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South Pacific eFlyer

June 2018

The Journeys listed in the South Pacific eFlyer are open to all ambassadors, representing some of the many places where you can experience new cultures and expand your global circle of friends.

If you are interested in any of the following Journeys, please contact the Journey Coordinator directly.

Journey Number 14177

Bundaberg, Australia to Central Virginia, Central North Carolina and Baton Rouge, USA

Journey Dates:
October 2018

Price:
\$4,000 AUD (approx.)
(includes International
Airfare, FFI & Host Fees)

Journey Coordinator:
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Host Clubs:
[FF Central Virginia](#)
[FF Central North Carolina](#)
[FF Baton Rouge](#)

Friendship Force Bundaberg invites you to join club members on an autumn Journey to three clubs in the eastern part of the USA.

The three US clubs almost guarantee spectacular autumn colours as we travel from north to south in October this year. Our first hosting is with Friendship Force Central Virginia based in and around Charlottesville. The area is rich in American history and more information about the club and the area's attractions can be [found here](#) and under "Who We Are/Our Clubs" on the FFI website. Charlottesville is located about 160 km south of Washington DC.

The next hosting is in the adjoining state of North Carolina. The Friendship Force Central North Carolina club is based on the three adjacent cities of Greensboro, High Point, and Winston-Salem. Ambassadors will have the opportunity to help tailor the activities programme that the club will prepare for us.

The final Journey is to Baton Rouge, Louisiana. This promises to be a fun Journey as Baton Rouge Friendship Force visited Bundaberg in August 2016 and they are very keen for the reciprocal visit from Australia. Please contact the Ambassador Coordinator to find out more about the Journeys and possible pre- and post-tours.



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Journey Number 14184

Hobart, Australia to Shelby and Suncoast, USA

Journey Dates:

26 October - 9 November,
2018

Price:

TBD

Journey Coordinator:

Anthea Hamnett
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Host Clubs:

FF Shelby, North Carolina
FF Florida Suncoast, Florida

Shelby is nestled in Cleveland County, North Carolina along the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. There is approx. 100,000 people in the county. Cleveland County has a rich farming history.

Ambassadors are shown a variety of places, and some of the places they will be taken to include Charlotte (capital), Grandfather Mountain (Mile High Bridge), cheese tasting, the BMW plant, churches, fresco viewing, Schiele Museum, Mt. Mitchell and the Greer Plantation.



Beaches are Florida's calling card, and the Suncoast is made up of a number of white sandy beaches along the Gulf of Mexico.

Visits may include the Dali museum, Botanical Gardens, Fort Desoto, Museum of Fine Arts, Ybor City to see Cuban Cigars being made, African American Museum, Seabird Sanctuary and numerous art galleries. This area is a major embarkation point to the Caribbean Islands. Short and longer cruises are available, and you can fly home from Miami.



We the FF of Hobart have a number of vacancies and we would like you to join us on this Journey. Contact Anthea Hamnett for more info.



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Journey Number 14162

Hamilton and Waikato, New Zealand to Salisbury, Albany and Perth,

Journey Dates:

11-29 September, 2018

Price:

\$3500 approx. (includes all
FFI and club host fees)

Journey Coordinator:

Vivienne Gellert

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Host Clubs:

FF Salisbury and Northern

Districts

FF Albany

We begin our Journey in Salisbury, situated approximately 20 km north of Adelaide. It became a city in 1964 and now has a population of 129,111. The area has wonderful wetlands. It is a fast growing area attracting manufacturers such as Michell Wool Processing Industry, R.M. Williams & Co, manufacturer of outback clothing and footwear for stockmen and women.

Near the historic Parafield light aircraft airport is the Levels Technology Park, which has a fast-growing reputation for excellence in Research, Science and Electronics with a major Computer Centre. The Defence Science and Technology Organisation have extensive research facilities.

