

# sydney

## View of Sydney

Sydney, the capital of New South Wales, is Australia's largest and oldest city. The Opera House and Sydney Harbour are the most prominent building and scenery there. In Sydney, the celebration of the Australian Day was taken place at the famous Darling Harbour this year. On the other hand, you can taste the delicious Chinese food and enjoy shopping at the China Town of Sydney. To gain a greater insight on what the 2000 Olympic Games was, you should not miss the Olympic Stadium at Homebush Bay.

## Journey to the “Desert Sahara”

Ending an adventure is the beginning of another. We got on the coach and set off to the “Desert Sahara’. It was also the time we say goodbye to our coordinator of this trip in Canberra, Monica. She was well prepared and all details were considered comprehensively for us. These facilitated the whole process of the trip. We all joined to say thank you and goodbye to her.

In Sydney, the temperature was about 43 degrees. And the worst thing is that we are in a coach - without air conditioning. So all of us just seemed to be imprisoned in an oven, for three hours. What a torture!! Finally, we reached Penrith, a city near Sydney, and in where we met our new host family. Hospitality of our host family just drove away our exhaustion and tiredness. Yet, more practically, a good rest in the new home for our delegates was the best solution.



## crazy for shopping



We went to the China Town for free time. The best choice of activities would be shopping. From cannoning, T-shirts, to abalone, all kinds of souvenir you could name could be found in our bag.

Then we go to Yum-Cha. It seemed that we were starved for a long long time and ordered ALL the food we wanted, without considering the price, the quality, but just the QUANTITY. Some of us were not used to the local food in Australia. So Yum-Cha may gave them a sense of back to home again.



## Olympic Stadium

What we have longed to see was the Olympic Stadium. It is so grand and wonderful when we imagined back for 3 months ago, the elite of sports in every field gathered here, striving for the best of the best. Moreover, though it was already three months away from this grand event, we could still imagine how crowded and energetic this place like then.



## sydney harbor cruise

Sydney has a high reputation for its opera house and the Sydney Bridge. In the Sydney harbor cruise, we could just put the all inside our shot. Enjoying the continental breakfast, we appreciated the scenery of Sydney harbor. Soft sunlight radiated on the sea and it was so peaceful.



## Visting the Home for the elderly

Besides politics structure, welfare policy is also important for a country. That's why we visited a Home for the elderly. We could see that elderly are taken care in a comprehensive way. We could see the gallery of their hand made artwork in the corridor, some of them is practicing the piano and some of them showing the happy photos to us. It seemed that this home is just filled with love and care.





## farewell party

It was again the time we disliked most but we had to face, farewell party. We knew it clearly that after this moment, we would soon be apart from our host family, that's what we couldn't escape from. The only thing we could do was to do our best in the cultural performance.

We were provided with a mini grand hall and that made every one of us more concentrated on our performance. That was quite a success and most of the host family appreciated that. Then, we seized the remaining time in Sydney to enjoy with our host family.



## Goodbye Sydney, goodbye Australia.

Time flies and what remained were flashes of memories. This is the fact we all knew so that before we get on the coach, we still seized the last chance in sharing with our host family. But time just drove us onto the coach. All we could do is to say goodbye through the windows of the coach.



During the days, what we treasure is the time we shared with our tour mates and host families. The deep sharing and lots of fun of our tour mates and the hospitality of our host families will always remind us of Australia. Most of the people will find their lives complete in wandering in their memories and reminding ourselves of the happy time.

But memory is just a start for the new journey of friendship and understanding of people in this trip and also Australia.

