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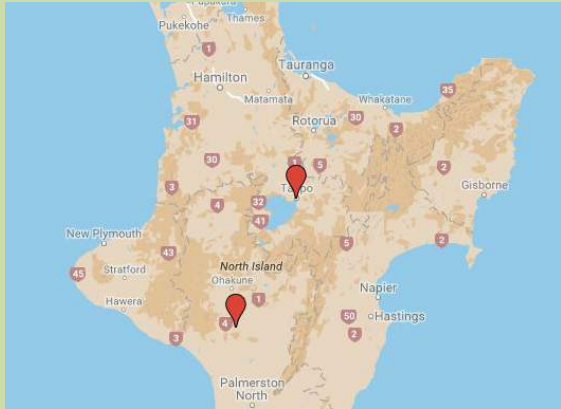
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Discover common ground.

South Pacific eFlyer February 2017

Exchanges are open to all ambassadors and represent some of the many places where you can experience new cultures and grow your global circle of friends. If you are interested in any of the following exchanges, please contact the Exchange Director or Ambassador Club directly.

16th – 30th March 2017

Perth, Australia to Taupo and Manawatu, New Zealand



The town of Taupo sits at the edge of Australasia's largest lake. Local attractions include trout fishing, skiing, and geothermal parks. Beautiful Lake Taupo is actually a huge volcano with a fiery history. Its most recent eruption, in 181 AD, was large enough to change the sky as far away as Europe and China. According to Maori legend, the lake is the pulsating heart of Maui's fish (New Zealand's North Island).

FFI Exchange Numbers:

#13548 & #13549

Cost: Costs will be the usual FFI fees, the Club Fees, the Exchange Director's Fee and bus fares of \$47 per person. The Econo Lodge Hotel has rooms for \$149 double and twin rooms so costs for these 2 exchanges will be very reasonable plus airfares from where ever our ambassadors come.

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Orakei Korako
Cave



Town of Taupo

The Manawatu region is dominated and defined by 2 significant river catchments, the Whanganui and the Manawatu. The Whanganui River, in the northwest, is the longest navigable river in New Zealand. The river was extremely important to early Māori as it was the southern link in a chain of waterways that spanned almost two-thirds of the North Island. It was one of the chief areas of Māori settlement with its easily fortified cliffs and ample food supplies. Legends emphasise the importance of the river and it remains sacred to Whanganui iwi.



Whanganui River

16th May - 9 June 2017

Gold Coast, Australia to Birmingham, Cincinnati & Oklahoma, USA



Come join us on this exciting exchange to three areas of America that you may never have seen and places that many travelers may not get a chance to visit. Birmingham, Alabama, Cincinnati, Ohio and the great Oklahoma. We will be spending one week in each of these vibrant cities - all different.



Birmingham, Alabama City Scape



Cincinnati - Midwest on the Ohio River



Oklahoma Capitol Building

We are going at a great time of year - May/June so escape the chill and experience this opportunity to see middle America.

FFI Exchange Numbers:

#13543, #13544 & #13545

Cost: Approx. \$4,038 AUD based on current airfares including return flights to USA from Brisbane Australia, three internal USA flights and FFI and Host fees.

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16th June – 2nd July 2017

Hamilton and Waikato, NZ to Manitoba and Edmonton, Canada



FFI Exchange Numbers:

#13084 & #13083

Cost: Approx \$4500NZD (includes FFI and Host Club fees)

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This exchange is an opportunity to enjoy an exploring the centre of Canada. Manitoba is one of three Prairie Provinces in Canada and the capital city, Winnipeg with a population of almost 700,000, is located at the geographic centre of North America, approximately 60 miles (100 km) north of the USA border.

Lake Winnipeg, about one hour's drive from Winnipeg is one of the largest inland lakes in the world with fine sand beaches comparable to those anywhere in the world. Grain farming is the major industry in Manitoba, along with the aerospace industry, manufacturing of clothing and buses, the mining industry, technology and forestry.

Winnipeg is a multi-cultural city with the largest French-speaking population west of the Province of Quebec and some of Canada's largest Ukrainian and German communities. We might visit the Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature - one of the finest interpretive museums in Canada. Or we might visit the Children's Museum or the Manitoba Theatre for young people (that's us). We may also visit the Lower Fort Garry in the Red Settlement, with the oldest intact stone fort in North America, and we may enjoy costumed staff recreate the spirit of the fur trade era and fort life.