We then fly to Albany situated on the south coast of Western Australia, approximately 400 kms from the capital city of Perth, which has a population of 34,000. The main industries of the area are tourism, fishing, agriculture, forestry and wineries. Prior to the 1950s, whaling was one of the major sources of income and employment, along with woollen mills and agriculture. Albany is surrounded by National Parks and Reserves. The Port of Albany is set on the beautiful King George Sound and Princess Royal Harbour and is steeped in early Western Australian maritime history. During World War 1, it was the last view of Australia thousands of soldiers saw before sailing off to Europe and Gallipoli. Albany was the site of the first European settlement in Western Australia and has many heritage buildings. It is renowned for its many natural attractions including the Natural Bridge and the Gap. Wildflowers are in abundance in the Stirling Range and Porongorup National Parks in springtime, while whales can be seen off the beach during whale season (July to October).

Our trip finishes with 3 days travelling up the West Coast to Perth



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Journey Number 14144

Auckland North Shore, New Zealand to Central Coast and Mount Barker, Australia

Journey Dates:

20- 31 August 2018

Price:

\$1,500 - \$2,000 NZD
(includes FFI & Host Fees)

Journey Coordinator:

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Host Clubs:

FF Central Coast
FF Mount Barker

August would be a great time to get away from the cold weather in NZ for a visit to our Aussie mates.

Our first four days will be spent at FF Central Coast located just north of Sydney. The region is a network of towns such as Gosford, Brisbane Waters, Wyong, Tuggerah, Lakehaven, The Entrance, Terrigal and Woy Woy, and many people who live here commute daily to Sydney for work. The main drivers are tourism, manufacturing and retirement, and include the Hunter Valley region with its mining, heavy industry and port. The Aboriginal people have inhabited this region for thousands of years, and the Guringai and Darkinjung tribes some of the first to come into contact with the settlers.

We then move west to a very different area at FF Mount Barker. Situated near Lake Alexandrina at the mouth of the longest river in Australia the River Murray at 2,375 kilometers in length, this area thrives on agriculture and mining which have for many years contributed to the diversity of the district. We may visit one of the boutique Adelaide Hills wineries at the Southern Vales, Langhorne Creek, and the Barossa Valley.

We will take in the flora and fauna of magnificent red gum eucalyptus and many varieties of other native and exotic flora and of course kangaroos, koalas, echidnas, emus, galahs, and magpies. The area abounds in small townships with unique museums, art galleries, historical homesteads, market gardens and orchards. Featured high among these are Strathalbyn with its strong Scottish heritage, and Hahndorf & Lobethal with their remarkable German charm.

Great times, great friends and a Journey not to be missed.



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Journey Number 14092

Albany, Australia to Itanhaem & Belem, Brazil

Journey Dates:

24 Aug - 8 Sept, 2018

Price:

\$450 USD

(includes FFI and host fees,
not including international
airfare)

Journey Coordinator:

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Host Clubs:

[FF Itanhaem](#)

[FF Belem](#)

Optional Extension Tour:

Buenos Aires, Iguazu, Rio de Janeiro, Lima, Lake Titicaca, Cusco, Machu Picchu, Amazon, Quito and Galapagos Islands (\$10,000 AUD)

Brazil is a fascinating, vibrant country. When our Friendship Force Club hosted ambassadors from Brazil, we really knew we were alive. We had never had so much music, dancing, and laughter in one week, so we are looking forward eagerly to visiting these two Brazilian clubs. There are several places still available.



