WESTERN AUSTRALIA
BY AIR

HISTORIC AND NATURAL GEMS
OF THE WESTERN OUTBACK

May 17 to 29, 2018
The sprawling lands of Western Australia are an undiscovered gem for most travelers. On our excursion, we’ll get to uncover much of its rich history and experience many of its natural wonders, thanks to our mode of transportation: a privately chartered twin turbo-prop airplane. We’ll learn about the region’s aboriginal past, its late-1890s gold rush, the WWII bombings of Darwin and the cultured pearling industry. We’ll be awed by the Bungle Bungle Range’s towering orange-and-gray-banded sandstone domes; cruise the waters of island-dotted Lake Argyle, Australia’s largest man-made freshwater lake; and swim with friendly sharks at Ningaloo Reef. It’s a journey you won’t soon forget. Join us!

BRETT S. THOMPSON, ’83, DIRECTOR, STANFORD TRAVEL/STUDY

Highlights

**FLY** above the western lands of Australia aboard our chartered Dash 8-300 airplane, watching as the country’s diverse landscapes unfold dramatically below us.

**UNCOVER** the past, visiting an historic mint, a mid-19th-century prison, an aboriginal center and a cemetery filled with the graves of Japanese pearl fishers.

**SWIM** in the World Heritage-listed Ningaloo Marine Park with the massive, yet completely harmless and docile, whale shark.

**REVEL** in the pristine wilds of The Kimberley and cruise on Horizontal Falls, described by Sir David Attenborough as “one of the greatest natural wonders of the world.”
IAN SMITH, MA ’70, PHD ’71, an expert in the field of educational psychology, is a retired associate professor in the School of Education and Social Work at the University of Sydney. After many years of teaching students around the globe, he has come to appreciate the powerful force teachers can be in influencing students’ lives, inspiring students through their teaching and research abilities and their enthusiasm. Professor Smith is excited about showing us the highlights of Australia’s largest and most isolated state, Western Australia, which encompasses a full one-third of Australia, as well as the northern frontier city, Darwin. During our program, Smith will discuss the “tyranny of distance,” which has only recently been overcome by advances in transport and communication technology; the achievements and challenges of teaching children living in Australia’s isolated regions; the unique culture of the Tiwi aborigines of northern Australia; and Australian prime ministers, including “the good, the bad and the unlikely.”

— Retired associate professor, School of Education and Social Work, University of Sydney, Sydney
— Author, Human Development and Education (1992) and Researching and Writing Your Dissertation (2016), as well as 50 book chapters and numerous journal articles
— Fulbright Scholar, 1968–1971
— BA, 1967, University of Sydney
— MA, 1970, educational psychology, and PhD, 1971, education, Stanford University

Stanford Faculty Leader

“Ian Smith was bright, warm, friendly and a very positive part of our trip!”

JOSETTA OWEN, AUSTRALIA BY PRIVATE AIR, 2016

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NINGALOO REEF
Optional Pre-trip Extension

MAY 15 TO 19
(4 ADDITIONAL DAYS)
SYDNEY
Spend three nights in Sydney. Take a tour of the Sydney Opera House, a walking tour of the historic Rocks district and a harbor cruise.

Pricing and details will be sent to confirmed travelers.

Itinerary

THURSDAY TO SATURDAY, MAY 17 TO 19
U.S. / PERTH, AUSTRALIA
Depart the U.S. and fly across the international date line en route to Perth, arriving there on Saturday and transferring to our hotel, ideally located in the heart of Perth’s central business district with views of the Swan River. This afternoon walk about the city’s lanes and arcades, wandering among churches, shops and public areas. DUXTON HOTEL (5/19: D)

SUNDAY, MAY 20
PERTH / FREMANTLE
This morning drive to Fremantle to take a tour of the massive World Heritage-listed Fremantle Prison, built by convicts between 1851 and 1859 and closed in 1991, and to explore the Western Australia Maritime Museum, perched above the Indian Ocean and symbolic of Fremantle’s past, present and future as a coastal city and port. This afternoon discover the delights of the Swan River as we take a cruise from Fremantle back to Perth. Sit back and relax as our captain points out the sights, including the beautifully restored Swan Brewery at the foot of King’s Park, the Royal Perth Yacht Club, the magnificent homes overlooking the river and Fremantle’s busy inner harbor. This evening, enjoy a welcome cocktail reception before dinner. DUXTON HOTEL (B,L,D)

MONDAY, MAY 21
PERTH / EXMOUTH
Following breakfast, check out of our hotel before visiting the historic Perth Mint for a private tour of this grand heritage building. The heavily secured vault and original melting house provide the cues for many extraordinary stories about Western Australia’s gold history and the Mint’s prolific output of priceless gold bars and coins. Continue to Perth’s airport and board our private plane for our first chartered flight to Exmouth followed by dinner on our own. MANTARAY NINGALOO RESORT (B,L)

