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THE WORLD CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE

World Heritage Committee

Fifth Ordinary Session

Sydney, Australia, 26 - 30 October 1981

INFORMATION NOTE

1. Seat of the Meeting

The fifth session of the World Heritage Committee will be held at :

The Sydney Opera House
Bennelong Point
SYDNEY, NSW (Australia)

The meeting will be held in the Reception Hall. Participants should enter the building through the Concert Hall/Reception Hall entrance under the grand staircase.

2. Travel Arrangements

Air travel to and from Sydney can be readily arranged through major airlines and travel agents. Normal air fares are relatively expensive but there are a number of special fares available at a much lower price. Some of them have special conditions attached.

For those participants who are able to make their travel arrangements in Paris, a Paris-based travel agency, East West Travel, is able to offer a special fare on a regular scheduled airline from Paris and several other European capitals for a cost of approximately FF6,600. A lower fare is available from Karachi, Delhi and Bangkok. Since these fares are subject to change, the Agency suggests that participants who wish to use them should make their travel arrangements as soon as possible.

The Agency is also endeavouring to arrange a package fare which would cover the costs of travel plus accommodation in Sydney.

Full details are available from :

East West Travel
129 rue Lauriston
Paris 75116
Tel: 553.61.15/553.58.39

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3. Passports and Visas

All participants will require an Australian visa which is obtainable by mail or in person from the nearest Australian Consulate. Travel agents or airline companies can provide the necessary details. If additional information is required the Australian Permanent Delegation to Unesco (1, rue Miollis, 75732, Paris, telephone: 577-16-10, ext. 49-17/18) can be contacted.

4. Arrivals and Accommodation

Participants are requested to advise the Australian Permanent Delegation to Unesco of flight arrival details so that reception at Sydney airport can be arranged.

Delegates from countries without diplomatic representatives in Australia are asked to advise the Australian Permanent Delegation to Unesco of their accommodation requirements so that bookings can be made on their behalf. Delegates from countries which have diplomatic representatives in Australia are requested to make their own accommodation reservations.

The following hotels and motels are suggested :

Wentworth Hotel (luxury)	\$488.00 per day
New Crest Hotel	\$439.00 " "
Wynyard Travelodge Motel	\$443.00 " "
Rushcutters Bay Travelodge Motel	\$439.00 " "

Prices are dependent on minimum bookings and could increase by conference date. Delegates should make their booking using the conference name to obtain above prices.

For administrative purposes and to facilitate transport to the harbour cruise on 25 October (see below), the Australian Government would be glad to have details of accommodation arrangements made. Participants are requested to advise the Australian Permanent Delegation to Unesco accordingly.

5. Harbour Cruise

All participants in the meeting are invited to join a cruise of the Sydney Harbour at 2.30 p.m. on Sunday 25 October. The cruise will last for about 3 hours and is designed to allow participants to meet each other in an informal setting before the commencement of the formal meeting. It is hoped that as many delegates and observers as possible will arrive in Australia in time for this informal event.

The cruise will leave from number 6 jetty, Circular Quay (near Opera House) at 2.30 p.m. Transport from hotels will be provided where accommodation is known (see Arrivals and Accommodation above).

6. Registration

Registration of participants will begin at 9.00 a.m. on Monday 26 October at the Opera House.

7. Opening Session

The Opening Session will begin at 10.00 a.m. on Monday 26 October. Thereafter it is proposed that conference sessions will begin at 9.00 a.m., with the lunch break from 12.00 midday to 2.00 p.m.

8. Languages

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in French and English during the meeting. Substantive conference documents will be issued in both languages.

9. Secretariat

The conference Secretariat will be responsible for the control and distribution of all conference documents. A list of the principal members of the Secretariat will be available at registration.

10. Mail and Messages

Participants should have their mail sent to them via their Embassies or to their hotels.

11. Lunch

The Bennelong Restaurant and the Opera House cafeteria (on the southern and northern side of the building respectively) are open at lunchtime. Restaurants and cafes are also located in the Circular Quay area and in the Rocks, at the base of the southern end of the Harbour Bridge.

12. Post Office

A post box is located outside the building. The nearest Post Office is located on the corner of Grange Street and Albert Street, opposite Circular Quay but some distance from the Opera House. Delegates are advised to make use of postal services offered by their hotels.