Itanhaém Seaside Resort



City of Belem - Brazil



Machu Picchu - Peru



Galapagos Islands

A group of ambassadors has booked a 24-day tour of South America prior to the FF Journey. The tour is with Chimu Adventures and is based on their product Trip Code LATSSAB5 and covers Buenos Aires, Iguazu, Rio de Janeiro, Lima, Lake Titicaca, Cusco, Machu Picchu, Amazon, Quito and Galapagos Islands. The cost is approximately AU \$10000. (For information on this add-on contact Paula at Helloworld, Albany WA 08 9841 5744 or paula.albanycentral@helloworld.com)



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Journey Number 14138

Newcastle, Australia to Curitiba and Nova Lima, Brazil

Journey Dates:

25 Aug - 12 Sept 2018

Price:

TBD

(will include FFI & host fees)

Journey Coordinator:

Andrea Deveridge

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Host Clubs:

[FF Curitiba](#)

[FF Nova Lima](#)

Looking for an impetus to go on a South American adventure? Ever participated in the samba, tasted barreado, partaken in Brazil's national drink - the caipirinha - or wanted to experience Brazil outside a major city and traffic congestion? Then join Newcastle FF's Journey to Brazil.

Firstly we are welcomed in the innovative urban planned city of Curitiba, with train trips to nearby Morretes - a 17th to 19th century picturesque colonial town known for its artisan crafts, and to Vila Velha - an important archaeological site of beautiful landscapes created over millions of years.



Our Journey then heads to the smaller city of Nova Lima noted for gold and iron ore mining and surrounded by heritage reserves and National Parks.

Curitiba and Nova Lima FF Clubs are working together to maximise our Brazilian experience. Come join Newcastle FF for an exciting Journey to a culture waiting to amaze us.



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Journey Number 14299

Marlborough, New Zealand to Vietnam

Journey Dates:

October 2018

Price:

\$6,000 - \$7,000 NZD
(includes FFI, Host & Tour Fees)

Journey Coordinator:

Robert Cooper

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021 448 523

Hosts:

The Vietnam-USA Society

This is a Journey with a guide and four nights of home hosting with local families. All other accommodation will be in hotels.

Cruise Ha Long Bay and stay overnight in the splendour of the hills. Visit beautiful Sapa, and meet the Tay and Day tribes. Climb the highest mountain in Southeast Asia (*cable car and tram available, unless you are real energetic*).

Visit a market or learn about the culture and history of the ancient royal city of Hue. Shop in Hanoi. Listen to Royal music in the Imperial Citadel in Hue. Take a boat tour on the Perfume River. Do these and many other exciting things as you travel through the country.

Learn about the history and architecture of Hoi An, a world cultural heritage site. Visit Ben Thanh market and shop in Ho Chi Minh City. Visit the Cu Chi tunnels.

The trip will commence on the 1st October 2018 and is for 16 days. There will be an optional extra going into Cambodia and cruising on the Mekong river.

Only six spaces left!



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Journey Number 14222

Nelson, New Zealand to North Moreton and Blue Mountains, Australia

Journey Dates:

18 Oct - 3 Nov 2018

Price:

\$2,500 - \$3,000 NZD
(includes FFI & Host Fees)

Journey Coordinator:

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Host Clubs:

[FF North Moreton](#)

[FF Blue Mountains](#)

This is an opportunity to visit our cousins across the ditch at not too much cost during spring time. Our first hosting is at FF North Moreton, which is just north of Brisbane. This area has so much to offer – beautiful beaches, scenic mountains, lakes, rainforest walks, boutique wineries, kangaroos on the doorstep – they've got it all.

There will be a chance to walk through the rainforest near the Glasshouse Mountains Marvel and hear the calls of the whip birds. We may cruise up Pumicestone Passage or along the Brisbane River, or enjoy a barbeque at sunset as the kangaroos hop nearby.

Get close to a koala at the fabulous Australia Zoo, the creation of legendary Crocodile Man, Steve Irwin. Walk with us along one of the most beautiful beaches in the world at Bribie Island. A warm sub-tropical climate offers comfortable living throughout the year. Historically, Redcliffe was the first settlements in Queensland and was once a penal colony.

We then move south and spend 3 days in the amazing city of Sydney. Then it's up the mountains we go to our hosting with FF Blue Mountains. This area is now a major gateway to Western New South Wales and is a very popular weekend getaway for Sydney-siders. The city of the Blue Mountains comprises 26 townships which are dotted along the Great Western Highway and has a permanent residential population of around 74,000. The climate is somewhat more temperate than Sydney. We will be there during their spring when the temperature is very agreeable.

