English Language Study Tours
We acknowledge the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Owners of the lands and waters where we operate our business. We honour the unique cultural and spiritual relationship to the land, waters and seas of First Australian peoples and their continuing and rich contribution to James Cook University (JCU) and Australian society. We also pay respect to ancestors and Elders past, present and future.

Welcome

JCU’s status as an international university is reflected in our people, our places and our research. We take quiet pride in being recognised as a leading tertiary institution in Australia, our Asia-Pacific region, and among the universities of the world.

JCU’s main campuses are in the tropical cities of Cairns, Singapore and Townsville.

Study Tours

Study tours are short-term programs which combine English language lessons with sightseeing and educational excursions. We can tailor a program to your specific requirements or make recommendations based on our extensive knowledge and experience.

Strengths

We have a global reputation for the quality of our teaching and research, particularly in environmental and earth sciences, coral reef ecology, marine science, terrestrial ecology, fisheries and aquaculture, and tropical health studies.

JCU is aligned with four broad themes:
• Tropical Ecosystems, Conservation and Climate Change
• Industries and Economies in the Tropics
• Peoples and Societies in the Tropics
• Tropical Health, Medicine and Biosecurity.

State of the Tropics

Nearly half the world’s population, and some 80 per cent of the world’s biodiversity live in the 122 countries that have a land mass in the Tropics. Economies in tropical regions are growing at a faster rate than the rest of the world, and it is vital to understand the challenges and opportunities presented. JCU is one of 12 key institutions from across the globe that have joined forces to assess and report on the critical questions facing one of the world’s most important and fastest growing regions: the Tropics.

Visit: stateofthetropics.org
Facts and figures

The defining feature of JCU is its tropical location and its research excellence in disciplines of particular relevance to the Tropics.

A JCU qualification is internationally recognised for excellence. Our research students work alongside award-winning academics, in a friendly and supportive environment.

We have a high-ranking global research reputation, particularly in environmental and earth sciences, materials engineering, coral reef ecology, marine science, terrestrial ecology, fisheries and aquaculture, tropical medicine, and public health.

In 2015 JCU received the highest possible rating (well above world standard) in the following research fields from the Australian Research Council:*

- Environmental science and management
- Ecology
- Ecological applications
- Geology

*Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) 2015.

JCU is ranked in the top 2% of universities in the pre-eminent global rankings system, the Academic Ranking of World Universities.

ARWU 2016

The Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings recognises JCU’s standing as a world-class institution, placing JCU in the top 251-300 of the world’s universities.

JCU is ranked in the top two Australian universities and top 30 in the world in Environmental Sciences and Ecology.

2016 US News and Global Report Rankings

JCU is the most cited research institution in the world for coral reef science.

ISI Essential Science Indicators 2008-2013

James Cook University is a member of Innovative Research Universities (IRU), an Australian network conducting research of national and international standing.

The unique tropical location of JCU allows nationally significant and internationally recognised research to be conducted by both staff and students.
A natural choice for study

North Queensland attractions and activities

Significant for James Cook University students is the university’s unique natural location. JCU’s main campus cities of Townsville and Cairns are located in tropical north Queensland. Few places on earth can boast such unique natural attractions, within two world heritage listed sites – the Great Barrier Reef and the superb tropical rainforests of the Wet Tropics region. Students studying in North Queensland also enjoy easy access to historic outback regions and diverse flora and fauna.

10 Unforgettable Cairns and Surrounds Experiences

1. Take an underwater adventure and snorkel or dive the World Heritage Listed Great Barrier Reef
2. Experience the roar of the rapids white-water rafting on the Tully River, Australia’s best rafting destination
3. Skydive over Dunk Island or try an ocean kayak at Mission Beach
4. Tour through the ancient volcanic Tropical Tablelands region, for a swim in beautiful crater lakes and visit picturesque waterfalls
5. Experience the fabulous Cairns nightlife, from shopping at the daily Cairns Night Markets to eating at funky cafes
6. Glide just metres above rainforest canopy before descending through rainforest layers on the famous Kuranda Skyrail
7. Take a guided night walk, horse ride or swim in a tropical rockpool in Cape Pallarenda Conservation Park – This scenic coastal park is good for some bushwalking and wildlife spotting. It is home to many types of birds, wallabies and lizards
8. Navigate your way around Magnetic Island on a Mini Moke
9. If you’ve ever wanted to fire a cannon, find out about life on board an old sailing ship or discover more about the rainforests and reefs, then add the Museum of Tropical Queensland to your Townsville itinerary
10. Take a boat cruise on Hartley’s Lagoon to see crocodiles in their natural environment

