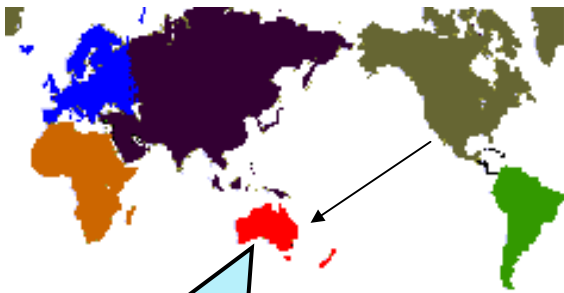




# Australian Youth Games

## High School Soccer Tour

28<sup>th</sup> June – 10<sup>th</sup> July 2004



### 1. Cairns

- Day 1-2: *Fly Los Angeles to Cairns, Australia.*
- Day 3: *Arrive in Cairns & transfer by bus to your accommodation.*
- Day 4: Full day boat tour to the Great Barrier Reef.
- Day 5: Explore Cairns. Game V's Cairns team.
- Day 6: *Fly from Cairns to Brisbane.*

### 2. Gold Coast

- Day 6: *Arrive in Brisbane & transfer by bus to your accommodation on the Gold Coast.*
- Day 7-12: Australian Youth Games
  - Games Opening Celebration.
  - Compete in the Australian Youth Games.
  - Learn to surf with Queensland Surf Academy.
  - Visit Kangaroos and Koalas at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary.
  - Learn about Australia through the Downunder Challenge.
  - Experience the "Sun and Surf" lifestyle of the Gold Coast.
  - Games Closing Celebration and Presentation Dinner.
- Day 13: *Transfer by bus to Brisbane Airport and then fly home to Los Angeles.*

**"Here's your chance to experience soccer Australian style in the unique locations of the spectacular Gold Coast and far north tropical Cairns. Discover Australia's famous sun and surf lifestyle, fantastic food, amazing wildlife and the beauty of one of the natural wonders of the world – The Great Barrier Reef."**

# Australian Youth Games High School Soccer 28<sup>th</sup> June – 10<sup>th</sup> July 2004

## Day 1 -2: Travelling to Australia

**Monday 28 and Tuesday 29 June 2004**

Depart Los Angeles on a scheduled transpacific flight to Cairns, Australia. Note: a day is lost crossing the International Dateline.

## Day 3: Arrive Cairns

**Wednesday 30 June 2004 (L, D)**

Today, arrive in Cairns. Your Australian Tour Manager from **Australian Friendship Sports** will greet you at the airport and travel with you by bus to your accommodation. Your accommodation at Cairns will be 3.5 to 4 Star apartment style for three nights.

Your Australian Tour Manager is there to help coordinate any competition or training details, drive the team bus, be the teams' own personal tour guide, and overall, ensure that every aspect of the trip runs smoothly, safely, stress free and that much fun is had by all.

*"Our Australian Tour  
Manager was awesome!"*



Cairns is one of Australia's top travellers destinations. It is the centre for many activities including – scuba diving, white water rafting, canoeing and skydiving, to name a few. It also has some excellent restaurants and nightclubs. Many travellers either start or finish their Australian trip in Cairns. It is a town that never sleeps!

Settle in to your accommodation and enjoy some free time exploring Cairns.

This afternoon there will be time to have a training session, if required by your coach.

## Day 4: Cairns

**Thursday 1 July 2004**

**(B, L)**



Today's trip takes in one of the natural wonders of the world, **"The Great Barrier Reef"**, the largest living reef in the world.

The "Great Barrier Reef" consists of 2600 separate reefs and is approximately 2000 kms long. Most of the reef is around 2,000,000 years old, with some sections in the north dated at 18,000,000 years old.

*"Swim amongst the tropical  
fish on the Great Barrier Reef"*

Your journey, by boat, will take you to the magnificent outer reef. The day includes; snorkelling on the reef (all equipment supplied), and a tropical smorgasbord lunch. (Guided scuba diving on the reef is an optional extra, at participants own expense).

## Day 5: Cairns

**Friday 2 July 2004**

**(B, D)**

Today you will play a game against a local Cairns team. This is an ideal preparation for the Australian Youth Games - an opportunity to acclimatise to Australian conditions and trial game plans with your team-mates.

Spend the rest of the day relaxing or exploring the sights of Cairns.

## Day 6: Cairns – Brisbane – Gold Coast

**Saturday 3 July 2004**

**(B, D)**



This morning depart Cairns for a short flight south to Brisbane, the capital of sunny Queensland.

Transfer by bus to your accommodation on the exciting Gold Coast. Your accommodation on the Gold Coast will be 3.5 to 4 Star apartment style for seven nights.