The great outdoors is all the go, and they offer a wide range of choices such as the Three Sisters, Jenolan Caves, Katoomba Scenic Railway, Knapsack Viaduct, the Edge Cinema, the Giant Stairway, and much more. On a rainy day, we could visit the Norman Lindsay Gallery & Museum and/or the Toy and Railway Museum.



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2018 AUS-NZ Outbound Journeys

JUNE

- 14316 Melbourne, Australia to Gold Coast, Australia
- 14339 Central Coast, Australia to Sunshine Coast, Australia
- 14341 Southern Sydney, Australia to Brisbane, Australia
- 14108 Sunshine Coast, Australia to Quebec and North Bay, Canada
- 14115 New Plymouth, NZ to Varel, Germany and Helsingborg, Sweden

JULY

- 14133 Murray Bridge, Australia to Coatepec, Mexico and San Jose, Costa Rica
- 14122 Gisborne, NZ to Kauai, USA and San Diego County, USA
- 14121 Christchurch, NZ to Biarritz, France and Isle of Wight, UK
- 14318 Bundaberg, Australia to Tweed Valley, Australia
- 14339 Central Coast, Australia to Sunshine Coast, Australia

AUGUST

- 14144 Auckland-North Shore to Mount Barker and Central Coast
- 14309 English Language Learning Journey: Saitama to Kapiti Coast and Wanganui, New Zealand
- 14312 Mount Gambier, Australia to Bundaberg, Australia
- 14138 Newcastle, Australia to Curitiba and Nova Lima, Brazil
- 14092 Albany, Australia to Itanhaem and Belem, Brazil
- 14093 Taupo, NZ to Perth and Adelaide, Australia
- 14426 Mount Barker to Casterton, Australia

SEPTEMBER

- 14301 Tauranga Western Bay of Plenty, New Zealand to Cedar Rapids-Iowa City, Kansas and Las Vegas, USA
- 14194 Gold Coast, Australia to Toulouse, France and Lübeck, Germany
- 14145 Perth, Australia to Krems, Austria and Rheinhessen, Germany
- 14162 Hamilton and Waikato, New Zealand to Albany, Australia
- 14340 Murray Bridge, Australia to Southern Sydney, Australia

2018 AUS-NZ Outbound Journeys, Cont.

OCTOBER

- 14184 Hobart, Australia to Shelby and Florida Suncoast, USA
- 14299 Marlborough, New Zealand to Vietnam
- 14177 Bundaberg, Australia to Baton Rouge, Central North Carolina and Central Virginia, USA
- 14315 Kempsey, Australia to Adelaide, Australia
- 14336 Adelaide, Australia to Sydney, Australia

NOVEMBER

- 14222 Nelson, New Zealand to North Moreton and Blue Mountains, Australia
- 14216 Whangarei, New Zealand to Saitama and Ehime, Japan
- 14337 Sydney, Australia to Salisbury and Northern Districts, Australia

