Part Time?

Please Note: In the event that you fail to enrol in this subject under the category you have indicated, ASA reserves the right to cancel your reservation.

The purpose of seeking this information is to assist ASA to determine, where necessary, whether ASA is able to make reasonable adjustments to accommodate your specific needs and whether your health and safety (or that of your fellow travellers) is likely to be compromised given your choice of tour. It will also assist you and ASA if you fall ill or have an accident whilst travelling.

- ASA reserves the right to decline your Reservation Application if this Medical Information section is not completed properly and may reject or cancel your reservation, or terminate your participation on any tour, if ASA subsequently learns that you have failed to make full and proper disclosure.
- ASA is committed to protecting the privacy of your personal information. ASA's privacy policy is available for viewing at www.asatours.com.au
- If ASA has any concerns about the information you have provided, it will contact you to request clarification before considering your Application.
- ASA requires you to consider carefully your limitations in light of ASA's Physical Endurance Star Rating System in ASA's Itinerary when choosing your tour.
- If you are not likely to satisfy ASA's Participation Criteria (see below), ASA, in its sole discretion, may reject your Reservation Application.
- It is a condition of your tour that you agree to accept the directions of your Tour Leaders in relation to your suitability to participate in activities planned on tour.
- ASA reserves the right to cancel your participation on a tour if your behaviour is in ASA's opinion causing undue distress or damage to any person or their property.
- If your participation is discontinued during a tour, ASA will assist by arranging your onward travel (if required) at your own cost, but you will not be refunded for forfeited parts of the tour.
- ASA groups are not accompanied by a medical practitioner. ASA recommends that you see your doctor for advice about your specific needs while overseas. You may also wish to contact a travel and vaccination clinic for advice. www.traveldoctor.com.au tel: 1300 658 444; www.travelvax.com.au tel: 1300 360 164.
- Travel insurers require you to declare all existing medical conditions.
- Please carry a complete list of medications with you during the ASA tour. Include **generic names** of each medication (consult your local

Please mark **X** in the YES or NO box to every question below and provide details where necessary:

Participation Criteria

To participate in an ASA tour, you must be reasonably fit, in good health and able to participate in all activities without assistance from Tour Leaders or other tour members. If you require assistance, a fit and able travel companion must undertake to accompany and assist you with all tasks for the duration of the whole tour. The responsibility of the Tour Leader is to ensure that the larger group enjoys a relaxing and informative journey, and he or she cannot be relied upon to provide ongoing individual assistance to any one guest.

- | | YES | NO |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Can you walk and stand unassisted for at least 2-3 hours a day in hot, humid conditions? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Can you walk unassisted on and over uneven surfaces? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Can you climb at least 3 flights of stairs and/or walk up and down steep slopes unassisted? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Can you walk at a steady pace and no less than 1km every 15 - 20 minutes unassisted? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Can you organise, manage and carry your own luggage? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Can you follow and remember tour instructions and meet punctually at designated times and places? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Can you administer your own medication? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Do you have impaired vision or hearing which may impact your capacity to participate on this tour? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Mobility and Fitness

As many of ASA's international sites do not provide access to wheelchairs or similar mobility aids, we regret that ASA tours are not suitable for people who require the use of a walking frame, wheeled walker, wheelchair or motorised scooter.

- | | YES | NO |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Do you suffer from any medical conditions that may compromise your mobility and/or fitness to participate on this program? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes, please specify | | |
| <input type="text"/> | | |
| If yes, how will you manage this on tour? | | |
| <input type="text"/> | | |

Allergies and/or Food Intolerances

ASA will make reasonable endeavours to organise meals to suit you, provided that you give ASA adequate notice of your specific dietary requirements or allergies. You may be required to research dietary alternatives, as not all destinations may be able to offer suitable food substitutes.

