

WorldSkills Australia 2006 General Assembly

6 – 10 MAY 2006

LANGHAM HOTEL MELBOURNE

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY PACKAGE LANGHAM HOTEL MELBOURNE

Sister to the famous Langham Hotel in London, this 5-star deluxe hotel has undoubtedly Melbourne's most enviable location on the banks of the famous Yarra River and an established reputation as one of Melbourne's and Australia's finest hotels. Today Southbank is one of the city's most exclusive areas and it is here that the Langham Hotel Melbourne is situated amid a variety of alfresco cafes, lively restaurants, bars and boutique, yet still a short stroll from the much-acclaimed Federation Square, the Arts Centre, Botanic Gardens and major sporting venues, as well as the Melbourne Exhibition & Convention Centre, home of the **WorldSkills Australia National Competition, 2006**; the WorldSkills Leader's Forum and the WorldSkills Australia Skills Summit.

The Event Travel Office, in association with WorldSkills Australia, is providing the following General Assembly package at the **Langham Hotel Melbourne** for international and local delegates. It is important to note that all rooms will be allocated strictly in order of receipt of reservations subject to the Booking Terms and Conditions as outlined in this document.

FIVE (5) NIGHT PACKAGE – Standard Room

AU\$2,750.00 per person single occupancy

AU\$2,100.00 per person sharing a double or twin room

FIVE (5) NIGHT PACKAGE – Club King Room*

AU\$3,025.00 per person single occupancy

AU\$2,238.00 per person sharing a double or twin room

EXTRA NIGHT SUPPLEMENTS - Standard Room

AU\$ 285.00 per person single occupancy

AU\$ 155.00 per person sharing a double or twin room

EXTRA NIGHT SUPPLEMENTS – Club King Room*

AU\$ 340.00 per person single occupancy

AU\$ 183.00 per person sharing a double or twin room

(*) Club king rooms at the Langham Hotel are the same size as a standard room however allow guests access to the Club Lounge on Level 24 of the hotel overlooking the Yarra River. The Club Lounge provides continuous tea and coffee throughout the day and evening cocktails and canapés.

5 NIGHT PACKAGE INCLUSIONS (All Costs Detailed Are Per Person)

- Delegate Registration
- Five (5) nights accommodation on a single or double basis (06/07/08/09/10 May);
- 5 x fully cooked breakfasts at the hotel (07/08/09/10/11 May);
- Lunches and dinners as detailed in the General Assembly program including transfers where appropriate;
- Melbourne City Tour (08 May);
- Museum and River Cruise (09 May);
- Australian Goods & Services Tax.

EXTRA NIGHT SUPPLEMENT INCLUSIONS (All Costs Detailed Are Per Person)

- One (1) nights accommodation on a single or double basis;
- Fully cooked breakfast;
- Australian Goods & Services Tax.

ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION

Limited alternative accommodation arrangements are available for delegates on a restricted budget at the Travelodge Southbank Hotel. This 3 star budget hotel is ideally positioned for you to experience all that this vibrant city has to offer. You'll be within easy walking distance to the Langham Hotel Melbourne, restaurants, cafes, great shopping, art galleries, close to the MCG, Melbourne Aquarium, Rod Laver Arena, The Royal Botanic Gardens and the Melbourne Exhibition Centre.

FIVE (5) NIGHT PACKAGE – Standard Room

AU\$2,100.00 per person single occupancy

AU\$1,725.00 per person sharing a double or twin room

EXTRA NIGHT SUPPLEMENTS - Standard Room

AU\$ 145.00 per person single occupancy

AU\$ 80.00 per person sharing a double or twin room

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY PACKAGE (cont.)

SPOUSES

Delegates bringing spouses to the 2006 General Assembly should select the 'single' room type on the General Assembly Booking Form. In addition, you should indicate that you will be with your spouse by ticking (checking) the section where you are asked to nominate the name of the person sharing the room.

Delegates will be charged at the single occupancy rate plus an additional \$680.00 for the spouse. Spouses will not be registered to attend the General Assembly technical program however, all other inclusions (accommodation, breakfasts, evening functions, tours and taxes) remain unchanged.

AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION

Melbourne's Tullamarine airport is approximately 30 minutes drive from the city. Transportation to and from the Langham Hotel Melbourne is included in the General Assembly package. WorldSkills Australia will have clearly identifiable staff located at the airport terminals to assist delegates to awaiting transportation. However it is essential that you inform WorldSkills Australia of your arrival and departure details, including date, time, airline and flight number.

