



**Pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2008-Sydney Australia**  
**Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis**  
**July 9-22, 2008**

**TRAVEL ITINERARY**

- Day 1** Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> Depart from **INDIANAPOLIS** for Brisbane, Australia
- Day 2** Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup> This day will be spent traveling. It takes 24-26 hours to get to Australia.
- Day 3** Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup> You will be met by your guide at **BRISBANE** Airport. Enjoy a brief city tour on arrival, including a visit to St Stephen's Cathedral and the South bank precinct, located along the peaceful Brisbane River en-route to your accommodation.
- Day 4** Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> Today visit the gorgeous **SUNSHINE COAST**. Pass by the striking Glasshouse Mountains, so named by Captain James Cook on his way up Australia's east coast in 1770 as they reminded him of the glass-making furnaces of his home-town in Yorkshire, England. They are actually the cores of 20 million year old volcanoes, where the sides of the volcanoes have long eroded away leaving only the hardened plugs or rock spires. Visit Noosa, a playground for the rich and famous, and equally renowned for its pristine beaches and coastal national parks. You will have the opportunity to swim or stroll on the famous Hastings Street shops and café strip at Noosa Heads; and visit Australia Zoo, experience crocodile and reptile shows and see Australian wildlife such as koalas, kangaroos, echidnas and platypuses.
- Day 5** Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup> Today you will spend time in the **BRISBANE – COFFS HARBOUR** area. Enjoy a relaxed start to the morning before departing for Gold Coast's Hinterland and Springbrook National Park, home of the Natural Arch. Like a natural bridge (or arch), Cave Creek plunges as a spectacular waterfall through a hole in the cavern. You'll find one of Australia's largest glow-worm colonies living beside the track and on the roof of this cave so a short walk is a must. Say goodbye to Queensland as you cross into New South Wales, stopping at the popular resort town of Byron Bay, Australia's most easterly township. "Byron" is renowned for its surfing beaches and beautiful rainforests, with a relaxed lifestyle for its locals. You'll pass the northern river towns of Ballina and Grafton, continuing on to Coffs Harbour, the banana growing capital. Here you'll see the Big Banana and its large plantation. Perhaps enjoy a thrilling toboggan ride?
- Day 6** Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup> Rejoin the highway for your journey south towards **SYDNEY**. Watch the beautiful city lights as you travel across the Harbour Bridge into the magnificent city of Sydney. The rest of this day will be spent registering for WYD and getting orientated to our host city.
- Day 7** Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> This day will have tours in the city of **SYDNEY** and a large opening Mass, celebrated by Sydney Archbishop Cardinal George Pell and Archbishop Stanislaw Rylko from the Vatican and the Bishops and Priests of the world. A Youth Festival with exhibitions and performances will take place in the evening.
- Day 8** Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> Catechesis will take place in the morning with the arrival of the Holy Father throughout the city of **SYDNEY** in the afternoon. Concerts, prayer and other youth events will occupy the evening hours.

- Day 9** Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> In **SYDNEY**, Catechesis will take place in the morning with a large variety of youth events in the afternoon and evening.
- Day 10** Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup> In **SYDNEY**, Catechesis will take place in the morning with a dramatic celebration of the Stations of the Cross in the evening. A Youth Festival with exhibitions and performances will take place later in the evening.
- Day 11** Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup> In **SYDNEY**, the day will be occupied with our walking pilgrimage to the site for the Closing Mass. The evening will involve a prayer vigil with the pope and sleeping under the Australian night sky.
- Day 12** Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> In **SYDNEY**, the World Your Day Celebration-Mass with Pope Benedict XVI and over 2 million other Catholic youth. After the Mass we will return to the city..
- Day 13** Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup> Free day in **SYDNEY** and prepare for tomorrow's departure.
- Day 14** Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> Return to **INDIANAPOLIS**