TUESDAY, MAY 22
EXMOUTH / NINGALOO REEF
Today enjoy the opportunity to swim with the world’s biggest fish. Between March and August the waters of Ningaloo Reef play host to the world’s largest aggregation of the majestic and spectacular whale shark. Growing up to 40 feet long, whale sharks are massive, but completely harmless and very docile, creatures. Board a well-equipped vessel to view the coral lagoons and prolific marine life of Ningaloo Reef and to snorkel in the World Heritage-listed Ningaloo Marine Park at various coral sites, abundant with marine life, including turtles, dolphins, dugong, mantra rays and, of course, those friendly sharks! MANTARAY NINGALOO RESORT (B,L,D)
WEDNESDAY, MAY 23
EXMOUTH / BROOME
Following breakfast, board our private charter aircraft and fly to Broome. Upon arrival, transfer to Willie Creek Pearl Farm to observe how the beautiful and rare “Australian South Sea Pearl” is produced. Our guide will share with us the intricate processes of the modern cultured pearling industry, from the seeding to the harvesting right through to the final stunning product displayed in the showroom. Watch a demonstration of the seeding of the live oyster, Pinctada maxima, after which we take a boat cruise on Willie Creek to observe actual farming operations on the water and also to view the beautiful flora and fauna in and around the creek. Then check in to our accommodations, set on one of Australia’s most spectacular beaches, famous for its pristine white sand, crystal-clear waters and amazing sunsets. CABLE BEACH RESORT AND SPA (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, MAY 25
BROOME / KUNUNURRA
After breakfast, transfer to the airport where we board our private aircraft for a flight to Kununurra. Upon arrival, transfer to the Mirima Dawang Woorlab-gerring Language and Culture Centre for a close look into the aboriginal culture in the Kimberley region. Visit a local aboriginal art gallery before transferring to Kununurra Country Club. On the doorstep of iconic natural wonders, the country club is a central sanctuary and our home for the next three nights. KUNUNURRA COUNTRY CLUB (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, MAY 26
KUNUNURRA
This morning on our way to our private cruise of Lake Argyle, stop briefly at the Historic Durack Homestead Museum. During our cruise of Lake Argyle, Australia’s largest man-made freshwater lake, disembark onto one of its many islands for a swim. After our cruise, drive across the Ord River Dam and go downriver to another boat for a scenic 34-mile cruise back to Kununurra. Marvel at the spectacular scenery, wildlife, flora and fauna found along the way and maybe even spot a crocodile! Enjoy afternoon tea at a riverside camp before heading back to Kununurra later in the afternoon. KUNUNURRA COUNTRY CLUB (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, MAY 27
KUNUNURRA / DARWIN
After breakfast, fly from Kununurra Airport aboard a light aircraft to Purnululu National Park, experiencing this World Heritage-listed park and its Bungle Bungle mountain range first by air and then by ground. After flying over the Ord River, Lake Argyle, Lake Kununurra, and the Carr Boyd and Osmand Ranges and landing at a remote airstrip, board an air-conditioned fourwheel-drive vehicle for a drive to the base of the Bungle Bungle where we embark on a moderate two-mile overland trek, taking in Picaninny Creek, the range’s famous beehive-shaped sandstone domes, and Cathedral Gorge. Stop for a relaxing picnic lunch at the Gorge’s immense natural amphitheater before we drive back to the airstrip where we reboard our light aircraft for a scenic flight back to Kununurra. KUNUNURRA COUNTRY CLUB (B,L,D)

MONDAY, MAY 28
DARWIN
This morning take our last flight aboard our private plane, flying to Darwin. Upon arrival, board a motor coach for a private “Bombing of Darwin” tour. Learn how Darwin was devastated and Australia seriously threatened by Japanese bombings during WWII. Our tour concludes at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, followed by a light lunch. The rest of the day is ours to enjoy at leisure. Convene tonight for a farewell cocktail reception and dinner at a local Darwin restaurant. HILTON HOTEL (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, MAY 29
DARWIN / U.S.
Following breakfast, check out of our hotel and transfer to Darwin International Airport to board connecting flights home, arriving back in the U.S. the same day. (B)
Optional Post-trip Extension

MAY 29 TO JUNE 1
(4 ADDITIONAL DAYS)

DAVIDSON’S ARNHEMLAND SAFARIS
Stay at Davidson’s Arnhemland Safari Lodge for three nights in the heart of Arnhem Land on a registered aboriginal sacred site. Davidson’s is set amid a lush wilderness of idyllic billabongs, flood plains, paper bark swamps and the monsoonal rain forests of Australia’s Top End. Partake in a variety of activities, including a billabong cruise, wetlands exploration, viewing of rock art and galleries, fishing, four-wheel-drive touring, bird watching or visiting the catacombs. The tours are organized into small groups with rotating activities to provide us with the richest mix of experiences.