We then move west to the prairie city of Edmonton situated on the Saskatchewan River. This area contains a multitude of lakes and diverse natural areas, large farms, market gardens, and a vast oil and gas reserve. The North Saskatchewan River Valley constitutes the longest stretch of connected urban parkland in North America and is 22 times larger than Times Square in New York.

The range of trees planted is impressive, being both native and exotic. There are three types of walnuts. Like all outback cities, there are an impressive range of museums, galleries, and centres of historic interest. Many of these depict the early settlement of the area, such as the Alberta Aviation Museum or the Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Centre or the Telephone Historical Centre.

Many have working displays, and we may see the Alberta Railway Museum where the old locomotives get up a head of steam. A fascinating area, where we can learn, enjoy, see and make new FF friends.

21st – 31st July 2017

Tamworth, Australia to London, UK and Limburg, Belgium



SEVERAL VACANCIES exist for this second phase of our 2017 exchange. Join us at our hotel in London for 4 days (21 – 25 July) exploring this city independently or with others in the group. This can include taking in a pre-booked show.

25th July we will travel by train to Belgium, where we will begin our week of exchange with FF Limburg, located in the Dutch speaking, eastern region known as Flanders. Options within the planned program include a day trip to the wonderful city of Brugge, and/or a visit to some of the World War I battlefields.

FFI Exchange Number: #13330

Cost: Estimated at \$1230 AUD
Includes 4 nights twin share hotel in Central London; take the train from London to Limburg. Price Includes FFI and Host fees and a day trip to Flanders Battle Fields.

NOTE: A great add-on to the 40th Anniversary World Conference in Manchester, UK!

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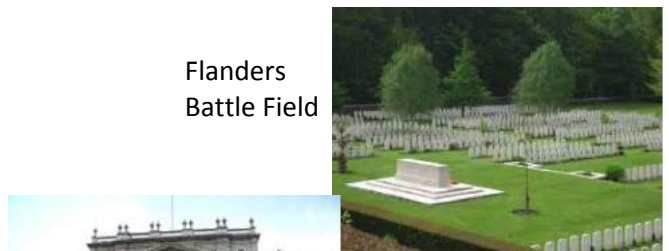
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City of Hasselt,
Limburg on the
Albert Canal



Flanders
Battle Field



London - The
entrance to the "War
Cabinet Rooms
Museum"

Wander at your
leisure along the
River Thames



1st – 15th September 2017

Kapiti Coast, New Zealand to Adelaide and Casterton, Australia



We start our first exchange at FF Adelaide. This is one of the largest and most active clubs in Australia where they offer to “introduce you to our wildlife, our white sandy beaches, world class wines, breathtaking scenery, indigenous culture and relaxed easy lifestyle.”

They boast a mild Mediterranean climate in this carefully planned city with fine Victorian architecture, surrounded by parklands and gardens. Not to be missed are the wineries and historic villages of the Adelaide Hills including the fascinating village of Harndorf.

There are numerous museums celebrating both Indigenous and European culture, as well as parks, gardens, walks along the beach, and great friends. On the 8th of September 2017 we move on to our second hosting FF Casterton, a town of 1800 situated on the Glenelg River in the Glenelg Shire in southwest Victoria. This is a small but busy town with all the amenities of a much larger one.

The principle city for the area is Portland about one hour south, and was the first settlement in Victoria. The area has major agricultural pursuits which include sheep, wool beef cattle, with some dairying and cropping. Pine trees and more recently blue gum plantations are developing.

A very relaxed exchange with our Aussie mates. Travel details and costs will be available after our ambassadors’ planning meeting in October. There is a maximum of 20 ambassadors for this exchange and we have 16 registered so far.

FFI Exchange Numbers:

#13207 & #13208

Cost: Approx. \$1500 - \$2,000NZD
(includes FFI and Host Club Fees)

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11th – 30th October 2017

Taupo and Otago, New Zealand to Hsinchu, Taiwan and Tokyo, Japan



FFI Exchange Numbers:
#13212 & #13211

Cost: \$4,300 approx.
(Includes all FFI & club host fees)

Note: Main exchange commences 14th October; we have arranged a three night stopover with FF Greater Taipei commencing 11th October which is an optional part of the program

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Only 2 Spaces Left!

