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Students of Perth International College of English

Fremantle for the Day

Fremantle is a beautiful coastal port located only 20 km from Perth and there are many options to get there such as the train that takes about 40 min, the Captain Cook Cruises that offers the ferry service from Perth or by car. There are many things you can do in one day because it is a small city and there are interesting places to visit like the Fremantle Prison, The Western Australia Maritime Museum and the Markets.

The Western Australian Maritime Museum situated on the Indian's Ocean shore and it is one of the symbolic places in Fremantle which people like to visit because it represents the past, present and the future of this city. There is a significant collection of leisure boats, handcraft sailing boats, and commercial pearl luggers, although the two most important attractions are the Submarine and the winning America's Cup yacht, Australia II. The Museum is located within a walking distance of Fremantle Train Station and it is open daily from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm. For the admission, a concession applies to students and the fee will be \$5.00 for The Museum and \$5.00 for the Submarine tour or there is a special fee of \$8.00 which includes the visit to The Museum and the Submarine tour. It is a nice experience because you discover the relationship between Western Australia and the Ocean.

Fremantle prison is one of Western Australia's premier tourist attraction and Perth's only World Heritage listed building. The Fremantle prison is almost in the centre of Fremantle city, you should to add a tour of this historic building to your travel plans when you are in Perth. This prison was built around 1850's by the convicts and officially close in 1991. It only takes a half day to visit inside the prison you can learn a lot of interesting things about convicts, you can see the main cell blocks where the prisoners live day after day. Just come there one time, its really amazing for you, you can't believe they can live in tiny cell and it was really hard. You can discover how time was passed in the yard and how the prisoner works of art. The prison is open 7 days a week from 9am to 5pm. And the price is \$16 for students!

Fremantle Markets is a place you must visit if you go to Fremantle. It's located on the corner of South Terrace and Henderson Street and is open from Friday to Sunday. The Market has over 150 shops divided into two sections called The Yard and The Hall. The Hall is open from 9am to 8pm on Fridays and from 9am to 6pm on Saturdays and Sundays. In this part of the Market you can find art-craft items, fashion designers outfits, historic indigenous products among other things. The Yard is open from 8am to 8pm on Fridays and from 8am to 6pm on Saturdays and Sundays. This is the part for the fresh food products that includes organic fruits and vegetables.

The atmosphere in the Markets is great. You will find delicious food, nice music, interesting history, you name it. The Market is well known in WA, you can't miss it. We definitely recommended students to go to Fremantle because it is close to the city, there are a lot of things to do, wonderful places to visit and the best prices to buy Australia souvenirs.

Alejo, Chau, Luisa

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Special points of interest:

- PICE will be moving to a new location on the 5th of August
- It's only a 100 metre walk from our current building!



An amazing Day at Koondoola School

They were always smiling and full of vitality. I didn't feel they were refugees. They gave us a lot of happiness and energy. They have different backgrounds in their country, but they enjoyed playing with each other. It made a deep impression on me when I'd seen the kids. I didn't think about refugees when I lived in Japan. I'd heard about it from news on TV. So I started thinking about refugees after I visited this school.

Each of the children was from different countries. One of the kids was from Afghanistan. Afghanistan is a very dangerous situation, because the dispute continues. If they were born in a safe place, it is good place to live. They were in a difficult situation, but they haven't done anything wrong so I hope they spend time in Australia as long as possible.

It was a really good learning environment. The school had a lot of activities such as singing, play-dough, playing quoits and so on. Also they are from different countries so everything is different, but they can accept it. In Japan we are always studying with same nationality. Everything the same is considered good in Japan. I really want Japanese kids to know that they are happy.

I really enjoyed sharing my time with the kids. They were really gentle and clever. When we were playing quoits, a girl gave a quoit to everyone. I was trying to take a photo and she always posed for me. It was so cute. Also I had lunch with them. Everyone brought lunch and we sharing it. I made a cake. It was so happy because the kids ate the whole cake!! Takako

My impressions of the kids are that they are always happy and sunny, they enjoy their singing. They are polite and passionate. I like to play sands and clay with the little girls, they made cakes, chocolates, cups of tea for me from mud. There was a girl named Nah Na, she held my hands and asked me to draw with her. When she was drawing, she liked to talk about her family to me in good English.