- | | YES | NO |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Do you have any food allergies or intolerances? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes, please specify | | |
| <input type="text"/> | | |
| <input type="text"/> | | |
| 2. Have you ever had an anaphylactic reaction to anything? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes, please specify | | |
| <input type="text"/> | | |
| <input type="text"/> | | |
| Do you carry an epipen? | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 3. Do you have any other allergies or reactions to anything, including medical drugs? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes, please specify | | |
| <input type="text"/> | | |
| <input type="text"/> | | |

Existing Medical Conditions

You alone are responsible for managing any existing medical conditions, your medication and any medical equipment that you may need when on your tour. Please plan for contingencies and take extra medication, dietary supplements and/or fully charged batteries for medical equipment if your health and safety depends on these. You should take into consideration that power sources at some destinations may be unavailable, inadequate, inconvenient or unreliable.

- | | YES | NO |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Have you any significant medical conditions that may impact your capacity to complete this tour? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes, please specify | | |
| <input type="text"/> | | |
| If yes, how will you manage this on tour? | | |
| <input type="text"/> | | |
| 2. Do you require some form of powered medical aid, such as a CPAP machine? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| These machines may not be operable on certain international flights, modes of transport, in remote or other areas with inadequate or unreliable power sources without a fully charged independent long life battery or batteries. | | |
| Diabetics: You may be travelling and sightseeing for many hours at a time. Insulin dependent diabetics must carry extra supplies of insulin (as this medication cannot be obtained in some destinations), regulators, applicators, storage and refrigeration equipment, as well as any necessary supplements. Accommodation may not provide refrigerators in rooms. | | |
| 3. Are you diabetic? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are you insulin dependent? | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 4. Do you suffer from travel sickness? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Remember to use an appropriate medication while on tour. | | |



Declaration, Liability and Booking Conditions

Declaration

I declare that: I have read and understood the ASA Tour Itinerary, Reservation Application and Booking Conditions. I am aware of ASA's terms as relating to refunds, cancellations, responsibility and liability. I understand that ASA relies upon this declaration when considering this Application. I accept that there are inherent dangers and risks that may occur during any tour. I have made full and complete disclosure and have not knowingly withheld any medical information about myself from ASA. I have completed this Reservation Application honestly and accurately. I warrant that I am able to participate independently in all activities described by ASA in the itinerary without assistance from any person.

I will advise ASA in writing if any aspect of my fitness and or health conditions change materially at any time before my departure date. I understand and accept that the itinerary, accommodation and lecturers scheduled for this tour may change.

I agree and consent that ASA may give my personal information in this Reservation Application to tour service providers and relevant authorities as required by law, but for the purpose of making bookings with and engaging services provided for the tour. I understand that if I do not consent to the use of my personal information for this purpose, ASA will decline my Reservation Application.

In consideration of ASA's acceptance of my Reservation Application, I irrevocably release and indemnify ASA from all claims that I, or any other party, may have against ASA its employees, invitees, agents and contractors, however arising in respect of any loss, damage, injury, death or expense incurred in the course of travelling to, on and from any tour.

I understand and acknowledge that this Release and Indemnity applies with respect to:

1. Every general risk to which I or my personal belongings may be exposed in the course of travelling to, on or from any ASA tour
2. Every special risk, in particular medical risks, to which I may be exposed in the course of travelling to, on or from any ASA tour arising from, including, but not limited to:
 - a. intermittent power cycles and/or the temporary or permanent loss of power (beware CPAP or any other medical machine users);
 - b. dietary, food or other allergies (ASA cannot guarantee that traces of items to which you are allergic are not present in food or drink you are served, medication you are administered or other substances with which you may come into contact);
 - c. any event or situation that may compromise the administration of necessary medication or my health, safety and wellbeing generally.
3. All claims arising as a result of my or ASA's cancellation or termination of my continued participation on a tour for whatever reason (refund conditions in ASA's Booking Conditions excepted).

Limitation of Liability

ASA is not a carrier, event or tourist attraction host, accommodation or dining service provider. All bookings made and tickets or coupons issued by ASA for transport, event, accommodation, dining and the like are issued as an agent for various service providers and are subject to the terms and conditions and limitations of liability imposed by each service provider. ASA is not responsible for their products or services. If a service provider does not deliver the product or service for which you have contracted, your remedy lies with the service provider, not ASA.