13. Information, Messages

A receptionist will be on duty outside the meeting room during the period of the meeting to provide information about the arrangements and to assist with messages.

14. Local Transportation

Taxis may be ordered by telephone. The driver should be directed to the Opera House (Concert Hall entrance). Hotels can advise on suitable bus or other city transport facilities.

15. Tipping

A 10% tip is normal in restaurants. Hotel porters also expect to be tipped. Otherwise tipping is uncommon.

16. Banks

There are a number of banks in the Circular Quay area. Hours are from 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. (Monday to Thursday) and from 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. (Friday).

17. Shopping

Shopping hours are from 8.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. on weekdays, and 8.30 a.m. to 12.00 on Saturdays. Most city shops stay open until 9.00 p.m. on Thursday nights.

18. Post Meeting Visits

The Australian Government is offering a choice of two visits to sites of Australian nominations to the World Heritage List following the conclusion of the meeting. These are the Great Barrier Reef (31 October and 1 November) or the Kakadu National Park (1-3 November). Australia will meet all the associated costs of the Great Barrier Reef visit (including air travel to and from Sydney, accommodation and meals). The visit to Kakadu National Park, however, will be available only to visitors who are able to arrange their homeward journey to include a stop-over in Darwin (see map). Australia will meet all associated costs from the time visitors leave Darwin for the Kakadu National Park (a distance of some 250 kms).

For administrative reasons, the Australian Government would like to know whether visitors would prefer to visit the Great Barrier Reef or Kakadu National Park by 15 September. The choice between the two visits is offered to a maximum of 40 people and it is expected that the great majority will opt to go to the Great Barrier Reef. It would be appreciated if the Australian Permanent Delegation to Unesco could be given participants' preferences by 15 September.

19. Great Barrier Reef Visit

This is a two-day visit beginning on Saturday 31 October. Participants will fly by commercial aircraft to the town of Cairns, approximately 2000 kms north of Sydney, arriving at midday. There they will be escorted to the Tuna Towers Motel. After lunch there will be a bus tour of the coastal hinterland and mountain rain-forest, followed by a banquet and audio-visual display at the headquarters of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority.

On Sunday 1 November the visit continues by light aircraft some 250 kilometres over the Reef itself to Lizard Island. There participants may inspect the Reef through glass-bottomed boats, go swimming or snorkling, or visit the marine research station. Qualified scuba divers may also be able to dive, provided the organizers are advised beforehand.

In the late afternoon the party will return to Cairns for immediate departure by air to Sydney. (Overnight accommodation in Sydney on 1 November should be arranged by participants.)

Informal summer clothing would be most suitable for the week-end. A hat, sun protection, sand-shoes (sneakers) and swimming costume will be needed for Lizard Island.

20. Kakadu National Park Visit

The Kakadu National Park is approximately 3000 kilometres northwest of Sydney and 250 kilometres east of Darwin, the capital of the Northern Territory. As noted above, the visit is offered to delegates who are able to include a stop-over in Darwin on their international air tickets. This will need to be arranged when purchasing the ticket to Australia and will involve a small additional cost. Costs of the visit from Darwin to Kakadu and return will be met by the Australian Government.

As international flights leave Darwin only on Wednesdays, the party will leave Sydney on Monday 1 November for the 2-day visit. Delegates will be met in Darwin and flown by light aircraft to their accommodation in the Park. During the afternoon and the next day, visits will be made to selected areas of the Park. The party will be flown back to Darwin on 3 November in time to connect with their outward flights.

Potential participants should take into account that the Park is a wilderness area. Accommodation will be in comfortable basic motel-style buildings. The climate and travel, however, will make the visit very strenuous. In November, temperatures are between 25° and 35°C and humidity is high. Transport will be by a light aircraft, helicopter, 4-wheel drive vehicles and small boat. Some walking will also be involved.