10 Unforgettable Townsville and Surrounds Experiences

1. Take a stroll down The Strand and enjoy the magnificent views across Cleveland Bay to Magnetic Island
2. Navigate your way around Magnetic Island on a Mini Moke
3. Walk in the clouds at Paluma Range, through the rainforest tracks and cool off in the clear waters of Little or Big Crystal Creeks
4. Test your endurance and head up the Goat Track on Castle Hill for a 360 degree panoramic view of the city
5. Visit Reef HQ Great Barrier Reef Aquarium, the world’s largest living coral reef aquarium and the Australian Government’s national education centre for the Great Barrier Reef
6. If you’ve ever wanted to fire a cannon, find out about life on board an old sailing ship or discover more about the rainforests and reefs, then add the Museum of Tropical Queensland to your Townsville itinerary
7. Cape Pallarenda Conservation Park – This scenic coastal park is good for some bushwalking and wildlife spotting. It is home to many types of birds, wallabies and lizards
8. Meet the outback Ghost of Gold Heritage Trail, Charters Towers or stay overnight in a ‘haunted hotel room’ in Ravenswood
9. Get up close and personal with Australian wildlife at Billabong Sanctuary, North Queensland’s interactive wildlife sanctuary
10. Take an incredible dive to the historic Yongala Wreck and explore the abundant marine life.
Experience Cairns and the Atherton Tablelands while....

Week 1

Day 1 Welcome to JCU!
Get to know our campus and some useful information about living in homestay, staying safe, and emergency information. Then, jump on a coach and enjoy a Cairns City Tour. See some of our city’s highlights and experience the natural beauty.

Day 2 Let’s learn some English!
Practise exchanging personal information verbally and listening for specific information. These skills will help you to get the most out of your Australian experience.
In the afternoon, get to know some of the fascinating rainforest trees that grow at our campus!

Day 3 More English practice!
Build your fluency by practising speaking about your daily life. Then, start a group project to practise researching and presenting information using English! This will help you to develop confidence and real life skills, especially for your university studies in the future.

Day 4 Experience the beauty of Kuranda!
Take a relaxed ride on a historic train to Kuranda village, enjoy some shopping and attractions, then return to Cairns on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway. Unforgettable! But don’t forget your camera!

Day 5 Continue building up your English through fun exercises to review what you’ve learned.
Practise listening to some authentic Australian accents and learn some very useful “Aussie English” words and phrases. Try them on your homestay family and see their reaction!

Day 6-7 Enjoy a relaxing weekend with your host family.

Week 2

Day 8 Have you ever made an informal arrangement using English?
Now is your chance to practise. It could help you to make some friends in Australia! What’s your favourite Australian animal? Begin a project in the afternoon to practice your research skills.

Day 9 Ever wondered why it’s difficult to understand “native” speakers of English?
That’s because natural pronunciation sounds different when you speak quickly. Practise this in the morning then put it to the test when you listen to the zookeepers at Hartley’s Crocodile Adventures!

Day 10 In the morning, practise talking about your experience and continue tuning your ears to fast speech.
After lunch, it’s time to learn about marine life in the Great Barrier Reef with a guest lecture from a JCU researcher!

Day 11 Discover the beauty of the Atherton Tablelands including beautiful Lake Eacham and the spectacular Curtain Fig Tree.
There is a rumour that Japanese animator Hayao Miyazaki’s work was inspired by the Curtain Fig Tree. You be the judge - come and see it for yourself!

Day 12 Want to know how to respond to news on social media appropriately using English?
Find out in the morning lesson. In the afternoon, learn some Aussie expressions related to shopping, then try using them when you are buying souvenirs!

Day 13-14 Enjoy a relaxing weekend with your host family.
Week 3
Day 15 Practise talking about holidays. You can go home and tell your parents all about your Australia trip...using English! Later, begin a project on the Great Barrier Reef to make your experience on Green Island more memorable.

Day 16 Enjoy your full-day trip to Green Island! Swim, snorkel, dive, and relax in this world-class tourist destination. You will understand why the Great Barrier Reef is often rated as Australia’s number 1 tourist destination. Don’t forget your sunscreen!

Day 17 Learn some practical language to help you to order a meal in a restaurant! Continue to practise and review the English you’ve been learning in your classes. Why not try to use this language after classes have finished?

Day 18 Learn about the fascinating culture of Australia’s Aboriginal people at the Rainforestation Nature Park! Get up close and personal with wildlife, try throwing a boomerang, and see some awesome performances, all while enjoying the lush beauty of the rainforest.

