



# Australia E-Flyer

## January 2012

The following exchanges are open to all Ambassadors.

If you are interested in any of the following exchanges, please contact the Exchange Director whose name and contact information is provided.

At the bottom of this flyer, you will see a list of the confirmed outbound exchanges for the Australian clubs for 2012. Some of these are already in preparation, and if you are interested in joining one of them, it is not too early to contact the president of the club concerned to register your interest.

For other FF travel opportunities check the FFI website, where all available exchanges can be accessed.

*All prices and dates are subject to change. Exchange costs are shown in the applicable currency.*

**Attention all Aussie EDs!! Please keep in touch – [rrsquared@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rrsquared@optusnet.com.au) – with details of the current status of your outbound exchanges. This way you can be assured that vacancies will be advertised just when they need to be – and NOT advertised when they are filled. ~Bobbie Mulholland**

## Malang *and* Semarang, Indonesia

**Exchange #: 10787**

**Date:** 8h-26th May

**Club:** Hobart

**Cost:** Approx. 450\$ USD FFI fees. Approx \$550 USD  
4 day stay Yogyakarta

**Contact:** Jeanette Brown [jeanettemayo@hotmail.com](mailto:jeanettemayo@hotmail.com)  
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Exotic Indonesia beckons. Join us for a wonderful exchange experience with two separate clubs on the island of Java.

Arrange your travel to Surabaya, where we will meet before travelling on to Malang to begin our exchange in that beautiful city - recognised as one of the most beautiful cities in South East Asia, and still reflecting its colourful colonial past. While in Malang we will probably visit Mt Bromo which is a volcanic mountain and one of the most beautiful places in Indonesia.

After leaving our newly made friends in Malang it's time to kick back with a most interesting 4 day break in fascinating Yogyakarta, renowned as a centre of classical

Javanese fine art and culture such as batik, ballet, drama, music, poetry, and puppet shows. While there we will offer visits to Borobudur, built in the 9th Century and one of the greatest Buddhist monuments in SE Asia and Prambanan a complex encompassing 224 ruined Hindu temples.



On to our second home stay in Semarang, capital of Central Java, which also has a proud colonial history, and now boasts its standing as a busy business and trading centre.

Flights to both Jakarta and Bali are available from Semarang, offering great opportunities for post exchange travel.

# Global Humanitarian Exchange to Nepal

**EXCHANGE #:** 11154

**DATE:** April 17 to 24 2012

**COST:** FFI fees of \$150 USD, plus humanitarian program cost \$825 USD, which includes accommodation and food for duration of volunteer project (1 week) and some sightseeing too. Ambassadors arrange own flights.

**ED:** To be confirmed - initial enquiries to Matthew Nidek FFI [mnidek@thefriendshipforce.org](mailto:mnidek@thefriendshipforce.org)

Imagine the most colour your eyes can handle! Imagine majestic mountains all around and beautiful blue skies above! Imagine crazy traffic - and ancient temples and beautiful goddesses. Add to all this happy, smiling, warm and friendly people, living very simple lives. Imagine being let into the lives of these people in a way you will never forget – to be able to bring joy to an underprivileged community using the skills and abilities you take for granted.

Amazing work is taking place in this tiny country at the top of the world, guided by the members of the Friendship Force of Nepal. This is an incredible opportunity to be part of a group who will not only experience home-hosting in Kathmandu, but will travel to a remote village in need of help. Every skill and ability will be welcome, every ambassador will have something to offer – and, at the end it will probably be YOU who has gained the most, even though you have taken gifts to these wonderful people.

Shiva Shrestha of the FF of Nepal is doing marvellous work – a most wonderful man, working to better the lot of his people, seen here visiting villages and getting thoroughly involved with the people. It's easy to see, from his beautiful smile, why he was judged the friendliest delegate to the recent Hamburg International Conference. Your holiday photos can be replicas of these.

To take part in this most rewarding program there is a cost of \$850pp which will cover accommodation, food, and materials/medicines for the work to be completed in the village of Thosey.

Obviously there exists opportunities for further explorations of Nepal after the program – don't forget that wonderful flight over Mt Everest which is not to be missed – and India is only next door with its exotic splendours for your enrichment.

**Don't delay - sign on now!**



## Leicester, UK *and* Lake Volta, Ghana



Rarely will an opportunity like this one present itself to interested ambassadors! Two home stays – one at each end of the spectrum!

Everyone relishes the opportunity to visit England – and Leicester is certainly a desirable destination, the 10th most populous settlement in England, based in the midlands on the River Soar – right beside the National Forest - and proud of its Roman history. So very much to see and do.

Arrive in England a little earlier- before the exchange begins – and cover those other cities and spots you've been so anxious to visit. Then, after the Leicester exchange phase a chance for a group R&R somewhere nearby before setting off on the next adventure.

Then – a leap into the most exotic, and quite challenging, culture of western Africa – a week's home stay in Lake Volta, Ghana. This is the stuff that will keep you talking for years. A glimpse into the developing world with its colour and fascinating difference which underlines, so clearly, the advantages that we enjoy as a matter of course.

Ghanaians are hospitable, respectful and peace-loving people who have wide and generous smiles when you greet them – smiles which seem to be permanently in place. They are also very patient people, kind too. Public displays of affection are hardly ever seen, yet a man should not be surprised if his male host holds his hand walking down the street!