Autumn in Taiwan and Japan is a beautiful time of year and you are invited to join us for this experience!

We start by travelling to FF Hsinchu in the centre-north of Taiwan which is nicknamed the Windy City for obvious reasons. As with many places in Asia, Hsinchu has a fascinating history. In 1626 it was Spanish, in 1711 it became Chinese, in 1920 it was Japanese, and in 1945 became an Independent country. So all these will have had some influence.

The Taiwanese people are very hospitable. They will proudly show us round their city and we may visit such places as (from Wikipedia) the Glass Museum, the Museum of Military Dependents Village, Fish Harbour, Hsinchu Zoo, Eighteen Peaks Mountain Park, Hsinchu Eastern Gate, and the two night markets Chenghuang Temple and Tsing Hus.

We then move on to Japan, and will probably have a stopover in the fabulous historic city of Kyoto. This was the only city not bombed during the war, and its cultural heritage is undamaged. A trip by the *Shinkansen* (bullet train) will take us to our other hosting at FF Tokyo. FF Tokyo is a very large club with 300 members in a city of 12 million people. Tokyo grew from a small fishing village named Edo, and we will learn about how it grew from this to the large metropolis it is today.

Japanese culture is an experience in and of itself. We are likely to enjoy origami (paper folding), the famous tea ceremony, ikebana (flower arranging), calligraphy (writing), and of course dressing in kimonos. The markets are fascinating with the Asakusa Shrine as one of our most unique stops. The city has a huge number of museums, temples, shrines, theatres, gardens, restaurants, and parks.

We may include a day trip to Mount Fuji or another fascinating area. So much to do and see, so little time.

17th October - 4th November 2017

Tauranga Western Bay of Plenty, New Zealand to Shizuoka, Japan and Greater Taipei, Taiwan



We have been allocated this exchange to Japan and Taiwan in the autumn of 2017. Our first hosting is at the city of Shizuoka, situated just west of Tokyo and south of Mount Fuji in the middle part of Japan. The city has great history as it became the retreat of the first Shogun Ieyasu Tokugawa due to its mild climate and beautiful scenery. The autumn leaves are something special.

The area is well-known for the green tea plantations, the mandarin oranges and especially the lacquer wares. And of course the wonderful Japanese traditions and hospitality. Next is a 3-day stop over hosting with FF Nara. Nara is a city of about 350,000 people and was the capital of Japan about 700AD.

There are some wonderful sights for us to see, but first among these are the famous Nara deer, which we know as Sika deer. They hold a prime place in the history of Nara, and there are about 1200 that wander freely through the city.

We will be situated about two hours away from Kyoto, and this will give us a great opportunity to see this city which contains some of the most famous historic sites in Japan. We move across the sea south to the island of Taiwan for our third hosting at Greater Taipei FF club.

Taipei is a modern clean city with excellent infrastructure. It has a population of 2.3 million, and the centre of commerce, culture, education, diplomacy and high-tech industries. We may visit the renowned Palace Museum, ancient temples and cultural parks, and the Taipei 101 Building - the tallest building in the world between 2004 and 2010.

One can travel to the mountains or seashore within an hour, and we may also include visits to a Hakka village and Sun-Moon lake, or take a boat ride on Lover River. Join us on this Asian experience.

FFI Exchange Nmbers:

#13299 & #13298

Cost: \$3000-3500 approx.
(includes all FFI fees and club host fees)

Note: Numbers are limited to 15, which is already fully allocated, but we will take names from FF members prepared to be on the waiting list. Places should be finalized about June 2017.

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2017 South Pacific Outbound Exchanges