Day 19 Ever wondered what “barbie” means? What about “snag”? Learn some useful Aussie English for socialising at a barbecue. Soon you’ll understand why barbies are such an important part of Australian culture! Don’t forget to bring some snags!

Day 20-21 Enjoy a relaxing weekend with your host family.

Week 4
Day 22 Practise talking about global issues in English. You can apply what you learn to future situations in school, university, or just conversation! In the afternoon begin a new project where you can learn about Australian culture and of course, practise your English.

Day 23 You’ll need to express and respond to opinions using English someday, whether it’s for work, study, or socialising. Practice this important skill in the morning, then visit the JCU Tropical Herbarium and learn how to identify plants like a scientist!

Day 24 Will your English ability help you to get a job one day? Practice responding to interview questions using English. Then, relax under a shady palm tree and dream about your future while enjoying the beach at Palm Cove!

Day 25 Ever wondered what a 135 million year-old rainforest looks like? Explore the Daintree – the largest rainforest in Australia. Walk through the treetops 11 m above the ground at the Daintree Rainforest Aerial Walkway to experience this amazing place from a different perspective!

Day 26 Consolidate the English skills you’ve developed during your classes with fun activities. Enjoy an Aussie-style barbecue for lunch, then receive your certificate of completion at the graduation ceremony. A memorable way to end a once-in-a-lifetime Aussie experience!
Our tropical campuses

Cairns

Over 4200 students study at JCU Cairns, including over 500 international students. The campus is surrounded by rainforest covered mountains and is located near the popular northern beaches suburbs. It is just 15 kilometres (nine miles) north of Cairns city centre and the international airport.

2017 will see the opening of our new Cairns City Campus. It will feature a range of innovative, flexible learning and teaching, meeting and informal gathering spaces, including a Collaborative Learning Area, which will offer the latest technology and design to promote flexible learning and innovation, including extremely high speed WiFi.

Law and business subjects will be taught at the campus, responding to community requests for after-hours teaching of Master of Business Administration subjects. It will feature a ‘moot court’ providing law students with practical courtroom training.

The new GP Training program, Generalist Medical Training, will have its Cairns office located in the building, with provision for all GP Registrar training and events and collegial interaction between Cairns-based GP Registrars and medical students.

Our students enjoy small class sizes and a friendly campus atmosphere. JCU Cairns houses state-of-the-art teaching and research facilities, a dental clinic, science and IT laboratories, cafes, a gymnasium and basketball courts, and sporting grounds.

About Cairns

Cairns is located on the north-east coast of Queensland, a two-hour flight from Brisbane, or three-hour flight from Sydney or Melbourne. Cairns has close access to the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, which is the largest coral reef in the world.

The population of Cairns is around 165,000, and this increases in the winter months (between April and September) as visitors are attracted to the tropical climate and beaches.

Cairns offers a wide variety of entertainment and activities. The beachfront, known as the Esplanade, offers a swimming lagoon, recreational parklands, and stunning sea and mountain views. If you enjoy exercising, the Esplanade has beach volleyball courts, gym equipment, cycle ways, a skateboard park, free community exercise classes, and free Wi-Fi. Cairns boasts fantastic cafes and restaurants, an art gallery, cultural events, and some great nightclubs.

Spectacular natural attractions

Cairns is close to many spectacular natural attractions, including the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, the tropical rainforest wilderness of the Daintree National Park, and the waterfalls and mountains of the hinterland.

Cairns enjoys a tropical climate and offers a range of outdoor activities year-round, including diving, snorkelling, bungee-jumping, fishing, white-water rafting, and the world’s fastest jungle swing.
Townsville English Language Study Tour

Example of a 2-week Study Tour

**Week 1**

**Day 1** Welcome to JCU!
Get to know our campus and some useful information about living in homestay, staying safe, and emergency information. Undertake a tour of JCU Townsville Campus and experience life on an Australian University campus...

**Day 2** Let’s learn some English!
Practise exchanging personal information verbally and listening for specific information. These skills will help you to get the most out of your Australian experience. Spend the afternoon visiting Reef Headquarters, experience a personalised tour with highly trained reef guides.

**Day 3** More English practice!
Build your fluency by practising speaking about your daily life. Then, start a group project to practise researching and presenting information using English! This will help you to develop confidence and real life skills, especially for your university studies in the future.