HOW TO BOOK, PAYMENTS & CANCELLATIONS

Please complete the attached Booking Form, which also incorporates tours and touring options detailed over, and return it to the Event Travel Office as soon as possible. **All Booking Forms must be received by the Event Travel Office on/before 1st March 2006.**

Upon receipt of your Booking Form, the Event Travel Office will follow with a Confirmation and Tax Invoice detailing all booking specifics.

Full payment for all arrangements will be required on or before Wednesday 15th March, 2006. Once full payment has been received, a one hundred percent (100%) cancellation penalty will apply to all arrangements.

MELBOURNE TOURS

The Event Travel Office is arranging the following Melbourne Tours exclusively for General Assembly delegates. The **Melbourne City Tour** and **Museum and River Cruise** are included in the per person General Assembly Package costs – we ask delegates to nominate which time they would like to take these tours on the Booking Form attached. The **Yarra Valley Wineries** tour is an optional tour at the individual delegates' expense. Please indicate on the Booking Form whether you would like to purchase this tour. All tours are fully escorted – commentary is provided in English only.

Melbourne City Tour

(Cost Included in General Assembly Package)

Melbourne is a city of special charm and character. This tour is an introduction to the lush gardens, architectural brilliance and the history of this thriving metropolis. Highlights include Flagstaff Gardens, the Royal Botanic Gardens, the Shrine of Remembrance, Victorian Arts Centre and historic Cook's Cottage. Panoramic views of Port Phillip Bay from Westgate Bridge.

Monday 8th May 2006

9.00am to 12.00pm OR 1.00pm to 4.00pm

Museum & River Cruise

(Cost Included in General Assembly Package)

Melbourne Museum's stunning modernist architecture is an Australian icon — and the world's first museum for the internet age is interactive, innovative and fun! Discover the vibrant history of Melbourne; from Australia's iconic racehorse Phar Lap to an original set from the Neighbours TV show. Bunjilaka is a living contemporary Aboriginal Centre that tells an astonishing story about a culture 40,000 years old and the survival of Australia's traditional people. Experience Indigenous cultures of the Pacific and South Eastern Australia.

Tuesday 9th May 2006

9.00am to 12.00pm OR 1.00pm to 4.00pm

Take a leisurely scenic river cruise - a rare chance to view wonderful, scenic river gardens and Herring Island. The river passes one of the world's great Botanic Gardens, as well as the landscaped river banks and Melbourne's famous Sporting Precinct.

Yarra Valley Wineries (Optional Tour)

(Cost AU\$112.00* Per Person)

The Yarra Valley is recognised as one of the world's great wine growing regions, and Australia's finest region for pinot noir and sparkling wines. Nestled in the rolling hills and wide open fields of this long established farming area, it is also recognised as a producer of exceptional chardonnay, shiraz and cabernet sauvignon. Your tour will include a visit to Domaine Chandon founded by the prestigious French Champagne house Moët and Chandon and a flute of sparkling wine. Continue to a local winery for wine tasting followed by a delicious 3 course lunch served with local wines.

Thursday 11th May 2006

9.00am to 4.00pm

*Includes: Full day luxury coach touring, guide to accompany, with private tour and sparkling wine tasting at Domaine Chandon and wine tasting and 3 course lunch at local winery.

Yarra Valley Wineries tour will operate subject to minimum numbers being achieved. If minimum numbers are not achieved, an alternative tour will be offered or a full refund will be provided.

POST GENERAL ASSEMBLY TOURS

VICTORIA'S MORNINGTON PENINSULA AND GREAT OCEAN ROAD

Tour of the coastal scenery, wineries and farmland of the Mornington Peninsula, then board the ferry crossing Port Phillip Bay to the western side of the bay. Travel along the Great Ocean Road undeniably one of the world's most spectacular scenic experiences. See the rugged splendour of the Twelve Apostles huge rock stacks soar from the waters of the Southern Ocean.