Date	Exch#	Exchange Name
February	12970	Adelaide and Sydney, Australia to Ottawa, Canada
February	12969	Adelaide and Sydney, Australia to Winnipeg, Canada
February	12971	Sydney, Australia to Dallas, USA
March	13112	Auckland-North Shore, New Zealand to Mexico City, Mexico
March	13113	Auckland-North Shore, New Zealand to Comitan, Mexico
March	12981	Blue Mtns, Australia to Tauranga Western Bay of Plenty, NZ
March	13375	Adelaide, Australia to Victoria & Vancouver Island, Canada
March	12984	Melbourne, Australia to Christchurch, NZ
March	12982	Blue Mtns, Australia to Whangarei, NZ
March	12983	Blue Mtns, Australia to Southland, NZ
March	12985	Melbourne, Australia to Marlborough, NZ
April	13019	Newcastle, Australia to Oita, Japan
April	13038	Horowhenua and Wanganui, NZ to Murray Bridge, Australia
April	13015	Cairns, Australia to Kyoto-Fukuchiyama, Japan
April	13016	Kempsey, Australia to Niigata, Japan
April	13018	Newcastle, Australia to Greater Taipei, Taiwan
April	13037	Horowhenua and Wanganui, NZ to Hobart, Australia
April	13017	Kempsey, Australia to Seoul, Korea
May	13084	Hamilton & Waikato, NZ to Manitoba, Canada
May	13080	Christchurch, NZ to Kaohsiung, Taiwan
May	13081	Christchurch, NZ to Koriyama, Japan
May	13085	South Taranaki, NZ to Toronto, Canada
May	13078	Noumea, New Caledonia to Wisconsin, USA
May	13062	Sunshine Coast, Australia to Hsinchu, Taiwan
May	13082	Christchurch, NZ to Mie, Japan
May	13086	South Taranaki, NZ to North Bay, Canada
May	13079	Noumea, New Caledonia to Chicago, USA
May	13544	Gold Coast, Australia to Birmingham, USA
May	13543	Gold Coast, Australia to Cincinnati, USA
May	13545	Gold Coast, Australia to Oklahoma, USA
May	13063	Sunshine Coast, Australia to Rostov-on-Don, Russia
June	13084	Hamilton and Waikato, New Zealand to Manitoba, Canada
June	13083	Hamilton and Waikato, New Zealand to Edmonton, Canada
July	13329	Tamworth, Australia to Derbyshire, UK
July	13139	Brisbane, Australia to Utah, USA
July	13137	Albany, Australia to Greater Manchester, UK
July	13147	Manawatu, NZ to Cairns, Australia
July	13330	Tamworth, Australia to Limburg, Belgium
July	13138	Brisbane, Australia to Minnesota-Twin Cities, USA
July	13136	Albany, Australia to Vogtland, Germany

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Date	Exch#	Exchange Name
July	13148	Manawatu, New Zealand to Bundaberg, Australia
August	13264	Marlborough, New Zealand to Lethbridge, Canada
August	13263	Marlborough, New Zealand to Seattle-Tacoma, USA
September	13179	Murray Bridge, Australia to Pau, France
September	13178	Bundaberg, Australia to Cape of Good Hope, South Africa
September	13182	Sydney, Australia to Leuven, Belgium
September	13207	Kapiti Coast, NZ to Adelaide, Australia
September	13209	Nelson, NZ to Niagara, Canada
September	13210	Nelson, NZ too Haliburton Heights, Canada
September	13180	Murray Bridge, Australia to Leicestershire, UK
September	13208	Kapiti Coast, NZ to Casterton, Australia
September	13181	Sydney, Australia to County Durham, UK
October	13211	Taupo and Otago, NZ to Hsinchu, Taiwan
October	13212	Taupo and Otago, NZ to Tokyo, Japan
October	13229	North Moreton, Australia to Stratford-St. Marys, Canada
October	13227	North Moreton, Australia to Southern Connecticut, USA
October	13228	North Moreton, Australia to Southern New Jersey, USA
October	12986	Perth, Australia to Miyagi, Japan
October	12987	Perth, Australia to Ota-Gunma, Japan
November	13301	Wellington, NZ to Colonial Carolina, USA
November	13298	Tauranga Western Bay of Plenty, NZ to Greater Taipei, Taiwan
November	13282	Tweed Valley, Australia to Otago, NZ
November	13280	Hobart, Australia to Mundo Maya de Tuxtla Gutierrez, Mexico
November	13278	Adelaide, Australia to Florida Suncoast, USA
November	13302	Wellington, NZ to Long Island, USA
November	13299	Tauranga Western Bay of Plenty, NZ to Shizuoka, Japan
November	13281	Tweed Valley, Australia to Taupo, NZ
November	13276	Adelaide, Australia to Mexico City, Mexico
November	13279	Hobart, Australia to Filobobos, Mexico
November	13277	Adelaide, Australia to Xalapa, Mexico
November	13300	Wellington, NZ to Sarasota, USA

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