Tips for Traveling to Australia by Devin Hutton

- Learn some Australian slang before you arrive—trust me, it’ll be VERY helpful.
- Give yourself some time during the semester to travel outside of VIC—it’s the one thing I regret.
- Hang out with the Aussies and not just the other internationals—they love internationals, and they’re all really nice!
- If your uni plans trips for internationals, go! They’re usually really good & worth it. And they’re cheaper ways to experience AUS!
- Go to the wildlife parks—seeing kangaroos and koalas up close may seem like the typical thing tourists do, but it’s worth it.
- Save up money before you come! Taxes are added to the prices of everything already, but most things are more expensive here.
- Go to Phillip Island—it’s a good weekend trip, and the penguin parade is a must see!
- Take surf lessons—again, typical Aussie thing, but it’s a great place to try it out!
- DO NOT drink Victoria Bitter or Fosters Beer ... if you’re a beer person. No Aussie likes them, and neither does anyone else. Ask for other recommendations. 😊
- Aussie’s don’t like Americans as much as we think they do, just agree with them ;) 
- Goon = cheap wine (boxed wine).
- GO TO A FOOTY GAME! Whether or not you understand the game, it is totally worth it! They are tons of fun.
- DO NOT say you ‘root’ for a team. Trust me. You either ‘go’ for a team, or you ‘barrack’ (look up the Australian definition of ‘root’ and you’ll understand)
- They do eat kangaroo here, not a typical meal, but you can buy it at the store in the meat section. In case you want to know, it tastes like beef, just a little tougher.
- Bring an umbrella. Trust me.
- Vegemite - try it, even though you probably won’t like it. When you do, put very little, with butter on a piece of toast.
- BBQs usually consist of sausage ... not shrimp.
- Bring sunscreen—they’re not kidding when they say the sun is stronger here.
- Be prepared to get asked questions about typical American parties - aka red solo cups, etc.
- If you have a favorite snack, pack some with you.