In addition, there were some girls from the next classroom; they asked me to run after them. When I shouted "A monster is coming!", they screamed and ran quickly. I couldn't catch any of them, they were really energetic. "You can't catch me!" they challenged. I was inspired when they held my hands and asked me to play with them.

I think that the learning environment is really excellent for them. They can learn the language quickly by singing songs or drawing. The most important thing is they can learn a positive attitude in the school.

It would be a big difference if they had stayed in their own country because they might lose a good education. They might need to make money by themselves when they were only 5 years old. The worst thing would be they couldn't change the difficult situation in their whole life.

I enjoyed when they laughed happily and when they looked at me purely. I was influenced by their happiness. I even forgot they are refugees.

Dobby

It's never too late to have a happy childhood!!

we are playing games with kids and laughing all the time at nothing. It's not nothing, it's the best thing when we know that child can put a smile on your face anytime like no one else can.

But what's the feeling when you go to the other site of the world and meet kids from different countries? It was a beautiful day! The school had a lot of energy with a lot of inspiration, with so many smiles and little sweet hearts, that's the kind of place that's called "full of life". There were kids about 6-7 years old, kids with clear smiles and also kids who everyone wanted to meet. Their nice voices made you feel accepted. Just one step to the door and they were already smiling. At that moment we thought what should we do to make them interested, but, before thinking about that they already had a plan. They pushed us into the park and wanted us to do the same things as they were doing. Playing with the balls for ages I totally forgot about the bad days.



Their eyes were full of happiness and warmth. Making pictures was their favourite part. I didn't want to finish this day but I know it will happen again. They also can be good friends. I know there is sunshine every time.

Georgia

All of us had been completely thrilled when Sara first talked about the trip. Every one desired to participate to bring some good in order to share with those children. The objective of this trip was to allocate our concern and encouragement to those who grew for safety and peace. These children arrived with one of the members in their families. These families had been extremely lucky when they got here where they had gotten over the most difficult time of their lives. In addition, not all refugees can arrive in Australia because of unpredictability tragedies and hindrances like getting shipwrecked or severe weather conditions. The day before going to the school our class had prepared everything to carry with us to share and have more fun. A variety of food from many nationalities was brought because our class included a great deal of people from different countries. Also, the children had delicious food to join with in the immense party. At lunch time, we ate the various food simultaneously. It was definitely the greatest lunch ever. Interestingly, we had had time before eating so that we had some stimulating conversations with those children and their teachers. Additionally, we took a range of photos of each other. However, we devoted time to drawing some pretty pictures, other were making play-dough and confining separated image games whereas, some other toys were playing soccer with us. It was memorable and unforgettable when the children performed some lovely dances and songs with their coaches. After having fun and eating we had to say goodbye to each other. Instead of saying goodbye they really liked doing high fives with us. The last thing was to tell us 'thank you and see you again' in a simultaneous loud voice, as well as, we responded to them 'thank you and see you again, too' all together.

Disney

I loved the smiles on the faces of the kids. They were always smiling and played with us all the time. They enjoyed it when we played outside and then we drew some pictures and sang together. The school had many tools to teach the kids such as wooden playing blocks. One boy loved to build with the wood blocks. I think he knew how to make it high. He taught me I must build the low level with big wood blocks and at the end use smaller and longer ones. It is absolutely different, because some kids came from poor countries. So they may not have the opportunity to study in school and enjoy themselves with other friends. they would stay at home with them family and not have anyone to teach them how to join with society. The most fun for me was playing soccer with the boys because it was funny and we played with many kids at the same time and they never stopped running. Although some kids didn't play very well, they tried to run after the ball and kicking it. O



Fun Activities to enjoy in Australia

As we all know, our school, apart from teaching us fantastic (Mark's Favourite word) things about English, offers the very famous Friday activities, which I personally really enjoy, because it's a great way to meet people and to become more familiar with the city. I will tell you about one of the Friday activities I went on... To Caversham Wildlife Park!