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Thursday 11 MELBOURNE TO MORNINGTON PENINSULA (L,D)

Depart by coach from Melbourne travel down the eastside of Port Phillip Bay and out through rolling countryside to the Mornington Peninsula. Visit a Lavender Farm, a working farm set amidst spectacular scenery, continuing through farmland, small orchards and vineyards to Arthur's Seat for spectacular views from over Port Phillip Bay. Onto Montalto Vineyard and Olive Grove, a spectacular 50-acre natural amphitheatre property with 1500 olive trees, extensive wetlands and bird life and a fruit and nut grove. Continue touring with a visit to a strawberry farm and overnight at Peppers Moonah Resort.

Friday 12 MORNINGTON PENINSULAR TO GREAT OCEAN ROAD (B,D)

Touring today around the Peninsula with wine tasting and then onto the wild and woolly ocean side in stark contrast to the tranquil waters of Port Phillip Bay. A narrow isthmus of land separates the bay from Bass Strait. Stop at Cape Schanck Lighthouse on the southern most tip of the Peninsula. Continue to the seaside town of Sorrento where you will join a ferry across to Queenscliff. Begin our journey to the Great Ocean Road, undeniably one of the world's most spectacular scenic experiences. It winds its way along the rugged coastline of the Shipwreck Coast passing spectacular cliffs and sandy beaches.

Stop at the coastal town of Lorne a quaint seaside town where we will stay for two nights.

Saturday 13 GREAT OCEAN ROAD AND TWELVE APOSTLES (B,L,D)

Today continue along the Great Ocean Road to see the extraordinary rock formations of the Twelve Apostles. These giant rock stacks soar from the swirling waters of the Southern Ocean and are a central feature of the spectacular Port Campbell National Park. The dramatic and imposing limestone cliffs that are the backdrop to the Apostles tower up to 70 metres, while the tallest of the rock stacks is around 45 metres high. This afternoon a bird's eye level as you walk along the Otway Fly treetop walk a 600 metre long and 25 metre high elevated walk. Returning to Lorne for dinner and overnight.

Sunday 14 WERRIBEE TO MELBOURNE (B,L)

After breakfast commence the return journey to Melbourne leaving the surf coast behind visit Werribee Park to join a safari tour of the open range zoo come face to face with giraffes, zebras, wallabies and emus. See Werribee Park Mansion the finest colonial homestead in Victoria. Arriving back into Melbourne in the afternoon.

COST PER PERSON

AU\$1110.00 when 2 people sharing a room
AU\$1390.00 when 1 person in a single room

Cost Includes: 3 nights first class accommodation, touring in luxury air conditioned coach, entry fees and ferry as detailed in the itinerary, meals as specified.

Cost does not include: Any items not mentioned in the itinerary or any flights.

Mornington Peninsular and Great Ocean Road tour will operate subject to minimum 20 passengers being achieved. If minimum numbers are not achieved, an alternative tour will be offered or a full refund will be provided.

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SYDNEY – THE HARBOUR CITY

Sydney is the capital city of the state of New South Wales and is Australia's largest city and site of the first European settlement in Australia. Sydney Harbour is regarded as one of the most beautiful natural harbours in the world.

MAY 2006

Thursday 11 MELBOURNE TO SYDNEY

Make your own way to Melbourne airport for your flight to Sydney. Transfer provided from Sydney airport to the hotel on arrival. Remainder of the day at leisure. 3 nights in Sydney.

Friday 12 DISCOVER SYDNEY

Start the day with a city tour featuring the historic Rocks district, Hyde Park, Mrs Macquarie's Chair, the Opera House and Harbour Bridge and Bondi Beach. Returning to the city you are at leisure until your cruise this afternoon on Sydney's beautiful harbour. Tea/coffee and an informative commentary are including during the cruise. At the conclusion of the cruise the remainder of the day is at leisure to explore this beautiful city at your own pace.

Saturday 13 BLUE MOUNTAINS TOUR (L)

Famous for its towering sandstone cliffs, deep valleys of primeval forests and waterfalls, the Blue Mountains National Park is the only World Heritage region on the edge of a major city. The first stop is a visit to a wildlife park for a close up look at some of Australia's unique native animals. At Katoomba see the rock formation of The Three Sisters - these majestic pillars of sandstone tower over the Jamieson Valley and are one of Australia's spectacular sites. Lunch is included.

Sunday 14 DEPART SYDNEY

Transfer provided to the airport to connect with your flight departing Sydney

COST PER PERSON

AU\$637.00 when 2 people sharing a room
AU\$964.00 when 1 person in a single room

Cost includes: 3 nights first class accommodation, all tours, airport transfers, cruises and entry fees as detailed in the itinerary. Meals as specified

Cost does not include: any items not mentioned in the itinerary or any flights.