2019 AUS-NZ Outbound Journeys

FEBRUARY

15006 Perth, Australia to Alajuela, Costa Rica and Mundo Maya de Tuxtla Gutierrez and Sarasota, USA

MARCH

15028 Whangarei, New Zealand to Hobart and Newcastle, Australia

15014 Global - Explore Farming in New Zealand

15015 Adelaide, Australia to Aichi, Japan and Kauai, USA and Hamilton and Waikato, New Zealand

15017 Bundaberg, Australia to Thames Coromandel and Otago, New Zealand

15018 Casterton, Australia to Wanganui and Napier, New Zealand

15016 Salisbury and Northern Districts, Australia to Ehime, Japan

15019 Tweed Valley, Australia to Nashik Riverside, India and Nepal

15266 All Australia to Murray Bridge, Australia

APRIL

15046 Melbourne, Australia to Auckland-North Shore and Taupo, New Zealand

15045 Albany, Australia to Kampala, Uganda

15046 Melbourne, Australia to Auckland-North Shore and Taupo, New Zealand

15047 Sydney, Australia to Trujillo, Peru and Mexico City, Mexico and Greater Orlando, USA

15048 Tamworth, Australia to Urla of Greater Izmir, Turkey and Tbilisi, Georgia

MAY

15091 Auckland-North Shore, New Zealand to Korolev, Russia and Baku, Azerbaijan

15092 Napier, New Zealand to Norderstedt, Germany and Greater Izmir, Turkey

15093 New Plymouth, New Zealand to Cairns and North Moreton, Australia

15111 South Taranaki and Manawatu, New Zealand to Brisbane and Tamworth, Australia

15079 Kempsey, Australia to County Durham, United Kingdom and Hannover, Germany

15080 Sunshine Coast, Australia to Austin and New Mexico, USA

JUNE

15093 New Plymouth, New Zealand to Cairns and North Moreton, Australia

15109 Brisbane, Australia to Western Colorado and Reno-Tahoe, USA

15110 Gold Coast, Australia to Saskatoon and Winnipeg, Canada and Chicago, USA

15111 South Taranaki and Manawatu, New Zealand to Brisbane and Tamworth, Australia

15112 Blue Mountains, Australia to Toulouse, France and Bristol, England

15124 Tauranga-Western Bay of Plenty, New Zealand to Tweed Valley and Central Coast, Australia

2018 AUS-NZ Inbound Journeys

JUNE

- 14316 Melbourne, Australia to Gold Coast, Australia
- 14341 Southern Sydney, Australia to Brisbane, Australia
- 14308 English Language Learning Journey: Nara to Perth and Mount Barker, Australia
- 14094 Greater Taipei, Taiwan to Cairns and Newcastle, Australia
- 14109 Nashik Riverside, India to North Moreton and Southern Sydney, Australia

JULY

- 14318 Bundaberg, Australia to Tweed Valley, Australia
- 14339 Central Coast, Australia to Sunshine Coast, Australia

AUGUST

- 14137 Pikes Peak Region, USA to Bundaberg and Tamworth, Australia
- 14144 Auckland-North Shore to Mount Barker and Central Coast
- 14093 Taupo, New Zealand to Perth and Adelaide, Australia
- 14309 English Language Learning Journey: Saitama to Kapiti Coast and Wanganui, New Zealand
- 14312 Mount Gambier, Australia to Bundaberg, Australia
- 14426 Mount Barker to Casterton, Australia

SEPTEMBER

- 14148 Piracicaba, Brazil to Sunshine Coast and Kempsey, Australia
- 14179 The Villages, USA to Blue Mountains, Brisbane, Australia and Whangarei, New Zealand
- 14340 Murray Bridge, Australia to Southern Sydney, Australia

2018 AUS-NZ Inbound Journeys, Cont.

OCTOBER

- 14185 Edmonton, Canada to Gisborne and Thames Coromandel, New Zealand
- 14202 Sibiu, Romania to South Taranaki, New Zealand
- 14208 Lethbridge, Canada to Newcastle, Tweed Valley and Mount Gambier, Australia
- 14212 Greater Des Moines and Whidbey Island, USA to Perth, Australia and Auckland-North Shore, New Zealand
- 14315 Kempsey, Australia to Adelaide, Australia
- 14336 Adelaide, Australia to Sydney, Australia

NOVEMBER

- 14217 Szekesfehervar, Hungary to Melbourne, Australia and Christchurch, New Zealand
- 14219 Northeast Ohio to Horowhenua and Napier and Hamilton and Waikato
- 14222 Nelson, New Zealand to North Moreton and Blue Mountains, Australia
- 14224 Bangkok, Thailand to Central Coast, Australia
- 14226 Sapporo, Japan to Wellington and Southland, New Zealand
- 14337 Sydney, Australia to Salisbury and Northern Districts, Australia



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