We went there by minibus, and when we were at the entrance you could already hear the animals, they only have Australian fauna and I was very excited because it was the first time I got to see kangaroos after living in Perth for two months and Caversham is the perfect place because you can actually stroke and feed them like you would with your own pet, we also enjoyed an animal show that was very much fun, if you're an animal lover, Caversham is a great place to visit.



nice in a beautiful landscape... A perfect end to a perfect afternoon.

Laura



There are a lot of activities we can do in Australia. It depends what attracts you when you are abroad. When I was in Sydney for one week, I wanted to see a lot of things. It was my first holiday in Australia, so, like the majority of people, I wanted to see Australian animals like kangaroos or koalas.

For that, I went to Torongua Zoo, the aquarium and the wildlife park. Torongua Zoo is huge and I really enjoyed it. I was able to touch a wallaby. The aquarium was amazing, I felt like I was part of the ocean. The wildlife park is a part of the aquarium and you will be able to see Australian animals.

On the other hand, if you are more interested in cultural activities, you should go to the maritime museum in Sydney. You will see the 'HMS Endeavour' and you will learn a lot about the way the crew used to live three hundred years ago. It was very informative. You will be able to see submarines too.

However, there are also things to do in Perth. For example, you can go to Perth Zoo. It is a bit smaller than the one in Sydney but it is a really good place to go if you wish to have a trip with your friends or your family. Otherwise, there is AQWA. This aquarium is not very big, but on the other hand, you will be able to dive with the sharks.

For my next Australian discovery, I wish to go to Rottnest Island as everybody told me that it is a wonderful place. I'd like to go to Margaret River too because I would like to visit a winery.

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Built for Speed!

The Cheetah is the one and only land animal that can reach over 60 mph. The most amazing part is that cheetah can even reach top speed in 3 seconds. Even though the cheetah's top speed can only be sustained for 300 to 450 yards, and after that, the cat gets exhausted thus he must rest for 15mins.



The secret of why cheetah has been able to reach such fast speed was a mystery. A lot of study has been done about that. The secret have been disclosed. As you can see form the picture above the cheetah has long, slender back and front legs, which could increase stride to run faster. And for the front legs, upper leg muscles attach to shoulder blades also help cheetah increase their stride. On the top of cheetah you can see the propulsive spine which is hyper-flexible. The end of spine, which is the tail, has been used for changing direction, as simple as a rudder. All these feature helps cheetah reach stride that can surpass 25 feet, something must be mentioned is that for half of the stride, the cheetah is air-borne. Cheetahs have large sinuses and nasal passages fill much of the skull that means they have smaller jaws and teeth as a trade-off. The animals killed by cheetah always die by suffocation. The last part of that secret is that the big chest, with oversized lungs and a large powerful heart has full ability to take in and distribute the considerable amounts of oxygen needed to speed up.

Just like other amazing fabulous animals, cheetah is running out of room. The Cheetah's habitat has been reduced by more than 90 per cent since 1900. Now, they are nearly extinct. After the dodo, Chinese tiger, the cheetah will become another extinction by humans, if we are not going to change our behaviour.

Andrew

Frankfurt Germany

Not only is Frankfurt the financial and Transport Center of Germany, it is also the largest financial Center in Europe and it is the seat of the European Central Bank. It is situated 550km in South-West of the Capital, Berlin.

Frankfurt is the most multicultural City in Germany there are more than 180 different nationalities living peacefully together and mixed with each other. Every Tourist who visited the City goes to the historic center which is called "Römer". It's so nice to see all those 500 year old buildings and close to them are a lot of new and modern Skyscrapers.

Because we have so many Banks in Frankfurt, the people dress very smartly but the real mentality of the people is simple. The people are very easy going when they are sitting together with friends and have traditional Food. Our famous dishes are "Handkäse mit Musik" what is a strong and stinky cheese with oil and onions. We also like out Frankfurter green sauce, it's made of 7 herbs and is delicious with boiled eggs and potatoes or on a Schnitzel. Our traditional drink is Applewine which will always be in a "geripptes". That's a kind of glass with a special design.

If you are ever in Germany you should visited Frankfurt and have you own experience and you must try the traditional food.

Omar and Ivo