FLIGHTS

Airfares are not included in the tour cost. The following flights are recommended to fit in with the program

11 MAY Melbourne to Sydney. Flights depart hourly. Suggest a late morning flight.

POST GENERAL ASSEMBLY TOURS

CAIRNS AND THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

The Tropical North Queensland region includes Cairns & the Great Barrier Reef and is considered by many to be the most diversely beautiful part of Australia. Experience the magical sapphire blue waters of the Great Barrier Reef – the world's largest marine park.

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Thursday 11 MELBOURNE TO CAIRNS

Make your own way to Melbourne airport for your flight to Cairns. On arrival in Cairns you will be transferred to your hotel for your 3 night stay.

Friday 12 GREAT BARRIER REEF (L)

A full day at the Great Barrier Reef with time to swim, snorkel & enjoy viewing of the colourful marine life and large coral formations from the semi-submersible vessel. Lunch included.

Saturday 13 FULL DAY KURANDA AND ABORIGINAL CULTURE TOUR

Your tour starts with a coach transfer to Freshwater Station to board the famous Kuranda Scenic Rail for a breathtaking journey on one of the world's most scenic operational railways. Free time to explore the rainforest village of Kuranda before boarding the Skyrail to travel in a gondola above the rainforest canopy. Stops along the way offer a visit to the interpretative centres to learn more about the rainforest. Arrive at Caravonica Lakes and visit the fascinating Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Centre for an insight into this ancient Aboriginal culture through theatres, craft demonstrations and the famous Tjapukai Dancers.

Sunday 14 DEPART CAIRNS

Transfer provided to Cairns airport to connect with your flight.

COST PER PERSON

AU\$575.00 when 2 people sharing a room
AU\$830.00 when 1 person in a single room

Cost includes: 3 nights first class accommodation, all tours, airport transfers, cruises and entry fees as detailed in the itinerary. Meals as specified

Cost does not include: any items not mentioned in the itinerary or any flights.

FLIGHTS

Airfares are not included in the tour cost. The following flights are recommended to fit in with the program

11 MAY Melbourne to Cairns. Qantas flight QF702 (only non-stop service from Melbourne to Cairns)

14 MAY Cairns has an international airport and there are several flight options to return back home

PLEASE COMPLETE ONE (1) FORM PER ROOM REQUIRED.



GENERAL ASSEMBLY BOOKING FORM Melbourne 2006

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Family Name: (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss)

Given Name/s:

Postal Address:

Suburb:

State:

P/code:

Country:

Phone: ()

Facsimile: ()

Email:

GENERAL ASSEMBLY PACKAGE INFORMATION

I/we require the following:-

Hotel:

Langham Hotel Melbourne (5 Star)

Travelodge Southbank (3 Star)

Room Type:

Single

Double Share

Twin Share (2 beds per room)

Room Category:

Standard Room
(Available at Langham & Travelodge Hotels)

Club King Room
(Available at Langham Hotel Only)

Arrival Date:

Departure Date:

Total Nights:

Name of person sharing the room (if applicable):

Family Name: (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss)

Additional Delegate Spouse

Given Name/s:

MELBOURNE TOURS

I/we require the following:-

Melbourne City Tour (Mon 8th May): Included in General Assembly Package Costs

9.00am departure

1.00pm departure

Museum and River Cruise (Tue 9th May): Included in General Assembly Package Costs

9.00am departure

1.00pm departure

Yarra Valley Wineries (Thu 11 May): Cost AU\$112.00 per person

9.00am – 4.00pm

No. Seats Required: _____

GENERAL ASSEMBLY POST CONGRESS TOURS

I/we would like to book the following:-

Mornington Peninsula and Great Ocean Road

11 – 14 May 2006

Single

Double Share

Twin Share (2 beds per room)

Sydney - the Harbour City

11 – 14 May 2006

Single

Double Share

Twin Share (2 beds per room)

Cairns and the Great Barrier Reef

11 – 14 May 2006

Single

Double Share

Twin Share (2 beds per room)

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PLEASE RETURN YOUR BOOKING FORM ON/BEFORE WEDNESDAY 1st MARCH 2006

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