

Overseas Trips in 2020

Cairns Ecological Experiences Nagisa Hiroshima Exchange

Why do we have overseas trips?

Nagisa Hiroshima Junior High School Exchange





History



- Pasadena Intermediate and Nagisa Hiroshima Junior High School have been involved in annual student exchanges for 25 years
- Started in 1995
- Over 425 Pasadena students have been involved thus far
- Past exchanges have proved to be fantastic learning experiences for the students who have participated, many making lifelong friends

General Overview

Pasadena to Hiroshima: 18th May to 30th May

- 18th May Fly to Tokyo and stay for two nights where we spend a day at Disneyland
- 20th May Fly to Hiroshima
 Stay in a homestay/go to Nagisa Junior High School
- 29th May Fly to Tokyo. Then fly Tokyo to Auckland
- 30th May Arrive in Auckland



General Overview

Hiroshima to Pasadena: Wed 22nd July to 1st August

- Nagisa students arrive and are welcomed with a powhiri at school
- Stay with their homestay brother/sister for the 10 days
- Attend classes at Pasadena including outings to local attractions
- Participate in normal family life as well as any organised outings you might do in the weekend eg Rotorua, Sky Tower



Traveling



- Buddy system at all times
- Number off system
- Student Responsibility e.g. Disneyland
- Passport safety
- Safety card in wallet

Homestays

- Students from Pasadena have a homestay student from Nagisa Junior High School private school
- Live with family for the duration participate in Japanese life
- Japanese student is selected by the teachers at Nagisa based on information we send to them about our students
- Students of similar interests
- Look after our students take them lots of places and share cultural experiences



Homestays



- Start of Term 3 the Nagisa students come to NZ - 22nd July to 1st August
- Stay with your family
- Attend Pasadena as one of our students
- Some outings with the school
- With NZ family in the evenings and weekends
- Meeting for Pasadena families prior to arrival to ensure you are well informed

Going to School in Hiroshima

- Wide range of classes which our students attend
- Touch base with Teachers each day (mornings)
- Good opportunity to talk about their homestays, discuss any challenges they are facing and support each other, as well as discussing the amazing experiences they have had.
- Attend some classes with their Nagisa brother/sister
- Some classes as a Pasadena group relating to Japanese culture eg tea ceremony and flower arranging.



Preparation

- Speeches weekly meeting
- Items (songs, haka...)
- Getting to know homestay brother/sister through emails, etc
- Learn some basic Japanese language
- Learn about Japanese culture



Money



 The cost including all fares, accommodation, food allowance in Tokyo, transfers and comprehensive travel insurance will be between \$3,400 - \$3,600. Cost finalised on the 4th March.

• \$300 - \$400 for spending in Japan

Tropical Cairns

Ecological experiences and environmental learnings in the Cairns region: Rainforest and Reef!

Tuesday 12th May - Sunday 17th May 2020



Tuesday 12 May: Arrival in the tropics!

- * Met by Small World Journeys staff members at the airport
- * Safety talk and orientation
- Transferred to accommodation for an orientation
- * Accommodation at a recently refurbished hotel in a quiet area
- Marine Biologist presentation to learn more about biodiversity, the significance of the Great Barrier Reef, and the consequences of climate change





Wednesday 13th May: Fitzroy Island - the Inner Reef

- We are ferried to the pristine Fitzroy Island
- * A fringing coral reef surrounds the island
- * Full use of snorkel gear
- * Explore reef from the shore
- Guided snorkelling with a Marine Biologist
- * 101 Animals of The Great Barrier Reef
- * Turtle Rehabilitation Centre
- * Swimming and Marine Trampoline
- CoralWatch Data Collection



Thursday 14th May: Daintree Rainforest

- Daintree Discovery Centre -- an award-winning world class interpretive facility
- * 32m tower, boardwalk and canopy trail
- Rainforest Swimming Hole
- * Guided Night Walk



Friday 15th May: Hartley's Crocodile Adventures & Wildlife Park

- Crocodiles in their natural habitat
- Lagoon boat rides enable safe, guaranteed viewing of giant saltwater crocodiles
- Gondwana Gateway to meet animals of far north Queensland
- * Learn about the importance of crocodiles to the ecosystem and why they nearly became extinct!



Saturday 16th May: Outer Barrier Reef

- Catamaran ride to the outer Great Barrier
 Reef
- Dock at a floating pontoon
- * Guided snorkel tour with your marine guide
- * Underwater observatory
- * Floating "noodles" and life jackets available as well.
- Double storey pontoon with giant slide
- * Semi-submersible craft and glass bottom boat





Sunday 17th May: Departure

* After an awesome experience we return home to Auckland!



What's included:

Cairns airport transfers, accomodation, all food, including snacks, and guides, comprehensive travel insurance

ACCOMODATION:

- 4 nights at Cairns budget hotel (3 to 5 share rooms with private bathroom)
- 1 night Daintree Rainforest cabins (4 or 5-share dorm-style rooms with private bathrooms)

COST: \$2900 approximately

Also included:

- Small World Journeys guide Days 3 and 4
- Small World Journeys marine naturalist (day 2) and private marine guide (day 5)
- National Park and Marine Park taxes and levies
- 5 metres square Daintree rainforest plot adopted in your group's name through Rainforest Rescue
- A reusable BPA free water bottle and cloth shopping bag for each participant
- Coral adoption through Reef Restoration Foundation and updates on coral
- Mask, fins, and snorkel hire for inner & outer Great Barrier Reef trips
- 101 Animals of the Great Barrier Reef field guide for each student

Not included:

Personal expenses

Selection Criteria: Qualities we are looking for in a candidate

- * resilience
- punctuality
- * self management
- * organisation
- ability to manage belongings and time
- * ability to follow instructions
- * safe and respectful behaviour

- * self-confidence
- * ability to relate to others
- experience of being away from home/overseas
- has strategies to cope with change
- * independent

Selection Process

- * Students to fill in application form outlining why they would make a good candidate and what they are hoping to achieve (due Wednesday 26th February)
- * Discussions with classroom/specialist teachers about the selection criteria
- Discussion with Senior Leadership Team
- Priority given to Year 8 students who meet the criteria
- Applicant's parents are contacted on Friday 28th February

In the case of disappointment in missing out. Teachers have spent a huge amount of time and effort in this robust process and the decisions are final so please be supportive in the outcome.

Important Dates

- * Applications are due Wednesday 26th February
- * Applicants informed of success on Friday 28th February
- * \$500 deposit due Wednesday 4th March
- * Japan full payment by Wednesday 18th March
- * Cairns full payment by Monday 23rd March

Question Time