

The Dellecave Educational Institute for Professional Development
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COURSE TITLE: **A TASTE OF AUSTRALIA-RED CENTRE ECOVENTURE 2010
Section I and Section II**

COURSE CREDITS: **3 In-service Credits** [45 hours]

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LOCATION: **Australia**

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DATES: Summer 2010 – July 7th through 20th

COURSE DESCRIPTION

As part of a small group of 17 maximum, and with three experienced guides, participants will spend four nights in SYDNEY, Australia's largest city, and seven nights in the RED CENTRE, the real OUTBACK of AUSTRALIA. Participants will study Aboriginal Culture (focusing on Art and Music), Australian Flora, Fauna and Geology

Section I

3 In-service credits / 45 hours

1. Keep a daily photo/word journal of trip.
2. Submission of a 3000 word essay on one of the themes studied:
 - Art Gallery NSW: Yiribana Gallery: **Study traditional & contemporary Aboriginal Art.**
 - Featherdale Wildlife Park: **Hands-on with native Australian marsupials, monotremes and birds. Study adaption of Australian mammals.**
 - Sydney Royal Botanical Gardens: **Examine unique plant species.**
 - Sydney Rocks area: **Consider European invasion of Australia.**
 - Desert Park, Alice Springs: **Examine unique Desert Habitats.**

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- Mbantua Gallery Alice Springs: **Study “Papunya Tula” Dot Painting.**
- **Didgeridoo lessons** with Andrew Langford.
- Telegraph Station, Alice Springs: **Consider European settlement inland.**
- West MacDonnell Ranges: **Study the unusual & ancient geology of the red Centre.**
- Wattarka National Park: **Examine pre-historic plant species such as Cycads.**
- Uluru Interpretive Centre: **Understand Anangu Culture.**

Section II: 3 in-service credits/ 45 hours

1. Pre-trip –assigned readings/viewings:

- “Songlines” – Chatwin, Bruce
- “Why Weren’t We Told” – Henry Reynolds.
- “The Two Worlds of Jimmy Barker” - Barker, Jimmy & Mathews, Janet.
- “In a Sunburned Country” – Bill Bryson.
- DVD’s:
 - Australian Geographic’s “the Red Centre”.
 - “Rabbit Proof Fence”.
 - “Priscilla, Queen of the Desert”.

2. Preparation of a complete unit of grade-specific work (lesson plans, activities and assessment)

on one of the following Study Tour themes:

- Aboriginal Culture, Art & Music.
- Australian Flora/Fauna.
- The Geology of the Red Centre.
- Australian culture, climate & seasons.