**EXCHANGE #: 10800**

**DATE: Early September, 2012**

**CLUB: Tamworth**

**PRICE: Approximate airfare is \$2,295 plus taxes (between \$700-800) FFI Fees \$475**

**ED: Eunice Holford [iholford@bigpond.com](mailto:iholford@bigpond.com)**

Initial enquiries indicate the benefit of using KLM as the airline for our travels – and a special advantage of that is the possibility of offering opportunities for further travel in Africa.

Imagine finishing off your African adventure with an unforgettable safari – Africa is definitely the continent which will get under your skin in the most wonderful of ways and this is your opportunity to see two faces of it in one trip.

**Come, join us, we'd love to have you along.**



# Penticton-Okanagan, British Columbia *and* Sacramento, California *and* Salt Lake City, Utah



Join North Moreton for three spectacular exchange destinations.

Penticton, BC - charming, sun-soaked town nestled in the idyllic countryside along two beautiful bodies of water - Okanagan Lake and Skaha Lake.

Sacramento, California – the state capital city is a diverse mix of indigenous culture, historic/gold pioneering town and the

ultra modern cityscape.

Salt Lake City, Utah – The Great Salt Lake, Temple Square, Winter Olympic 2002 site and Bonneville Salt Flats – all these are in close proximity to SLC.

## Exchange #10794

**Dates:** 29th August 2012— 20th Sept 2012

**Club:** North Moreton

**Cost:** Currently AU\$1260 pp (includes internal flights Vancouver- Penticton-Seattle-Sacramento-Salt Lake City-Los Angeles).

International flights extra.

FBI fees approx AU\$700 per person

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## Optional Extra trips:

3day Vancouver Tour

7day Alaska cruise

Grand Canyon Tours



# BUNDUNG *and* YOGYAKARTA, INDONESIA

**EXCHANGE #:** 10801

**DATE:** Early November

**CLUB:** Tweed Valley

**PRICE:** No pricing available yet

**ED:** Merle Stephen - [libra@qld.chariot.net.au](mailto:libra@qld.chariot.net.au)

This is an invitation to those of you who would like to be part of an exchange to the beautiful nation of Indonesia, which sits upon our north-western doorstep. Come with us for a truly cultural exchange which will be exceptional because of the short travel time and the amazing warmth and beauty of the Indonesian people.

Bundung (Bandung) is known as the Paris of Java and is the 3rd largest city in Indonesia (7.4 million people the temperatures there, year-around, a much cooler than most other Indonesian cities. The city lies in a river basin surrounded by volcanic mountains. This topography provides a good natural defense system, which was the primary reason for the Dutch East Indies government's plan to move the colony capital from Batavia to Bandung. The



area around is planted with tea.

Yogyakarta is well known as a city of great culture - renowned as a centre of classical Javanese fine art and culture such as batik, ballet, drama, music, poetry, and puppet shows.



# COLUMBIA CASCADE, USA *and* SASKATOON/EDMONTON CANADA *and* NIAGARA, CANADA



This exchange will begin in Portland, Oregon, on 5th August – and finish in Toronto on 27th August.

Because Saskatoon can only host 10 ambassadors the group will be split between that club and Edmonton.

Columbia Cascade club straddles the border between Oregon and Washington states – where the famous Columbia river flows. Visitors often enjoy a visit to the working replica of Fort Vancouver, wine-tasting, a trip to Mt Hood or Mt St Helens and a variety of other special sights in the great north-west.

The Niagara region is surrounded by water on three sides: Lake Ontario to the north, Lake Erie to the south, and the Niagara River to the east. It is a four-season

climate:  
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lous fall,  
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ing spring and splendid summer. The largest community in the Niagara Region is St. Catherines with a population of 132,000 and is considered the centre of the Niagara club. Obviously a visit to Niagara Falls will be a highlight of this exchange.

**EXCHANGE #:** 10799

**DATE:** August 2012

**CLUB:** Sydney

**PRICE:** Pricing not available yet – FFI Fees \$700

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## Australian Outbound Exchanges for 2012

Date	Number	Details
01-03-12	10795	Perth to Shelby, Missouri-St. Louis and Greater Denver, USA
01-04-12	11154	All Australian Humanitarian Exchange to Nepal
01-05-12	10787	Hobart to Malang and Semarang, Indonesia
01-05-12	10793	Newcastle, Australia to Flanders, Belgium and Cleveland County, UK
01-06-12	10781	Adelaide to Tirana, Albania and Bratislava, Slovakia - currently over-subscribed
01-06-12	10784	Cairns to Hertfordshire and Sussex, UK
01-06-12	10791	Mount Gambier to Sao Jose do Rio Preto and Itanhaem, Brazil
01-09-12	10800	Tamworth to Volta Lake, Ghana and Leicestershire, UK
01-09-12	10789	Melbourne to Limburg, Belgium and Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, UK
01-09-12	11103	Sunshine Coast to Stratford & St. Mary's, Canada, N. Illinois and Central Virginia, USA
01-09-12	10783	Bundaberg to Nelson and South Taranaki, New Zealand
01-09-12	10788	Kempsey to Shelby, Kansas and Central Arizona, USA
01-09-12	10794	North Moreton to Penticton-Okanagan, Canada, Utah and Sacramento, USA
01-09-12	10786	Gold Coast to San Diego, Napa-Sanoma and Olympia, USA
01-09-12	10796	Mount Barker & Salisbury-N.Districts, to Saitama, JPN, Nicosia, CYP and Varel, GER
01-10-12	10797	Southern Sydney to Koriyama, Japan
01-10-12	10799	Sydney to Niagara and Saskatoon, CAN and Columbia Cascade, USA