**Day 4** Experience the beauty of Magnetic Island!
Experience the beauty of Magnetic Island! A short ferry ride from Townsville, Magnetic Island is affectionately known to locals as “Maggie”. Enjoy an informative bus ride around the Island, visiting the butterfly walk, feeding rock wallabies, visiting the island’s key sites including Horseshoe Bay and Alma Bay, with fun photo opportunities.

**Day 5** Learn some practical language to help you to order a meal in a restaurant!
Continue to practise and review the English you’ve been learning in your classes. Why not try to use this language after classes have finished?

**Day 6-7** Enjoy a relaxing weekend with your host family.

**Week 2**

**Day 8** Have you ever made an informal arrangement using English?
Now is your chance to practise. It could help you to make some friends in Australia! What’s your favourite Australian animal? Begin a project in the afternoon to practise your research skills.

**Day 9** Ever wondered why it’s difficult to understand “native” speakers of English?
That’s because natural pronunciation sounds different when you speak quickly. Practise this in the morning then put it to the test when you listen to the zookeepers at Billabong Sanctuary!

**Day 10** In the morning, practise talking about your experience and continue tuning your ears to fast speech.
In the afternoon practise talking about holidays. You can go home and tell your parents all about your Australia trip…using English!

**Day 11** Practise talking about global issues in English.
You can apply what you learn to future situations in school, university, or just conversation! In the afternoon begin a new project where you can learn about Australian culture and of course, practise your English.

**Day 12** Consolidate the English skills you’ve developed during your classes with fun activities.
Enjoy an Aussie-style barbecue for lunch, then receive your certificate of completion at the graduation ceremony. A memorable way to end a once-in-a-lifetime Aussie experience!
Australia’s leading university for the Tropics

James Cook University (JCU) is Australia’s leading university for the Tropics. Offering excellence in teaching and research, JCU is a vibrant university operating across two countries and three tropical campuses, with locations in the northern Queensland cities of Cairns and Townsville, and in the city-state of Singapore. JCU also has a campus in Brisbane city operated by Russo Higher Education.
Our tropical campuses

Townsville

Over 13,000 students, including over 1,500 international students create a lively atmosphere on our Townsville campus. The campus is located in a setting of natural bush and parkland, just 13 kilometres (eight miles) from the city centre.

Our Townsville campus has impressive teaching and research facilities, including a modern medical precinct opposite the Townsville Hospital, the largest teaching hospital in regional Australia. Our students enjoy a wide range of facilities and services including a supermarket, pharmacy, childcare, food outlets, a post-office, and hairdresser.

The campus has many state-of-the-art buildings and teaching spaces, the newest of which is the Science Place. The building houses contemporary teaching spaces, including research laboratories, collaborative lecture theatres, and high-capacity computer labs. JCU also has a convenient campus in Townsville’s city centre. The city campus is accessible seven days a week, and features high-speed internet. All students are welcome to stop by and use the facilities to study.

About Townsville

Townsville is Australia’s largest tropical city, with a population of around 190,000. It is located on the north-east coast of Australia in the dry-tropics region of Queensland. The city boasts 300 days of sunshine each year, and a variety of national sporting events, markets, cultural activities, and art galleries. Townsville’s scenery is dominated by Castle Hill, an iconic feature of Townsville, with 360 degree views and the most popular walking trails within the city.

Magnetic Island is a suburb of Townsville – just eight kilometres (five miles) off the coast and 25 minutes by ferry. The Island has sandy beaches, snorkelling, and its own population of koalas.

Thriving coastal city

Townsville is a thriving coastal city and port, and a departure point for visiting the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, nearby Magnetic Island, and the savannahs and country towns of the outback.

Townsville’s attractions include a coral reef aquarium, art galleries, museums, restaurants, and the Strand beachfront promenade.
With increased focus on the importance to ‘save the Great Barrier Reef’, research undertaken by JCU students is vital.

Orpheus Island Research Station is well equipped to cater to tertiary, high school and primary school student groups of up to 53 persons.

Our educational facilities include:

- A lecture theatre with multimedia and web conference capabilities
- Fast wireless internet access throughout the station
- Real-time data on current sea temperatures, salinity and turbidity from the seven weather stations operated by the Australian Institute of Marine Science
- Laboratory facilities, including microscopes, centrifuge and other basic testing equipment
- A reference library, and
- 15,000 litre coral reef display tank.

The island’s Pioneer Bay is easily accessible from the station without the need for boats. It offers a wide range of reef habitats and zones such as mangrove nurseries, sheltered reefs and giant clam gardens. There is also ready access to the station aquaculture line, and a variety of reef management zones within a short boat ride of the station.

