



Baptist World Congress Tour featuring Sydney & Brisbane

July 5 - 13, 2025



with Salem Baptist Church of Chicago



Ahead of the main July 9-12 Congress sessions, there are two additional events - a NxtGen Leadership Summit and a Women's Summit (both on July 7-8). For further information regarding the Summits and other pre-event day excursions and immersive mission experiences, please visit the Congress website at <https://bwabrisbane.com/>.

Dehoney Travel can assist in alternative arrangements for those interested in participating in these special opportunities.

Day 1, Sat, July 5 **Depart USA**

Today we depart on our journey to Sydney. Dinner and breakfast will be served aloft. (meals aloft)

Day 2, Sun, July 6 **International Date Line**

Our journey continues as we fly over the Pacific Ocean and cross the International Date Line.

(meals aloft)

Day 3, Mon, July 7 **Arrive Sydney**

Upon arrival in Sydney we are met by our local guide. After dropping off luggage at **Sydney Harbour Hotel**, we take a short walk to the iconic Sydney Opera House. This remarkable architectural achievement is UNESCO World Heritage-listed and hosts over 1800 performances each year. Then we board our motorcoach and begin a panoramic city tour of Sydney. Set on the beautiful blue Sydney Harbour, this fast-paced city of cosmopolitan character features colonial history, stunning architecture, and superb waterways. We begin at the eastern beaches of Sydney, including Watsons Bay and Bondi Beach, and take a beautiful coastal walk along the bays. Then we make our way back towards the city centre with interesting viewpoints along the way and a drive through the historic district of Paddington and The Rocks, where we enjoy the magnificent views of this harbourside city. Following the tour, we continue back to our hotel, with dinner on your own.

Day 4, Tue, July 8 **Sydney / Brisbane**

This morning we visit Taronga Zoo for a guided Discovery Tour. Taronga is an Aboriginal word meaning "beautiful view," and its lovely waterfront setting does indeed offer striking views of the Sydney skyline and harbour. Our tour includes a private Keeper Talk, during which we learn more about some of the zoo's animals. After the tour, we transfer to

the Sydney airport for our flight to Brisbane, where we are met by our local guide and transferred to the **Rydges South Bank Brisbane Hotel** for check-in. The remainder of the day is at leisure, with dinner on your own. (B)

Day 5, Wed, July 9 **Brisbane**

During our panoramic city tour of Brisbane, we learn about the unique places and architecture that characterize Queensland's capital city. See the sights of historic Brisbane, including views of St. Stephen's Cathedral and Cathedral Square, as well as the City Botanical Gardens. Travel under Story Bridge, a steel cantilever bridge spanning the Brisbane River that was first opened in 1940 and was named one of the *Q150 Icons of Queensland* in 2009 for its role as a structure and engineering feat. Pass by Queens Street Mall, Parliament House, and City Hall. Enjoy the panoramic views of Brisbane from Kangaroo Point Cliffs and then return to the hotel with some time to freshen up. This evening we participate in the Opening Celebration of the 23rd Baptist World Congress. (B)

Day 6, Thu, July 10 **Brisbane**

A variety of BWA activities will be available throughout the day and evening. Experience this one-of-a-kind opportunity to gather with Baptist sisters and brothers from around the world and learn how God is at work in and through our global family. (B)

Day 7, Fri, July 11 **Brisbane**

BWA activities will once again be available throughout the day and evening. (B)

Day 8, Sat, July 12 **Brisbane**

BWA activities will once again be available throughout the day. This evening we gather one more time with our global Baptist family and participate in the Closing Celebration. (B)

Day 9, Sun, July 13 **Brisbane/USA**

After breakfast we transfer to the Brisbane airport for our return flight, arriving home later this evening. (B, meals aloft)

All sites listed in the itinerary will be covered but the sequence and days may be altered to adjust to religious holidays, special closings of sites, air schedules, etc.

TOUR CONDITIONS

PRICE OF 9-DAY TOUR from Chicago:

**\$5,380 if paying by card
OR**

\$5,180 if paying by check or e-check*
(per person, double occupancy)
Space is limited, so enroll soon!