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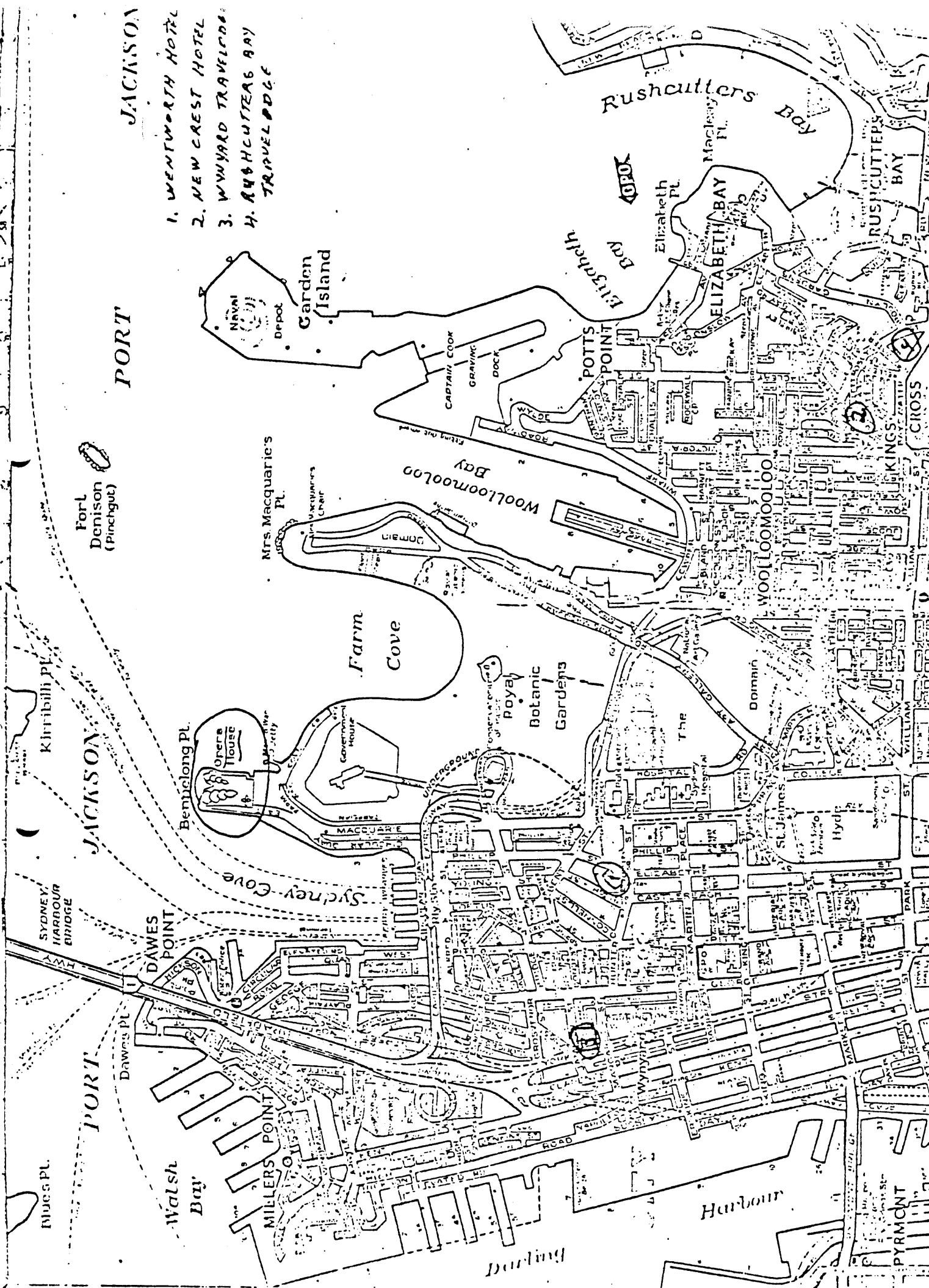
Further information can be obtained from the following :

- in Paris, the Australian Permanent Delegation to Unesco
1 rue Miollis, 75732 Paris, telephone: 577-16-10,
ext. 49-17/18;
- in Australia, the Organizing Secretary, Mr J. Starey,
International Organizations Branch, Department of
Foreign Affairs, Canberra

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- 1. WENTWORTH HOTEL
- 2. NEW CREST HOTEL
- 3. WINDYARD TRAVEL LODG.
- 4. RUSHCUTTERS BAY TRAVEL LODGE

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Sydney Cove

DAWES POINT

Walsh Bay

MILLERS POINT

Blue's Pt.

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Mrs. Macquaries Pl.

Woolloomooloo Bay

Royal Botanic Gardens

Rushcutters Bay

Elizabeth Bay

ELIZABETH BAY

POTTS POINT

WOOLLOOMOOLOO

RUSCUTTERS BAY

KINGS CROSS

Harbour

Darling

Pyrmont