Pricing and details will be sent to confirmed travelers.

Dash 8-300

Flying by private plane is safe, comfortable and convenient. Because our plane is able to land at nearly every airport in Australia, we can enjoy a maximum amount of time at our destinations since ground support and waiting times are kept to an absolute minimum. Our 50-passenger-capacity Dash 8-300 is a twin turbo-prop with the comfort of a modern jet airliner. Key features include a quiet, full-height, pressurized, air-conditioned cabin; leather seats with generous legroom; large overhead lockers; and inflight cabin service with two flight crew.
**Information**

**DATES**
May 17 to 29, 2018 (13 days)

**SIZE**
45 participants (single accommodations limited—please call for availability)

**COST**
$13,495 per person, double occupancy
$15,495 per person, single occupancy

*Stanford Alumni Association nonmembers add $300 per person

**INCLUDED**
10 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations  ▪ 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 8 dinners  ▪ Welcome and farewell receptions  ▪ Gratuities to guides, drivers and flight crew for all group activities  ▪ All tours and excursions as described in the itinerary  ▪ Transfers and baggage handling on program arrival and departure days  ▪ Four internal flights in Australia aboard our private Dash 8-300 turbo-prop  ▪ Minimal medical, accident and evacuation insurance  ▪ Educational program with lecture series and pre-departure materials, including recommended reading list, a selected book, map and travel information  ▪ Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program

**NOT INCLUDED**
International and U.S. domestic airfare  ▪ Passport and visa fees  ▪ Immunization costs  ▪ Meals and beverages other than those specified as included  ▪ Independent and private transfers  ▪ Trip-cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance  ▪ Excess-baggage charges  ▪ Personal items such as internet access, telephone and fax calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

**AIR ARRANGEMENTS**
You are responsible for booking and purchasing airfare to the start location of the program and from the end location of the program. These air purchases are NOT included in the program cost. To assist you in making these independent arrangements, we will send you information with your confirmation materials on when to arrive and depart.

**WHAT TO EXPECT**
We consider this expedition to be a moderately active program that is at times physically demanding and busy. Participants must be physically fit, active and in good health. There are several early-morning starts as well as various combinations of morning, afternoon and evening activities. Daily programs involve one to three miles of walking, often on uneven terrain, such as that found at Purnululu National Park where stairs are unavailable or do not have handrails. We welcome travelers 15 years of age and older on this program.

**Terms & Conditions**

**Deposit & Final Payment**
A $1,000-per-person deposit is required to hold space for the Western Australia by Air program. A $200-per-person deposit is required to hold space for each of the optional pre- and post-trip extensions. Sign up online at alumni.stanford.edu/trip?australia2018 or call the Travel/Study office at (650) 725-1093. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. As a condition of participation, all confirmed participants are required to sign a Release of Liability.

**Cancellations & Refunds**
Deposits and any payments are refundable, less a $500-per-person cancellation fee, until 120 days prior to departure. After that date, refunds can be made only if the program is sold out and your place(s) can be resold, in which case a $1,000-per-person cancellation fee will apply.

**Insurance**
Stanford Travel/Study provides all travelers who are U.S. or Canadian citizens with minimal medical, accident and evacuation coverage under our group-travel insurance policy. Our group policy is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. You may choose to subscribe to optional trip-cancellation and baggage insurance. Information will be provided to travelers with their welcome materials. The product offered includes special benefits if you purchase your policy within 14 days of written confirmation of your participation on the trip.

**Eligibility**
We encourage membership in the Stanford Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is $300 more than the members’ price. A person traveling as a paid guest of a current member will not be charged the nonmember fee. To purchase a membership, visit alumni.stanford.edu/goto/membership or call (650) 725-0692.

**Responsibility**
The Stanford Alumni Association, Stanford University and our operators act only as agents for the passenger with respect to transportation and exercise every care possible in doing so. However, we can assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any automobile, motor coach, launch or any other conveyance used in carrying out this program or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the program. We cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, force majeure or other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger as tour rates provide arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make such alterations to this published itinerary as may be deemed necessary. The right is reserved to cancel any program prior to departure in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the program. No refund will be made for an unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. Baggage is carried at the owner’s risk entirely. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time that passengers are not onboard their plane or conveyance. Neither the Stanford Alumni Association, Stanford University nor our operators accept liability for any carrier’s cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in connection with the tour. Program price is based on rates in effect in April 2017 and is subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges.
“Australia is an astoundingly diverse country and it took every bit of the nearly three weeks we were there to fully appreciate that. The trip was very well-planned and nicely carried out.”

ROBERT, ’72, AND CATHLEEN HAAR, AUSTRALIA BY PRIVATE AIR, 2016