ASA will not be liable for any claim (eg. sickness, injury, death, damage or loss) arising from any change, delay, detention, breakdown, cancellation, failure, accident, act, omission or negligence of any such service provider however caused (contingencies). You must take out adequate travel insurance against such contingencies.

ASA's liability in respect of any tour will be limited to the refund of amounts received from you less all non-refundable costs and charges and the costs of any substituted event or alternate services provided. The terms and conditions of the relevant service provider from time to time comprise the sole agreement between you and that service provider.

ASA reserves the sole discretion to cancel any tour or to modify itineraries in any way it considers appropriate. Tour costs may be revised, subject to unexpected price increases or exchange rate fluctuations.

Booking Conditions

DEPOSITS

A deposit of \$500.00 AUD per person is required to reserve a place on an ASA tour.

CANCELLATION FEES

If you decide to cancel your booking the following charges apply:

\$500.00 non refundable deposit

75-46 days prior 25% of total amount due

45-31 days prior 50% of total amount due

30-15 days prior 75% of total amount due

14-0 days prior 100% of total amount due

We take the day on which you cancel as being that on which we receive written confirmation of cancellation.

UNUSED PORTIONS OF THE TOUR

We regret that refunds will not be given for any unused portions of the tour, such as meals, entry fees, accommodation, flights or transfers.

IF LA TROBE UNIVERSITY CANCELS THE COURSE

In the event the academic program be cancelled as a result of La Trobe University, in response to Federal Government travel advice, designating the locations of the program to be unsafe: participants will be charged the cancellation fees as indicated in these booking conditions (refer to the paragraph 'Cancellation Fees').

WILL THE COURSE/TOUR PRICE OR ITINERARY CHANGE?

If the number of participants on a tour is significantly less than budgeted, or if there is a significant change in exchange rates or airfare taxes ASA reserves the right to amend the advertised price. We shall, however, do all in our power to maintain the published price. If an ASA tour is forced to cancel you will get a full refund of all tour monies paid. Occasionally circumstances beyond the control of ASA make it necessary to change airline, hotel or to make amendments to daily itineraries. We will inform you of any changes in due course.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

ASA requires all participants to obtain comprehensive travel insurance. A copy of your travel insurance certificate and the **reverse charge** emergency contact phone number must be received by ASA no later than 75 days prior to the commencement of the tour.

FINAL PAYMENT

The balance of the tour price will be due 75 days prior to the tour commencement date.

PLEASE READ THE ABOVE CAREFULLY, PRINT AND SIGN BELOW

I accept the conditions on this booking form

I have read the information about the physical requirements of the tour in the detailed itinerary and confirm that I am able to meet these requirements

Applicant's Signature

Print Full Name

Date

Course Name

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 I have enclosed a non-refundable deposit of \$ (including CC or bank fee if applicable) for this tour

By Cheque

 Please make cheques payable to *Australians Studying Abroad*
Direct Deposit or Internet Banking

You will need to:

1. Provide your bank with ASA's bank details (see below) and the amount you wish to transfer OR make a direct deposit through any ANZ branch
2. Include any fees levied by the banks
3. Provide a reference number (Mobile or last name recommended).
4. Complete section below, including confirmation no. (given when transaction completed).

Australians Studying Abroad bank details

Bank	ANZ
Branch	420 St Kilda Road, Melbourne Vic
Swift Code	ANZBAU3M
BSB	013-423
Account No	3472-32759

 Bank confirmation No.

Reference used: Mobile no. or last name recommended

 Date Money Transferred
Credit Card Payment

Credit card fees apply: Mastercard, Visa or American Express 2%

 Please debit my: Mastercard American Express Visa

I authorise ASA to debit my credit card for the amount due plus the applicable fee as above

 Credit Card Number

 Expiry Date Security Code (CVC)

 Bank the Card is linked to (eg. NAB or ANZ)

 Cardholder's Name

 Cardholder's Billing Address

 State Postcode

 Country

 Phone

 Email

Cardholder's Signature

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