

## USA DANCE TOUR 2019 ITINERARY - ANAHEIM

### **DAY 1 FLY MELBOURNE TO LOS ANGELES**

Our journey begins today with a flight from Australia to Los Angeles (direct service with Qantas, Virgin Australia or United Airlines).

Welcome to the USA!

After clearing Immigration and Customs, please make your way to the Arrivals Hall where an escort from Meridian Travel will be waiting to greet you. Once we are all gathered, we will make our way to our coach transfer and travel to Anaheim (around an hour away). Please note that this transfer is scheduled to depart at approximately 8am.

Hyatt House at Anaheim Resort & Convention Centre will be ready for check in at 4pm. In the meantime, you are free to store your luggage with hotel reception.

**Hyatt House at Anaheim Resort & Convention Centre**  
**8 night hotel stay including buffet breakfast daily and wifi**

#### **SURROUNDING ATTRACTIONS**

Disneyland Resort including Downtown Disney (restaurants/shops) – 2 Blocks  
Anaheim Gardenwalk (shopping center & restaurants) - Across the street

There is also a variety of great restaurants nearby including:

- IHop (adjacent to hotel), Starbucks, Blaze Pizza
- McCormick & Schmick's Grille, Roy's, PF Chang's and Cheesecake Factory (at Anaheim Garden Walk)
- California Pizza Place, Subway, Gandhi Palace, Sabrosada (adjacent to hotel)
- Ralph Brennan's Jazz Kitchen and ESPN Zone (at Downtown Disney)

The remainder of the day is at leisure.

### **DAY 2 UNIVERSAL STUDIOS AND MILLENIUM DANCE COMPLEX WORKSHOP**

Today we head to the world's largest movie studio and theme park, Universal Studios for some playtime followed by Afternoon Workshops for Dancers.

We travel straight to Universal Studios where we have the morning as free time, allowing you to explore what you may have previously missed. The Wizarding World of Harry Potter, Fast & Furious – Supercharged, King Kong are just a few headline attractions you don't want to miss!

This afternoon all Dancers/Teachers need to meet at the coach departure point (same location where we are dropped off). Dancers/Teachers will be transferred across to the Millennium Dance Complex for a 90 minute workshop. This will be followed by a 1 hour rehearsal time for Studio performance.

Arrive back in Anaheim at approximately 7.30pm

### **DAY 3 UNIVERSAL STUDIOS**

Today we set off for another day of adventure at Universal Studios, including a PERFORMANCE! Dancers will kick off with a 30 minute exclusive performance on 5 Towers Stage at Universal Studio's City Walk, a block shopping, dining and entertainment precinct.

The remaining day is at leisure where you are free to enjoy thrill seeking rides, special effects and stunt shows at Universal Studios!

We will return to Anaheim at approximately 7.30pm.

#### **DAY 4          DISNEY CHARACTER DINING**

Today we begin our Disneyland experience with a Premium character breakfast at ***Minnie & Friends – Breakfast in the Park*** at the Plaza Inn at Disneyland. This experience will last for approximately 90 minutes allowing you to enjoy a meal with some of your all-time favourite Disney characters.

The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore Disneyland and Disney's California Adventure Park – the Happiest Place on Earth!

#### **DAY 5          THE EDGE DANCE WORKSHOP & LA CITY TOUR**

An early start as we travel to The Edge Performing Arts Centre, located in Los Angeles.

After a 2 hour drive, we will arrive at The Edge Performing Arts Centre where Dancers will spend the morning participating in a 2 hour workshop with renowned choreographers. This will be followed by a 1 hour rehearsal time for Studio performance. There is a small shop onsite for those wanting to buy merchandise.

Fellow travelers (non performers) will be dropped off a short distance away at The Grove Shopping precinct and Los Angeles' famous 'Farmers Market' home to gourmet grocers, eateries and specialty shops. There will be a few cafes open at this time with all shops open by 9am at Farmers Market and 10am at The Grove.

This afternoon our group will join for an afternoon city tour. We travel to Hollywood Boulevard for free time (you may choose to grab a bite to eat, visit TCL Chinese Theatre and Dolby Theatre or meander down the Hollywood Walk of Fame). Spend the afternoon seeing Sunset Strip and Beverly Hills including free time at famous Rodeo Drive.

#### **DAY 6          DISNEY WORKSHOP**

Enjoy the morning at leisure before Dancers experience Disney workshops later in the day. (Times can vary)

Learn from professional Disney choreographers and expand your skill set today all in a fun Disney environment. Dancers will participate in 2 workshop classes plus Q & A time with Disney Teaching Artists. (Approximately 3 hour duration)

***"If I can provide a place to develop the talent of the future, I think I will have accomplished something" Walt Disney***

The remainder of the day is at leisure.

## **DAY 7                    DISNEY MAIN STREET PARADE**

Enjoy the morning at leisure ahead of Dancers performing in the Main Street Parade.

Dancers will spend time backstage rehearsing with other Dance Schools ahead of performing in the parade down Main Street USA! Fellow travelers, please make sure you secure your best vantage point for viewing around 30 to 60 minutes before the Parade commences.

This will be a very exciting and important moment for all of us, as dancers dazzle the crowd through Disneyland and we watch them glide by feeling very proud!

The remainder of the day is at leisure.

## **DAY 8                    DISNEY PERFORMANCE AND FAREWELL DINNER**

Today is the moment we have all been waiting for! Dancers will entertain an international audience as they dance their heart out, alongside many dancers from around the world!

This evening, we reflect on the amazing week and say farewell to fellow travellers over a private buffet dinner at Hyatt House (accompanied by Freshly Brewed Seattle's Best Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, & Assorted Hot Tazo Teas and Water. Soft drink and alcohol are available for purchase at the bar).

## **DAY 9                    DEPART ANAHEIM, FLY LOS ANGELES TO AUSTRALIA**

Our momentous tour comes to an end today.

After checking out of our hotel no later than 12 noon, you will have the remainder of the day at leisure. Hyatt House will store your luggage throughout the day if required.

Our departure transfer back to Los Angeles Airport, will depart at 6pm. We will fly Los Angeles to Australia (direct service with Qantas, Virgin Australia or United Airlines), arriving back in Australia 2 days later (as we cross the date line).

**\*Order of itinerary can change depending on workshops and performance availability. We can also customise this experience to suit your requests.**