***Travelers can pay deposit by card and remaining
balance by check or e-check to receive the
\$5,180 per person tour cost.**

NOT INCLUDED IN BASIC TOUR RATE: Transportation between point of origin in the U.S. and Chicago. Meals not listed as being included; passport fees; Visa or Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) fees; **supplement if staying in a single room (\$950)**; excess baggage and forwarding of baggage; portage; personal items such as laundry, tips for personal favors, insurance, any costs resulting from absence or deviation from the itinerary and any items not shown herein as being included.

BWA CONGRESS REGISTRATION: Above tour price includes your registration fee (\$379) for the Baptist World Congress. However, you will still need to register your participation directly with the BWA. Instructions will be provided about how to complete this registration process.

DEVIATION ITINERARY: Any adjustment in standardized air or land itinerary will carry a \$100 fee (for each change) in addition to any additional expense required. This fee is applicable for research projected and/or accepted. **To ensure efficient handling of these requests, Dehoney Travel, Inc. will require that a tour deposit be received before a deviation request can be processed.** If deviating from the group tour program, there will be no refund for any service not used. **Deviation requests must be submitted in writing to info@dehoneytravel.com.** Deviation requests received within 120 days of departure may incur additional change fees from the airline and/or land provider.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Economy class, applicable on United Airlines or other IATA carrier. **Supplement will apply for departure from cities other than Chicago. U.S. departure, security, customs and inspection taxes & foreign departure tax, and fuel surcharges are included in the tour rate and are subject to any change that may be imposed prior to departure.**

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TOUR DOCUMENTS: The name on your air ticket **must exactly match** your name as it appears on your passport. **Passports must be valid at least 6 months beyond return date of travel.** Please forward a copy of the photo/informational page of your passport when enrolling on the tour. If applying for a new or renewed passport, send the copy as soon as you receive your new passport. **Visa or Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) is required for anyone who is NOT an Australian citizen visiting Australia; Travelers are responsible for obtaining their visa or ETA and paying any associated fees. Dehoney Travel will provide information to travelers on the ETA procedures.**

HOTELS: Four-star/first-class. Portage is not included. **While Dehoney Travel will try to match roommates, we cannot guarantee that a roommate will be available.** In this case, the payment of a single supplement will be required. When available, single rooms are often smaller than double rooms. **Single supplement, \$950.**

MEALS & SIGHTSEEING: Meals as listed in itinerary (B = breakfast; L = lunch; D = dinner). Sightseeing as listed in day-by-day itinerary with English-speaking local guides and transfer assistance where required. **Gratuities to local guides, bus driver, etc. in the amount of \$75 are included in the tour rate.**

BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE: Due to space limitations on buses used, we have included portage for only one checked bag (combination width, length and height not to exceed 62 inches and maximum weight of 50 pounds) in tour cost. You may also take one carry-on that will fit under your airline seat or in the overhead compartment.

PAYMENT: Payment can be made by cash, check or credit card (Discover, MasterCard or Visa). **A non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 per person (based on double occupancy) is required immediately in order to confirm tour membership.** (Or \$1,500 deposit if staying in a single room.) **A second payment of \$1,500 per person is due by January 15, 2025. Balance of tour price is due no later than April 15, 2025. Enrollment in and payment of deposit constitutes your acceptance of the Tour Conditions described herein.**

DELAYS, CANCELLATION AND REFUND: Dehoney Travel, Inc. is not responsible for changes and delays in airline schedules and cannot reimburse passengers for expenses resulting from delays, re-issuance of air tickets, etc. Should you cancel, the following scale of charges will apply (per person) when notice of cancellation is given in writing after the booking is confirmed:

- Prior to May 1, \$1000.
- May 1 and after, 100% cancellation penalty.

On or after the date of departure there can be no refund for any service not used.

All cancellation notifications must be made in writing to Dehoney Travel, Inc. Please allow 4 weeks for cancellation refund processing. After ticketing of international and domestic air, a cancellation penalty of 100% of air fare is in effect. Group tickets are normally issued approximately 45 days prior to departure, but in the event that your ticket is issued earlier, the above schedule of cancellation penalties and refund amounts will be adjusted accordingly.

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