International accounting study program

» Los Angeles, Toronto, Niagara, Providence, Newport, Norwalk, Lancaster, Gettysburg, Washington DC, Philadelphia and New York

INFORMATION SESSIONS
RMIT Building 108
239 Bourke Street, Melbourne
» Thursday 8 March
   2.30 pm – 3.30 pm
» Thursday 22 March
   2.30 pm – 3.30 pm
» Thursday 22 March
   5.30 pm – 6.30 pm
Venues to be advised, please check the business study tours website closer to the session date.

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Information sessions at the University of Melbourne will be advised on the website

Study program features
» A fully escorted study program to the west and east coasts of the US and the east coast of Canada.
» An experiential program that has no equal domestically or internationally with cross-continent travel, prestigious host institutions and comfortable travel throughout the tour.
» Opportunity to meet with key executives from hospitable and enthusiastic host institutions in the fields of entertainment, education, IT and manufacturing.
» Outstanding corporate hosts include Walt Disney, CBS-TV, GE-Corporate, IBM and BMW (Toronto) that are unique to this program; and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in Washington, DC, the FASB in Connecticut and the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants in Toronto that are respectively the principle regulatory and accounting bodies in North America.
» The opportunity for private travel after the conclusion of the program in New York.

Objectives
This Accounting Study Program is a unique opportunity to travel, study and gain access to a range of leading business, educational and regulatory leaders in North America. Students will gain invaluable insights into, and expand their knowledge of international business and accounting practices.

The development of interpersonal skills and self-confidence in presenting to, and speaking with, hosts is an invaluable additional benefit of participation.

Academic content
» Dedicated elective ACCT 2191 (Understanding Global Accounting Practices through an International Study Tour) for University of Melbourne students; or
» Electives ACCT 2172/2173 (International Accounting Study Tour) for RMIT students.

Assessment for ACCT 2191 includes a primer of host organisations, case study and participation. Assessment for ACCT 2172/2173 will be as above.

Itinerary*
The duration of the study tour is 19 days and includes the following hosts:

Los Angeles, CA: Walt Disney Pictures and TV—Headquarters, University of Southern California, CBS—Television City, PricewaterhouseCoopers
Toronto: BMW, Deloitte, Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants
Kingston, RI: University of Rhode Island
Fairfield, CT: GE-Corporate
Norwalk, CT: Financial Accounting Standards Board
Armonk, NY: IBM Ltd
Washington, DC: US Securities and Exchange Commission

* A fully detailed itinerary is provided before departure
* Visits may be substituted

Transportation
International flights are with Qantas and American Airlines. Ground transportation is by fully air-conditioned panoramic motor coaches.

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NORTH AMERICA

25 June – 13 July 2012
Additional sightseeing and events
The program also includes organised visits to:
Los Angeles, CA: Full day admission to Disneyland Theme Park in Anaheim
Toronto: Morning two-hour panoramic city tour with guide
Niagara Falls: Visit to Table Rock, Niagara Gorge, Whirlpool Rapids, Floral Clock, Maid of the Mist boat excursion to the base of Niagara Falls
Newport, RI: Afternoon three-hour panoramic city tour with guide
Gettysburg, PA: Visit to National Military Park, walking tour and participation in Fourth of July celebrations
Washington, DC: Afternoon three-hour panoramic city tour with guide
Philadelphia, PA: Mid-morning panoramic city tour with guide
New York: Morning three-hour panoramic city tour and financial district with guide
Events include:
New York: Formal presentation—farewell cocktails and dinner
New York: Entrance tickets to a Broadway show with pre-show drinks
Cost
The cost is $8,295 (approx).
The total cost includes all air travel, comprehensive travel insurance, return transfers from airport to hotels, site visits, accommodation (twin share) and breakfasts (except Los Angeles and New York), sightseeing program, theatre tickets to a Broadway show in New York, and farewell presentation and dinner in New York.
Travel is by deluxe air-conditioned coaches with certified drivers and guides. The range of accommodation standard is between 3-star superior and 4-star superior hotels. Host organisations generally provide lunches.
Study costs
RMIT students will pay the fees associated with studying the equivalent of two RMIT general electives.
All applicants who do not take any electives will incur a $500 administration fee.
Scholarships
Global Study Connections—Strive for Excellence: two scholarships of $750 each. Go to the study tours section of RMIT Education Abroad: Short-term travel grants
Scholarships to the value of $1,000.
Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia: two scholarships of $750 each.
WHK Melbourne: Scholarships to the value of $1,000.
RMIT Education Abroad: Short-term travel grants of $1,000 each. Go to the study tours section of www.rmit.edu.au/globalpassport/financialsupport
For more information, please contact Laurie Webb (RMIT University) or Jacqui Hoare (University of Melbourne).
Deposit and tour operator details
A deposit of $600 (cheques should be made out to Holidays on Location—GSC) and a copy of your passport details (the page where your photograph appears) must accompany your application. Upon formal acceptance, withdrawal before finalisation of your account will result in $450 plus GST not being refundable. Cancellations after this time will be determined by the general cancellation conditions issued by the travel managing company. The balance of the payment must be settled on or before 23 April 2012.
The fully licensed travel management company is Global Study Connections (GSC) (division of Holidays on Location), ABN 52 005 586121 Tel. +61 3 9851 8747
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Group Coordinator: Ms Heather Burgess
Program leader
Laurie Webb is an academic in the School of Accounting. He has been leading study programs to Asia, North America and Europe annually for the past 19 years at Monash University and now at RMIT University. This forthcoming program is his twelfth at RMIT. He has established extensive international relationships with industry, regulators, academia and the accounting bodies. Laurie has spoken on his experiences at international forums, most recently at the American Accounting Association Conference in Los Angeles in August 2008. His resulting paper from the conference was published in the UK Accounting Education in December 2009.
Eligibility
The study program is open to all RMIT undergraduate/postgraduate business students. Preference will be given to students who have passed both Introductory Accounting and Financial Accounting 1. However, students who have completed Introductory Accounting with a credit or better result are also encouraged to apply.
The study program runs in partnership with the University of Melbourne. Students from the University of Melbourne should refer to the flier at www.csc.unimelb.edu.au/experience/professional/ init_accounting.html
How to apply
The application form is available from the RMIT Business study tour website: www.rmit.edu.au/bus/studytours
Key dates
Information sessions (RMIT) 8 & 22 March 2012
Final applications 30 March 2012
GSC presentation 12 April 2012
Settlement date 23 April 2012
Early application is advised as availability is on a first-come first-served basis.