The Gold Coast is the tourist Mecca of the Australian Coast, which enjoys a "Sun and Surf" lifestyle, great theme parks, great shopping and thriving nightlife. The Gold Coast can boast an average of 245 days of fine weather each year and daytime temperatures above 71 degrees Fahrenheit for 279 days a year.

## Day 7: Gold Coast

Sunday 4 July 2004

(B, D)

Today, you will be able to stretch your legs with a light training session in preparation for the Australian Youth Games.



After lunch, you and your roommates will begin the "Downunder Challenge". This is a competition for the entire Challenger Sports tour group, where you can test your wits, stamina, detective and

teamwork skills, while learning about life Downunder. This unique experience will have you explore the Gold Coast and surrounds like you never anticipated.

This evening, be part of the excitement of the All-Sport Opening Celebration of the Australian Youth Games.

## Day 8: Gold Coast

Monday 5 July 2004

(B, D)



Day 1 of the Australian Youth Games

The inaugural Australian Youth Games will be held on Australia's Gold Coast, from 4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> July 2004. It was created as an opportunity for young athletes to participate in a major, multi-sport event. The competition is separated into two divisions – College Division (17-23 year olds) and High School Division (17 years and under).

It is anticipated that over 700 athletes and officials from 50 teams across Australia and overseas will participate. The Australian Youth Games is a true celebration of sport and cultural links.



"The Australian Youth Games is a great opportunity for you to compete in an international, multi-sports event."

## Day 9: Gold Coast

Tuesday 6 July 2004

(B, L)

Today you will have the opportunity to "Stand-up and surf the curl", while you learn to surf under the guidance of some of the Gold Coast's most highly qualified surf coaches.



The Gold Coast's excellent surfing beaches and headlands are famous to board riders all over the world. This spectacular coastal region is a beach and blue

water wonderland with clean, clear waters and 42 kilometres of golden sandy beaches. Good beach breaks can be found along the entire length of the Gold Coast.



Day 2 of the Australian Youth Games

## Day 10: Gold Coast

Wednesday 7 July 2004

(B, D)



Time this morning to explore the Gold Coast and chase valuable points for your team in the Downunder Challenge. Not to give anything away, but...

...have you got your photograph taken with a wallaby?

...do you have a 'Tim Tam' in your possession?

If not, you have got work to do!



Day 3 of the Australian Youth Games

## Day 11: Gold Coast

Thursday 8 July 2004

(B, D)

Today, you will visit **Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary** where you can see Australia's native animals face to face in their natural surroundings.



Plenty of kangaroos and koalas!

The Sanctuary is an oasis with over 27 hectares of landscaped surrounds and bushland catering for over 1400 mammals, birds and reptiles.

The Sanctuary is also recognised worldwide as a quality research and conservation facility.



Day 4 of the Australian Youth Games

## Day 12: Gold Coast

Friday 9 July 2005

(B, L)



Day 5 of the Australian Youth Games



Today the top teams will play off for the medals and glory in Day 5 – the finals of the Australian Youth Games High School Soccer Tournament.

Celebrate the completion of your tournament and final night on the Gold Coast at the official All-Sport Closing Function of the Australian Youth Games. Now is the time to say farewell to your competitors, and let your hair down.

## Day 13: Gold Coast - Brisbane - USA

Saturday 10 July 2004

(B)

This morning transfer by bus to Brisbane and fly home to the USA

### MEAL KEY

**B** = Breakfast, **L** = Lunch, **D** = Dinner

**NOTE:** Two quality meals will be provided per full tour day in Australia.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Challenger Sport's Australian provider: Southern Horizon Travel Company Pty. Ltd. – Australian Friendship Sports ("the company"), may in its absolute discretion make changes to, or cancel any section of the above mentioned sports tour ("the programme") should circumstances beyond the company's control make such actions necessary. These include; inappropriate weather conditions, schedule changes, advertised facilities not available, transportation problems and failure of other suppliers of goods or services to the company. If the above occurs the company shall attempt to substitute the changed section of the programme to an equal or better standard.

**TOUR COST = \$3,795 Players  
\$3,795 Supporters**

**WHAT IS INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR PACKAGE?**

- The coach of the team travels for FREE
- All transportation including domestic and transatlantic flights
- All accommodation in itinerary (4 - 5 share; 3.5 - 4 STAR accommodation)
- Australian Friendship Sports staff member throughout the tour (Tour Guide/Bus Driver)
- All bus transportation is provided
- All competition and training costs are included
- Entry fee for the Australian Youth Games
- All breakfasts included daily
- Either Dinner or Lunch is provided on each day of the tour
- Surf coaching session on the Gold Coast
- Entry into Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary
- Full day boat tour out to the Great Barrier Reef
- Full tour supervision and office support by Australian Friendship Sports
- Travel Insurance included as a part of the tour price
- Challenger travel shirt
- Challenger Group Leader

**WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR PACKAGE?**

- Optional activities listed in above itinerary

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