Groups may provide their own teaching and field staff and design their own educational courses. Alternatively, the Station can provide these services via senior students and staff from James Cook University, either through a number of pre-packaged modules which include lectures, workbooks and field components, or assist you to customise your own program.

Orpheus Island Research Station is located on the western side of the island within Pioneer Bay. It is one of only six marine research stations located within the boundary of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and is uniquely sited to provide ready access to inshore reefs and islands within the middle section of the Great Barrier Reef. The station has a 2 hectare lease along the beach front and several private moorings. Access to the station is by the stations own catamaran Challenger III from Lucinda which takes approximately 45 minutes.

A visit to the Orpheus Island Research Station can be arranged during your stay.
The Daintree Rainforest Observatory is the ideal place to get connected to principles of biology, ecology and biodiversity, and tertiary students’ exposure to field conditions.

A visit to the DRO is a unique sensory immersion nature experience within the largest continuous area of tropical rainforest in Australia. A visit can be included in your study package, if desired.

The modern teaching and conference facilities are designed with student-centred and inquiry-focused practice in mind. The open design and flexible spaces create many vistas where one can look up to rainforest-clad mountains or down over sweeping views to the Coral Sea. This is one of the few areas in the world where the reef meets the rainforest and the only place where two World Heritage Areas sit side by side. The modern amenities, along with rich biodiversity and geographical remoteness, create a unique and inspirational learning environment.

A number of pre-prepared curriculum-linked resources are available for teachers, and the DRO can also offer an education facilitator to enhance students’ learning experience.

The Daintree Rainforest Observatory is currently supporting the development of a project seeking to understand the impacts of drying on rainforests in the seasonal tropics, where climate change predictions suggest that dry season severity will increase. This research aids the understanding of the impacts of changing climates on rainforest biodiversity.
Australian Homestay and Student Service

*Live with an Australian family, learn the Australian culture, practise your English and enjoy good Aussie tucker!* 

Living with an Australian family is one of the most convenient, safe and rewarding experiences a person can have whilst visiting Australia. You will be provided with a valuable opportunity to experience the genuine Australian culture and lifestyle as well as have many opportunities to meet people, make friends and of course, practise your English language skills.

A homestay package includes 2-3 meals/day and may include daily transfers depending on individual requirements. You will be given your own room (unless otherwise requested/specifed) as well as use of all the facilities in the home. It is YOUR home away from home.

Prior to arriving, you will be asked to complete a detailed application form. This allows our Homestay coordinators to try and match you with a suitable family who is compatible with your needs and may have similar interests. You will also be provided with a student booklet that explains what is expected in an Australian family.

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Study Tour
Booking Request Form

Date of quote request (Please note - All quote requests require 7 business days)

Group name

Agent name

University / School / Institution Name

Dates of Tour in Australia

Other destinations visited in Australia

Purpose of study tour

Arrival Date: ___________  Arrival Time: ___________

Departure Date: ___________  Departure Time: ___________

Airport transfers required (Please tick)

Yes  No

Airport location

Cairns  Townsville

Number of students

Main contact person for tour

Name: __________________________

Email: __________________________

Phone: __________________________

Emergency contact person

Name: __________________________

Phone: __________________________

Please add notes here for any course related requests or Educational outcomes needed for tour group:

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Homestay

Number of nights in homestay

Homestay Placement Type*

- Single: one student in a room
- Twin: 2 students sharing 1 bedroom – with 2 single beds in the room

Number of students:

- Over 18:       
- Under 18:      

Gender

- Number of Males:  
- Number of Females:  

Meal Requirements

- Over 18 (2 meals per day, 3 meals on weekend)  
- Under 18 (3 meals daily)  

Number of Teachers / Tour Escorts accompanying group:

- Under 18 students require 1 teacher per 20 students

Do your Teachers / Tour Escorts require homestay?

- Yes  
- No  

If yes, please state how many

Add notes relating to homestay special requests:

Please let us know if any students have severe medical allergies or medical conditions

Excursions

- Excursions:  
- No  

- Excursions required during mid-week:  
- No  

- Number of excursions required for complete tour:  

- Excursion transfers required:  
- No  

Below are some examples of popular excursions

We can obtain further pricing for other attractions if required. Please note, this may delay processing this quote within the 7 business day time frame.

Cairns

- Skyrail
- Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park
- Hartleys Crocodile Adventures
- Green Island
- Fitzroy Island

Townsville

- Billabong Sanctuary
- Reef Headquarters
- Museum of Tropical Queensland